



Near North Unity Program (NNUP)  
Membership Meeting NOTES  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Monday, February 27, 2023

## Virtual Zoom Meeting

### Welcome & Introductions

- Review Zoom Question and Answer Guidelines
    - Presenters will provide details, please use Zoom chat to share info.
    - Zoom Link  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82426545352?pwd=TTA1dINuRjEreExJWW1KQjFEdm85Zz09>
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### AGENDA

- **CHA (Update of CHA open land surrounding Seward park)**
  - Leonard Langston, Deputy Chief of Property and Asset Management
  - LaDar Jones, Director of Security
  - CHA is familiar with concerns for use of land just south of Seward Park.
  - CHA has put up Jersey barriers so cars will not be able to park or go through park.
  - When the weather gets warmer, CHA will make adjustments.
  - There is a Gap that is left where barriers are missing but this is not CHA land. Will there be barriers placed there as well? Where missing barriers are is a Chicago city easement. Discuss with Alderman.
- **Chicago Park District (Update of perimeter security Seward Park)**
  - no update from Lathrese.
  - NNUP understand Park District is still working on getting and placing boulders
  - Jesse from Alderman office reaching out to Park again.
- **State of Illinois**
  - Representative Lakesia Collins not able to attend due to State Legislative conflict.
- **Manierre School**
  - Shelagh Jackson, Assistant Principal No show at the meeting.
- **Community Placemaking and Restoration Project**
  - 617 W Evergreen
  - All of Mankind Mural and Former Stranger's Home Baptist Church
    - Michele gives a presentation that outlines the continuing work of the community and organizations to restore and reclaim the small church property at 617 W Evergreen.
    - There is a group of people including Chicago Public Art Group, NNUP, Preservation Illinois, and former residents who are entrepreneurs that have

been working to establish if the William Walker murals on the building can be restored and if the building can be purchased and saved.

- Building could be used to for art house for students and a place that recognizes the contributions and presence of the past residents in the community, including the residents from Cabrini Green.
  - Murals outside and inside were done by William Walker. William Walker is recognized as the first African American muralist who started using social justice in his art to bring awareness of racial struggles in society.
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- The next NNUP Monthly meeting in March will be an in person NNUP Meeting.
    - First meeting in person since 2019
  - There is an upcoming vote for 18th District Police Council on election day.
    - Please vote.

- Feb 28th - Election Day - Please Vote
- March 9 - Seward PAC, via, Zoom, 6 pm
- March 15 - Conversation with a Commander, TBD
- March 21 - Stanton PAC, via, Zoom, 6 pm
- March 27 - Monthly Meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm