



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

Zoom Meeting
(changed from in person)

Welcome & Introductions

- Review Question and Answer Guidelines

AGENDA

- Chicago 18th District Police Council New Membership Introductions
 - Karen Kane
 - Lifelong Chicagoan - born far Southside, been doing public service for a long time. Tutor at St Joseph on Orleans street about 20 years ago. On board for Anixter center and Marillac St Vincent. Work with violence prevention. CPA and been CFO of companies.
 - Police Council, no staff, no office, it's pretty much an organization that will be self run and self managed.
 - Going forward. Hope there will be
 - Monthly meeting. Promote meetings through organizations in the area.
 - Listening and outreach. Take office in early May.
 - 10 or 11 active organizations, go across all organizations to talk about how to improve public safety. Get all Committees from these community organizations to work together.
 - 22 District council, could recommend to the interim 7 person Commission, who will be Commissioner of Police.
 - Brad Kessler
 - Acknowledge Lisa Sigouer. Went to Lasalle magnet school. Lifelong Chicagoan. Parent of 2 kids and plan to stay in the city. I am a Lawyer. Worked for CTA. Worked at CPS, started Safe Passage. Now work Academic Tutoring firm. LSC
 - May 2 take office.
 - Limitations, three committed folks, have met 2 times already and committed to communications channels.
 - Ideations session - one thought is to create committees, to bring in volunteers. And make sure there's a structure.
 - Result of Consent Decree. Put more oversight.
 - Police Council 66 people and then one Commission.
 - Try to be true partners with the 18th District.
 - So Police and Community get their voices heard.

- Don't have meeting dates set. How do they interact with DAC and CAPS meetings? Haven't talked about it yet.
 - These meetings will be community driven not Police driven like DAC and CAPS.
 - 90 day process to vet Candidate for new commissioner.
 - True Partnership to have ordinance to see budgets from the Police, so there can be a process for Commander selection. And officers can stay at 18th District.
 - Working to create document to work with Commanders so when Commander or Council members change the process will remain.
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- Robert (Bob) Johnson - Home sick can't make today's meeting.
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- Chicago Police Department
 - Chris Schenk, 18th District CAPS Sargent
 - If we have enough people there used to be training at 18th District.
 - Stop the Bleed.
 - Rich Frizelis, Lead Chicago CPD CERT Instructor
 - Involved for 18 years.
 - Community Emergency Response (CERT) information.
 - Started in LA about the fire disaster and they found people wanted to help. One Fire Chief started to believe giving training to civilians will allow people to help and not get in the way. Frank Bortz was the Chief.
 - Grew throughout the US and the world.
 - Help out with large scale disasters and large scale events.
 - Help make the city a safer space. Volunteer and help the city.
 - Do presentations as well. Talk about preparedness.
 - 30 hour training 2 times a week for 5 weeks.
 - Preparedness for a disaster. Personal and Family level
 - FEMA. Receive certification. On-going monthly training and there can be specialized training. Specialized additional Search and Rescue training.
 - How CERT fits in with other groups like Red Cross, churches, etc...
 - Basic lifesaving skills. Stop Bleeding and open airways.
 - Team level, psychological impact. 70%.
 - 30% physical impact
 - Terrorism awareness, hazardous materials, search and rescue. How to use fire extinguishers.
 - Mock disaster, how to organize into a functional team.
 - 240 people - the entire city. GIS mapping of volunteers covering the whole city.
 - 20,000 volunteer hours - \$250,000 saving for the city of Chicago.
 - Support first responders.
 - Dispatched from official deployment through OEMC, Sponsor agency. Close relationship with CPD and CFD.
 - How to join - next steps - reach out Chris Schenk for more information.
 - Go on OEMC page and OEMC app - look under volunteering.

- Class are at CPD training academy.
 - People who volunteer have various physical backgrounds and abilities.
 - Will train younger people but they need to be 18 to volunteer.
 - COVID volunteers on the weekend were CERT volunteers.
- **Ogden Jenner School**
 - **Jessica French, Master Gardener**
 - Information about installation of new garden
 - University of Illinois extension train Master Gardeners.
 - 12 hours of training. Responsibility to volunteer to educate the community about gardening.
 - Parent of two students. Manage garden at the East campus. Next step to get garden space at Jenner campus.
 - Urban Farms offered to help build a garden at Jenner. They are helping us get logistical.
 - Share screen so you can see where the garden will go.
 - In front of the current playground. Put up a raised bed.
 - Chicago Lights will work with the team at Jenner so students can be educated about gardening and in Summer will be used for Summer Camp at Chicago Lights Urban Farms. During the school year the program will be for students. Can be used for community education as well.
 - Work with the community to make the garden accessible and how to make the most of this as a community resource.
 - Opportunity to volunteer.
- **Urban Rivers**
 - **Nick Wesley, Director**
 - Update on Wild Mile
 - River underutilized resource. Discuss history from 2013, look into how to create public space at the River. Started Kickstarter campaign. Looked at other cities and how they transformed their rivers.
 - Wild Mile - wild life first, to connect wildlife with nature. Create space to attract wildlife. Expand public access. Intimate experience by the river.
 - East side of Goose Island transforms this part of the canal.
 - 2018 engaged with the community, then launched the first part of Wild Mile in 2021, opened further in 2022.
 - On Eastman street, behind REI
 - Floating walkway. Solitude and add something special.
 - Learning platforms.
 - Native Mussels to filter - added 1200 Mussels.
 - Block party and added workshops and programming.
 - Continuing to expand, Wild Mile north to connect to Blackhawk or Weed street.
 - Make this an educational space. Bring down students to use the space.
 - Had 10 field trip here.
 - Expand to recreation. People with Kayaks are able to use the river.
 - Community lab so different institutions can study there.

- Garden systems. Roots grow into water. Volunteers plant ,
 - 250 visits per day - 450 visits per weekend.
 - 20 plus workshops - Every Thursday we do an event.
 - This year goals
 - Expand Community Council - more formal structure to manage space.
 - Expand School partnership.
 - Take input from People - example , seeing underwater.
 - Urbanriver.org
 - Rangers (sampling, weeding, pick up trash)
 - Join Workshop, suggest workshop
 - Host your public event at space.
 - Take a tour. Shedd, REI, kayak tours.
 - Visit space.
 - Introduce Maya Kelly.
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- OTMRA
 - Marcy Hutta, info and request for clean up help
 - Community clean up, under Sedgwick ave el stop
 - Lincoln Park Community Center may be able to help.
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- March 29 - 18th District Stop the Bleed Event
 - April 7 - Good Friday Community Walk, Seward Park, 3:15 pm
 - April 8 - Seward Park Easter Egg Hunt, Seward PAC, 375 Elm, 10-1
 - April 13 - Seward PAC meeting, in person, 375 W Elm
 - April 19 - Conversation with Commander, 600 W Chicago, 10 am
 - April 22 - Earth Day Cleanups, Seward and Erie Park, check with your park
 - April 18 - Stanton PAC, via, Zoom, 6 pm
 - April 24 - NNUP Monthly Meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm