



Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, May 22, 2023

In Person Meeting
Cornerstone Center, 1111 N Wells

Welcome & Introductions

- Review Question and Answer Guidelines

AGENDA

- Cook County
 - Board of Commissioners Bill Lowry's office (update)
 - Davon Clark, Communications and Legislative Coordinator
 - Report on County grant programs. 25 million this year added to the 85 million from last year.
 - Grants for gun violence, returning citizens, domestic violence and many other programs. Justice Advisory council.
 - 50 cannabis micro grants for a total of \$2 million dollars.
 - Small Business grants
 - Mental Health grants
 - Community asked about the el stop at Sedgwick if there was any money for maintenance and clean up at this site. Didn't sound like there were grants for money but to investigate art grants.
- The School House Chicago
 - Nori Greenstein
 - Presentation of what services are in the School House Chicago space at the renovated building at Hill and Orleans across from Seward Park. Formerly St Joe school and Walter Payton school used this building for gym space.
 - This location houses Architectural Artifacts in the retail space. There are three Pickle Ball courts, a restaurant called Grammer, Gym space can be used for large events - can hold up to 300 people, and the location has an outdoor patio. Can bring in your own caterer.
 - There is parking for 35 under the el tracks behind the building.
 - Email @infoschoolhousechicago.com
 - Location was originally vetted at a previous NNUP meeting as a hotel and now it's a multipurpose space that the community can use.
 - Community invited to come visit the space.
- Community Vacant Lot Conversation (Neglected lot at Oak and Larrabee)
 - RNRA
 - Joe Hanna, Development and Land Use Committee

- **Revitalization Project NNUP and RNRA are working together for the past year and a half to bring awareness and solutions that can bring updates and development to privately owned neglected lots in our community.**
 - **Lot at Oak and Crosby/Larrabee**
 - **Pictures of the neglected property shown and discussed at the meeting.**
 - **Owner of the property contacted and asked to keep consistent maintenance of this property.**
 - **Fence not maintained, sidewalk broken and missing, there is left over concrete from foundation on sidewalk that is very hazardous.**
 - **Sidewalk is slated to be replaced.**
 - **Community input shared is that the site may be sinking.**
 - **Lot on Orleans and Oak.**
 - **Old Com Ed Sub station on Wendell (East of Orleans to el tracks)**
 - **Like to suggest ComEd think about restoring this old building facade.**
- **Marwen**
 - **Keaton Bell, Engagement Coordinator**
 - **Free Visual Art classes and programs for students. Space includes eight studios, painting, photo, kilns, fashion, and more. Graffiti and graphic art programs are popular.**
 - **There are so many programs. Invite the community to come to Marwen space to check out programs.**
 - **Pathway programs and Emerging pathway programs for middle and high school students which include art and counseling.**
 - **June 17th 4-7 pm art show.**
- **Max Umansky from Senator Sara Fiengeholtz office gives an update.**
 - **Bill 40 EV Charging Bill passes to expand new construction for charging stations.**
 - **Bill 3425 Anti Bullying Bill passes. Requires school administration to contact caregiver/parent in a timely manner if bullying happens to their student.**
 - **Bill 2231 Uber/Lyft bill that ensures rideshare services have rules similar to common carriers. Things like rideshare insurance if you're in a car driven by a Uber/Lyft person - before only the driver was responsible, not the company.**

- **May 24 - Conversation with the Commander, Moody Church, 1635 N LaSalle, 10 am**
- **May 26 - Faith and Action Hands Across Chicago Community Walk**
- **June 8 - Seward PAC meeting, 375 W Elm, 6 pm**
- **June 20, Stanton PAC, Zoom, 6 pm**
- **June 26 - NNUP Monthly Meeting, 1111 N Wells, 6 pm**