



Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, September 25, 2023

In Person Meeting
Cornerstone Center, 1111 N Wells

Welcome & Introductions

- Review Question and Answer Guidelines

AGENDA

- **Introductions**
 - **State of Illinois**
 - **New 5th District Senator Lakesia Collins**
 - **Welcomed as new Senator. Senator says she advocates for residents based upon input she hears and she encourages everyone to contact her office. Community voice matters.**
 - **Working on safety, Humanitarian crisis, Property taxes.**
 - **Discusses the new SafeT act that eliminated cash bail in Illinois.**
- **Cabrini CDC (Community Development Corporation)**
 - **Willie L. Lewis Jr., Executive Director**
 - **Mr Lewis discussed his experience with the CDC and LAC**
 - **Chicago undertook the most historic transformation of public housing in the country.**
 - **The CDC and LAC are a 501C that was created so public housing residents become partners in the development of the public housing properties that are transformed.**
 - **There are also sustainable programs that are put into developments to help public housing residents be successful.**
- **Park Community Church**
 - **Update about Refugees at the 18th District**
 - **Ruth Gossell, Community Liaison**
 - **Talks about stereotypes surrounding migrants.**
 - **Just can't look at someone and judge.**
 - **To give donations contact Liz at Church of the Ascension**
 - **920-254-4735 call to arrange drop off of clothes and household items.**
 - **Migrant store on Wednesdays at this location.**
 - **Park Church also is taking clothes.**
 - **Need jobs.**
 - **People are traumatized.**
- **Chicago Public School**
 - **How to apply to GoCPS**

- Full presentation about how to use GoCPS
- <https://www.cps.edu/gocps/> and <https://www.cps.edu/gocps/elementary-school/elementary-school-faq/#Ways-to-Ap-ply>
 - Neighborhood, Choice (like magnet), and Selective Enrollment schools
 - Shows the GoCPS website to the audience and scrolls through the process to apply. Detailed and descriptive information given.
 - No application for Neighborhood schools but need to apply to a school like Franklin because it is a Magnet school.
 - Limited time frame to apply.
 - Discuss the process for Selective Enrollment application.
 - Rebeka Barrera, Assistant Principal Franklin Fine Arts
 - Overview of Arts programming at Franklin
 - Discuss the Mission, vision, core values of the school.
 - School video is shown.
 - <https://www.franklinfineartscenter.net/apps/video/>
 - Fine arts, drama, music, piano,
 - 40% of students from the neighborhood, 60% from all over the city.
- Near North Unity Program
 - Ogden Jenner transportation
 - Michele Dreczynski, Program Manager/Consultant
 - Presentation about history of Ogden Jenner merger and discussion about past and recent activities to remove the inter campus bus between campuses that supports the merger.
- Sept 26 - 18th District Police Council Meeting, St James Church, 2050 N Fremont, 6 pm
- Sept 27 - 18th District Community Conversation, Moody Church, 1635 N LaSalle, 6 pm
- Oct 11 - 18th District Community Conversation, Park Community Church, 1001 N Crosby, 6 pm
- Oct 12 - Seward Park PAC meeting, 375 W Elm, 6 pm
- Oct 17 - Stanton Park PAC meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm
- Oct 30 - NNUP Monthly meeting, 6 pm