



Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, February 26, 2024

In Person Meeting
Cornerstone Center, 1111 N Wells

Welcome & Introductions

- Review Question and Answer Guidelines

AGENDA

- City of Chicago
 - Sara Mathers, First Deputy of Community Engagement, Office of the Mayor
 - Discuss role of Community Engagement office.
 - Talked about the Budget engagement process that occurred throughout the city.
 - Discuss unhoused and the need to increase beds in the city.
 - There are 3000 beds now and the Mayor's office would like to have this increase to 10,000 beds citywide for the homeless.
 - 1300 shelters
 - Social services in shelters.
 - The arrival of Asylum seekers means there need to be even more beds to help unhoused.
 - 40% of New Arrivals are under 18 years old.
 - Texas sends people and policies about limiting bus drop offs may be helping limit the amount of people who show up randomly.
 - Anticipate more newly arrived people will keep coming the closer we get to Summer and the Democratic National Convention.
 - Law firms are working to help file work permit paperwork but there are not enough people to help.
 - One Summer Teen Employment Program
 - 24,000 positions
 - 16-24 yr old paid
 - 13-15 yr old
 - Community Safety
 - Environmental Issues
 - Mental Health - Hope to open more Mental Health Clinics
 - Try to get more information out to community
- Mark Twain Apartments (Affordable housing)
 - Steve Davis, Assistant Manager
 - Overview,

- **Building built 1932, renovated 2018**
- **148 units, studios**
 - **10 units for CHA for the homeless, with social services by Operation Pathway.**
- **Help residents apply for SS cards and benefits.**
 - **A lot of residents work.**
- **No age requirement for units, ages 20-80.**
- **24/7 unarmed security. Acknowledge much of the crime may not be residents of Mark Twain, but residents have communicated they are worried about safety inside and outside the building.**
- **Security Cameras present.**
 - **Suggest cameras tie into OEMC. Randall will follow up and connect OEMC with Mark Twain management.**

- **NNUP Presentation**
 - **CTA Brown Line Sedgwick Stop**
 - **Conditions under el station**
 - **1536 N Sedgwick**
 - **The CTA did not respond to the invitation to be present at the NNUP 2/26 meeting. CTA has also been on on-going emails outlining conditions under the el for the past two years.**
 - **Powerpoint presentation given that outlines current conditions under el tracks.**
 - **Standing muddy water, that breeds mosquitoes, and disease.**
 - **No lights, very unsafe for residents and students who use the station.**
 - **Rats and Fly dumping.**
 - **Suggest CTA engage with the community to address poor conditions under the el stop and suggest they work to finish the 2007 upgrades of the Sedgwick station.**
 - **Discuss the process to give public comment at the CTA BOard meeting.**

- **Easter Egg Hunt Collection**
 - **18th District**
 - **May 30th Seward Park, there is a collection where you can drop off candy and easter eggs to the 18th District.**

 - **Feb 28 - Mather Senior Event, St Matthew, 1000 N Orleans, 11 am**
 - **Feb 28 - OTMRA Coccoran's Meet and Greet, 6-8 pm**
 - **Mar 12 - CAPS 1822/23, Holy Family, 542 W Hobbie, 5pm**
 - **Mar 14 - Seward PAC meeting, 375 W Elm, 6 pm**
 - **Mar 19 - Stanton PAC meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm**
 - **Mar 25 - NNUP Monthly meeting, 1111 N Wells, 6 pm**