



Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, April 29, 2024

In Person Meeting
Cornerstone Center, 1111 N Wells

Welcome & Introductions

- Review Question and Answer Guidelines

AGENDA

- **CHA**
 - **Cabrini Now**
 - **Rishab Mehan, Director Development Planning**
 - **Spoke about new efforts for planning the remaining 40 vacant CHA acres in the area. Build on 2015 CHA planning and 2015 Quality of Life plan and Design guidelines.**
 - **May 8th will be Cabrini Now Open House 5:30 - 7:30 at Ogden Jenner school. Stop in, leave an opinion, don't have to stay whole time.**
- **Wild Mile/Urban Rivers**
 - **Nick Wesley, Executive Director**
 - **2019 First section on Wild Mile installed at Eastman street, behind REI.**
 - **2022 first season of programming at the Wild Mile space.**
 - **New floating section being built north towards Whole Foods. Will have floating trees and double the size of the existing platform that is there.**
 - **Field trips for students at Learning Platforms. Have had over 1000 students participate to date.**
 - **River Ranger program to volunteer. Collect trash, weeding, and need Coast Guard training to go out in kayaks for trash collection.**
 - **Urbanrivers.org/events**
 - **Can host other events. Doing Smores nights and other events now.**
 - **Ideas for other events, boat rides (paddle boat), Mini Ravinia, Water Reclamation learning series, fishing.**
 - **Block Party is July 14th**
- **Art on Sedgwick**
 - **Charlie Branda, Executive Director**
 - **History of Art on Sedgwick. 10 year anniversary. Started with support of NNUP and LaSalle Street church. Took old boarded up storefront and created a space for youth and community to gather and do art. Connect people in the community, even when that's hard to do.**

- Spoke about a new placemaking effort to add murals and art to the entrance of the Marshall Field buildings' entrance by Art on Sedgwick. Art created will be inspired by William Walker's art, like the All of Mankind mural.
 - Discussed history of the 1901 church that housed William Walker murals in our community at 617 W Evergreen. Talked about evolution of community and denominations that were at church.
 - Workshops and chance to work with artists. Looking for Art teachers and Service providers to participate.
- **1421 N Sedgwick Approved Development - CANCELLED**
 - Nick Ftikas, Attorney
 - Leo Razko, Developer
 - **Mark Twain**
 - Steve Davis, Assistant Manager
 - Discussed actions that have occurred at building to continue to support the safety of residents and those who pass by building.
 - Cameras are being connected into CPD/OEMC and there are plans to consider more cameras to monitor alleys as well.
 - Adjusted personnel shifts for better coverage in the building. The consideration to add more people on a shift is to better support safety.
 - 111 W Division street, location used to be a hotel. Residents at the meeting know the building and have historical stories of location.
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- **May 9 - Seward PAC meeting, 375 W Elm, 6 pm**
 - **May 16 - Conversation with the Commander, location TBD, 10 am**
 - **May 20 - NNUP Monthly meeting, 1111 N Wells, 6 pm (Meeting moved due to Memorial Day on 27th)**
 - **May 21 - Stanton Park PAC meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm**
 - **May 27 - Memorial Day**