



Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, October 28, 2024

In Person Meeting
Cornerstone Center, 1111 N Wells

Welcome & Introductions

- Review Question and Answer Guidelines

AGENDA

- State of Illinois
 - Yolanda Morris, 9th District Representative
 - Bio - Rep. Morris has a long history in healthcare.
 - Health care worker, Advocate, SEIU
 - Listen to People
 - Three Bi-Partisan Bills have been passed with support of Rep. Morris this past year.
 - Cancer Wig Bill, Senate Bill 1799, helped individuals who need wigs for medical conditions have the ability to get insurance to pay for a wig once a year.
 - Certified Medication Bill - allows CNA to pass out certain medications to sick patients. This way in nursing homes and other setting sick people don't have to wait for an RN to give prescribed pills a CNA can distribute based on direction.
 - DHS Bill - Makes health care data more accessible and easier to access and use, especially for wrap around services.
 - Adrianna Alexander - Representative's assistant.
- Deborah's Place
 - Katharine (Kathy) Booton Wilson, CEO
 - Worked for Deborah's Place 37 years before becoming CEO a year and a half ago.
 - Deborah's focus is helping unaccompanied homeless women to find permanent housing. They are only one of two organizations serving this population in the city. Sarah's Circle is the other organization.
 - Many organizations serve women with children but this organization serves solo women.
 - Deborah's place started out being an Emergency Overnight shelter but has evolved into a place where women can find resources for permanent housing.
 - Try to make sure residents are housed and receive trauma informed care.
 - There are many reasons for homelessness. Deborah's place advocates for bringing more affordable housing to our area and the

surrounding city and suburbs. There's not enough housing, it can take 2 years to find an affordable unit.

- The office location in Near North is 1530 N Sedgwick.
 - There also is a Jackson and California, and 414 N Central Park location.
 - 163 units of housing
 - 39 units Sedgwick - CHA subsidized
 - 90 units Jackson and California - CHA subsidized
 - 34 units Central Park
 - After women are ready to leave the housing at Deborah's place they can receive a voucher for CHA housing.
 - There is trauma informed care here.
 - To receive services call 311. There is a new 211 system but it's not fully functioning yet so keep calling 311, the main city input system.
- **18th District Police**
 - CAPS Sargent Chris Schenk
 - Domestic Violence Officer Damato could not make the meeting.
 - Ofcr. Damato number 312-742-5778.
 - Officer Oskar is the Homeless officer.
 - Domestic Violence Hotline 1 877-863-6338
 - Discussed how an Outcry witness who sees first hand abuse can share this with the Police.
 - Because of the Domestic Violence Act Police can remove perpetrator and sign a complaint if they arrive on scene and see abuse.
 - It's important to break the cycle of abuse. One in four women will be a victim of Domestic abuse in their lifetime.
 - Ages 20-24 are at the greatest risk.
 - Resource guides were passed out that outlined where to call for specific city services.
 - CPD works with the Cook County Sheriff on homeless and mental health issues.
- **Community Update**
 - Oct 29 - Seward Park Halloween Event, 375 W Elm, 4:30 pm
 - Oct 31 - Trunk or Treat, 18th District Parking Lot, 5 pm
 - Nov 7 - 18th District Community Conversation, Park Community Church, 1001 N Crosby, 6 - 8 pm
 - Nov 14 - Seward Park PAC meeting, 375 W Elm, 6 pm
 - Nov 18 - Seward Park Senior Luncheon, 375 W Elm, Noon
 - Nov 19 - OTMRA Tree Lighting, Time TBD
 - Nov 19 - Stanton Park PAC meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm
 - Nov 25 - NNUP monthly meeting