



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, January 27, 2025**

**In Person Meeting
Cornerstone Center, 1111 N Wells**

Welcome & Introductions

- **Review Question and Answer Guidelines**

AGENDA

- **Introductions**
 - **Joshua Givens, Senator Lakesia Collins office**
 - **Anusha Thotakura, Appointed BOE Member Area 6a**
 - **Introduced to the community and each person shared contact information so they could remain connected.**
- **Commonwealth Edison Energy Savings**
 - **Debra Ponder, Food Bank Outreach and Production Lead**
 - **Discussion about the programs ComEd has to help individuals. There is a program that partners with Food Pantries to share energy efficient products. These products are free and also events can happen at Senior buildings. LED bulbs last longer and use less wattage. ComEd also will work with low income people to help them paying their utility bills.**
 - **LED 4 pack**
 - **Back Up Bulbs, these bulbs last up to 3 ½ hours with our electricity.**
 - **Ceiling Lights, Night lights, Candelabra lights, lights for flush mount.**
 - **Weather stripping, rope caulk.**
 - **Smart Home products are also available.**
 - **Smart plug that you can turn off with your phone.**
 - **Advance power strip that has grey and blue plus with independent plugs some stay on all the time others turn off when what's plugged into it stays on but isn't in use, like a video game.**
 - **Events**
 - **ComEd will come out with bags that have products in it and then give those bags to attendees.**
 - **Brochures left and cards passed out.**
- **Immigration Update**
 - **Caroline Shoenberger, Attorney and Retired Government Official and College Educator**
 - **There have been deportations that have been happening all along. What is different now is the hateful rhetoric.**

- ICE can enter public places and talk to anyone. ICE needs permission to enter private homes and private areas of businesses. OR they need a judicial warrant NOT only an administrative warrant.
 - If you're a business, you should appoint one person to handle the I-9s. ICE can ask to audit the I-9s and you have 3 days to get them together for the audit. If there are undocumented individuals you can be fined.
 - You need to follow the law and should not obstruct ICE but you need to know your rights, have your documents collected and ready to show.
- Former Mayor Harold Washington started Sanctuary City status in Chicago.
- **Commercial Property Upkeep**
 - US Storage at 1510 N Orleans is not maintaining their property. No shoveling, allowing trash to accumulate, and observed people using drugs by the entry.
 - Charles Byerly is the contact to make sure US Storage knows we'd like them to be good neighbors.
 - Email CharlesB@westportproperties.net
- **Vote on lifting Package Goods Liquor Moratorium**
 - Area Hill street to Division street on North Wells, west side
 - Dialtone Cafe at 1140 N Wells is asking for the Packaged Goods Liquor moratorium. The business has presented twice before at NNUP meetings but there was never a vote about lifting the moratorium. Business should be opening soon.
 - There was confusion about whether a packaged good ban needed to be lifted. After speaking with Alderman business understands the moratorium must be lifted. They have an incidental license already.
 - Moratorium has to be lifted in two block increments.
 - Voted on lifting the Packaged Good Moratorium for the 2 blocks from Hill to Division on the west side of Wells. Tally 10 yes, 6 no. Passed
 - Moratorium can be reinstated after 6 months by Alderman.
- Jan 27 - NNUP Monthly Meeting, 1111 N Wells, 6 pm
- Feb 13 - Seward Park PAC meeting, 375 W Elm, 6 pm
- Feb 18 - Stanton Park PAC meeting, via zoon, 6 pm
- Feb 24 - NNUP Monthly meeting, 1111 N Wells, 6 pm