





**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
Cornerstone Center, 1111 N Wells**

Welcome & Introductions

- Review Question and Answer Guidelines

AGENDA

- **Introduction: 27th Ward**
 - **Jawaharial Omar Williams, New 27th Ward Committeeman became Ward Committeeman on July 18th.**
 - **Committeeman Williams spoke to the community about his commitment to being present at NNUP meetings.**
 - **He is setting up a website and phone for the 27th Ward Committee office. Once the social media is set up people of the 27th Ward will be able to contact him.**
 - **Rep Williams gave out his personal email Owilliams640@gmail.com for community members to use in the interim.**
 - **Illinois Bills that 10th District Rep Williams supported, Squatter Bill - this Bill gives Owners more rights to get squatters out of their properties. 5th District State Senator Collins also was a strong supporter of the bill.**
 - **Spoke about Affordable Rentals and how rents depend on area where property exists. Listened to community concerns about high water bills, tax bills, and cost per square foot for units on the Near North side that are marked as affordable.**
 - **NNUP's area Local State Rep is Yolanda Morris.**
- **Hug a Child NFP**
 - **Saleshea Peterson, Founder**
 - **Randall speaks about the commitment of Salesha to her healing work. Paying for services out of her own pocket. He suggests LaSalle church is looking to partner with her on her work.**
 - **Work with Janari Ricks parents for 5 years and other families affected by deadly violence. Hug a Child works with families through their grief and the criminal justice system to closure on sentencing.**
 - **Work with the whole family, provide wrap around services, have flex funds for housing.**
 - **Work on Community driven trauma and violence intervention.**
 - **Work across many neighborhoods.**

- She has worked at large not for profits previously. Doing this work at Hug a Child for 6 ½ years.
- Phone: (312) 731-5279
-  Email: info@hugachildnfp.org
-  Website: www.foramericanchildren.com

- **GRO Community**
 - Carlette Seifullah, Director of Marketing
 - Rashaud Media, Gro Regional Director, Illinois
 - Provide mental health and counseling services for Black and Brown boys.
 - There are many locations including Chicago South and West side and Rockford IL.
 - GRO is an acronym for God Restoring Order - GRO.
 - Molding boys and healing broken men.
 - Re-entry services for men by giving jobs at GRO-print and GRO-moves.
 - Clients learn how to print and distribute tee shirts via truck. They receive an hourly pay rate. This income is available and matched by GRO Community so individuals can pay for their housing.
 - Fee for Service provider. Most clients use Medicaid but private insurance is accepted, Blue Cross IL, United, Signa.
 - Cognitive Services
 - Family functional Therapy, work with all in the family, not just client.
 - Case Management
 - Leadership Development.
 - Clients receive services for the time needed, usually services are for three to six months. Services may be added as needs are identified.
 - Work to decrease gun violence, learn to process emotions, lead from the front, use wrap around services.
 - School Based services
 - Home Based Services
 - Community Based Services
 - GRO Community goes to where the client is most comfortable, could be a basketball court, could be a restaurant, sometimes the home isn't the best place to deliver services so adapt to circumstances.
- **GRO Community**
- Phone Number : 773-253-8385
- Website: www.grocommunity.org
- Email: info@grocommunity.org

- **Community Discussion about Parks**
 - Michele shares contact information about who to contact at the Park District Board in order to communicate issues and opportunities at Seward and Stanton Park. Community members can email in mass their frustrations.
 - Trash pick cans needed, cans need to be picked up daily. Trash on the ground needs to be picked up.
 - Unpermitted parties of 50 + with amplified music need to be shut down. These parties interfere with permitted events and the peace and safety of the larger community.
- **Email: commissioners@chicagoparkdistrict.com**
- **Phone: (312) 742-5034**
 - You can speak at a Park District Board meeting.
 - <https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/speaking-board-meetings>
 - **Call (312) 742-4299**
 - Sign up starts Noon Friday Sept 5th (first come)
 - Next Park District Board Meeting September 10th
 - Park District Administration Building
 - 4830 S Western Ave
 - 9am starts the sign up, for the 10 am Board meeting start

- **Aug 26 - Police Council Meeting, Newberry School, 700 W Willow, 6 pm**
- **Aug 28 - All Roads Lead to Cabrini Fundraiser (ticketed see newsletter)**
- **Sept 11 - Seward Park PAC, 375 W Elm, 6 pm**
- **Sept 16 - Stanton Park PAC, via Zoom, 6 pm**
- **Sept 25 - NNUP Monthly meeting, 6 pm, 1111 N Wells**