



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting Agenda
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, September 29, 2025**

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

Welcome & Introductions

- **Review Question and Answer Guidelines**

NOTES

- **Introduction**
 - **Alderman Walter Redmond Burnett, New 27th Ward Alderman**
- **Thrivant**
 - **Joelle Remy, Growth Advisor (not able to make presentation at meeting)**
 - **Kyler Kulasik, Associate Representative**
 - **Discuss how Thrivant works with not for profits and individuals who may need help with financial planning. Started with Lutheran Church to match faith and finance.**
 - **Give Seed money for community impact.**
 - **Collaboration. Understand, Strategize, Implement.**
 - **Emergency fund, free budget help, gave QR code to access.**
 - **Use Money Canvas service for three free meetings.**
 - **At 190 S LaSalle.**
 - **QR code for more information.**



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- Can do classes for groups of people.
- **1247 N Clybourn**
 - Ihor Shvetsov, Developer/Applicant
 - Alan Leskiv, NCARB ALA, Leader Architects, Ltd
 - Nick Ftikas, Attorney
 - Discuss zoning change from manufacturing, plan to build a six unit building at a vacant lot.
 - Three stories - 30 feet 9 inches.
 - Units are estimated to be 1000 to 1800 square feet. Some units are duplexed.
 - Estimated Rents \$2200 for a simplex - 2500 for a duplex
 - This project is next to Minutemen printing to the north and the restaurant on the south.
 - Gary Allen, owner of the printing business. Ihor should contact him and discuss his project with this neighbor. This Minutemen owner was at a previous NNUP meeting and wanted a zoning change as well.
- **Introduction**
 - Alderman Walter Redmond Burnett, New 27th Ward Alderman speaks to the community.
 - 40% of the 27th ward is under 35 years old.
 - James Bass is the Community Engagement person for the new Alderman's office.
- **Thank you**
 - Alderman Walter Burnett Jr., Former 27th Ward Alderman
 - Rev, Randall Blakey gives a brief history of NNUP and how the Alderman worked with the community to organize and start NNUP in 2011 as a way to bring unity.
 - The Alderman shares his power with the community.

- Discussed the importance of LaSalle Street Church and their commitment to NNUP's mission and how they underwrite employees to be able to work on NNUP's missions.

- Oct 9 - Seward Park PAC meeting, 375 W Elm, 6 pm
- Oct 18 - Fall Festival and Coat Give Away, Local Stakeholders and By the Hand Club, 1000 N Sedgwick, 1- 3 pm
- Oct 21 - Stanton Park PAC meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm
- Oct 27 - NNUP Monthly Meeting
- Oct 29 - Haunted House Seward Park, 375 W Elm, 4 pm
- Oct 31 - Trunk or Treat, 18th District Parking lot, 1160 N Larrabee, 4 pm