



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)  
Membership Meeting NOTES  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Monday, January 26, 2026**

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

**Welcome & Introductions**

- **Review Question and Answer Guidelines**

**AGENDA**

**● Introductions**

- **New Seward Park Supervisor**
  - **Tara Umstead**
  - **New classes being scheduled...dance (Lyrical rap), taekwondo, senior classes, etc**
  - **New boxing coach at park**
  - **5-6 open basketball**
  - **Senior classes being planned**
- **Goal for Seward park to look, feel and smell good. Need to get more people into the park.**
- **Tara.Umstead@ChicagoParkdistrict.com**

**● Chicago Public Schools**

- **Ogden International School**
  - **Erin Neidt, Head of Jenner Campus/Ast. Principal (PreK- 5-8th)**
    - **Discussed background as an Educator and Science teacher.**
      - **Beed at Ogden for 3 years.**
      - **Worked at Hancock H.S. on the Southwest side.**
      - **Want to provide a safe, culturally responsive environment for students to learn in.**
    - **Upcoming events to engage students. Listen to students. Buckboys coming to perform. for Black History month. Homecoming, Halloween, Soul Food event, International night**
  - **Cassie Brecunier, Family Advocate**
    - **Help students make progress towards a goal, understand that process, not just finish something but understand the process of how that happens.**

