



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting AGENDA
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, April 29th, 2019**

**Cornerstone Center, Leslie Hall
1111 N. Wells St.**

Welcome & Introductions - Randall

- **Review Question and Answer Guidelines**
 - One question per person, one follow up question and then the meeting facilitator will move on to the next community member's question.
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NOTES

- Updates from recent events
 - Christian Picciolini Book Event 4/24 - Author - Story of him becoming a Neo Nazi, of him changing attitudes, Author didn't grow up around hate but people (Neo Nazis) reached out to him and provided him a sense of identity community and purpose so he joined the movement. Then he later realized not to hate.
 - Wild Mile Community Meeting #3 4/25 - River mile between Chicago and North av. REI opening, Can use the river as a way to connect the Near North and use the river as a whole system to connect us to other communities as well.
- Cook County Board Commissioner
 - Bill Lowry, 3rd District Cook County - Practiced Law, talked about his family history about ways to give back, discussed personal story of how violence affected his family and community and how he and his wife started It's Time organization (TITO) to address it - model is collaboration, action. The 3rd district covers 14 or 50 wards in the city. Commissioner duties are run forest preserve, Cook county health, run criminal justice system.
 - Just Housing Ordinance - Discuss Housing application change - the box regarding past incarceration removed from front of the formal housing application and moved to the back of the application.
 - Create Project - Railroad based project, to move more freight subsequently make passenger rail better as well, south and west side. Jobs created.
 - May 4, 2019 - Delinquent Property tax deadline go to www.cookcountytreasurer.com to check
 - Capital Development - Requirements for Cook County contracts - MBE 25% WB 10% goals - if waiver have been given County Board needs to know why MBE and WB are not met. Develop a Good faith transparency report. Request contract report given to the Cook County Board monthly.
 - Trying to open a 3rd District Cook County office .
 - May 17th Town Hall - new Assessor Fritz Kaegi
 - Providence Hospital plans discussed.
 - Invited 14 Alderman of the 3rd district to a collective meeting.
 - There are 13 opportunity zones in 3rd district.
 - Discussed plan for repurposing of closed CPS schools. Mentioned existing and proposed external partnerships for re-use of building to benefit students and community.
- Mark Twain Development Update
 - Mark Twain development, Fred Mitchell, the NHP Foundation

- NHP Mission is to develop and preserve affordable housing - They own large number of apartment units nationwide
- NHP also owns Covent hotel, East Garfield Park - peoples church of the Harvest, working with St Matthews on bringing more affordable housing
- Everyone has been relocated - former residents will have first choice of coming back. - developing micro studios - there will be section 8 vouchers for this building
- Landmark showplace, Clark and Division
- Retail tenants in building changed
- NPH working with police to make sure crime isn't brought into the property working with other building managers in the nearby neighborhood
- January started renovation and by the end of the year/2019 people will be able to move back,
- To get apartment get on CHA waitlist ask for Mark Twain

Announcements

May Benefit is May 16th, please consider buying a ticket.
Looking for a NNUP Safety and Youth and Family Chairperson.

Written Announcements

- Suggestion Box at the check-in table - please feel free to drop off suggestions for NNUP
- May 2 - NNUP High School Community Forum at Quest and Noble, students and staff
- May 9 - Seward Park Advisory Council Meeting, 375 W Elm, 6 pm
- May 14 - Stanton Park Advisory Council Meeting, 618 W. Scott St., 6:00 pm
- May 14 - NNUP Safety Committee meeting, 1111 N. Wells St., Ste. 301, 10:30 am
- CANCELLED for Summer 'Coffee with the Commander' will resume in September
- May 16 - NNUP May Benefit, Benchmark 1500 N Wells, 6pm
[HTTPS://Tinyurl.com/NNUP2019Benefit](https://tinyurl.com/NNUP2019Benefit)
- May 30 - NNUP Youth & Families meeting, Capital One Cafe, 1538 N. Clybourn, 11:00 am