



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)  
Membership Meeting MINUTES  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Monday, October 29th, 2018**

**'On the Road' at Franklin Fine Arts Center  
225 W. Evergreen Ave.**

**Welcome & Introductions** - Randall welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Rebeka Barrera, Franklin Fine Arts for hosting NNUP's October monthly meeting. Randall reviewed the Q&A guidelines for the meeting listed below.

- **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.

**AGENDA**

- Franklin Fine Arts Center - Welcome
  - Rebeka Barrera, Assistant Principal
    - Ms. Barrera welcomed everyone to Franklin. She provided a brief background on Franklin Fine Arts Center. She shared a photo montage highlighting student performances.
- Community 'Spotlight'
  - Near North Raiders Football Program
    - Kenneth Lyons - Head Coach 12 yr age group
    - Darryl Young - Head Coach 14 yr. Age group
      - 8 & 10 yr age group program co-coached
    - Randall provided a brief background of the Raiders, former coached Tim Moorehead passed away. Randall introduced Ken Lyons, Head football coach of the Raiders to the audience.
    - Ken shared with the group the following:
      - He volunteers and provides safe after school space for the kids participating
      - He provides food and transportation to games for all the kids
      - He lives and works in the community and his own son participates
      - The team is looking for fields to practice, they use Stanton park area - would like a permanent location
      - Practice is daily at 5pm to 7pm
      - Participating in Raiders helps students with skill level prior to entering High school
      - Currently raising funds for equipment and support with food and transportation
        - 'GoFundMe' - Help the Raiders
        - Will also accept donations via 401c3 Helping Hands, please indicate donation is for The Raiders

- Randall charged all of the CBO's in attendance to help support the Raiders with a goal of \$10k in donations
- Emerald City Theater - Randall welcomed Karen to the microphone and stated that Mayor Emanuel has declared 2019 the year of the theater.
  - Karen Cardarelli, Co-founder & Executive Director is also a member of the Commission on Cultural Affairs
  - Emerald City:
    - Tell the story!
    - Solely dedicated to children
    - Located in Lakeview, Lincoln Park and on Michigan ave.
    - In over 40 schools
    - Serves all 50 wards
  - One Fund Grant (<http://www.emeraldcitytheatre.com/support-us/one-fund/>) Outreach initiative to inspire the love of the arts and support literacy
    - Provided over 95k free books to cps students
    - Every 2nd and 3rd grader in CPS will receive a free Magic Tree House and live streamed to schools Provide free and discounted tickets to students
      - Upcoming production, Corduroy - \$4k in free performances
  - New Play
    - The Name Jar
      - Selected by the Chicago Public Library
        - Acceptance, friendship, immigration
          - There will be selected playwright workshop performances
    - A Big Day for Baseball, the Jackie Robinson story - 1947
      - Story of his 1st game
      - 60k copies to 2nd and 3rd graders in CPS in 2020
  - Q&A
    - Who can enroll?
      - Any child - tuition/scholarships available
    - Is there support for CPS schools for attending performances?
      - \$30/ticket = \$10/ticket
- Chicago Department of Planning and Development
  - Randall introduced Nelson Cheung from CDPD to share and provide a 'sneak peak' into a new City project - The Wild Mile a floating eco park located in the North branch canal from Division street to North avenue. This project came out of the work done on the North branch framework sessions. Visit [www.wildmilechicago.org](http://www.wildmilechicago.org) for more information.
- Groupon - Randall introduced Alicia to the community.
  - Alicia Koch, Global Program Manager - Social Responsibility
    - Celebrating 10 years in the Near North
    - Groupon has a very active volunteer 'work' force, 6,000 and 2,000 in Chicago; they provide support to communities based on their 3 pillars (below). Examples of volunteerism is mentoring students in local schools and volunteering a the Urban farm.

- Food & Security
- STEM Education
- Local Community Development/Small business
- Q&A
  - Is Groupon Leaving Near North
    - Staying in the building, no intent to leave
  - Has Groupon been sold, is there a buyer?
    - Nothing has been communicated to staff

**Announcements** - Randall asked Sharon to share the announcements below.

- **Suggestion Box** at the check-in table - please feel free to drop off suggestions for NNUP
- Oct 29 - NNUP Monthly Meeting, Franklin Fine Arts Center
- Oct 31 - HALLOWEEN
- Nov 7 - "Kupcakes with Kishasha", Monthly conversation with Head of School, Mrs. Ford  
1st Wednesday of each month: 2 time slots - 7:45am & 5pm, Jenner Campus, 1119 N. Cleveland
- Nov 8 - Seward Park PAC meeting, 375 W. Elm, 6PM
- Nov 20 - Stanton Park PAC meeting, 618 W. Scott, 6PM
- Nov 20 - NNUP Safety Committee meeting, 10:30 AM, 1111 N. Wells, Suite 301
- Nov 21 - CANCELED - 'Coffee with the Commander, due to Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 22 - THANKSGIVING
- Nov 26 - NNUP November Monthly Meeting
- Nov 29 - NNUP Youth & Families meeting, Capital One Cafe 1538 N. Clybourn ave., 11AM

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\*\*\*\* **SAVE THE DATE** \*\*\*

**NNUP's Annual Community Celebration & Community Advocate Awards**  
**Thursday, December 13th 6pm to 8:30pm**