

**City of Chicago**  
**DISTRICT COUNCIL #** 010  
**COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING TYPE:       Regular    Special    Closed

MEETING DATE:      Friday, May 10, 2024

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: ENLACE 2759 S Harding, Chicago, IL 60623

MEETING START TIME: 6 : 1 0 p m

**Attendance & Quorum**

OMA Meeting cannot take place without 2 out of 3 members present in-person.

<b>District Council Member Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>		
Chair: Kiisha Smith	Present: <input type="checkbox"/>	Remote: <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominating: Elianne Bahena	Present: <input type="checkbox"/>	Remote: <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Community: Rosemarie Dominguez	Present: <input type="checkbox"/>	Remote: <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): Yes:  No:

## Summary of Public Comments:

Jose Abonce- the 10<sup>th</sup> district – neighborhood in we've got to get training next week on this computer system which should allow them to be uploaded more information have their supervisors have access to it be able to make edits but then also like what we want is effort for that to be publicly available right and so like you know this report will capture what are these DCOs doing on their shift like what kind of activities, who they're working with, how they initiated things are they closing out issues that they're working on? Or they who's involved in their problem solving efforts and then you know I'm thinking like I don't want them to at least like give you all some sort of like monthly report like I don't know if you need all the details but at least like the location the issue right and what's being done about it like that at least that kind of level of information

We all can just like play around with and be able to get our own information the other thing is something with MPI that was a challenge was that the Police Department viewed it as just a community policing program right and it existed under the office of community policing just like caps NPI is supposed to be a policing philosophy it's supposed to consider how our officers are deployed and what they're doing. We recently made an appointment for the chief of patrol his name is John Heiner and so he actually used to be in 15 district and then he was a commander in like downtown area. As chief of patrol there's like a lot of responsibility this guy has around how officers are used and how they're being dispatched and all that. Under the chief, under his management and supervision so that one it stops being viewed as just another program that a subset of officers does, and then two, we have CPD and OMC can get on the same page about how they're dispatching officers right now a big challenge. For example within the OMC, it won't say DCO in their system, it will just say 4th lunch and so when they see, oh this officer is available I'm going to send them on a call and then the DC is now being told to do something you're not supposed to be doing. This all goes back to we're advocating for tax units to be eliminated and reduced because there's no need for technics, they're unaccountable to the communities, they're not familiar with nobody instead you know we often hear the narrative there's not enough officers, there is an officer shortage. We think this workforce study is going to reveal is that there's a bunch of officers on tactic units, and rapid response cards should be filled first, and then all these extra officers could then decide our idea fill patrol car do you want to be CEO caps but there should be no tactics and so that's what we're trying to tell the chief of Detroit like go DCO need to be moved and the excuse of we don't have enough officers well maybe we need to reduce the amount of tax for officers that we have so that that's not an excuse on so those are some of our updates I was also you know this summer the policing project we want to really focus our support in terms of district councilors integrity Lebanon and so you know if we want to work with you all to figure out what are some things maybe right now that you all want to do but simply don't have the capacity to do and then us collectively with the coordinator and CPSA we can figure out alright what are the gaps and interview filled how do we spread more awareness how do we get you all more connected to the community and community more connected to you all and so I just wanted to share that because right now we're kind of stretched between DeAndre and I across 10 districts what we want do is just do 10 and 11 and so hopefully this summer we could have more capacity to work more directly with you. As an additional almost like assigned organizer for you. NPI not phasing out and still functioning in varying degrees across 10 districts.

We hope that we could help this Police Department figure out what the community policing plan is because we've had like five years of experience of seeing literally the internal challenges of why community policing currently doesn't work. So it's up in the air right now if you all think we can help you advocate- NPI will receive what we do with community and what we do with police and the challenges that have come out of this over the last four years.

**Discussion:**

Kiisha Smith: There is an individual who has a vacant lot and a couple of properties in Lawndale. I originally started helping her gather folks for a meeting to get approval for her to build on the vacant lot because I think originally Monique was against it and then first, I committed but now I am mobilizing against her. This woman is looking to develop fast, where she already got the layout and she showed it to me. Alderwoman Scott told the woman she needed to have community meeting and get permission from the community. At first there was discussion to build affordable housing but is now going to be something else.

Elianne Bahena: Recommend what the current zoning is for the lot and ensure Monique Scott is aware that Kiisha is knowledgeable on the process.

Dod: Can we report to inspector general?

Kiisha: I reported her to FDC and OIG and PLCCA.

Rosie: Rosie is in communication with Byron Sigcho Lopez and his team to start having conversations on public safety but also cleaning efforts and we talk about funding for the park to restore it.

Elianne: Patrowski set to reopen I did a walk through on Monday the gyms were redone the parking lot was redone there's a little pavement area that was redone there's that little carport and a little comfort area that's been closed for the last 20 years, they're working on that and will be completed this year and that was part of Alderman Rodriguez concern when the shelter opened up. Youth programming day camp is open they can register people for the camp swimming pool is the only delay. They expect the swimming pool but the latest would be open would be between June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>, so yeah everything's reopening. I've done it may be clean up there about 3 weeks ago yeah and then on the side note the alderman's office did move, the 22<sup>nd</sup> ward office did move. We are now on the 26<sup>th</sup> St. corridor- on 26<sup>th</sup> Komensky, so please feel free to stop by and see me.

**Community Updates:**

Dod: They first let the selected commissioners know that they had been selected and they were communicating to them they were making it sound like they were going to introduce this at the May meeting for and then it would have to go to the committee and come back to the City Council. We applied some pressure and like talk to some people to be like no we need this now particularly in light of the Dexter Reed murder and also we know the other important things that we need the Commission to get moving on in terms of pretextual stops and tag teams and so they're going to be they introduced into the police and fire committee on Tuesday we're going to be there to you know see what occurs and then it's supposed to be voted on May 22<sup>nd</sup> so that's a good positive thing and then we you know have been initiating a campaign of pressure as an organization in response to the murder of Dexter, pushing for a number of things I mean first of all we've been showing up to the public meetings with superintendents now in to push on him to you know use the powers that he does have in order to take action around the case and to stop like you know badgering about giving some information to the public and things like that and then we also showed up to the last Commission meeting knowing that the Commission really needs the new commissioner needs to be instated in order for them to act on these things. We still showed up just to raise our demands in terms of this Commission can immediately act to end the pretextual stops. You know from the perspective of our organization we don't want to see that be something that's put into the consent decree and expressed that just because of the low level of compliance that there is with the consent decree at this time that that would put it on a slower timeline and so we are pushing for the Commission to take immediate action on any of those

pretextual stops whereas Snelling has said that he wants it to be put into the consent decree and then also in terms of ending the ta teams like putting policies that can address that so we've been organizing to push for those things we do see I mean you all may be aware this have already but like we did see at the last meeting with the Superintendent that was new information to us that he said the officers involved in the matter of Dexter read are on administrative duty until the investigation is completed so previously it had been that there were on a 30 day suspension and then that was extended by 30 days but he said now until the investigation is completed they'll only be on administrative duties which is important being in that case and then you know in addition to this like there are aspects of this case and the many cases that our organization is worked around that we know are held up not by you know any individual policy or any individual actor but by the limitations the fraternal order of police contract puts on what you know what these bodies trying to hold the police accountable can and can't do so they've got all these measures in their contract that say they can review footage before they make a statement that say you know that they can change their statement within 24 hours of having made it and things like that and so we're mounting an effort that you know maybe a prolonged fight but we're introducing it in the beginning it now to pass a referendum ordinance that would put a referendum on the ballot giving the Commission additional powers including the ability to negotiate that contract because we see that as a barrier that we came up against in terms of the stration struggle which is also being fought against the state level and at the same time to amend the workers rights amendment but you know we see that the FOP is has moved in these ways to put things into their contract with the right accountability in response to this you know structure God but we are really starting to table efforts as a part of this effort and so I would love to get a table set up in the 10th district sometime soon with information about the District Council meetings we'll be talking about the referendum you know and really help to get some more people into these meetings and we now have our like database of alliance supporters who we've gathered postcards from over the years split down by districts we have we hadn't had it for a long time so now we do so I have like a 10th district list that I could share with you if you want to like add folks to your e-mail list

Kiisha: I am looking to have a community event or a BBQ on my block. As there was a woman that was found dead in her apartment. I found out about the lady last night so it's really kind of right crunch time like you know so I plan on visiting the family and finding out more about that and the fact that there have been the other incidents. And so, I want to fill up the block so if anybody's interested in assisting me with that spread let me know. So between now and next Friday I want to try to put something together. Again, these incidents are happening between 16th and 14th so I made him do it on my life which is on 16th of Trumbull but the lady that she was found in her home on the 1400 block of Saint Louis and it was a shooting, and a couple of carjackings at home and then somebody got hit and then it was something on Christiana and Trumbull. I'm going to have to contact the commander to see if we can block off one of the streets.

### **District Council Member Updates:**

Elianne: Committee update for the Commission we received 120 applications, so I think that one was just kind of like a true testament to the work that we're doing. I think it just honestly this has been the most one of the most fulfilling experiences that I've had. Within the nomination committee we split up and we had to represent four sides of the city. They put about 90 hours on those processes as a liaison we did an average of 120 hours and this process I could tell you specifically humbling. Fast forward, March 8th and the District Council presented from some candidates for the Commission- Anthony Driver, Aaron Gottlieb, Abierre Minor, Angel Navarijo, Kelly Presley, and Sandra Wortham. City Council we're working with us to make sure that these names were brought up in the timely manner the Mayor you know it was the 60 day nomination process and I think we're proud of what we're

where we're at. Happy with the choices that we made because again it was committed during the process and they were trying to delay it and we did the work that we had to do and we're finally on Tuesday it's being presented at the committee on fire committee on police and fire and then on May 22nd it's going to go to City Council. This is our first Commission that was driven by the District Council and to see how far we've come and in one year the time we've all put into this I can tell you there were sessions from 5:30 to a little past midnight make sure we're getting this work done on top of our day jobs and everything else that you know we live we're human beings. I'm so happy you're going to be there Tuesday I'll make sure we echo that and have the presence for the committee to show that you know we're supportive and we want to know community thank you all for your word thank you to individuals like Jose we're really showing up for the community and stepping up and I'm excited to report next month to one that list finally gets introduced to city council. The process was like from the beginning from the application from doing the rubric the application how we went into those interviews. I think really coming together to be like we're all proud of this list and we all stand behind it I think that's something to be proud of so like I said I hope we were able to show up on Tuesday and move forward from there so thank you.

#### Approval of Minutes

Minutes are approved by the second regular meeting after they are taken.

Approved minutes are posted online within 10 days after approval.

#### Approval of Minutes from 3.10.2024

Rosie made motion, followed by Kiisha. Elianne refrained from voting as she was absent.

Votes

No votes were taken.

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 10, 2024

NEXT MEETING LOCATION: St. Agatha Catholic Church- 3147 W Douglas Blvd, Chicago, IL 60623

District Council ended the meeting at: 7:00 pm.