

City of Chicago
DISTRICT COUNCIL # 014
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: Regular Special Closed
 MEETING DATE: July 21, 2024
 MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Humboldt Park Library 1604 N Troy Ave
 MEETING START TIME: 2:06 PM

Attendance & Quorum

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance		
Chair: Chris Laurent	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Remote: <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
David Orilkoff	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Remote: <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Ashley Vargas	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Remote: <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Public Comment

Sally Hamman
 I'm Very confused and I'd like to get some clarity on how the sign up exists. Who keeps those? Who sends out emails to everybody that signed up for the Email to announce that we're holding meetings like the meeting today, which is not a regular scheduled meeting. I know of at least two people who did not get those emails. I thought you Christopher Laurent, were, you know, we're doing that, but you said at the last meeting that that you're not. And that you had given that responsibility. I thought you said that and they could give that responsibility to David. When I asked David about it, he didn't seem to know anything about having the official list. He has that his own list of people that need some information to, but not the official list of people who sign up on these tables. Can somebody please explain to me what happens to those lists? Who gets them? And who is supposed to be sending out that notice before the meeting? Hopefully it'll be two days in the day.

Adam Burck
 i'd like to thank the Council for hosting the meeting with the Commander and I was really happy to see the turn out that I know there was a transcript of the commander's comments and questions that were asked and I would love to see a summary, like a checklist of the commitments that the commander made to us. Where she said multiple times that she would follow up on various things. And I'd like that council to hold her accountable to that. And also, just like to note that robbery from the 14th District are down 67% versus last year from last month and comes to do the features, so let's wait to see what what happens. But wouldn't it be very impressive to spend our time working on more productive things?

Justin Tucker
 I'm very flattered by a mental energy and resources and money that went into putting my face on a sticker and vandalized all around town calling me a parasite it would just have been very much easier to just tell that to my face. While I am amused. The person in this room or the person who knows.
 The person in this room who made those stickers? I wasn't at the same point this.
 I won't be intimidated, bullied or otherwise dissuaded from my participation in these meetings.
 So, while, I'm flattered. It's not going to. I'm still going to stick around. Thank you.

Neil Rysdahl
 Just what this comrade was saying. Social media is just a tool. Symptom of the problem is not the problem, but a lot of people when we get on social media will say all sorts of ridiculous things that they wouldn't necessarily say face to face when they're talking to that person. So things can get out of pocket very easily. I don't know what the answer to that is. I guess people should be more self-discipline. But yeah, it's it's mediated communication.
 Doesn't work that well. Better to have direct honestly.
 I'll be participating in the DNC activities and it seems like recently the person in charge of the police in Chicago is getting really aggro. In general, and also specifically around the DSC that concerns and I wish the mayor would be more to make a potato. So, I don't know what we can do about that or the existing.

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.

Minutes from the June 27, 2024 Special Meeting were approved.

Minutes from the June 1, 2024 Regular meeting have been suspended pending further review by Councilor Vargas.

District Council Member Updates

Orlikoff - Commented on two items brought up during Public Comment, The email list and the vandalism around the district and the concerns of personal attacks of attendees to these meetings. Explained that the email lists are not in the direct purview of the Police District Council and is a concession to generate interest and maintain communication of the work of the body.

Vargas - Presented the finding of the ongoing COPA complaint regarding behavior of a 14th District Police member and the lack of resolution in the matter. Spoke about her working with the CCPSA Director with the OIG and COPA to delineate the process of these complaints and how they are determined.

Inquired with Damon Smith on the status of the remaining CCPSA seat - to which there was nothing new to report.

Laurent - attended the 8th Police District Council meeting where SoundThinking presented detailed information on the Shot Spotter technology. Urged the council to consider entertaining these speakers for a future meeting. Reviewed the Cook County State's Attorney report showing an overall decrease in criminal activity and arrest rate.

Vargas - Made comment to the BIA reaching a not guilty verdict in the case of the eight CPD members who were alleged to have ties to extremist groups.

Orlikoff - Spoke about the ongoing issue with the OathKeepers affiliation with members of CPD and the SPLC issuing a statement on the matter. <https://abc7chicago.com/southern-poverty-law-center-rebukes-chicago-police-department-for-lack-of-action-officers-tied-to-oath-keepers-proud-boys/14816593/>

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Mentioned an article from JinxPress further compounding accusations against Sgt Nowacki and his alleged affiliations with extremist groups. Jinx Press is not listed as an official news source. Mentioned the efforts of CCPSA Anthony Driver releasing the details of the investigations conducted by BIA in the above matter. Recounted that the OIG has requested to reopen the investigation, which CPD has declined. <https://igchicago.org/publications/recommendation-to-reopen-chicago-police-department-misconduct-investigation/>

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%20OIG%20may%20recommend%20that%20the%20investigating

Further explained that errors made in drafting the general order to enforce this issue created more issues.

Suggested that OIG and/or BIA attend a future meeting to discuss the process of these investigations. Tentatively scheduled a future appearance from the OIG to present on October 5, 2024 meeting. <https://igchicago.org/publications/advisory-cpd-member-affiliation-with-anti-government-and-extremist-groups/>

Talked about the pre-textual traffic stops policy and upcoming dates to remember on the push to abolish that practice. Mentioned that There's a WBEZ reporter Amy Qin are working on an article. And so according to some preliminary data. It may be the case that traffic stops have started to trend down in most of the city, but that they have actually increased in the 14th and 25th districts. So that is interesting and I don't have enough information really to say too much about that, but if anybody has been. Has experienced traffic stop this year in our area. Amy Chen would love to speak with you or so if you know anybody also that fits the bill, she's looking for somebody to talk to.

The BUILD Restorative Justice Center, located at 5100 W Harrison announced their upcoming free restorative justice training. Orlikoff plans to attend.

Talked about a community bike ride on August 10, 2024 at the Koz Park and proposed a vote to endorse at the August 3, 2024 meeting.

Spoke about the updates on the Community Policing initiative Survey.

Laurent - Announced the date and location for National Night Out 2024. To be held at Haas Park on Tuesday August 6, 2024.

Votes

No votes outside of the approval of Meeting Minutes.

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 3, 2024

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): Humboldt Park Library 1604 N Troy Ave

District Council ended the meeting at: 3:00 PM