

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

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: Regular Special Closed
 MEETING DATE: August 3, 2024
 MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Humboldt Park Library 1604 N Troy St
 MEETING START TIME: 1:05 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"/>
Ashley Vargas	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Remote: <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
David Orlikoff	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Remote: <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Public Comment

Carolyn Fortman -
Some of my neighbors have been asking that there's some sort of flow chart, like when we need to file a report to police. Expressed concern that the filings are not being directed to the proper level of authority.

Sally Hamman -
I want to raise a topic about the e-mail lists. I believe you collected e-mail sign-up sheets that were put out on the table and then I know I signed up on some of the books for months. Did you collect those and did you use those as an e-mail address that you use to send out to, you know, people to remind them of the leads and you did that for months? Then I think you gave that e-mail list to Adam. Although some of the people signed up on that list still ended up on your list. So but now you're saying that you're not going to do it anymore. So I am hoping that you will get that e-mail list to let's say Ashley Vargas, another counselor who, and I haven't talked to her about this, but I told you she would be willing to take that list and once again send out emails to everyone who has signed up for getting. In the last few months and several people that I know, I've asked them and I've sent them emails that David has sent to me saying, hey, I explained to you, but they're not getting email.
And I think that is a real serious problem. And I think you have really caused this problem because you used to send them out like that every month for like almost a year and all of a sudden. Once it started asking you if you had given the list to Adam, all of a sudden you said, Oh no, I can't send these out anymore. I'm assuming the list still exists. Somebody collected those documents and I would really like to get that list reestablished and used.

Allison Schmidt -
I would like some clarification of when the Meeting Notice and Agenda is being sent out, as they used to come from you, Chris. I just checked my emails and it looks like you stopped sending them out around March 1, and then David would send out emails to say that there is a bike ride and then I received an email from Adam saying that this is Councilor Orlikoff's responsibility and those aren't being done properly, so I think we just need to address what the proper process is, as this may be the reason why we are seeing an attrition to meeting attendance. We need a clear understanding of when these are expected to be sent out and who is sending these emails.

Adam Burck -
I'm glad this e-mail questions come up and I see that it's on the agenda, so I hope once and for all we can clarify that so that you don't have to go into that at the end of the weekend. I read with interest this week an article in Block Club, I'm sure we all saw it. The title is "Fed up with Robberies and other crimes, Logan Square businesses, business owners beg police for help". I was very happy to see. So, I think it's on the agenda, but I just want to make sure, because I would love to hear a discussion about who organized that, how was it announced because I didn't hear about it otherwise. I would have loved to attend. If Councilor Vargas and Councilor Orlikoff discussed anything that they learned at that meeting and what would be. That action taken.

Justin Tucker -
I think a lot of that might have to do with what was exposed in Jim Daly's article that came out. Since the last meeting. And based on things that were exposed in that article, I think Councilor Orlikoff offers everybody an apology for his inappropriate behavior the way he talked to everyone, how he disrespects staff. When you talk to CCPSA staff and leaders and the way he's. Behavioral health counselors and constituents. I also would like for him to apologize for his hypocrisy. Because if you're calling April meeting, there was a resolution that said let me know. There are currently no committees of any kind or similar bodies of volunteers assisting with the work of 14 Police District Council. 14th Police District Council is not approved or sanctioned, made request of or in any way acted to designate any of the individuals having specific world organization. That seems to that was in response to the committee that Burck had formed. However, he had mentioned at the June any June Logan Square farmers market that the council was interrelated with the 1st Ward United and the United Neighbors of the 35th Ward. So, I find that to be very peculiar and perhaps maybe I would like to hear an explanation of that.

Michael Salens -
I was at that farmers market and that's not exactly what happened. Those organizations were invited to be there on their own behalf. Nothing to do with this. It was seen as an opportunity for Community Outreach simply because the ward boundaries in that area are so mixed up that most individuals do not know people with more they live in. You can walk across the street and we can go from the 35th to the 34th ward literally by walking across the street. So, it is a very crazy convoluted area. So that's what happened that day because I was one of the people at that table. So, I know what went on there. It would have nothing to do with this. It was it was meant simply for those organizations to speak out on their own.

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.

The Minutes from the June 1, 2024 Meeting was voted and approved with the only objection that Councilor Vargas stating that she intends to introduce a later amendment if there is no mention to behavior of a fellow councilor during the Discussion portion of the meeting. This was noted and it was made clear that the Robert's Rules of Order do not permit Amendments in this area. It is also worth mentioning that the Discussions portion calls for a summary of the proceedings, not actions or personal issues.

The Minutes from the July 6 Meeting was voted and passed with no objections but it was noted that there was no quorum for that meeting, but documenting the OEMC presentation for record.

The Minutes from the July 21, 2024 Meeting have been delayed for further review initiated by Councilor Vargas.

District Council Member Updates

Councilor Vargas -

Talked about the 14th District Public Safety Meeting that was held for businesses in the 14th District. Claims that it was put together by the Logan Square Chamber of Commerce, initiated by one of the business owners in that area regarding the uptick in criminal behavior in their businesses. States that CPD is trained to handle mental health issues and that the businesses should not be taking the role of handling these items themselves. The meeting contained a call for more police on bicycles to patrol the areas and shared an experience in Oakland, California regarding Small Business Grant Funds.

Stated the meeting was closed for business owners and the invitation to attend was sent out by the 35th Ward Office. Recapitulated the COPA complaint that has been repeated in many other meetings to the benefit of one new attendee. Shared a recap of an email stating that the 14th District Police will be in attendance during the upcoming DNC. All furloughs and time off have been cancelled for the expected increase of tourism and events. All persons arrested during this time will be held at the holding station located at Belmont and Western.

Councilor Orlikoff -

Completed 16 hours of training for facilitating Peace Circles by the BUILD organization. Spoke briefly on the aspects of training and the opportunity for others to receive the training.

Spoke about the corrections made to the meeting calendar on the CCPSA website.

Spoke about subscribing to his newsletter.

Talked about the upcoming bike ride for peace, while working in collaboration with members of the 25th Police District Council.

Mentioned the new method by which the Area 5 detectives are designated into murder and robbery.

Councilor Laurent -

Attended the CCPSA commission meeting.

Attended the 19th District Police Council Meeting.

Participated in the "Walk the Blocks" event along Milwaukee Avenue in Logan Square to directly speak with proprietors and their employees regarding public safety concerns. Creating a channel of communication since not being informed of the Public Safety meeting for businesses attended by colleagues.

Mentioned the National Night Out event at Haas Park on August 6, starting at 4:30 PM.

Working to develop the "E-Communication Policy to make clear of the forms and duties of the appropriate representative to send out the emails on behalf of the 14th Police District Council

Discussions

Orlikoff -

Spoke about the upcoming, and yet to be announced, CCPSA Commission meeting regarding "Pre-Textual Traffic Stops" information is similar to that which has been shared numerous times in previous meetings.

Discussed the BIA investigation into the CPD officers who were members of extremist groups.

Talked about the BUILD Organization and how they assist in Restorative Justice.

Shared experience and takeaways from the Public Safety Meeting for Business Owners.

Elaborated on the "Bike Ride For Peace" event.

Laurent -

Discussed the absence from the Public Safety meeting, as was not informed of such meeting.

Vargas -

No Discussion items to note.

Votes

Voted on the official endorsement for the "Bike Ride for Peace" event.

Councilor Laurent inquired if Police would be in attendance, or if they were invited - negative response on either item.

Orlikoff presented the motion, seconded by Vargas, vote passes with no objection.

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 7, 2024

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): Bucktown / Wicker Park Library 1701 N Milwaukee Ave

District Council ended the meeting at: 2:26 PM