

**City of Chicago**  
**District Council Meeting Minutes 018**  
**COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Type: Regular Public Meeting  
Meeting Date: 12/17/2024  
Meeting Location: Moody Church -1635 N LaSalle  
Meeting Start Time: 6:03pm (Councilor Kessler called meeting to order)

**Attendance and Quorum:**

Chair:	Councilor	Brad Kessler	Present
Community Engagement:	Councilor	Karen Kane	Present
Nominating Committee:	Councilor	Robert Johnson	Present

**In person Community Attendees:**153

**Virtual Meeting attendees:** 129

**CCPSA members: 4** – Commissioner Sandra Wortham, Councilor Colleen Murphy, Alise Buford COC, Anna Mangahas Project Manager

**Press:1** Derrick Robinson

**Public Officials - 3**

Quorum: YES

Councilor Kessler called motion to **approve** the below listed meeting minutes:

**November 26, 2024 regular monthly meeting**

**Councilor Kane voted YES**

**Councilor Johnson voted YES**

**The “Yes” stands and the November 26, 2024 Regular Public Meeting has been properly approved and accepted.**

**Councilor Kessler** Introduced Speaker Cook County States Attorney Eileen O'Neill Burke.

**Guest Speaker CCSA Eileen O'Neill Burke**

- Provided an introduction to her position in her new role as the newly elected Cook County States Attorney, an overview of her role and the responsibility of her office and staff: -Civil actions, Cook County Hospital, Represent all of cook county agency/offices
- Her/office position on Women's Rights - increase rights to get reproductive health services, her priority is to decrease Gun Violence, assault weapon ban, and ban on Ext Mag/no switch and no exp mag, change the detention policy for assault weapons
- Shared her background as a Chicagoan
- Pilot Program with CPS "Choose to Change" to decrease Juvenile recidivism and tackle root causes of juvenile arrests (behavioral therapy, mental health program, pickup drop off program during hours most crimes are committed by Juv 3:30-10pm)
- Discussed the Safe T Act/Felony \$300 and above/discussed Retail Theft and Burglary and the miscommunication between CPD and the CCSA office needs more education
- Apr 1 Tom Dart will eliminate monitoring Program
- Discussed new Training Program for the CCSA office staff focusing on courtroom technique, setting the bar high for innovative attorneys, update/IMPROVE the DV and Order of protection system, which is currently broken
- New position@ CCSA office: (Victim Witness Coordinators) and new collaboration with District Councilors and CPD leadership @ the new Community Justice Centers and increase community engagement
- New text service for DV victims to get notified of court dates and time

**Councilor Kessler Update:**

- Encouraged Community members to attend CAPS meeting and attend traffic policy townhalls with CCPSA

**Councilor Kane Update**

- Provided an update on the CPD budget/budget passed reviewed reinstatement of 162 positions and cuts of 13 Mid management and 2% of cuts of open positions that were never filled , CPD currently in violation of Consent Decree, Officer Wellness program increased
- Overview of OIG data site 11,773 Sworn which is an 11% decline from 2019 of 13,188

**Councilor Johnson Update**

- CCPSA Commissioner update and vacancy update.

**Q/A with Commander Barz:**

-Praised the new vision and feeling positive about direction of the CCSA office in relation to retail theft prosecution and gun violence; the 018<sup>th</sup> District is being negatively impacted by both.

-addressed community concern about tinted windows – approaching vehicles with tinted windows is very dangerous for officers and officers try to get highest charge for probable cause/work with state Atty office.

-increase in OT for 018<sup>th</sup> District Offices (hire back) to address the Robbery crime trend in the district. Offenders are preying on community members who leave their cars running while at gas station or grabbing food. Please lock your doors and turn car off when running in store or gas station.

-be vigilant about your safety and watch your surroundings

-don't give your phone to anyone, scammers are asking for your phone and sending themselves money from your phone via Cashapp/Zelle and Venmo

-encouraged community to call 018<sup>th</sup> District Desk/CAPS if they are experiencing a CPD response time issue.

-safety tips; walk in groups, stay in well lit area for rideshare, don't walk in alleys

#### **Public Comments Last:**

#### **Neighbor 1-How can the community help decrease crime**

**Commander response:** Share your private video and continue to report crimes that you see

Attend beat meetings and District Council Public Meetings, your information has been very helpful in solving crimes and catching offenders

#### **Neighbor 2- Are there a large number of officers on midnights?**

**Commander response:** A lot of crimes are committed between the hours of 11pm and 6am in the entertainment district, we have an “Entertainment Team” comprised of young and innovative officers that are doing an excellent job of decreasing crime and solving/catching offenders that are committing the crimes around Hubbard, Division and Wells Street

#### **Neighbor 3- Smoking weed in Old town has increased, how do we address this issue**

**Commander response:** Call the CAPS office, give a description; we have Foot Patrol officers who can address more quickly than calling 911 because that will not be considered a priority. Also call 911.

**Neighbor 4-** Kids throwing rocks and causing problems on Wells Street, they are masked and wearing hoodies

**Neighbor 5-** Marina City- there are loud motorcycles and loud cars drag racing

**Commander Response:** Call CAPS and 911 we can issue citations/and or we can deploy a traffic mission in that area.

**Neighbor 6** – North Park Area - I've reported to CAPS an increase in fake Amazon people stealing packages

**Commander**-be very careful about all deliveries around this time of year, call 911/311 to make report.

**Kevin B:** There is an increase of violence in the black and brown community, I am concerned about the racial injustice and concerned about Illinois allowing abortion option, we need a choice protection unit.

**Councilor Kessler announced that the next District Council Public Meeting will be held at the 018<sup>th</sup> District Police Station -1160 N Larrabee Street Chgo 60610, 28 Jan 2025**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm**