

**City of Chicago**

**District Council Meeting Minutes 018**

**COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Type: Regular Public Meeting  
Meeting Date: 03/26/2024  
Meeting Location: 2315 N. Kenmore Ave, Room 103 DePaul  
Meeting Start Time: 6:13pm (Brad called meeting to order)

**Attendance and Quorum:**

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

Quorum: YES

Councilor Kessler made motion to approve 27 Feb 2024 public meeting minutes:

**Councilor Kane voted YES**

**Councilor Johnson voted YES**

**The “Yes” stands and the Feb 27 meeting minutes have properly been approved and accepted.**

**Public Comments:**

1. Mel Jones: Thank you to Commander Barz about handout “what should retail business owners do to report retail theft. How do we stop retail theft, how do we curb the trend, what do you do as a business owner to feel safe, please join the retail theft task force with the D/C’s
2. T.J. White: residents @ the Mark Twain building do not feel safe, I have joined the Narcotics and Open air drug market task force, and I would encourage other community members to do the same. What is the goal, time frame, schedule, strategic plan for the new task force??? What is CPD’s and the State attorney’s office position with collaborating with the Task force that the D/C’s have established?
3. Elizabeth: Former DePaul student – I am concerned with the harmful psychological, mental and physical impact that the increase in ORG crime has on the community, I would like for CPD to get electromagnetic equipment to be able to detect the negative frequency and be

able to collect the data on the harmful effects of the Org crime on the community from an electromagnetic/frequency standpoint.

4. Jeff Wahler: how do business owners get their surveillance cameras interfaced with CPIC/911/OEMC (Supv Chenetra Washington will get a contact person to address)
5. Is there a relationship between CPD and security @ retail businesses? Yes!

#### **Councilor Kessler Updates:**

-Discussed press about Police Board-Judge M. Mullin stance/agreed with arbitration as long as process is transparent

-Lead on Robbery, entertainment district, and private security task force.

-next months speaker Tracey Sinika, Chief of Juv justice center/pretrial detention/Safe T act discussed in detail

#### **Councilor Johnson Updates:**

-Brief overview and recap of Commissioner interviews/120 applications and process

-Safety task force – met with Mark Twain housing, set up a safety team to address retail thefts/open air drug sale (est safety team w/in the building, better security at Jewel and Aldi)

#### **Councilor Kane Updates:**

-7 Task force review/recap

-Overview of the D/C and CCPSA quarterly meeting: D/C city wide priorities, 6 working groups, (public policy, transparency, build/est relationship between District Commanders and District Council Members, Restorative conversations, education, and data analysis)

-Open Air drug market task force zoom meeting update (asked for more volunteers to join)

-Officer appreciation task force

-Data analysis task force

#### **Commander Bair Update:**

-018<sup>th</sup> Dist crime trends

-Robberies in 018 and throughout the city

-Officers are monitoring radio zone of neighboring districts to assist with robbery patterns, CAPS officers are doing foot patrol, District intelligence officers are helping with robbery spree

- multiple arrest and charges have been made I the most recent robberies
- retail theft increasing-offenders are transient, make 3-4 robberies in short amount of time and then return back to their district where they live...offenders are masked, victims are often injured
- CPD doing community outreach, education, younger officers doing robbery stings
- est court advocacy groups
- update on shooting in gold coast, victim still unable to speak to police but police was able to get a hold of key video evidence, and have a person of interest in custody.
- if there is a business that has bad/poor private security, let us know.
- the challenge with some of the retail businesses and retail theft, is the owners don't want to sign complaints.

**Speaker: Supv -Training Dept Chenetra Washington @ OEMC- gave a very detailed and robust discussion about what to expect when you call 911**

- call taker/dispatcher/CPD officers roles

How calls are assigned to CPD

- interface between 91/18<sup>th</sup> Dist

Discussed new tech – Next Gen 911

- 5 W's when calling CPD

- explained the Call priority system

- Discussed the importance of creating a profile with SMART 911, and explained the benefits of the app

**Brad made motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned @ 7:38pm**