

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

Meeting Type: Regular Public Meeting
Meeting Date: 05/28/2024
Meeting Location: Lake Shore Park 808 N. Lake Shore Drive
Meeting Start Time: 6:33pm (Councilor Kessler 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 called motion to approve April 23, 2024, public meeting minutes:

Councilor Kane voted YES.

Councilor Johnson voted YES.

The “Yes” stands and the April 23 meeting minutes have properly been approved and accepted.

Public Comments:

1. Ron Rashid: Thank you to 018th District officers for being there. He is a resident of 1140 N LaSalle, and he is concerned about the huge drug sale of about 20-30 people in the park @ Clark and Division. He would like to have a beat officer by the CVS (by Peyton High School) by the park to not make arrest but to please encourage the drug users and sellers to move it along. Have an officer presence there as a deterrent.
2. Kevin Tobin: Thank you to officers for coming to meeting, please get rid of the Safe T act- there are too many shootings that are occurring. Tell Kim Foxx and Kam Buchner to get rid of the Safe T Act.
3. Public Comment #3 – The person would like for the District Council to hold the Alderperson and the Mayor’s office accountable for youth not having anything to do in the summer.

4. Craig Kaiser – Thank you to District Council for forging a better relationship with police, and community, and for implementing Task Force. I would like to know the if the Task Force can set goals, present meeting reports to the community and can solicit help from the community.
5. Debbie Redman – The Safe T act was passed in a very short period of time with no debates. Be careful who you vote for.
6. Kevin B. - The Safe T Act is a horrible act, please reverse it. It's brought more crime.
7. Carson – Public Transit, there has been an increase in the # of cars parked in the CTA bus stop on Beat 1833, I would like to see CPD ticket cars parked @ the CTA bus stop.

Councilor Kessler Updates:

Announced that IL State Rep Kam Buckner cancelled because he had to be in Springfield, apologized for last minute speaker cancellation.

DNC traffic and areas of impact for 18th District residence, secret service update

Council Johnson Updates:

-Brief overview of New Commissioner appointments, looking forward to working with New Commissioners

-public safety task force meeting update

Councilor Kane Updates:

-Open air drug market at Division and LaSalle, continual nuisance (there was an arrest on Division between Clark/LaSalle (attending court on June 6th @ 9:30am as a court advocate)

-Grad from Citizen Academy 10-week program, encourage community members to attend. Impressed that SUPT Snelling attended, she learned a lot and enjoyed the training.

-City Council vote related to ShotSpotter –A significant majority of City Council (34 to 14) was in favor of collecting more data on usage of ShotSpotter and letting the City Council decide any discontinuation of ward usage. Councilor Kane gave a brief overview of the Districts in the city that have shot spotter in comparison to those who are in support of keeping and those that want to terminate-Areas/wards that use shot spotter want to keep...the areas that does not have it, want to get rid. 14 No votes, 6 on far north 0 usage. For the top 25 wards that use ShotSpotter, 75% percent voted to continue to collect data to evaluate and let city council decide.

Captain Koenig Update:

Transit Crimes –Robbery/car jackings: 17 Arrests for armed robbery and 6 Vehicular Hijacking arrests.

Drug sales @ Division/Lasalle/Clark- there is a round up coming soon.

Court Advocacy is very important because it holds the judge accountable.

-Challenging when officers make arrest, they don't have control if they are held in jail. Most drug arrests can't be detained pretrial.

Questions to Capt. Koenig:

- Barbara- What is the new police plan for Streeterville before the DNC? Captain response: Very confident in CPD preparedness, goal is to ensure everyone is safe.

Public Comment:

- What is being done proactively for teens by the city? Parents should be held accountable for their kids if they are behaving badly/committing crimes.

Next Meeting 25 June @ Old Town Triangle Association

Council Kane made motion to adjourn, Council Johnson seconded. Meeting adjourned @ 7:39.