

City of Chicago

District Council Meeting Minutes 018

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Public Meeting
Meeting Date: 08/27/2024
Meeting Location: 303 E Superior Northwestern Hospital Simpson Querrey Biomedical and Research Center (Auditorium)
Meeting Start Time: 6:06pm (Councilor Kessler called meeting to order)

Attendance and Quorum:

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

Quorum: YES

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

23 July 2024 Regular Public meeting minutes

01 Aug Special Meeting Minutes

Councilor Kane voted YES

Councilor Johnson voted YES

The “Yes” stands and the 23 July Regular Public Meeting and 01 Aug Special meeting minutes have both been properly approved and accepted.

Councilor Kessler Updates:

- Introduction of Speaker Kam Buckner (Pretrial Fairness Act/Safe T Act)
- Brief description of Safe T Act/History and how we got here/reviewed the Act with community for context
- Thanked 018th District Officers and CPD as a collective for the excellent work they did during the DNC

Councilor Johnson Updates:

- Safety Task Force update
- Nominating Committee update, last Youth Commissioner to be finally seated
- Thank you and congrats to CPD for their professionalism during DNC

Councilor Kane Updates:

- Court Advocate update, call for more community volunteers to join, 19 Sept next court date for drug sales case on Division st.
- Thank you to CPD leadership during the DNC, overview of her experience as a volunteer @ the DNC
- Overview of the new Shot spotter Dashboard, and Compstat overview of shot spotter to date Mayor Johnson is terminating the cities contract with shot spotter and is not a fan of this type of technology

CPT Keoning Safety Update:

- Long week W/DNC, moving Dignitaries, detailed to United Center
- Update on road rage shooting on LSD
- Update on Cambridge street Domestic related shooting, Juvenile shooter in custody
- **Public Comment:** How come parents can't be held accountable, why can't individuals that are 17 be tried as adults **CPT Keoning:** CPD can only arrest and charge, we can not sentence
- **Councilor Kane:** How was CPD after the Air and water show and the DNC **CPT Keoning:** Several days off, training and lots of planning, as a collective we did great...but tired once its over
- **Public Comment:** How much support from outside agencies during the DNC? **CPT Keoning:** Lots of support, State Police, Milwaukee PD, Homeland Security, FBI, CIA, and other units

Guest Speaker: Kam Buckner:

Very detailed presentation of the Pretrial Fairness Act, AKA – “SafeT Act” and answered community concerns:

- **Acknowledged that the Safe T Act has room for improvement**
 - **Actively working with CPD Leadership, Springfield and gathering community input to fine tune and revamp the current Act. Cook County/State is well resourced, however the Cook County State Atty Office has manpower shortages**
 - **Open to work on better ways to correct the “frequent offenders, frequent flyers” issue and get the frequent offenders the assistance/wrap around resources that are needed.**
 - **Open to having a longer range conversation about the Juvenile/minors that are frequently committing crimes and are not being held accountable**
 - **Working to get CPD more education about the safety act, as well as more support**
 - **State Rep Buckner has met with Supt Snelling and Beat officers their input on how the Safety Act is practiced in real time, and getting their input on functionality.**
 - **Money will not be a reason a person will be detained, give judges more discretion**
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- **Public Comments:**
 - **Kevin Tobin** - Very frustrated about no safety in Chicago, the murder capital for the past 12 years in a row, the safety act does not work, most people that are impacted by the safety act are those in disenfranchised communities
 - **Kevin Blue**- Safe T Act not working, good intentions but needs to be revamped, Crime is skyrocketing get something that works for the community
 - **Pamela Jackson** – People needs to be educated more on the Safe T Ac, Kam Buckner do you plan on running for Mayor
 - **Craig**- Disruption in recidivism, the judge is given too much discretion, why cant we implement the 3 strikes rule
State Rep Kam Buckner- I am not a fan of the 3 strike rule personally, but I do understand the sentiment, we do need to have a fill in the gaps plan...I do want to find better parameters for Judges, CPD needs to be better educated and we need to be urgent and aggressive with making the changes.
 - **Neighbor** -Most people are not educated on the Safe T act, they just need to know exactly what it’s about, **State Rep Kam Buckner** - we need more misdemeanor courts and more States Attorneys, and yes the general public needs to be more educated on the details of the no bail bond aspect and the positive impact that this new Act has on the community as a whole.
 - **Brad**- how do we get to recidivism w/retail theft. **State Rep Kam Buckner** large scale opportunity to educate State Attorney Office

- **Neighbor-** Discovery is a huge problem, I would encourage everyone to review the judges that need to be voted out of office
- **Linda-** underage offenders has increased are they being influenced by adults in their circle, encouraging them to commit crimes on their behalf, because the assumption is the juvenile will only get a slap on the wrist, get released/not charged **State Rep Kam Buckner yes,** historically that has always been a contributing factor, but the Juvenile justice system needs to be done differently
- **Robert –** in the next general assembly will there be tweaks presented to improve the order **State Rep Kam Buckner:** When we go back to Springfield, I am open to present any tweaks and work on revamping of the order, smart and swiftly coordinated and crafty in my approach.
- **Mark Shields-** current CCSA office is not properly staffed or funded
- **Betty –** there are a lot of issues with minors, how does the Safe T Act impact minors? **State Rep Kam Buckner:** there aren't any Blanket rules W/safe T act, not specific to juveniles, longer range conversation for Juvenile act.
- **Norma Clay –** Any consideration for elderly? **State Rep Kam Buckner:** yes, there is already state statue in place for our community of seniors
- **Susan –** I commend you for asking the community for suggestions, Do you have a system in place to get input from CPD? **State Rep Kam Buckner:** yes I have had conversations with Supt Snelling, and I've asked beat officer how the Safe T Act is going in practice

24 September next meeting, Location TBD

Councilor Kessler made motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned @ 7:30PM