

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

Meeting Type: Regular Public Meeting  
Meeting Date: 04/23/2024  
Meeting Location: 510 N LaSalle Dr. (Anti Cruelty Society)  
Meeting Start Time: 6:09pm (Councilor Kessler called meeting to order)

**Attendance and Quorum:**

Chair:	Councilor Kessler	Present
Community Engagement:	Councilor Kane	Present
Nominating Committee:	Councilor Johnson	Present

Quorum: YES

Councilor Kessler made motion to approve 24 Mar 2024 public meeting minutes and April Special Meeting Minutes:

**Councilor Kane voted YES**

**Councilor Johnson voted YES**

**The “Yes” stands and the Mar 24 2024 and April Special meeting minutes have properly been approved and accepted.**

**Public Comments:**

**Kevin Tobin** – Lincoln Park resident has seen Anti-Semitic flyers being handed out in the district...what is the follow up or arrest made. Why is it when there is a hate crime against Jews, there seems to be no report out, he is very concerned for our Jewish community during the DNC.

**Neighbor #2-** Please report on what was discussed at your April Special meeting, what is the update on the commission selection?

**Dave-** if the kids that are committing the crimes are under age juveniles, how do we hold the parents accountable for their actions. There are lots of programs, increased outreach and strategies that need to be put in place to help deter these youth from a life of crime.

**Marianne**-are we researching diversion programs, after one nonviolent arrest can they be released to a community program, in their community? Does CPS have any diversion programs?

**Response from guest speaker**- GROW Chicago are in collaboration with Juv. Justice Court system for alt community based programing. Not sure if CPS has any current diversion programs.

**Michelle L.** – How long can they be held in custody?

**Response from guest speaker:** 30 days or until trial is resolved, juveniles can also be held until 21 yrs old, held @ Juvenile detention center pre-trial, on probation until 21 as well....it all depends on number of charges, type of offenses, what Judge decides, several factors play a role and each situation is different.

**James Young** – repeat offenses on behalf of adults, are they more susceptible to committing crimes, or are they just bored, are they easier to turnaround.

**Response from guest speaker**- we don't have the data to respond intelligently, but most certainly adults are encouraging youth to commit crimes on their behalf.

**Chris**- Violent index crime, what percentage get held? Do court advocates get involved?

**Response from guest speaker**- it all depends on background, no because juvenile arrest are confidential so that makes it difficult.

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

-thankful for collaboration with Commander and D/C's

-ask for patience and grace as we continue to build out our task force roll out

-update on meeting with the Private security task force, relationship building, objective to decrease commercial retail theft. Robbery task force, encourage involved parties to sign complaints. Spoke with Illinois Council of shopping to collaborate and plan as well as working with lobbying groups.

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

- Moment of silence for fallen officer

- Update on Mayor's appointment of Commission members, deadline was missed, but hopefully selections will be made by end of the week.

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

-CCPSA letter of guidance on managing volunteer groups (task force)

-update on the Open air drug task force (Clark/LaSalle/Division)

-Arrest made post shooting last year, Councilor Kane attended court as a court advocacy on 13 March, brief overview of the process and information she was able to obtain during the visit...met judge, ASA and Met with Tim Heck of CWB

-Update on Mark Twain bldg.-lots of drug activity in the vicinity, she with new management company

### **Commander Barz Update:**

Trends city wide: increase in robberies, and in the 018<sup>th</sup> district. The officer that lost his life in the line of duty, was the result of a robbery attempt. 11p-4am is the bewitching hours and they are hitting multiple targets at one time. In a 7 min timespan, there were 4 robberies reported. Be careful in alleys, on dark streets, and other areas of low lighting. The 018<sup>th</sup> Dist Tact team has arrested 9 people in 7 days. The challenge we are facing with stolen vehicles, is the offenders are masked and the victims are having a difficult time identifying. We have put in place a district intelligence officer, we are utilizing SDSC room camera footage, which have been helpful, as well as CPD helicopter, and Detective division assistance. 18<sup>th</sup> District Chicago Ave/Wells Vehicular Hijacking suspect was chased into the 012<sup>th</sup> District an arrest made that resulted in 4 arrests and 4 guns being recovered.

### **-Hate crimes/hate speech Antisemitic in nature on woodchips/active investigation:**

increased canvassing of the area

-ring doorbell downloads

-CAPS canvassing W/Det Div

### **-Series of protest: very frustrating for CPD and Residence:**

-More protest to come as the summer months approach/DNC lots of protest and activity in District

-main objective is safety for everyone. The preference is for protestors to obtain permits. This gives CPD valuable information such as route and number of attendees.

-018 is a Tier 1 District – Field Force training because of protest – lots of arrest but no violence

-Update on 018<sup>th</sup> District officer Killed/ongoing investigation, very confident that an arrest will be made soon

### **Public comment to Commander:**

**David Huber:** how many hours is the CPD helicopter available? Does the dept use legacy DNA, tracking for masked car jacking :

**Commander response:** as much as possible, and yes swabbing the vehicles is being done, however the offenders are gloved and are wiping down the car after they steal and ditch vehicle.

**James Young:** I am thankful that protestors don't come into the Presbyterian church (church by the Water Tower)

**Veronica L.:** I saw at the last protest that State Sheriff Police were in attendance, what is their collaborative role with CPD?

**Commander response:** Retired CPD now Chief of State Police Leo Schmidt has a contingent of officers that he assigns to the 018<sup>th</sup> District to assist on River North, Michigan Ave and anywhere in

the district there is an uptick in crime/specifically robberies, protests, and shoplifting/vandalism in those areas.

**Max U.** : is there any training that will be taking place for officers in preparation for the DNC, will there be any collaboration with counterterrorism, FBI, Homeland security and CIA.

**-Commander response:** Yes there is lots of training that CPD has to go through in preparation for DNC and protest situations, that make protest preparedness much better.

**Kathy Moore:** was the car chase that lead 18<sup>th</sup> district officers to the 12<sup>th</sup> District, were the offenders Juveniles or adults.

**Commander response:** they were adults

**Speaker: Chief Juvenile Justice center Tracey Senica:**

Introduction and detailed description of what she does, as well as the role of the Juvenile detention center. Detailed some of the challenges (several open cases for different offenses) and opportunities of the agency.

-arrest process of juveniles

-charges are hard to obtain, lots of offenders are masked/difficult to make positive ID

-dept has staffing issues

-no bonds for juvenile

-file petition for more serious crimes, goes before judge to determine if they can be held for 30 days

**Next Meeting May 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 Location TBD, Guest speaker State Rep Cam Buchner**

**Councilor Johnson made motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned @ 7:22pm**

**Councilor Kessler second the motion**