

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

Meeting Type: Regular Public Meeting

Meeting Date: 02/25/2025

Meeting Location: Anti Cruelty Society – 510 N LaSalle Drive

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

Quorum: YES

Councilor Kessler called motion to **approve 28 Jan 2025 meeting Minutes**

Councilor Kane voted YES

Councilor Johnson voted YES

The “Yes” stands and the 28 Jan 2025 minutes approved and accepted.

Speaker: Maggie Hickey – Independent Monitor -Detailed overview of CPD consent decree, 11 sections, a more comprehensive explanation of CPD compliance rates

-Monthly meeting W/courts

-shared IMT Website

-encouraged community to visit website for more details and to review all 10 reports that are available online now

-invited community to listening sessions

-IM Hickey facilitated a conversation about the Consent decree and answered community and DC’s questions.

Neighbor #1 – What is the toughest part of your job as the Monitor and ensuring that CPD is completing items in the consent decree? **MRS HICKEY – Making sure that the community understands that 90% compliance of the preliminary stage that’s just 1 part, currently CPD is working on part 2- training. That takes a lot of time “40 hrs” a year for the entire dept of over 10,000 Active officers in 1 year is a heavy lift.**

Neighbor #2 - What is the rubric for measuring compliance? **MRS HICKEY-each paragraph has a methodology; community engagement and data are also measures**

Neighbor #3- CPD Staffing is a major issue, more police officers on the job, on the street, foot patrol and bike units....Do you think that the consent decree has a negative impact on hiring and staffing? **MRS HICKEY -It takes a long time to hire civilians for the job, there is also a budget cap on how many officers and civilians that can be hired.**

Neighbor #4 – Will any of the new Exec orders from our new federal political administration have an impact on the current consent decree? **MRS HICKEY-NO because it’s not under federal Gov’t, I don’t see how this court order can be dismantled.**

Neighbor #5- The focus on officer wellness should be increased **MRS HICKEY – Command staff is taking steps to check on their officers, if bad behavior is seen its corrected and reported earlier.**

Neighbor #6- Investigatory “Traffic stops”, not in the consent decree. Where is your office on impartial policing? **MRS HICKEY- Constitutional Policing is in the consent decree**

Councilor Kane Update:

-update on shot spotter, request for information and Request for proposal, in favor of shot spotter or similar tech like shot spotter

Councilor Johnson Update:

-Thank you to 018th District Commander-217 Guns have been taken off the street in the 18th District

Q/A with Commander Barz:

-Trending Crimes update – Robbery and Burglary -Significant citywide arrest by younger 18th District robbery team.

-Adding additional teams where crime is occurring and during the hours in which crimes are happening

-increase tact team/detectives in entertainment corridor

-FBI teams have been assisting when necessary as well as Helicopter unit

- recent shooting update

-uptick in protest/large group gatherings over the weekend over 1000 people.

-quality of life issues/drug sales and retail theft Division/Clark area.... increased foot officer presence/cook county are giving resources for mental health /drug issues.... we can't arrest our way out of these issues, so we are getting root causes support from sister agencies as well as working with the community.

-Northwestern Hosp has an increase in mental health clients. They have been a very instrumental/critical partner for CPD. They have been working with them to assist w/18th District mental health issues

-Commander Barz will be communicating with Glen Brooks to coordinate a Gun Buy Back program in the 018th District

Public Comments:

All public comments were addressed to Commander Barz and addressed in meeting/ not recorded COC was facilitating, walking around with mic for community members to ask Commander.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28pm