

TO: (20)Anna Rubin, (20)Deirdre O'Connor, (20)Darrell Dacres, (24)Marilyn Pagan-Banks, (24)Veronica Arreola and (24)Edvette Jones (not in attendance)

FROM: Alise Buford COC

CC: Damon Smith and Charles Blackwell

20th District Public Meeting Tuesday 13 Feb 2024 @ Philadelphia Church meeting started at 6:07 (Per Anna Rubin) Alise Buford COC was late to meeting due to emergency meeting at CCPSA office called by Adam Gross and Damon Smith -

The below notes as captured by Alise Buford COC upon arrival @ 6:22 pm

Public Comment:

Edward - Concerned about Bryn Mawr area and the increase in crime.

-Shot spotter is a joke and a waste of money

-Michigan Ave increased crime and there is no punishment for retail theft

Jenny W. -The change that is needed is for everyone to center and focus on healing

Nicole – There needs to be a plan of action, and not just “We are working on it”

-What does change look like from the community, what can the community do to assist CPD

IVY- Edgewater resident- I witnessed the shooting of the youth being shot and a youth assisting and trying to help aid the student who had been shot...as I watched from my window I called CPD but I felt helpless because I didn't know what I could do to assist or help this child I had just witness being shot....I want CPD to help train community members on first aid, or ways to arm community members on how to help/aid a shooting victim.

-Shot spotter changes nothing, why spend the money for technology that doesn't work

-we need to be more compassionate as community members

-Brown Whine – What actions of Alderman and City council to help stop violence, I am ready to hear specifics

Neighbor Comment – there is a rise in the brazenness of people, what changed....I have lived in this community over 30 years and until last week there had not been a shooting of a youth in our community. What has happened????

Neighbor Comment- Oneway street on Broadway, there needs to be more safe passage workers, more security on the redline.... I call for more CPS Safe Passage workers and more CPD foot patrol, as well as CPD outside and inside of schools.

Neighbor Comment – Less access to guns\change in gun laws.

-more help for our youth

Andersonville Neighbor- More police around schools, more foot patrol, what is the role of Police around/in CPS, when need more resources for youth and ongoing conversations.

Neighbor- When will the teen center @ the Broadway Armory reopen, what is the plan for reopening

Anna introduced the panel of guest/speakers:

Danny Serrano- Chicago Commission on Human Relations (Civil rights division) -Hate crimes advocate, hate crimes ordinance. Gave brief description of what his agency does and what resources are available to the community surrounding hate crimes. Addressed the issue involving Anti-semitic flyers on people's cars in the district in the past. Call 311 if you see something or suspect a hate crime is being committed.

024th Police District Council Marilyn Pagan-Banks (Nominating Committee): Spoke about the food insecurity, homelessness, and mental health issues as a root cause for violence that needs to be addressed. Community members need to listen to each other, provide resources and invest in our community, in addition to provide more jobs....all in an effort to decrease crime that is plaguing our communities. Youth need to feel like they belong, safe and that they are being seen and heard

Greg Martinez – Mayors office of Community Safety-addressed the recent shooting that occurred at Senn High School, where two youth were shot and killed. He outlined exactly what actions the Mayors office took to address the shooting and support the family and community in response to the shooting:

-Activate Deputy Mayors

-victim services provided monetary assistance to pay for funeral services

-street outreach teams such as CP4P and One Northside

-established an emergency center @ Edgewater Library

-resources for students and staff to address the trauma

Travis Moore Murray- Dept of Public health and youth engagement-Described in detail the resources his organization provides as well as offered perspective of the youth who are committing these violent crimes.

Alderperson 48th Ward Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth-invited members to apply for their LSC, offered support for the family of the shooting victims and thanked the community for their outpour of support to the families of the victims. Shared info about an upcoming prayer vigil of the victims behalf.

-many conversations to address the increase in violence in the community

-addressed the root causes (housing, food, and job insecurities)

-build better trust and relationship with CPD, District Council, CPS, Libraries, and block clubs in an effort to make the neighborhood better, thus decreasing crime. Shared her experience attending the Community Academy, call for for CPD foot patrol, better relationship with beat officers, pass good policies, help make kids feel safe.

20th District Council Members Updates:

Darrell- an introduction of himself and the work he has done for CP4P over the past 4 years, as well as the outreach that he personally did himself in response to the recent shooting at Senn high school.

-preventative measures in public safety

-update on Nominating Committee applications

Deirdre- Relationship building and collaboration with Commander Bair, facilitated the Public comment portion as well as Q and A

Anna- facilitated meeting, announced upcoming joint meeting; 17,20,24 Special Meeting on Wed 28 Feb 2024 @ 6:30pm @ Uptown Church 1134 W. Wilson Ave. Upcoming 20th District Public Meeting 12 March 6:00 PM @ Edgewater Library

Veronica Arreola 024th District present in the audience (not on panel/did not speak)

Commander Bair 020th District present in the audience (Not on panel/did not speak)

Commander Vanna 024th District present in the audience (not on panel/did not speak)

Commander Rodney Hill Area 3 Detective Division Present in the audience

Family members of shooting victims were also present in the audience

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm