

City of Chicago
22nd DISTRICT COUNCIL
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular

Meeting Date: 11-13-2024

Meeting Location & Address: Mt. Greenwood Park Field House 3721 W. 111th St.
Chicago, Il. 60655

Meeting Start Time: 6:33 P.M.

Attendance & Quorum

OMA Meeting cannot take place with 2 out of 3 members present in-person.

District Council Member Name & Attendance

Kennedy- Present

Parker- Present

Bielecki- Present

Public Comment:

John Catanzara- Thanked Council for doing this work. Made comment to Andrea Kersten, “you are the Chief Administrator for COPA, you historically recommend stripping powers during investigations. You are the named defendant in lawsuits, what makes you any different than those officers under investigated who you recommend lose their police powers?”

Keith- Made comment to Andrea Kersten, “COPA needs to recognize the officers who are out there doing a good job. Where is the recognition for the officers who are out there risking their lives daily.”

District Council Member Updates:

Kennedy-

[The Commission is actively accepting and reviewing applications to fill multiple vacancies on the Police Board.](#)

Updates from the 22nd District Command Staff

Year to date, for the 022nd District: Compared to last year

- Up one homicide
- Up two shootings
- Robberies - down 25%
- Burglaries - down 25%
- Carjackings - down 21%
- Motor vehicle thefts - down 37%

Guns recovered - (458) - Up 26%

“Care Packages for CPD Heroes” Donations will be accepted through Friday, Nov 22nd at both 19th Ward Offices 10400 S. Western Ave Monday-Friday 9am-2PM and 3207 W 111th Street Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. They are accepting donations for our CPD Military brothers and sisters who will be on deployment this holiday season. Items are due by November 22nd and FOP Lodge 7 will coordinate delivery of care packages to our service men and women. Items needed: Individual snacks: trail mix, peanuts, protein bars, granola, candy, gum. Individual drink mix, socks, personal hygiene items, playing cards, books etc.... Contact Detective Will Andino @ William.andino@chicagopolice.org with any questions.

First Mass for Chicago Southside Catholic High School Veterans & First responders who died in the line of duty will be held Thursday November 14th 7P.M. at St. Cajetan Church 2445 W. 112th Street

Tomorrow Nov 14th at 7p.m. Alderman O’Shea, State Rep Mary Gill, and Senator Bill Cunningham will co-host a Cook County Board of Review Tax Appeal Seminar at Morgan Park High School, Blackwelder Auditorium, 1744 W. Pryor Ave. Residents are encouraged to bring their most recent property tax bill or property tax index numbers to the meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting there will be another on Monday, Nov 18th at 6p.m. at Brother Rice High School located at 10001 S. Pulaski Road, in the cafeteria.

Smith Village will be hosting a Holiday Vendor Fair November 15th from 10am- 2pm at the Smith Village Community Hall 2320 W. 113th Place.

Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by Matt O'Shea will be held at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences on Tuesday, November 19th at 5:00 P.M. A \$5 donation is suggested.

The 16th Annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K Run and Family Walk will take place on November 30th. Proceeds from this year's race will benefit the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the 19th Ward Youth and Community Foundation. In addition, the 19th ward and Original Pancake House (Beverly) will host a pancake breakfast after the race. \$5 per person or \$25 per family.

22nd District Presents "Summer and Shine Christmas Tree Giveaway" 21st Ward Office 10801 S. Halsted St. Saturday December 7th from 1p.m.- 4p.m. Contact community organizer Faleesa Lewis at 312-745-0620.

Update on the Officer Danny Golden Case, the offenders will appear back in Court on January 10th, 2025.

Parker-

Spoke about the CCPSA meeting at Malcolm X College. Spoke about our upcoming annual meeting for all District Councilors.

Bielecki-

Since being notified that Commissioner Kelly Presley's resignation which took effect on 31 October 2024 the nominating committee members took the following actions.

On 20 October 2024 thirteen of the twenty-two district members of the nominating committee met at the Missionary Baptist Church 2141 W. Washington. At this meeting the decision was made to start the application process to replace Commissioner Presley. According to the city ordinance we are required to accept applications for the position from the following areas:

applicants must reside, and have resided for the last year, in one of the following Community Areas: Humboldt Park, West Town, Austin, West Garfield Park, East Garfield Park, Near West Side, North Lawndale, South Lawndale, and Lower West Side. They must be a lawyer to satisfy the requirement of the ordinance. The

The application process was for thirty days and concluded on 06 November. Due to a lack of initial interest in the position the deadline was extended to 15 November. So far we have only received two applications with a possible third one being reviewed for eligibility.

Community Engagement –

On 19 October 24 I invited twelve high schools to send youth representatives to talk about the forming of youth engagement group to listen to them for the purpose of having a young people's event titled "Living with Purpose." The intent of this event to be an opportunity to inform young people. Give them opportunities, to give them options. If I get the schools cooperation and we can bring together students looking for success. The idea is to bring in vendors who can give young people options. Trade unions will be invited, military recruiters, the police and fire department, city colleges, and services

that will deal with some of the issues that confront young people today. Such as conflict resolution, relationships, social media responsibility, and positive peer support.

Only three of the ten schools who said they would be represented showed up. But I learned from those six students who came a great deal. I have since invited the administrators of all twelve schools which I will hold on Monday November 25th. Hopefully at that meeting I can secure a commitment for more participation. If you attended the mass at St, Christina this past Sunday thank you. Please continue to pray for the Martinez family.

Discussions:

Andrea Kersten- Chief Administrator COPA. Introduced her First Deputy Ephraim Eaddy. He explained COPA and how it started. Went over their video release policy. 5500 complaints a year, 70% of complaints closed with no allegation. 15-20% sustained allegation which are then recommended for discipline. COPA is 90% compliant with the consent decree.

Andrea- by design COPA's job is to react/ determine misconduct. She has limited authority. COPA can only make a recommendation, the police board reviews it, Superintendent can agree, weigh in, push back against COPA. The Chicago Police board is the next step if there is a disagreement. CPD members can also go to arbitration as they are union members. COPA primary role is to investigate officers. Andrea then addressed individuals from public comment made earlier in the night. Andrea responded to Mr. Catanzara's public comment first. Andrea responded favorably and in agreeance with his suggestion of only doing the investigating and turning over the discipline recommendations to the superintendent. Andrea also agreed in principle to a discipline matrix to clarify discipline recommendations for CPD. Andrea then addressed Mr. Brown. Andrea informed us can also report good officers on the COPA website. COPA will then send those reports to the Superintendents office as well.

Commander-

Went over crime in 22. When officers do a great job, you can write them a letter. The letter will also go in their personnel file. That letter will have a positive impact if the officer every goes to arbitration.

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

Next Meeting Date: 12-11-2024

Next Meeting Location: 6:30 P.M. Morgan Park Presbyterian Church 2017 W. 110th Place

District Council ended the meeting at: 8:01 P.M.