

**City of Chicago**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Type:** Regular

**Meeting Date:** 1-10-2024

**Meeting Location & Address:** Morgan Park High School 1744 W. Pryor Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60643

**Meeting Start Time:** 6:05 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:**

Kathryn- Kids need stuff to do. City neglects the 19th, Ward. 2008 crash caused economic despair. We need investors, celebrities to help with after school programs. We need the libraries and Chicago Park Districts to come up with programs for the kids.

Pat- There has been vandalism on property. Kids are walking down Rockwell with backpacks are creating the vandalism, specifically on 108th Rockwell.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Meeting Minutes for 12-13-2023 Meeting

Kennedy- Approved

Bielecki- Approved

Vote- Passed

## **District Council Member Updates:**

Kennedy- Currently all migrants housed in the 022nd District Police Station have been relocated. For the calendar year of 2023 the 22nd District CPD recovered 413 illegal guns off our streets. For the calendar year of 2023 the 22nd District had a total of 1201 arrests. To end the year the 22nd District had the 4th largest decrease in homicides in the city. Shootings, Robberies, Car Jackings were all the 2nd largest decrease throughout the city to end the year.

Bielecki- The application process for the selection of the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability has begun on 08 January 2024 and will run through February 7th 2024 concluding at noon.

Each district has a member of the nominating committee. Twenty-two in all. It will be our job to review the applications, score them, conduct the interviews of those selected, and eventually submitting the final fourteen to the mayor of which he will select the final seven for appointment. The dates for that part of the process will commence on the following dates: 24th and 25th of February. 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th of March. The names to be submitted on the 8th of March. The short of it is each Commissioner will receive a thousand dollar a month stipend.

I will say this – a survey was sent out to the current interim commission and the amount of pay is irrelevant to volume of work that has gone into the job. I will single out President Anthony Driver Jr., Yvette Loizan, and Remel Terry who have shown great dedication to their roles. I hope whomever applies for this position understands that this position can impact police policy but also must understand it must be a collaborative effort. All the details for this position can be found on the CCPSA website including the application. I will also be participating in an informational webinar on the 17th of January from 1 to 2 pm. Please take a flyer and scan the QR code to register.

As a follow up to earlier information I obtained through FOIA regarding traffic stops and guns recovered by Chicago Police on traffic stops alone. From January 1<sup>st</sup> until December 6th 2023 a total of 8447 guns were recovered by the Chicago Police. Here in the 022<sup>nd</sup> District alone 369 guns were recovered on traffic stops. The districts showing an increase were the 1st district downtown, the 002nd district, the 006th district, the 007th District, and the 016th District by one on the Northwest side. Not community activist organizations like Free to Move would challenge

that these numbers do not reflect the need to conduct pretextual traffic stops for minor traffic violations but I would beg to differ. Every illegal gun removed from the streets makes our communities safer. Yesterday a police officer was shot in the thigh by an offender who rammed a vehicle into a downtown store to loot. Officers returned fire and one the offenders was struck multiple times. Another video showed a citizen being robbed and Cermak and Western by heavily armed offenders in a black vehicle. Accountability for these actions is needed and should be demanded.

Parker- Spoke on behalf of local school board regarding school resource officers. Also touched base on a know your rights workshop coming soon, in collaboration with other DC members.

**Discussions:**

Bielecki- On the topic of taking officers out of the schools. As a former School Resource Sgt. I think the officers play a vital role in the school environment. One of not only safety and security, but I have learned as mentors and providing guidance to young people. I have heard and seen through social media posts from teachers who are against this move. In my own experience troubled youth sought out SROs to share not only problems in school but at home as well. Many of the SRO's are seasoned veteran officers with children of their own and able to guide young people in the right direction. Taking this decision away from local school councils also undermine their authority as well.

Commander- Looking at the return of foot beat officers if man power is there. 10,000 plus traffic stops in 22nd District. 2024 CPD will focus on youth engagement with possible police athletic leagues. Focus on motor vehicle thefts, as well as add more cameras and license plate readers in the district. Commander is already in the process of working with Aldermen Mosley and Alderman O'Shea on these efforts. Will also be working on intervention prevention, mainly with the youth. Communicating with their parents as well as providing resources to help.

School Resource Officers- Spoke about their training. Positive influence on the kids. Also read a personal letter from a former student at their school

**Votes:** N/A

**Announcement of Next District Council Meeting**

**Next Meeting Date:** 2-7-2024

**Next Meeting Location:** Regional Library 9525 S. Halsted St. Chicago, IL 60643

**District Council ended the meeting at:** 6:57 P.M.