

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

Meeting Type: Regular

Meeting Date: 3-13-2024

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

Meeting Start Time: 6:30 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:

Doyle- Spoke on accountability for a crime in the 22nd District. CPD needs to stay in schools if the local school board wishes to retain. Fights in schools are under reported.

Marty- Spoke on people murdered by fentanyl. Provided data from Cook County. The issue is the southern border. The Democratic party needs to address the open boarder.

Ed- He has a masters degree, applied for the CCPSA and is looking for an explanation how the process went as he is very qualified yet didn't get selected. It was he who went to Alderman O'Shea three years ago to turn 111th street into a one lane, each way road.

District Council Member Updates:

Kennedy-

1. For the calendar year of 2023 the 22nd District CPD recovered 413 illegal guns off our streets.
2. For the calendar year of 2023 the 22nd District had a total of 1201 arrests.
3. Officers, in coordination with Area detectives, have cleared robbery and theft patterns involving Uber drivers and a package thief who had been operating in 022, and the surrounding suburbs.
4. The YTD crime numbers, compared to the same period last year, for the entire district:
 - a. Homicides - Down 67%
 - b. Shootings - Even
 - c. Robberies - Down 47%
 - d. Carjackings - Down 50%
 - e. Burglaries - Down 58%
 - f. Motor Vehicle Thefts - Down 46%
5. All enforcement related activity has increased (Arrests, traffic citations, Administrative Notice of Violations - ANOV, gun recoveries)
6. COPA has released their 2023 Annual Report. I completed COPA's People Academy Fall Session II. CPA is a six-week condensed version of COPA's Training Academy (attended by all new investigators and attorneys) that is available to members of the public. The academy focuses on educating community members on COPA processes ranging from its investigatory practices to its policy and research functions.
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 - a. COPA has reduced its caseload to approximately 600 open investigations, an all-time low.
 - b. For the fourth consecutive year, excessive force allegations have decreased.
 - c. Fourth Amendment violations (improper search or seizure) continue to trend downward and 2023 marked a five year low of 962 allegations

- d. The audio and visual from the Police Worn Body Camera provides transparency for both the citizens and the Police Officers. It holds bad cops accountable and reduces frivolous lawsuits and complaints against our good police officers. When officers save a life or engage in positive community interactions it is now recorded.

Parker-

Spoke about the various work groups within the District Councils. She is the chair on the education and outreach group. Working on professional development for the DC's. The quarterly meeting is March 24th, there will be a restorative justice work group. Spoke about HB 5008. Call your state reps and senators in support of HB 5008. Local High School boards want to keep CPD in the schools, 39 schools voted to keep CPD in the schools but the mayor is trying to take that power away. Carissa gave props to DC Bielecki for all the hard work he put in during the recent nomination process. She heard from many DC members who spoke about DC Bielecki's commitment to the process, "Lee worked harder than any other DC on the panel."

Bielecki-

The purpose of the Commission is to:

- (1) increase public safety;
- (2) ensure that Department activities are directed toward maximizing public health and safety while minimizing any harm to City residents;
- (3) build trust and improve interactions between and among the Department and the people it serves;
- (4) ensure that Department policies and practices are rooted in community needs and public input;
- (5) increase public support for Department policies and practices;
- (6) ensure that Department resources are not used inefficiently to address public health or safety issues that other professionals are better equipped to address;
- (7) encourage preventative, proactive, community-based, and evidence-based approaches to public safety;
- (8) increase transparency and public input into Department operations, policies, and performance;
- (9) provide the residents of every Chicago community with meaningful opportunities to shape Department policies and practices that affect their lives;
- (10) help to bring the City into compliance with the Consent Decree as soon as is practicable;

- (11) increase efficiency in the use of public safety resources; and
- (12) increase public accountability of the Department, COPA, and the Police Board.

The commission also sets the goals for the CPD Superintendent, COPA, and the Police Board. The Commission conducted the Superintendent search, with cooperation of the CPD removed the gang database and addressed the order for officer's associations with criminal organizations and hate groups.

Nominating Community update:

The application process began on January 8th, 2024 and concluded on February 7th 2024. Over 120 people applied. Thus began the process of reviewing and scoring of the applications. I undertook this process without personal bias. It was not my goal to stack the Commission with all pro police applicants. I believe the need for having differing opinions is important. Different perspectives are needed. We live in a city of 77 different communities. All with different cultures and perspectives. Once the scoring of the applications was concluded the nominating committee met with one from each district as a representative. At this over six hour meeting we reviewed all the scores and came to a consensus to invite 34 applicants over two weekends for interviews. The applicants were scored based on the rubric questions that were developed in prior nominating committee meetings. As a result of those score the fifteen names previously mentioned were selected to be forwarded to the Mayor. The Mayor will select seven from those names to staff the permanent commission panel. Four of these individuals will serve four-year terms and three will serve two years. If the Mayor rejects the names he must submit his reasons to the Nominating committee in writing. The Committee will reconvene and select additional names to be presented for his consideration. To say this process was long and most definitely interesting would be an understatement. I have to admit as well that I had hoped that all on the nominators were as invested as myself and some

Jose Abonce is a South Side resident and a community organizer. He currently serves as a Senior Program Manager for the Policing Project's Chicago Neighborhood Policing Initiative. Previously, as an organizer for Austin Coming Together, he worked to develop the Austin neighborhood's quality of life plan. He worked at the University of Illinois Chicago's Center for Public Safety and Justice, where he developed community-generated action plans with individuals directly impacted by the criminal justice system.

Anthony Driver is a South Side resident and a community organizer. He is the President of the interim Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability, a post he has held since the interim Commission was established in 2022. He has a background in community activism and public affairs. He currently works as the Executive Director for SEIU IL. He played a key role in the coalition that advocated for the creation of the Commission and helped draft the Commission's founding ordinance.

Bernardo Gomez is a North Side resident and one of the four candidates for the two youth representatives on the Commission. He currently works as the Community Engagement Manager at the Mayor's Office of Community Engagement and serves as the Chair of the City's Disability Resource Group. At the Community Safety Coordination Center, Bernardo has developed experience in working with multiple agencies to holistically reduce and prevent crime.

Aaron Gottlieb is a North Side resident and Assistant Professor at the University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice. He is a member of the Consent Decree Use of Force Working Group, which functions to review use of force policies of the Chicago Police Department. He played a key role in the coalition that advocated for the creation of the Commission and helped draft the Commission's founding ordinance.

Nakiyah Matthews is a West Side resident and one of four candidates for the two youth representatives on the Commission. As an Academic Advisor for Introspect Youth Services, she provides mentorship to many Chicago Public School students. She is an artist and an educator with leadership experience from Columbia College's Black Student Union. She is a member of the NAACP West Side Branch, where she serves on the Political Action, Housing, and Criminal Justice Committees.

Art Mitchell is a North Side resident and the Deputy Director of Litigation and Policy for the National Democratic Redistricting Committee. He is a member of the Black Lawyers' Association. He has a background in community organizing and previously served as a policy and budget staffer for the Illinois State Senate. He played a key role in training and educating candidates for the inaugural class of elected District Council members.

Abierre Minor is a South Side resident and one of the four candidates for the two youth representatives on the Commission. In addition to working as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Progressive Minds Show, Abierre is a Consultant for Our Hands Our Work, which supports youth in contact with the criminal justice system. She previously worked as Chief of Staff for State Senator Mattie Hunter.

Angel Rubi Navarajo is a North Side resident and one of the four candidates for the two youth representatives on the Commission. He currently works as Director of Constituent Services for Alderwoman Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth. He also serves on the Non-Citizen Advisory Council for the CCPSA, which provides input to the Commission from the perspectives of immigrants and non-citizen Chicagoans. He is a member of the Board of Directors for Serving People with a Mission, a youth-led organization focused on developing future servant leaders.

Kelly Pressley is a West Side resident and a long-time practicing attorney. She currently serves as the Associate General Counsel for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the largest human service provider in the Chicago metropolitan region. She previously worked as an attorney for the Illinois Department of Corrections, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and the Office of the Public Guardian.

Deondre Rutues is a West Side resident and a Research Scholar and Community Engagement Specialist working for the Policing Project on the Neighborhood Policing Initiative in Chicago. He is also a Board member for the Bobby E. Wright Behavioral Health Center. He has a strong background in community organizing and volunteer service. In May 2023, he was elected to serve as a member of the 15th District Council.

Nyshana Sumner is a South Side resident and a long-time practicing attorney. She has worked in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office as an Assistant State's Attorney for 20 years, and currently serves in one of the State's Attorney's Community Justice Centers. She has direct experience working with the Chicago Police Department and the Civilian Office for Police Accountability (COPA). She has exercised strong community engagement through her role at the Mark United Methodist Church in Chatham.

Remel Terry is a West Side resident and community organizer. Since 2022, she has been a member of the interim Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability and currently serves as Vice President. She is the Director of Programs at Equiticity, a racial equity movement that programs and advocates for racial equity, increased mobility, and racial justice. She is the First Vice President of Chicago's West Side NAACP, Vice Chair of the Make A Wish Targeted Community Engagement Council and served on an advisory council for COPA.

Sandra Wortham is a South Side resident and long-time practicing attorney with a focus on civil litigation. She also serves as an administrative law judge for the City of Chicago and as a hearing officer for the State of Illinois. She previously worked as a civilian for the Chicago Police Department, including as Deputy Director of Patrol. She is the President of the Nat King Cole Park Advisory Council and the Executive Board President of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation.

La'Mont Williams is a South Side resident and the Chief of Staff for Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry. His extensive legislative experience includes a focus on anti-violence efforts. He is on the Board of Directors for Minority Legal Resources, Inc, which provides mentorship for minority law students. He previously served as the Assistant Program Director of Just the Beginning – A Pipeline Organization, an organization dedicated to assisting students of color and those from underrepresented communities on the path to law school.

Hon. Edward Washington II is a South Side resident and a retired trial judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. He previously served as the national chair of the U.S. Justice Department Violent Juvenile Offenders Program, which developed and implemented community-based initiatives focusing on the social and educational challenges of reducing juvenile crime. He also previously worked as the Chief of the Public Interest Division of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. He currently works as a mediator in alternate dispute resolution.

The Nominating Committee will submit the names of the fifteen nominated candidates to Mayor Brandon Johnson for his consideration. By ordinance, the mayor has 30 days to review the candidates and select seven nominees provided by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will continue to provide updates via the CCPSA website.

of my colleagues. But in defense the process was not an easy one.

I also should mention that I am part of public safety working group. Here are the priorities being discussed.

-Proper Communication with the Public and Community Engagement 3-2 (2/5/24)

-Response Times, Time on Assignment, Allocation of Manpower, Beat Integrity 3-2 (2/5/24)

I also brought up the issue of Shotspotter. Myself and other Council members that mayor did not consider the reality and purpose of shotspotter. In today's world, it appears that more focus is on taking tools away from the police that giving them tools to make communities safer.

Shotspotter is technology. Not perfect. But it has saved lives and how much are those lives worth? In the working I am not sure that other district council members will agree. But I think the decision should be up to the public. I will have a greater detailed report at the next meeting hopefully.

Discussions:

Commander Kinnane- Went over crime data for the 22nd Police District. Also broke the crime numbers down specifically to 19th ward as requested. Has flyers available to the public for Vehicle Safety Day, there will be steering wheel locks and catalytic converter registration available. He has sent the Chief of Patrol training requests for his officers. Specifically handing Domestic Violence interactions and Autism interaction training for the officers in the 22nd District. Spoke about speed camera placement in 22nd District. Gave shout out to the TACT team in the unmarked cars. The 22nd District Crime is down District wide, with the efforts of all 22nd District Patrol units, SDSC, TACT and officers being in the right place. Spoke about the Special Olympic Fundraiser coming up at the 22nd District Police station known as the polar plunge.

Multiple Resident Conversation- ShotSpotter needs to stay. ShotSpotter needs to be documented. We must reach out to the highest level of CPD and demand they document what they are doing with ShotSpotter. There was bad data for the IG report of ShotSpotter, the data was deficient which was also in the report. There have been lifesaving efforts performed due to ShotSpotter that otherwise would have never occurred due to no one from the community calling 911. ShotSpotter needs to provide CPD with the necessary tools to document and create the proper data.

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

Next Meeting Date: 4-10-2024

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

District Council ended the meeting at: 7:39 P.M.

