

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

**Meeting Type:** Regular

**Meeting Date:** 7-10-2024

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

**Meeting Start Time:** 18:34

**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:**

Pastor Doyle- Spoke about the media coverage on crimes, specifically a Walgreens incident. Spoke about the Danny Golden incident from two years ago.

Carolyn- Raised issues about the IROCC card with correctional officers. The law was passed yet a state agency isn't following the law.

Marcus- Retired law enforcement officer, 35 years on the job from Cook County Sheriff's Department of Corrections. Per PA 102-0779, which became effective January 1, 2023, retired correctional officers are retired law enforcement officers and shall be granted all Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act rights and privileges which in Illinois is the issuance of an Illinois Retired Officer Concealed Carry card known as an IROCC card. The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, **a state agency**, has refused to allow the IROCC program to issue IROCC cards to us, questioning our status in defiance of a law the ILGA and Governor

enacted. Yet, the chairman of that board, Sean Smoot, who was never a law enforcement officer, was issued an IROCC card by the IROCC Program, an agency subservient to him, and had it renewed several times.

Why is the ILGA and Governor allowing a state agency over which the ILGA and Governor have authority allowing:

- The ILETSB to thumb its nose at the law and deny equal protection under law as guaranteed by the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, to the thousands of retired corrections and court officers of this state while other states recognize our status and will issue us retired officer concealed carry permits should we move there.
- Why hasn't the Governor removed Sean Smoot from this board, and directed the Attorney General to investigate and or prosecute him for having unethically, improperly, and illegally obtained and renewed an IROCC card for himself while, through this board, obstructed those of us who truly deserve them.
- Does this board have an obligation to adhere to state law? How and why was such a double standard overlooked?

### **Approval of Minutes:**

KENNEDY- APPROVED

PARKER- APPROVED

BIELECKI- APPROVED

### **District Council Member Updates:**

Kennedy- Citywide, there were 67 murders this month, 4.2% below than June 2023 and the lowest June figure in five years. Through June, the homicide clearance rate is 60.89%, the highest, year to date, since at least 2015. The Department also teamed up with local organizations for two-gun turn-in events, where 174 firearms and 64 replicas were collected, no questions asked. The month of June, officers have recovered 1,276 firearms – an average of more than 42 firearms each day and 6,109 firearms since the beginning of 2024, slightly ahead of last year's pace.

"With the 2024 Democratic National Convention fast approaching, our officers are continuing to receive training rooted in constitutional policing," said

Superintendent Larry Snelling. "We have been planning for the DNC for more than a year and are ready to protect the areas around the convention footprint, as well as our entire city."

Create a Smart911 Safety Profile. OEMC gave a nice presentation at a last district council meeting regarding the Smart911 app. I set up an account for myself and my family. I would highly suggest you do the same. If you missed the meeting and need any info, see me after tonight's meeting and I will assist.

It has been made clear that residents aren't fully aware of how the district operates. We will ask commander to give us a short break down on that when he speaks to us tonight. We have also printed out beat maps for the district so please take one and if you need help finding your beat just ask one of us.

Parker- Met with other district councilors regarding the education group. The DC is at a risk of failure, need to develop training and education for DC's. Need to develop a mission strategy.

Bielecki- The new permanent commission for the Community Commission for Public Safety met on **Thursday, June 27, 2024, 6:30pm** St. Sabina Church. I attended in person as well as Council Member Parker. At that meeting the Six members that were approved by the City Council met and gave their backgrounds. The status of the potential seventh member Angel Rubi Navarajo has not yet been approved. There is pushback because he works also for Northside Alder Leni Hoppenworth. So, this will come up again in July. Four members of the Commission were approved at this meeting by random drawing for four-year terms. Those Commissioners selected were Anthony Driver, Remel Terry, Kelly Presley, and Sandra Wortham. Selected for two-year terms were Art Gottlieb, Abierre Minor, and Angel Navarillo if he is confirmed. Driver was once again selected as Leader/President of the Commission and Terry as Vice President. One of the disturbing parts of the meeting was when after Sandra Wortham gave her background a member of Chicago Black Lives Matter Troy Gaston stated that "she was going to be a problem." There were other negative comments mumbled in the gallery and most of the public comment revolved around Pretextual traffic stops and Dexter Reed. As I have said repeatedly no one and I mean no one should lose their life to gun violence. But the ignored is that Dexter Reed was legally prohibited from having a gun of any kind due to his pending felony gun case for trying to sneak into a music festival with a handgun

last summer. Had he not shot Officer Gregory St. Louis he most likely would be alive today. You never hear how HE fired 11 shots of his own. As a former Chicago Police Officer and supervisor, I have questions about the stop of Dexter Reed. But it does not have anything to do with the outcome. No new COPA report review for the 022nd District.

Public Safety group update – plan for moving forward explained. I prepared an outline and sent it to the working group district council members for review and suggestions. After the end of this week, I will forward it to CPD Command Staff for their input as well. Hopefully it will put into action as soon as September. I am also going to start a research project on how much money has been spent and settled on lawsuits against the City for police involved use of force incidents where the use of force by the officer was ruled justified by the COPA and predecessor IPRA. Recently a 2-million-dollar settlement was made in May 2024 even though both IPRA and COPA ruled the shooting justified. City Attorney's encouraged the settlement because the shooting occurred before body worn camera's and that if COPA re-investigated the case the outcome might be different? Amazing, isn't it?

### **Discussions:**

State Rep. Mary Gill- Came in last March, used to be a teacher. Was born and raised in this community. Carried bills to support first responders. Mental health for officers, tow truck bill, if you have any ideas for a bill just call her office. She is a big fan of accountability. IROCC lawsuit.

Jamie- Mt. Greenwood Community Business Association

### **Announcement of Next District Council Meeting**

**Next Meeting Date:** 8-14-2024

**Next Meeting Location:** Morgan Park Presbyterian Church

**District Council ended the meeting at:** 20:03