

**CITY OF CHICAGO
DISTRICT COUNCIL 001
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Type: Regular

Meeting Date: 4/8/2025

Meeting Address: Maggie Daley Park Fieldhouse, 337 E Randolph

Meeting Start Time: 604 PM

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Sarah Kammerer	Present: X Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominator: Adrienne Johnson	Present: X Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Engagement: Jamie Brown	Present: X Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): Yes

NOTE: Due to Open Meetings Act (OMA) requirements, District Council monthly meetings cannot take place without 2 out of 3 members present, in-person.

Public Comment

Jack Chalabian

- **Concerns:** Highlighted that while crime trends are improving, the ongoing situation remains taxing on the Chicago Police Department (CPD) and the South Loop community.
- **Community Engagement:** Acknowledged the stress felt by the South Loop neighborhood and emphasized the efforts made to reach out to the public.
- **Future Collaboration:** Expressed anticipation for future collaborative efforts.

Ann Cibulskis (submitted via email)

- **Non-policing Solutions:** Emphasized the need for solutions that do not involve police responses or arrests, particularly concerning young people.
- **Youth Engagement:** Suggested creating safe spaces for teens to gather, dance, and have fun.
- **De-escalation Focus:** Requested that the Commander reinforce the importance of the police using de-escalation techniques and minimizing force.

Special Guest

001 Commander David Harris

- **Crime Trends:** Detailed focus areas include robbery, public drinking, and motor vehicle theft.
- **Teen Takeovers:** Addressed issues related to large gatherings of teens without permits, including transient youth not from the area, which are often organized via social media.
- **District Strategic Plan:** Emphasized the need to increase manpower and resources, enforce curfews, and make arrests when illegal activities occur during teen takeovers.
- **Resource Challenges:** Noted a severe drain on police manpower nationally, calling for better recruitment and retention efforts.

District Council Updates

Sarah Kammerer, Chair

- **District Boundaries:** Defined as the Chicago River South to 31st Street and from Lake Michigan to the highway.
- **Role Overview:** Facilitates dialogue between the community and police to build trust, accountability, and transparency. Stressed the importance of community feedback.
- **Engagement Methods:** Encouraged participation through monthly public meetings, community events, feedback forms, and direct communication (emails, phone calls, informal meetings).
- **Participation Encouragement:** Invited community members to welcome the District Council into their neighborhoods or to facilitate introductions.
- **Feedback Request:** Provided an overview of the police department's strategic plan, prioritizing quality of life issues, motor vehicle theft in specific regions, and robbery prevention.
 - **Activities:** Included participation in condo board meetings, LSE Presidents Group monthly meetings, Chicago Loop Alliance Public Safety Group, and other stakeholder meetings.

Jamie Brown, Community Engagement

- **Event Overview:** Reviewed participation in condominium association meetings, the Ald Conway Event, CPD community training, and the “Behind the Vest” event.
- **Youth Initiative:** Mentioned the “Teens Take Over” citywide initiative.
- **New Developments:** Announced the opening of a new AMC Theater at Roosevelt and Canal.

Adrienne Johnson, Nominating Committee

- **Nominating Committee Update:** Provided update.
- **Community Invitations:**
 - Invited residents to the COPA Listening Session.
 - Promoted attendance at the Traffic Stop Listening Session on April 16 at Truman College.
 - Encouraged participation in the CCPSA meeting in Chinatown on April 24, 2025, highlighting the importance of community input.
- **Communication Encouragement:** Invited community members to email each District Council member to discuss public safety needs in their respective areas of the 001st District

Discussion

- **Street Performers:** Attendee inquired about strategies to reduce the number of street performers and the increase in citations issued.
- **Youth Programs:** Attendee asked about summer camps or programs available for youth/teens to discourage mass gatherings, referencing the One Summer Chicago and MCMF initiatives.
- **Cooperation Inquiry:** Attendee confirmed cooperation from the State's Attorney's Office regarding increased enforcement.
- **Noise Nuisance:** Attendee addressed concerns regarding noise issues during summer events in Millennium Park.
- **Event Staffing:** Attendee mentioned that St. Patrick's Day events were not adequately staffed by OEMC/traffic aides.
- **Curfew Change Proposal:** Attendee suggested encouraging peaceful protests and inquired about community involvement in advocating for a curfew change to 8 PM on Fridays-Sundays during summer months. District Councils urged the community to email their alderperson to voice concerns about potential policy changes.

Next District Council Meeting

- **Date:** May 6, 2025
- **Location:** Grace Episcopal Church, 637 S Dearborn
- **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:00 PM