

**CITY OF CHICAGO**  
**DISTRICT COUNCIL 003**  
**COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING TYPE: X Regular ☐ Special ☐ Closed

MEETING DATE: 4/25/2025

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Jackson Park Fieldhouse, 6401 S Stony Island

MEETING START TIME: 6:10 PM

Attendance & Quorum

The OMA Meeting cannot take place without 2 out of 3 members present in person.

District Council Member Name	Attendance
<b>Chair:</b> Kenya Franklin	Present: X Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Nominator:</b> Vacant	Present: Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community Engagement:</b> Janice Jones	Present: X Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): Yes: X No: ☐

**Public Comment**

N/A

**Roll Call:** Kenny Franklin and Janice Jones were present.

**Approval Of Meeting Minutes from February 28 and March 28**

Approval of meeting minutes was deferred to next month

**District Council Update:**

**Chair** Kenya Franklin: Provided an overview of previous meeting minutes and agenda items.

**Community Engagement:** Jannice Jones discusses the importance of beat meetings and attending the GO1-11 meeting with commanders across 22 districts.

• **Training Session Overview:**

- Emphasis on understanding the roles and responsibilities of the District Council.

- Collaboration with police on policing initiatives.
- Importance of community meetings and facilitating them effectively.
- **Alex Perez's Presentation on District Strategic Plans (DSPs):**
  - **Purpose and Origin:**
    - DSPs are developed annually to address specific crime-related issues.
    - Originates from the Consent Decree and Special Order 20302.
  - **Community Engagement Process:**
    - Typically involves two main events with a third for wrap-up and analysis.
    - Issues identified include low participation and a lack of diverse representation.
  - **Challenges Identified:**
    - **Low Turnout:** Example from the second district with only 5-7 attendees.
    - **Lack of Representation:** Underrepresentation of youth, businesses, and other key demographics.
    - **CPD-Driven Initiatives:** Over 100% of engagement is driven by CPD, limiting community input.
    - **Transparency Issues:** Quarterly reports are not consistently shared with the community.
    - **Resource Shortages:** Insufficient police vehicles, bicycles, and fire trucks.
  - **Action Plan:**
    - Improve community communication regarding meetings.
    - Host strategic planning town halls focused on safety and community improvement.
    - Enhance representation by involving various community groups.
    - Integrate technology to facilitate remote participation.

## • Community Concerns Raised

- **Issues Highlighted:**
  - Ineffective attendance tracking at beat meetings.
  - Documentation concerns Officer Delbert Howell's resignation.
  - Leadership and management issues within the district.
  - Shortage of fire trucks, especially critical during winter.
  - Insufficient police resources, including cars and bicycles, are impacting patrol effectiveness.
  - Abandoned lots are turning into illegal dumping grounds.
- **Community Initiatives:**
  - Sharon's initiative to organize a petition for safety enhancements in the 4th district.

## . Open Floor: Community Member Feedback

- **Representation Concerns:**

- Insufficient representation from various demographic groups in DSPs.
- Challenges in engaging young people and seniors are due to a lack of digital access and inconvenient meeting times.
- Suggestions to diversify outreach methods and accommodate different community needs.

- **Communication and Outreach:**

- Need for improved communication strategies beyond emails and online postings.
- Suggestions include door-to-door canvassing, using community centers, and leveraging local organizations.
- Importance of transparency in DSP progress and CPD reporting.

- **Police-Community Relations:**

- Mixed sentiments about police presence and effectiveness.
- Emphasis on building trust and ensuring police accountability.
- Suggestions for alternative community engagement methods to involve hesitant members.

## . Action Items

- **DSP Overhaul:**

- Revamp DSPs to ensure diverse community representation and inclusive engagement.
- Develop recommendations to improve the DSP process, focusing on transparency and accountability.

- **Strategic Planning Town Halls:**

- Organize town halls to facilitate public discussions on safety and community improvement.
- Ensure these meetings are accessible to all demographics, including youth and seniors.

- **Enhanced Communication:**

- Utilize technology (e.g., Zoom, Teams) to allow remote participation.
- Explore alternative outreach methods tailored to different community segments.
- Distribute meeting information through multiple channels, including community events and local centers.

- **Resource Allocation:**

- Address shortages in police and fire department resources.
- Advocate for budget adjustments to procure necessary vehicles and equipment.

## **. Follow-up Points**

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

- The June meeting, where all district councils will convene to share input and develop unified recommendations.

- **Feedback Collection:**

- Distribute handouts with QR codes for electronic input on DSP improvements.
- Encourage handwritten submissions and email feedback for those without digital access.

- **Recommendations to CPD:**

- Submit collective recommendations from district councils to CPD for consideration and implementation.
- Ensure public visibility of submitted recommendations for community accountability.

- **Continuous Engagement:**

- Maintain ongoing communication between district councils and community members.
- Schedule regular updates on DSP progress and outcomes.

## **Additional Notes**

- **Community Member Statements:**

- Concerns about meeting accessibility and communication gaps.
- Personal testimonials regarding police interactions and the importance of respectful community policing.

- **CPD and District Council Collaboration:**

- Emphasis on working together to achieve shared goals of accountability and public safety.
- Acknowledgment of past issues and commitment to improving the DSP process.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 23, 2025

NEXT MEETING LOCATION: Jackson Fieldhouse, 6401 S Stony Island Ave,

The District Council ended the meeting at 7:25 PM