

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

MEETING TYPE: X Regular ☐ Special ☐ Closed

MEETING DATE: 3/28/2025

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Jackson Park Fieldhouse 6401 S Stony Island Ave, Chicago, IL 606037

MEETING START TIME: 6:12 PM

Attendance & Quorum

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

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

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

Meeting Called to Order & Roll Call

Approval of meeting minutes

N/A

Public Comment

Communication Issues Between Community and Police

Concerns Raised by Brad Redrick:

- Noted a lack of communication from police regarding a recent series of robberies in Grand Crossing (Beat 323).
- Cited **eight robberies in 40 days** that were not adequately reported or tracked in community alerts.
- Expressed frustration over police officers attending meetings **unprepared and without essential data.**

Identified Issues:

- Inadequate sharing of crime data, including suspect details and incident nature.
- Officers lack preparation for community meetings.
- The community lacks tools and support to track or understand crime patterns.

Community Impact:

- Increased frustration and sense of insecurity.
- Missed opportunities for timely response and community awareness.

Beat Meetings and Community Policing

Challenges Identified:

- Inconsistent attendance and engagement by beat officers.
- Lack of structure, preparation, and accountability due to frequent officer rotation.

Importance of Beat Meetings:

- Serve as a vital platform for **community-police collaboration**.
- Enable residents to voice concerns and receive timely updates.

Suggested Improvements:

- Implement a **consistent meeting schedule** and mandate police attendance.
- Provide training for facilitators and community members to **lead structured and effective meetings**.
- Improve promotion and community awareness of beat meetings.

Community Involvement and Accountability

Community Feedback:

- Frustration with both the council and police due to perceived inefficiencies and lack of transparency.
- Desire for better access to information to hold authorities accountable.

Proposed Solutions:

- Strengthen collaboration between the **District Council and Community Engagement Coordinators**.
- Launch **community-led initiatives** (e.g., police appreciation events) to foster mutual trust.

- Utilize technology for broader and faster dissemination of information.

Suggestions for Enhanced Engagement:

- Consistency in meeting schedules and officer attendance.
 - Increased training and support for community facilitators.
 - Better promotion and communication around public meetings.
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District Council Updates

Community Engagement, Janice Jones Updates:

- Role and Responsibilities of the District Council
- The council acts as a **bridge between the community and police**, focusing on collaboration and neighborhood safety.
- Duties include enhancing relationships, supporting community policing, and responding to resident concerns.

Challenges Faced:

- Difficulty maintaining quorum due to frequent absences.
- Limited resources and significant time commitments for council members.
- Heavy reliance on **external community organizers** for engagement efforts.

Ongoing Efforts to Improve Effectiveness:

- Increase promotion of meetings as quorum issues improve.
 - Leveraging **digital communication tools** to expand outreach.
 - Balancing multiple roles to continue serving the community effectively.
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Strategic Goals and Community Development

Chair, Kenya Franklin Updates:

Safety and Cleanliness

Strategic Goals and Community Development

Addressing vacant lots and abandoned buildings to reduce crime.

- Prioritizing infrastructure improvements, such as **paving roads (e.g., Stony Island)**.

Comprehensive Community Development

- Advocating for holistic neighborhood improvement beyond policing.
 - Collaborating with **local and regional governments** to support long-term initiatives.
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Additional Notes

Emotional Tensions:

- The meeting was marked by emotional exchanges and community frustration.
- Calls for respectful communication were emphasized.

Time Management:

- Due to heightened tensions and unproductive dialogue, the meeting ended early.

Community Commitment:

- Despite challenges, residents and council members demonstrated strong dedication to building a safer, more engaged community.

- **Next Meeting Date:** April 25, 2025
- **Next Meeting Location:** Jackson Park Fieldhouse
6401 S. Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637
- **Meeting Adjourned:** 6:54 PM