

City of Chicago
DISTRICT COUNCIL # 010
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: ☒ Regular ☐ Special ☐ Closed

MEETING DATE: July 18, 2023

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: 2756 S Harding

MEETING START TIME: 6:10 p.m.

Attendance & Quorum

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance		
Chair: Kiisha Smith	Present: ☒	Remote: ☐	Absent: ☐
Nominating: Elianne Bahena	Present: ☒	Remote: ☐	Absent: ☐
Community: Rosemarie Dominguez	Present: ☒	Remote: ☐	Absent: ☐

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

Public Comment

Summary of public comments:

Grace:

I just want to voice my support in the DCs pursuit of justice for the 3 women who were sexually abused by CPD. Are you all being given access to the information you need to hold CPD accountable? What support do you need from us?

Kiisha Smith: We have COPA in house and they will provide an update on what has been submitted

Joel Hatch:

I want to voice my concern for the safety and well being of the refugees in light of the children who were sexually abused by CPD officers. There needs to be an investigation. There needs to be accountability and I am grateful for the council and believe and support the council on ensuring there is accountability.

Ismael Enriquez:

What is the doing to provide health, housing, and overall plan to support the migrants. And then what are the service or programs to assist the needs of the migrants. In addition, what does community engagement look like with other community based organizations.

Angel Gonzalez:

I want to voice my concern along with Grace, I was disgusted to hear the allegations. Justice needs to serve and people who hurt children need to be fired.

Dod McClogan:

Hello everyone, my name is Dod McClogan, and I am a member of CAARPR, I want to thank everyone who spoke about the need for justice in this case and that there is a concern that we cannot identify the victims. And that this creates barriers when it comes to justice. But we need to keep pushing and identify those officers. There are a couple of new things that I wanted to raise, this is a new structure, and everyone is catching up, but we really need you all to contact them first because that's who the community is turning to and they have shown strong leadership and they should be hearing from you all directly. In the press conference this morning you all had referred the migrants to internal affairs, and I want to see the policy behind it. Internal affairs is made up of an external body made by police. That is not serving the community- I would like to look at it myself. I will happy to review and propose changes to the policy.

Kiisha Smith: Thank you everyone that concludes our public comment. We will have COPA respond momentarily. Any other questions, concerns or comments?

COPA Representatives:

Ephraim Eaddy- First Deputy Chief Administrator

Andrea Kersten- Chief Administrator

Sharday Jackson- Deputy Chief Administrator- Special victims team reports to me.

Carlos Rivas Jr- Director of Public Affairs

Andrea Kersten:

It seems that we have a wide range of diverse people in the room. I am hearing levels of knowledge on the system of accountability. I want to be able to level set understanding so that people understand what the role that COPA and the power it plays. But also provide any further information that was mentioned on the press conference that was held today on the allegations of the sexual misconduct, potentially having occurred in the 10th district, in respect to the newly arrived migrants. I will provide update on that as well.

I am going to start with who we are as an agency, we are a city agency, independent from Chicago Police Department, separate from City Hall, separate from the Mayor's office. We are purview to the Commission of Public Safety, in which the district councilors are as well. Our role is to investigate allegation against police misconduct that fall under our jurisdiction, so first I want to talk about the administrative investigation would that essentially Oh yes we do not have the authority to bring criminal charges or to render any sort of civil judgment or monetary awards what we do is evaluate CPD policies. They're direct dense matter with the general and special orders that govern their conduct, their rules and we apply those parameters to any set of allegations that are constituting potential misconduct and we evaluated on the proof of preponderance of the evidence which is more likely true than not true that this incident occurred. If we can sustain an allegation that misconduct did occur we have the authority to make recommendations to the Chicago Police Department involving an officers potential need for retraining suspension or other more severe discipline and the most severe form of discipline that we're authorized to recommend is termination or separation from the Chicago Police Department. Additionally we have the ability to make policy recommendation when our investigations identified that there are issues with CPD training or issues with the directives not being clear or not covering certain forms of conduct that's also something that is within our agencies authority to make recommendations. City Council drafted, voted on and approved of what's called our enabling ordinance as part of the municipal code. It lays out specifically what our authority is and our specific jurisdiction is. Right now, under our current enabling ordinance our jurisdiction is limited to these areas citizen complaints or other departments or other complaints involving potential excessive force and improper searches...

Don't get me wrong but our ordinance requires that it's biased based in nature meaning it's verbal abuse that's getting at somebody's race, gender, their ethnicity, and their sexual orientation their religion anything of that also domestic violence and also sexual misconduct any sexual form of sexual misconduct very broad definition of what constitutes sexual conducts under our jurisdiction. Also what coercion is, if you're not familiar with what coercion is essentially it's an officer to use his or her authority their badge that's on their position of trust as an officer to convince someone to do something they wouldn't have done freely or voluntarily- that's an act of coercion that's something we have the authority to investigate also we all have the right to counsel in certain situations involving law enforcement if that right is infringed upon or denied by CPD, we have the right to investigate those cases as well, in addition to all of those kinds of complaints that we are able to investigate as an agency. We also investigate all discharge of an officer's firearm on or off duty where someone could have reasonably been struck shot or killed by that act so no matter whether we think it is really there is any sort of misconduct relative to an officer involved shooting we always respond to the scene. We always want to full-fledged investigation and we try to keep the public as notified and up to date as we can in that regard, obviously this community has had the tragedy of several really high-profile officer involved shootings sadly and tragically the death of Adam Toledo being perhaps the most high profile of all of those that investigation into the officers misconduct in that case was COPA's investigation.

Additionally anytime there's a death in custody or anyone as seriously injured as a result of any police action or if there's a death as a result of a vehicle pursuit we have the ability to investigate there is also a Bureau of internal affairs that was mentioned by one of the public commenters that is within CPD. And that's typically staffed with sworn law enforcement COPA of course does not have foreign law that's a part of who we are and what we do for the Bureau of internal affairs. Internal CPD they are tasked with criminal conduct but officers one that's oriented also various operational violations anything involving fraud planting of drugs role medical role abuse meaning you're lying or being fraudulent about needing time off for medical purposes things of that nature also some levels of civilian interactions go to BIA if it doesn't fall into one of those categories. Memory about excessive force or by a space verbal abuse or a Fourth Amendment violation but let's say an officer was profoundly rude and disrespectful to a member of the public if that comment or those actions were not biased based that's going to be an allegation that has to be investigated by the Bureau of internal affairs. The reason these sort of categories matter is because we operate in our accountability system under a set of rules right largely governed by the collective bargaining agreements that's the agreement the union contracts between police officers and the city and a lot of who gets to investigate what is determined by some of those principles. As well as also our ordinance and also the federal consent decree that was the other big piece of information that needs to make sure the public understands the consent decree lays out nearly 90 paragraphs that two pertain to COPA, specifically that ensure that we

have things like the jurisdiction to administratively investigate acts of sexual misconduct among other things. So wanted to delve into a little bit about how we investigate sexual misconduct investigations we have a special victim squad internal to COPA. I've got one of the deputy chiefs of administration here responsible for the supervision and that team that is a group of experts in this field people with us who are investigators in sexual misconduct family violence and other forms of gender-based violence. As I mentioned we have both domestic violence jurisdiction as well as sexual misconduct some of these folks were former criminal prosecutors some of them were former advocates on behalf of survivors of sexual violence and other forms of gender based violence. Some have a social work background all of them have received extensive training from local and national experts in this field particularly they also are all trained in trauma informed interview techniques anyone that has done work in this area as I, myself have both here at COPA and in my career before as a prosecutor and also as an advocate of that actually how I have my start. Anyone who has done this work understands that there are justices to be heard, to be seen to make sure that they are fully trained. Those allegations and those complaints we have been working in this space domestic violence has always been a part of previous jurisdiction and sexual misconduct began being taken on attacked by our agency as early as 2019 because of the consent decree of asking for that as a requirement from our agency. Having said that, I would like to go into specific allegations that happened in the 10th District.

And what I can report on publicly I want to say first and foremost this investigation is ongoing it is not concluded but given the high profile nature of media attention on this public- obviously interest and anger about these potential allegations. I have an obligation as a servant of the city as leader of this organization to be transparent and to be as open as I can about pending investigations. When that's possible so that's what I'm here to do tonight and that's what I spoke to earlier today so where I'd like to be and is that on July 6th in the evening we received information about one unidentified officer -Chicago police officer assigned to the 10th district potentially having had sexual contact with a minor who was also potentially a migrant. That the victim of that information was not identified and has yet not been identified in the same disclosure it was also mentioned that there may be several other officers from the 10th district who have engaged in similar misconduct that is the information that we've received - that same night media broke the story not from any disclosure had to cover that's certainly not our practice. Our investigations in order to be successful in order for you know survivors of things like sexual violence to trust our process we don't go around telling the media at the moment that any sort of information or complaint that there would be investigative practice. This certainly would build a lack of trust and vulnerable populations you are asking to trust us -having said that unfortunately because of the nature of the disclosure when the information broke that evening, it became publicly wide reported. We also at COPA in addition to all of the investigative steps that I'm going to walk you through to the extent I can also immediately try to engage in as much of a communication strategy as possible which included reaching out to District Council members on Friday the day after we learned this information as well as local elected officials the alderman.

I mean specifically in the various wards that touched the 10th district because there's more than one alderman whose wards touches these boundaries. The members we appreciate their partnership as we try to improve how we communicate with all the district council members but it was always our intent to be present at meetings like this to communicate as much information as we could about this investigation as soon as it became public in nature. Although typically many of our sexual misconduct investigations don't get released to the media simultaneous to us receiving a complaint that's just typically not what occurs. Typically media gets involved once things are able to be published for the conclusion of an investigation. However, that wasn't our case here but nonetheless we began immediately to launch- a really full scale and comprehensive investigation into two things trying to identify any victim of potential sexual misconduct or frankly the other any other act of misconduct in our migrant community at the hands of CPD and secondly to try to determine the source of this initial information or allegation that work remains ongoing. To date I can tell you as I mentioned earlier and as I publicly stated earlier today we have not yet identified any individual claiming to have been the victim of sexual misconduct or sexual assault by any member of the Chicago Police Department in the 10th district or any other districts. I also don't have any direct eyewitness to any such information at this time we're here for a couple of reasons we want to be honest about where the status of our investigation is we also want the public's help I told you specifically this investigation is open and ongoing if anyone in this community has information that they think we need in order to move forward with allegations of this nature we want to be available to receive that information. Part of our strategy has been direct outreach to the migrant communities canvassing every single migrant shelter where the over 5000 newly new arrivals are currently being housed in our city as well as districts where they are currently residing on a more short term basis we've also been networking with many of the service providers which are it's a tapestry of folks it's the city new service providers nonprofits it's community organizers it's everyday people on your block who are bringing supplies to districts and two shelters to try to meet them of this vast population so we have done as much outreach to all those individuals as well so that they can carry our message out. Our processes we have informational cards in Spanish to make sure that people can be given that information directly in their native language, we have Spanish speaking staff, I, myself have unfortunately I'm not one of them but we have Spanish speaking staff and Spanish speaking investigators who could have these confidential conversations with any witness that comes forward. Additionally we've been working with other city departments as I mentioned the department of family and support services is one of the instrumental players for the city government as far as the migrant response so making sure we understand how the city's tracking migrants who are potential pool of witnesses could be so that we have outreach of who the potential alleged victims can be. Individuals-additionally COPA along with any other agencies have had to lend staff to the city migrant response for the last year so COPA staff has literally been needing migrants when they arrive at the bus stations since last year since 2022 Copa staff has and in explaining who we are what our process is and also making sure people know how to contact us prior well prior to ever receiving this allegation. Additionally one of the things the city is offering for our migrant population is something called mobile City Hall it's where a lot of city agencies and other service providers can come together in order to give their information and explain their programs to our new arrivals we're at every single mobile City hall explaining to hundreds and hundreds of hundreds of migrants and who COPA is and if they should have any issues with and of the police departments we are the people which you should contact.

Understand and certainly echo the sentiments of many of the public comments this evening you know I do this work because I believe victims I do this work because I trust people to be able to bring information to us but we have to have identified victims in order to substantiate allegations of this nature- that's just how our systems of justice work that's how we would be able to effectuate any sort of discipline separation termination of an officer. We have to identify I'm not sure how publicly but we have to be able to substantiate that this act has occurred and so we are in that process currently that work is ongoing and I'm here before you tonight again to be honest as I can about the work that's already taken place to tell you that our work is not yet done and to ask for your partnership or support in any way that you're able to provide it should you or anyone in your community or personal network have any information that would be relevant to this investigation. I know I said a lot and I talked really fast so I hope that at least provides some level of overview is there any other aspect of the public comment that you would like me to further clarify.

Discussions

Summary of discussions

Questions and Answer section with COPA

Elianne Bahena:

yeah so those things we went the presentation right now and I want to open it up to any community members that address specific questions wanted to readdress them right now to COPA.

Dod McColgan-

I wanted to ask about what you mentioned in the press conference this morning having conversations with people at additional districts was that was that 25 districts in which the asylum seekers are conversations.

Andrea Kersten-

so we haven't canvassed every single district or migrants are currently being housed our canvassing which is we are canvassing and for those that don't know what canvassing is, it is the in person interaction out into an area with respect to the districts we focused on districts where we had this allegation arrive so our primary efforts were of course first and 10. As I mentioned earlier today and I don't think I said this in my remarks tonight so I apologize in the course of this canvassing to various shelters and at district 10 and one other sexual assault allegations did come up in the 19th district so that canvassing has either not happened or is on- going, I am not certain. Person to those districts one of the challenges that we've encountered with respect to the migrants staying at these districts aren't there for a significant period of time so and when we got the initial allegation in 10th and then in 19 there's no identified officer there's no indication that it's an angry age minor it's just that there's a sexual misconduct allegation by an unidentified officer with an unidentified migrant. When we got both of those allegations neither of them have any sort of time frame associated with them migrants have been in our district going on a year at this point in our so it's difficult to identify exactly what point in time we're talking about and that's why we have sought to cast as wide of a net as possible. We're seeking as much records from these city officials and other entities about every migrant with you know people could potentially that would fall into this category so that we can do as much outreach as possible and that outreach has been direct in person communication has been via text in many of our migrant community communicates with their various services and aid providers via

WhatsApp and other text messaging services thankfully community partners have trusted us enough to give our message to the migrant community through those platforms all in Spanish obviously so those are the kinds of steps that we've been taking in order to try to reach as many people as possible but we have not canvassed every single district we have focused so far but it's only admitting them twofold weeks yet so far only on the districts where we have this allegation.

Dod McColgan-

I would encourage you all to expand those districts if what you all are saying is true. We need to be sure that any of these allegations whether it is sexual or misconduct is addressed.

Andrea Kersten

Canvassing is a specific investigative step when you are seeking you know a known witness to some sort of allegation in addition to canvassing what we are going to be undertaking is just continued awareness and education raising efforts specifically in districts all CPD districts already have Copa information in the lobby typically desk sergeants and the folks with staff that part of the district know who we are they know how to refer people to us but we're going to be sort of renewing a lot of those efforts and making sure that Spanish language information is prominently featured in all districts.

Joel Hatch-

So for clarification I understand that you are not disclosing the officer or victims. But my question is, are you saying you have not identified any of those victims or choosing not to disclose.

Andrea Kersten-

I am saying we have not identified a single victim of sexual misconduct by Chicago Police Department members to date it's on the allegation that we initially received about the 10th district as well as the second allegation that you received about the 19th district no one has come forward correct.

Joel Hatch:

And regarding the cop, what is the status of that officer?

Andrea Kersten-

In order for us to suspend an officer an investigation needs to be completed and recommendations for discipline we don't yet have that our investigation is not complete and at this point we have an allegation, but we don't have any corroboration or substantiation of or an identified victim to support that allegation.

Joel Hatch-

The status of the employment has not change they are still employed doing their job.

Andrea Kersten-

I can't speak to what any steps CPD has taken with respect to this of course the Bureau of internal affairs has potential criminal investigation or criminal charges. We have not made changes to this officer's employment status because we have not identified that this allegation occurred or that it happened to an individual. We are actively trying to substantiate that and as soon as we are able to do so those are the kinds of recommendations that we would make and just to clarify for the public non investigations sometimes take longer than we'd like them to they could be complicated they have long but we have the authority in the meantime to say when we have some substantial evidence we can say you need to relieve this officer of their power now this person would be we have the government those are publicly available if you're interested in looking the consent decree also requires us to have policies on relief of powers and then we ask for it but basically if an officer is at a danger potentially to the public or the acts are so obvious that they are likely to result in that offices separation from the department.

I mean right now even if an investigation is not complete, but we have sufficient evidence to say take this person off the street now you have to act on that but I'm just saying that is a component of what we're able to do but have not done so in this instance because I do not have evidence with which to make that request.

Also just please understand for us to make recommendations of discipline without eating corroborating evidence there could be strong feelings in the community and around the city but to lay a claim of misconduct on an officer without something to support would be very dangerous to do and it just would not be good investigative practices.

Community member #1:

Yes I was briefly reviewing the press on sexual assault and it said in the sun times and it said a teenager is pregnant. And so does that person not exist or can you not find them? Why did you open the investigation?

Andrea Kersten-

Second part of your question we open this investigation because an accusation of this nature is so serious that we would never ignore that kind of accusation we received a specific allegation against a specific officer claiming that that there was a pregnant minor who was a new arrival one of our minor community and an allegation of that level of seriousness magnitude is just something that regardless of whether it's an anonymous you know source or not or we've identified all of the corroborating evidence that is sufficient to open an investigation what happened on July 6 is that Copa opened an investigation typically we wouldn't be the media wouldn't know we open investigations every day investigations based on all sorts of complaints and all sorts of information I'm not typically in a position where I feel that the the public deserves herbs and update on an investigation that's so new where we don't yet have all of the necessary information but because of the level of importance of this allegation that the media scrutiny and attention on it and because of the nature of this becoming public at a very very early page literally contemporaneous to us learning this information that's why I'm for the community

With respect to the the minor that you referenced we got an allegation we didn't get an identification of any any any minor that was pregnant because of the sexual relationship with an officer that is what we are trying to uncover whether that person exists whether this act occurred and also what would the source of this original information.

Rosemarie Dominguez-

You mentioned that the city has their own process of identifying each asylum seeker. Given that you cannot identify the minor, how would you know if they are in the system or not?

Andrea Kersten-

We are going to take all those efforts that we can take based on the information that we have I can't speak more fully to the cities process for tracking our migrants in our new arrivals it's just simply outside of the purview of what my our role I hope it is but we are trying to work as best we can with the information that they are able to glean from city entities as well as other service providers and...

Ephraim Eaddy-

I would say that's one of the reasons why we didn't go to the location like the shelters so that even if we're not using a city process then we're going directly to the migrants or those that support them and canvassing asking those questions as anyone have any information or working through education is trying to pass information along to anyone that is touching migrants to at least pass that information along which honestly we're talking about the city of Chicago that grassroots approach of going through service providers is often much better than going through a more of a state structure process which may take a little bit more

Sharday Jackson-

One thing we are in conversations with different city agencies- I cannot go into specifics as the investigation is on going but we are going down those avenues.

So there's still like a higher probability that if minor is pregnant and cannot come forward but the allegation is true there is no proof because there may be a high probability that if it were true and it can't be proven this minor is potentially lost

I mean there are all sorts of potential outcomes that could occur here all I can do is to both my our agency's best efforts to adopting all possible resources to identify someone until they choose to come forward or someone with information like a witness.

Baltazar Enriquez-

I am with the Little Village Community Council, and when we started getting involved with the asylum seekers would receive an SR number. That is also documented with someone calls 3-1-1. In order to stay at the police station you need an SR number. They have their information, they have an SR number for everyone that staying at the police station. We have their number. But what they're saying is there is no minor, no police officer so we should just go home then.

Ephraim Eaddy-

That is not what we are saying

Baltazar Enriquez-

Listen don't interrupt me. What we are saying we need to protest, we protested 16 days when Adam Toledo was killed. They told us it was an African American. The autopsy said it was a 13 year old boy. So they lied to us. COPA did not catch that. We are going to keep doing our own investigations. We are going to be talking the asylum seekers. We are going to go to the districts. In 10th district there is no more asylum seekers, they moved the commander, they moved the DCOs and this is their plan.

Andrea Kersten-

I appreciate you sharing your experiences I'm not here to try to change your mind or your opinion I do wanna speak to a couple of specific things that you raised as our numbers yes you are absolutely correct that stands for service request any any new arrival that's seeking shelter in the city has to have a service request number in order for the city to place them in a shelter so there is that unique tracking number however what we've learned in our investigation and you know this isn't necessarily what Copa does day in and day out but what our investigation has had to learn in order to try to identify potential victims is that it's up to the migrant family to report names birth dates and specific identifying information as a part of that Sr. number so some are very complete and we have that information and we're using that information to reach out to people other Sr. numbers say you know such and such family of four and we don't know if they involve any minor daughters we don't we don't know we don't know who is involved in that family under that information that we have also I think this goes without saying but given the nature of of their transients existence right now in this city even when we have contact information it may not be current the number that may have been utilized when they originally got their Sr. number may not be their current mobile number they may not be checking the e-mail that was listed that we now have access to but we are taking as much of that information as possible in order to put it out and and be able to outreach to those people in order to try to raise any awareness about our process and garner any additional witnesses that we can instigation with respect to the murder of Adam Toledo I I want to say plainly a couple of first and foremost my agency Copa it exists because there was a lack of transparency around officer involved shootings in the murder of Laquan McDonald, the city came together the city created entity that is the entity one of our many responsibilities is the release of any body worn camera any 911 call any police report any radio transmission related to an officer involved shooting not just when we want to or the ones that we like or don't like every officer involved shooting unless there is a statute like the juvenile more active sometimes prevents us from releasing records when it involves a minor or a court order from Criminal Court that says you can't do it those are the two exceptions under the city's video release policy

I think we have 60 days to release all of those materials not just one body worn camera the one good angle or the one that everyone wants to see all of those materials and let me tell you anytime there's an officer involved shooting there's not just one body worn camera of it's an on duty incident when an officer involved shooting occurs it's usually a 10/1 that goes out over the radio all units in the area are responding we have to review all of those body worn cameras and determine how much of that information gets posted on our website so it's a significant amount of information that goes up Copa frequently post that information well in advance of our deadline of 60 days as we did in the Adam Toledo case this the moment that we were able to get that information out to the public we did so a couple of things always have to happen before we're able to post that information on our website number one we try to get all those officer interviews in and any other eyewitness interviews and before all of a sudden all of our evidence is available online OK sometimes that's not possible but we always try but most and perhaps the very most important thing is we meet with each and every family every surviving family of an officer involved shooting so that they can come to our office and have the ability in somewhat privacy to be able to see that information to be able to watch those videos that impact their life before it becomes public discourse so once those two things had occurred we released the videos as soon as we could in that investigation not because you know someone told us to or not because you know there was a public narrative about it because that is our job and that's the job that we take very seriously and we do to the best of our abilities every day frankly and I encourage anyone to go to our website to look at all of the postings of the videos that we have released under this transparency policy we take transparency very seriously these are hard conversations it's not you know to come to a community meeting like this can be difficult but I'm here because I want to be transparent I'm gonna answer all your questions knowing I'm not gonna change everybody's mind in this room tonight but I'm here to provide as much information as I can so I appreciate you hearing me out on a couple of points of clarification thank you

Jacqueline:

I am from Block Clun Chicago. Baltazar had mentioned the SR numbers and 311- about that so could you use that number to further enhance the investigation?

We have requested all the SR number form the City of Chicago. I do want to be clear that the SR number does not over every single migrant. Those are the migrants requesting shelter. Some of those migrants we have phone numbers, email addresses and have attempted to reach out to them via those means. Some of them are being housed and we will try to reach out to them. We will try to do our best.

How exactly if can anyone contact, should they have information? Who can they contact?

Our information has our website. About filing complaint, it also has our phone number, and contact cards that are here with us today in Spanish and English. Please feel free to take those, I also have business cards.

Ephraim Eaddy-

I also wanted to mention we do press statement. Out for every incident so hopefully so marks don't move that's why we put out the press statements to provide updates.

Sharday Jackson-

And they are also available on our website.

Rabbi-

What about the Cellphone on the officer?

Sharday Jackson-

We cannot comment on every step and process of this investigation officers that we believe may be involved and obviously and perhaps most importantly trying to identify any possible eviction to this investigation

Rabbi:

Here is my problem – to have this go on, the officer has to be on duty, if that cell phone pings the officer then we have them and the cell phone would have the history of the communication. I believe the officer is lying. Everyone in that facility should take a lie detector test. We have these people patrolling our communities. We are paying tax dollars to do this service to exploit our women it is unacceptable.

Andrea Kersten-

We agree, anything of that action- sexual assault is unacceptable. On duty opportunity those are the things that we investigate with regularity there we have a long history of sustaining allegations when we can substantiate them and that is that is what you know trying to find those facts in this allegation is no typically what we're doing

Rabbi-

That is not true, because you have police officers in the streets that cover up several murders...(was unable to clarify what Rabbi and Ephraim were discussing back and forth).... Rabbi continued...I need that officer's name revealed. If this your daughter you would not let this happen

Ephraim Eaddy-

I have four.

That father came here with his daughter and that father cannot speak because he is fear of his life. Justice needs to be served that that killer cop needs to be arrested and registered as a sec offender, immediately.

Community member :

A couple things- one you all keep saying migrants instead of asylum seekers, one you are talking about people coming to this country because of Americas f**ked up policies. First of all this is a humanitarian crisis not a migrant crisis. This is not a brown issue, this is our issue. Because we have a police force that is unconstitutional- mam there is nothing being said, we care so much about transparency, but we cannot say anything, sorry- you have not told us anything. But okay, so this is not them issue or a politics thing, this is about us, this is us and this shi*t happens every time. We have such a substantial list... you all are because you were proven ineffective. We have different councils because you were proven ineffective. We can't talk about this case that much right because it's all on its investigation but how many women have been assaulted by police since 2016, how many in position? Do to something? How many officers have you recommended to be fired? How many?

Ephraim Eaddy-

Just last year 49 and it has increased...

Community member-

Brother, I would really like it or you look I will really helping out to just stop with the defenses like let's put our defense up let's defend this organization we work for and listen to your ***** people listen to your people and understanding that how people from what you're doing is the day late and a dollar short.

Ephraim Eaddy-

You asked me a question

Community member #2-

I did. Like I want you to feel like this maybe not this you're really not you're like you wanna be able to split pump them back so quick so they just like just like come over like I have to think I'm a black woman I'm a young black woman in this thing you can't even ***** began to sit there and imagine the type of s**t I go through as a young black woman. You cannot ***** imagine. Sir, this shit is not just about this this case, this unidentified migrant, there are so many mother**** that you can identity and more than 49 that need to be fired.

Leonardo Quintero

I am Leonardo Quintero, I am a district council for the 12th district. This is a follow up question. Are you all visiting just the shelters or the make shift shelters that have been popping up all over the city?

Sharday Jackson-

We're still gathering a lot of information about those other locations so you know enrollment try go to every location that we are aware of so we're trying to so we've been talking to the officer that OMC who has been involved in this process you possibly talking to the department of family and social services I've been talking to a lot of the members in the community as well talk to different alderman and different city council members so we're trying to still gather some of that information as she first mentioned a less than two week old investigation for us but we are still trying to track all of that information and we'll go wherever that they're reading information

Leonardo Quintero-

There is a situation in 12 with an off duty cop who shot... I really need you all to push for this because this body is not getting the information that they need. Also we have CPD in the room and we need you all to communicate with us, and add to what has occurred or add to this conversation. We also know that sexual allegations do not come out of nowhere. I have worked with youth for 16 years and never had a sexual allegation why, because I do not put myself in those situations, so we need to know what's happening.

CPD:

Silent

Ismael Enriquez:

How are you working with community organizations to prevent this from happening again? A 15 year old girl got raped at Farragut High School, and how can we address that as a community. We need to focus not just on the migrants. The youth are being raped and there is nothing being done.

Andrea Kersten-

I am not sure if the situation at Farragut

Ellianne Bahena-

This is about COPA not the city

Ismael Enriquez:

How are you working with community organizations to prevent this from happening again

Andrea Kersten-

Our approach has been on outreach to all the identified community based organizations they get brought to our attention we obviously don't have relationship with every CBO that exists in the city we need to we're all help in making some of those people like officer and others that have offered that that connection point for us have been extremely valuable so we look forward to moving forward to develop a lot of those are relationships and then any CBO that the city is officially engaged with obviously those engagements will happen with COPA who we can talk to other city agencies about all of the CBO. CBO that are officially being utilized or being given funding or anything of that nature to provide these services those are the folks that we're talking to about trying to obtain the contact information for migrants or just asking them to put out our information to the people that they're serving making contact with ourselves.

District Council Member Updates

DC chairperson, Kiisha explained how comments will be addressed and things will be done in orderly fashion.

DC community engagement, Rosie expressed that one of their goals is to bridge the gaps between black and brown communities. And also with law enforcement.

District Councilors from Police districts 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, & 25 will be hosting a series.

Know Your Right: Is there a such thing as: Driving while black or brown.

Date: Saturday August 5, 2023

Time: 1-3pm

Location: 1530 S. Hamlin (LCLC)

Guest speaker from (American Civil Liberties Union Illinois) (ACLU-IL)

Alexander Block- Senior Supervising Attorney

Joshua Levin- Staff Attorney

From (Lawndale Christian Legal Service) (LCLC)

Mark Lewis- Director of Holistic Legal Service

Approval of Minutes

Minutes are approved by the second regular meeting after they are taken.

Approved minutes are posted online within 10 days after approval.

1. What to type:
2. June 13, 2023 minutes
3. Rosemarie Dominguez made the motion to approve, Elianne Bahena 2nd.
4. Kiisha Smith, Rosemarie Dominguez, and Elianne Bahena all voted yes.
5. June 13, 2023 minutes approved

Votes

Summary of votes taken. For each vote, type in the following information:

1. Description of the motion (e.g. "Motion to decide on positions")
2. Member making the motion (e.g. "Moved by Member A")
3. Summary of any debate or discussion
4. How each member voted (e.g. "Yes votes – Members A, B; No votes – Member C")
5. Result of the vote (wins or fails)

No votes taken

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 15, 2023

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): Lawndale Christian Legal Clinic- 1530 S Hamli

District Council ended the meeting at: 7:30pm