

**xCITY OF CHICAGO**  
**DISTRICT COUNCIL 014**  
**COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING TYPE: X ☐ Regular ☐ Special ☐ Closed

MEETING DATE: May 17, 2025

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Grace United Methodist Church Logan Square 3325 W Wrigtwood Ave Chicago, IL 60647

MEETING START TIME: 4:12pm

**Attendance & Quorum**

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

<b>District Council Member Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Chair:	Present: x Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominator:	Present: x Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Engagement:	Present: x Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

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

**Public Comment**

Public comment 1:GAPA Coordinator, Invitation to see Incident, a film about the shooting of Harith Agustus, filmmakers will be present and available for talk back w/ attendees.

Public comment 2: John a regular citizen, glad person was caught, meeting w Commander was a waste of time, felt like Commander did not answer many questions, would like a better planned meeting

Public 3: Sally, Commander knew questions in advance and chose not to find the answers. She is no longer commander though. There is a temporary acting commander we might be able to ask to come to a meeting or could wait for a permanent commander. Court date on May 6 for the rapist caught. A rape also happened 3-4 days before the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting w/ Commander and she never brought it up.

Heard that that person called an uber to pick him up after the crime was committed.

Public 4: Paul, good time to follow up w/ a new commander

Public comment 5: Councilor Quintero, 012: shared about a proposal for Commission on victim bill of rights because of the disrespect and lack of follow up from police, families of homicide victims have been dismissed and disrespected – needed to file a FOIA just to get a police report, and more accountability is needed for CPD's customer service to victim's families instead of poor responses like lying and dismissing victims and their families.

### **District Council Member Updates**

#### **Chair Update**

May 6 hearing – perpetrator of sexual assaults pled not guilty, likely means a long schedule of hearing  
Still perpetrators out there, please stay vigilant and be safe. Will stay on top of the case and will report out on future court dates

#### **Councilor Vargas Nominator Update:**

More perpetrators still out there, it's not over, still looking for the perpetrator of more recent assaults

Co-created "Victim Bill of Rights" because victims often left in the dark CPD staff go on furlough w/o letting victims know, so they feel disrespected, would like that communication improved

Area 5 meeting w/ 017 and 025 and possibly 016, would invite Commander, Lieutenant, Victim services team – looking for a date that works w/ the councilors

#### **Community Engagement:**

May 10 Free community self-defense class: park space was donated by Park district supervisor, 25 people attended and still lots of interest

### **Discussions**

#### **Traffic stops with Commissioner Aaron Gottlieb**

Traffic stops likely going into consent decree. CPD proposed a policy, CCPSA shared draft policy revisions to CPD's traffic stop policy.

There are stipulations for going into the consent decree that will happen in June.

Parties involved w/ consent decree are City, the Attorney General, the independent monitor. Federal Judge Pallmeyer in case everyone does not agree. Attorney General is next party to weigh in. CPD and Commission have weighed in, if no agreement, Judge Pallmeyer will weigh in.

## **Q and A (All answers are from Commissioner Gottlieb)**

Q1: Reasonable articulated suspicion (RAS) - who is it being articulated to? Does it go into reports? How can we believe CPD will be reasonable

A1: RAS is an evidentiary definition, it's more than a hunch and can't be solely based on race or gender not concrete, there is judgement involved. Whatever rationale is given, it does have to go into the report. Definitely questions are out on the quality of those reports and who is analyzing the reasons. Consent decree has more infrastructure to conduct the oversight to ensure the policy is implemented well and overall, monitoring team is better equipped than Commission to do the accountability piece

Q2: Traffic stops not being used effectively all the time, though definitely serves a purpose in his district 011, what will replace the tool of traffic stops if they are removed?

A2: 3 big issues the Commission made decisions on:

- Are there certain types that should not happen at all?
- Should there be pre-textual stops in general? These often overlap w/ low-level stops. Pre-textual is about the reason for stopping a driver
  - Stance of 3 of 7 Commissioners: CPD should not be doing pre-textual stops at all. Looking at the aggregate data - very little evidence that shows these stops work for crime reduction, instead dangerous for both officer and driver. Still opportunity costs to doing the pretextual stops. There are other ways and tools that can be used to reduce crimes, investing more in community policing, supporting the efforts to improve clearance rates, would like resources to go to best practices that reduce crime. The solution is not just taking something away, it does need a replacement.
  - Nothing in policy prevents stops officers from stopping a driver that ran red light or is speeding or other road safety issue that can harm people
- Consent searches – Supreme Court allows this, Commissioner Gottlieb thinks this should not exist.
  - Commission wants this restricted to certain cases
  - These are the stops w/ the most racial disparities, asking for permission might seem ok and of course people can say no, however there is a power imbalance

Q3: Is it ok to film a traffic stop? Specifically, is a driver allowed to film their own traffic stop? Wants it explicitly stated that drivers and passengers can film a traffic stop.

A3: Bystanders can yes. Will need to check about drivers and passengers filming their own traffic stop

Q3A: Concerns about how officers are allocated in 014. Witnessed traffic stop after traffic stop on a specific corner, meanwhile 2 blocks are away, cars were being robbed.

A3A: Yes, this is about the opportunity costs of pre-textual stops, prior to 2016, the stops on foot, stop and frisks were high, after stop and frisk ended, then traffic stops rose. Six types of stops of low level infractions – expired tags etc that should not be the sole reason for a traffic stop, if the person sped and happened to not have registered plate, that is different.

Q4. What are standards for the limitations of when an officer cannot stop a driver?

A4: Only 6 low level stops if there is RAS that the driver also committed a class A felony. All 6 equipment violations are tied to poverty. Imminent public safety threat is very vague and concerning

## District Strategic Plans w/ Councilor Ramson, 011 District

Councilor Ramson reviewed the district strategic plans (DSP) and process for drafting the DSPs.

## **Q & A (All answers are from Councilor Ramson)**

Q1: What conversation are Councils having w/ each other about the DSPs

A1. The accountability on reporting out quarterly – a powerful mechanism that's underutilized. Possible opportunity for quarterly meetings w/ district leadership about quarterly updates on the DSP.

Community suggestions: quarterly public presentation of DSPs w/ community stakeholders and disseminate them at CPL branches

## **Announcements / Miscellaneous**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> self defense class on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm. 96 people signed up and still interested in free self defense classes
- Councilor Orlikoff considering a third class in July
- Councilor Laurent interested in spending the money wisely and asked for feedback on the classes
- Councilor Vargas not interested in logos on the safety alarms, constituent asked for helpful info to be on the alarm
- Councilor Laurent request to balance of budget from CCPSA staff
- Councilor Orlikoff requested co-councilors share what other expenses may be in the pipeline for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of year,
- Councilor Vargas in support of the self-defense classes because first one was well attended and lots of interest.
- Laurent request to consider repealing bylaws that has staff doing the minutes.
- Orlikoff ok to read and review any new bylaws and willing to temporarily repeal part about staff doing minutes until staffing levels are balance again.
- Councilor Vargas request for a community outreach coordinator and in favor of staff continuing to do minutes
- Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability project manager position is open

## **Votes**

No votes taken

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 14, 2025

NEXT MEETING LOCATION: Wicker Park Bucktown Library, 1717 N Milwaukee

District Council ended the meeting at: **5:40pm**