

City of Chicago
District Council Meeting Minutes 018
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Public Meeting
Meeting Date: 07/23/2024
Meeting Location: Lake Shore Park 808 N. Lake Shore Drive
Meeting Start Time: 6:03pm (Brad called meeting to order)

Attendance and Quorum:

Chair:	Councilor Brad Kessler	Present
Community Engagement:	Councilor Karen Kane	Present
Nominating Committee:	Councilor Bob Johnson	Present

Quorum: YES

Brad called motion to approve June 25, 2024 Special meeting and 22, July 2024 public meeting minutes:

Councilor Kane voted YES.

Councilor Johnson voted YES.

The “Yes” stands and the 25 June Special meeting and the 22 July Regular meeting minutes have properly been approved and accepted.

Public Comments:

1. Kevin B. - The Safe T Act is a horrible act, please reverse it. Its brought more crime
2. Carson – Public Transit, there has been an increase in the # of cars parked in the CTA bus stop on Beat 1833, I would like to see CPD ticket cars parked @ the CTA bus stop

Councilor Kessler Updates:

- Announced that the scheduled speaker, IL State Rep Kam Buckner, cancelled because he had to be in Springfield, apologized for last minute speaker cancellation.
- Update on meeting with Sgt Scheink and the States atty office:
- help decrease retail theft numbers

- working with court advocacy to get offenders charged and held accountable
- discussed ways to stop chronic retail theft

Councilor Johnson Updates:

- Safety Task force update, meeting with 13 Community Org and shared best practices
- Retail theft task force update: best practices and protocol if your business is being impacted, and what can be done with court advocates
- thanked Co Councilors Brad and Karen, on the work they are doing in the district

Councilor Kane Updates:

- Court advocate update and a call for more community members to join the court advocacy
- update on open drug market case, because of the court advocates the Judge/court is aware that the community cares about what goes on in regard to this case, there were 9 advocates present in Felony court. Sgt Scheink and other court advocates were present in Misdemeanor court, as a result the case was not thrown out, but had the court advocates not attended the outcome would have been different.
- Thank you to Sgt Scheink and Marci for Org business owners on wells in getting them more involved.
- invited community to get more involved in court advocacy by emailing Sgt Scheink or Councilor Kane.

CPD Update Sgt Scheink:

- Gave safety tips on avoiding becoming a victim of Burglary
- Motor vehicle thefts are up, be conscious of your surroundings
- Go to beat meetings
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Speaker Glen Brooks – Dir of Community Policing – Discussed Safety Plan for DNC and answered Community questions:

- Encouraged community members to sign up for the OEMC app to get real-time alerts surrounding the DNC.

Public Comment: How many protestors are we anticipating

Dir Brooks response: a fair representation, Isarel/Palestine, abortion, a few wild cards

The main objective is to protect all 1st amend participants and make sure everyone is safe

Public Comment: Where will most attendees be staying?

Dir Brooks Response:

- Site Maps will be released on 25 July
- footprint of DNC will be announced Thursday 25 July during news conference

- encourage all Chicagoans to Download the OEMC app

Public Comment: if most attendees are staying at 8 different hotels, what type of security will be provided in the 018th District for community members

Dir Brooks response: 018th District officers, and regular beat officers will be manned in all respective beats as usual. We will be able to handle all large-scale events in Chicago while simultaneously keeping the delegates and participants of the DNC safe as well. Secret Service, Homeland Security and CPD Incident Commander will be equally divided between United Center and McCormick Place. Special attention will be given to both of these areas as well as the Mag Mile and the Loop areas.

Public Comment:

What is the expectation of community members of protestors? How will disruptors be handled?

Dir Brooks Response: enforcement action will be taken. People will be allowed to exercise their 1st amendment rights, but we will protect all citizens. People who do not have permits will still be able to exercise their 1st amendment rights, but every person and property will be safe/protected.

Non peaceful protestors are of concern and action will be taken.

Public Comment Old town neighbor Maurice: What advice to retailers?

Dir Brooks response: Be welcoming!

Public Comment: How are people getting around from United Center to McCormick Place?

Dir Brooks response: The DNC have provided busses/transportation

Public Comment: Is the Mayor prepared to call in the National Guard?

Dir Brooks response: The National Guard will be participating as participants, but not as additional police protection.

Brad Response: State Police as well as other police agencies, CIA, Homeland Security, and Private Security firms will be available to assist CPD with security.

Public Comment – Janet Lohr: I would encourage everyone to sign up for the OEMC app, I did and its very useful .

Public Comment Veronica: I would like to encourage everyone to be positive, there has been a DNC here in Chicago in the '90s and it was very peaceful, lets keep in mind that we can have a similar experience to that and not think the worse.

Next Meeting 27 August 2024 @ Northwestern Hospital – Simpson Biomedical research building
303 E. Superior -Guest Speaker Kam Buckner Safe T Act Discussion

Councilor made motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned @ 7:10pm