

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

Meeting Type: Regular Public Meeting
Meeting Date: 09/24/2024
Meeting Location: Cornerstone – 1111 N. Wells
Meeting Start Time: 6:06pm (Councilor Kessler called meeting to order)

Attendance and Quorum:

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

Quorum: YES

Councilor Kessler called motion to **Approve** the below listed meeting minutes:

24 August 2024 Regular Public meeting minutes

Councilor Kane voted YES

Councilor Johnson voted YES

The “Yes” stands and the 24 August Regular Public meeting minutes have been properly approved and accepted.

Councilor Kessler Updates:

-Meeting with State Rep Kam Buckner Pretrial Fairness act, considering the possibility of “Org Retail Theft Act” to add as a detainable offense

Councilor Johnson Updates:

- Safety Task Force update
- Nominating Committee update, Support of Commissioner Navarro, and shared the upcoming Commission Vacancy (Commissioner Kelly Presley)

Councilor Kane Updates:

- Court Advocate update: call for more community volunteers to join 018th District Court Advocacy. 5 court cases, small steps in the right direction, Judge is aware of the community support/concern
- Shot spotter update- 70 percent vote for keeping from City Council, Alderperson Dowel “Why discontinue until we know what we are going to do. UofC Crime Lab data shows that 85 lives a year are saved by using Shot spotter
- City Budget – Shared the review process/ shared the CPD proposed Budget QR code with community members, and expressed the importance of the communities input invited members to attend the upcoming CPD Budget listening sessions

CPT Keonig 018th Police District Public Safety Update:

- 018th District Officers have had a very busy summer filled with details for summer events, including the DNV
- Commercial Burglaries are up in the 012, 018 and 019th District. In response to the uptick the 018th District has several joint missions and have adjusted their hours to reflect the hours the crimes are occurring. Stealing ATM’S
- **Councilor Kessler-** What is being done to combat commercial Burglary?
- **Response from CPT Keonig-** following statistical data to deploy additional manpower/resources offer OT for officers to conduct missions in those areas that are being targeted. Arrests of street Robbery and Burglary, by obtaining Ring Camera footage from community members and intel from Intelligence Officers.
- **Councilor Kane –** Supt news release, announced a citywide Robbery Task Force, how helpful is that to the 018th District?
- **Response from CPT Keonig-** The Robbery Task Force are doing work late night hours, during the hours that data has shown us when Burglary and Robberies are occurring, in the 018th, District. PH1 has been deployed, and all of the additional support has helped.
- **Public Comment – Gail S** - Does CPD use Drones, are there anyway that Drone technology can assist with fighting crime?
- **Response from CPT Keonig –** There is a Drone Unit, not sure how much they are used but they are used for special events...it’s a relatively new unit
- **Public Comment – Cyndy-** CCPSA wants input on the CPD Budget, I would love to see a wellness program, CPD has the highest Suicide rate of all Police Agencies, and that is concerning to me.

Guest Speaker: Rich Guidice, Former Mayor Brandon Johnson Chief of Staff and Former Executive Dir of OEMC:

- Gave a presentation/Introduction of himself and gave a description of his previous roles as both Former Chief of Staff and Former Dir of OEMC.
- Expressed his support of Shot spotter
- Encouraged community members to apply for CPD. Discussed the lack of applicants applying to the job in comparison to 1991 (42,000) 2024 (a few hundred)

- To reduce crime on CTA “Red line” make bus times and train times better, so that people aren’t waiting so long. Also, adding more K9 Units and more cameras/technology to the El platforms would help decrease crime and offer more feelings of safety for community members
- More interested in people ‘feeling” safe as opposed to what the statistics say about crime going down, if people don’t feel safe, the decrease in crime won’t have an impact
- On the topic of Hyperfocus on priority for calls for service in a district, from an OEMC standpoint, not sure if they have the capacity or manpower

22 October next meeting, Location TBD Speaker- Alderperson Hopkins

Councilor Kessler made motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned @ 7:30PM