

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

Meeting Type: Regular Public Meeting

Meeting Date: 03/25/2025

Meeting Location: 2050 N Freemont – St James Church

Meeting Start Time: 6:04pm (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

In person Community Attendees: 40

CPD Staff- 8 Chief Bird, Commander Neckermann, Sgt Schenk, CPT Koenig, Lt. Sgt

CCPSA members: 2– Alise Buford COC and Anna Mangahas Project Manager

Quorum: YES

Councilor Kessler called a motion to **approve Feb 2025 Public Meeting Minutes:**

Councilor Kane voted YES

Councilor Johnson voted YES

The “Yes” stands and the Feb 2025 Regular Public Meeting has been properly approved and accepted.

Councilor Kessler Update:

- Encouraged community to take the CCPSA Traffic stop policy survey
- Applauded work of 19th District Council for research/work on alt response for CPD/traffic violations
- Workforce Allocation Study/equitable allocation of CPD budget
- COPA search
- mediation Policy

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- early intervention system/officer wellness
- Announced retirement of Commander Barz, shared letter to Supt Snelling praising Commander Barz
- Introduction of New 18th District CPD Commander Neckermann

Councilor Kane Update:

- invited Community to participate in the new Chief of COPA search listening session

Councilor Johnson – 7th Commissioner should officially appointed by the end of the month

Q/A with Commander Neckermann:

Gave a brief introduction and shared his Bio, invited community to his Coffee with Commander.

- crime trend update 2 Mar incident on Fullerton an arrest was made
- Calls for service priority
- Robbery/Burglary/theft will be his focus as the summer months
- Committed to increase foot patrol
- encourage Beat officers to get out of cars/engage with community more
- 8 PO's 1 Sgt car caravan team success
- invited community members to upcoming Coffee with Commander 3 April 2025- 10am 600 W Chicago Ave.

Public Comments to New Commander:

David H. – will you keep a beat car at Clark and Division, Wells/State/Division, North Ave and Oak
Commander – YES

- What is the cities plan to address the Fentanyl arrest? What happens when they are arrested?

Commander-they are arrested if in possession of illegal substances, but after arrest that is more of a public health issue /CDPH-

*Councilor Kessler-followed up with CDPH to address concern off line

-Luca – there is a trend in Streeterville with large crowds of youth congregating and committing crimes @ the AMC theater...I am in support of the stop and frisk of these young people

-Penny Keirsten - please have officers get out of cars

Next meeting April 22, 2025 Location TBD - Speaker RET CPD CTA Red Line Supv - Kevin Ryan

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm