CITY OF CHICAGO

DISTRICT COUNCIL #18

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: Regular MEETING DATE: 6/27/2023

MEETING LOCATION: Lake Shore Park at 808 N Lake Shore Drive, 60611

MEETING START TIME: 6:05 PM END TIME: 7:13 PM

ATTENDANCE & QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Mr. Kessler.

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

Quorum: Yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Residents wishing to make a public comment were invited to speak.

- Mel Jones (Clark & Division Collaborative): Thanked the Councilors for their service. Shared concern about late night street gatherings on Clark Street north of Division Street with loud music and public consumption of alcohol. Recommended consideration by neighborhood residents of parking restrictions on Clark Street to prevent the gatherings.
- Sue Hennesey (Beat 1812 CAPS Facilitator): Voiced concern about bicyclists not observing traffic laws, noting two residents were hit by bicycles. Requested police officers currently assigned to sit in patrol squad cars with lights flashing be instructed to walk through out the neighborhood and interact with residents.
- Penny Kurston (resident of 18th District): Requested for police officers not just sit in parked squad cars, but rather walk and make

their presence and patrol known. Has lived in the area for many years and was not afraid to walk through the neighborhood, but now feels unsafe. Requested more police presence.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

- A. Vote to approve Minutes of May 22, 2023, Regular Monthly Meeting of 18th Police District Council: Motion to Approve by Ms. Kane, 2nd Mr. Johnson.
- All those in favor: Kane, Johnson, and Kessler. Approved.
- B. Vote to approve amendment to Article 3, Section J. of Bylaws of the 18th Police District Council to broaden reasons Council Members may attend by video or audio conference: Motion to Approve by Ms. Kane, 2nd Mr. Johnson.
- All those in favor: Kane, Johnson, and Kessler. Approved.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES

- A. Report on Council's 100-day Plan by Ms. Kane: The listening tour with 13 neighborhood organizations has begun and is well received. The expectation is to complete half by the July meeting and have 100% complete by August meeting, when a summary will be presented.
- B. Report on Status of CPD Superintendent Search by Ms. Kane: Per conversation with CCPSA President Anthony Driver, the process is over 80% complete and on track to meet the July 14, 2023 deadline of submitting three names to the Mayor.
- C. Report on CCPSA Nomination Process by Mr. Johnson: The first meeting of the 22 Nominating Committee members is taking place on Saturday, July 8th. The process and calendar of significant dates will be decided.
- D. Report on the Migrant Crisis in the 18th District by Mr. Kessler: Migrants being housed in the 18th District fluctuate dramatically

and can still reach 40+. The community is very much stepping up to volunteer to prepare meals and assist in meeting immediate needs.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW 18TH DISTRICT COMMANDER MICHAEL BARZ

- A. Commander Barz introduced himself, reviewing major elements of his experience with CPD.
- B. Commander Barz answered various questions from District Councilors about public safety in the 18th District and City of Chicago.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

- A. Consistent with previous announcement, the next regular meeting of the 18th Police District Council will be July 25, 2022.
- B. Motion to Adjourn: By Ms. Kane, 2nd by Mr. Johnson,
- All those in favor: Kane, Johnson, and Kessler. Approved.
- Adjournment at 7:13 pm.

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