Five members of the public spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting. See the transcript of the meeting, posted on the Board’s website, for a complete report of each speaker’s remarks.

The Chicago Police Department responded to Jennifer Edwards’s, June Norfleet’s, and Matt Brandon’s remarks (see below).

The Office of the Police Board determined that the remarks made by Robert More and a speaker who identified himself as “CPD Transparency” did not require a response in addition to that provided at the meeting.
May 19, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Response to Community Input from the April 16, 2020 Police Board Meeting

Dear Mr. Caproni,

Thank you for forwarding the transcript of the April 16, 2020 Police Board Meeting so that the community comments made by Matt Brandon and Jennifer Edwards can be reviewed, and the Chicago Police Department (CPD) can provide a report of the steps it has taken to address the concerns that these individuals raise.

Matt Brandon and Jennifer Edwards have spoken before the Police Board on several occasions and the Department thanks them for the positive feedback about the community conversations, constructive criticism and possible solutions and welcome their participation in future meetings. Their input continues to be very helpful as the Department moves through the Consent Decree and works to improve its relationship with the community.

During his statements Mr. Brandon offered a number of proposals of how the Department can inform community members of the risk posed by COVID and the importance in staying at home. These ideas have been forwarded to the Operations section for their review. However, it is important to note that during the last few months the Department has engaged in outreach to communities to spread the stay at home message. In Districts throughout the City traffic missions were performed during which officers engaged with members of the community to provide them information about the stay at home order and the risks associated with COVID. Specifically, the Department to help advise members of the community to stay at home during this time due to COVID-19. The Department looks forward to some of the other initiatives that
Mr. Brandon discussed and intends to continue its relationship with Communities United to Win as we move forward.

Thank you again for this opportunity and the Department looks forward to upcoming opportunities for additional community input.

Sincerely,

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