POLICE BOARD
CITY OF CHICAGO

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 2020
7:30 p.m.

(VIA VIDEO and AUDIO CONFERENCE)

APPEARANCES:

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS
GHIAN FOREMAN, President
PAULA WOLFF, Vice President
MATTHEW CROWL
REVEREND MICHAEL EADDY
STEVE FLORES
JORGE MONTES
JOHN P. O'MALLEY, JR.
RHODA D. SWEENEY
ANDREA L. ZOPP

ALSO PRESENT:
DAVID BROWN, Superintendent of Police;
DANA O'MALLEY, General Counsel to the Superintendent of Police;
SYDNEY ROBERTS, Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability;
DEBORAH WITZBURG, Deputy Inspector General for Public Safety;
KAREN KONOW, Chief of Bureau of Internal Affairs, Chicago Police Department;
MAX CAPRONI, Executive Director of the Police Board;
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.
PRESIDENT FOREMAN: My name is Ghian Foreman, and I am calling the Board's September 17th public meeting to order.

To protect the public's health in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and as permitted by Governor Pritzker's Executive Orders 2020-07 and 2020-52, this meeting is taking place remotely.

This meeting is open to the public via audio conference and is being carried live by CAN-TV. Those participating by phone are on mute in order to reduce background noise and disruptions. We have a court reporter making a transcript of this meeting.

I will begin by taking attendance so it's clear who is participating in this meeting. Please say here after I read your name. Police Board Vice President Paula Wolff.

BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board member Matthew Crowl.

BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board member Michael Eaddy.
BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board member Steve Flores. I can see you but couldn't hear you. You're on mute. I will note Steve is here.

Board member Jorge Montes.

BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Rhoda Sweeney.

BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Andrea Zopp.

BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Superintendent David Brown?

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: General counsel to the Superintendent Dana O'Malley.

MS. O'MALLEY: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability Sydney Roberts.

MS. ROBERTS: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief of Chicago Police
Department's Bureau of Internal Affairs Karen Konow. She is on mute, but I will note for the record that the chief is here.

Deputy Inspector General for public safety Deborah Witzburg.

MS. WITZBURG: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Executive Director of the Chicago Police Board Max Caproni.

MR. CAPRONI: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will like to take the privilege right now to say welcome back to Max. Man, you were out for a little bit last month. You know, we tried to do the best we could do without you. Glad to see you back, man. And, man, don't do that to us again. We're glad to have you back, Max. Glad you are making a healthy recovery. A lot of continued prayers for you and your family, man. You scared us a little bit, but we're glad that you're back and back on board. So thank you, Max.

MR. CAPRONI: Thank you. And very blessed to be here and to work with such a wonderful group on this meeting. So thanks very much.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And thanks very much to
Patty, I know she is watching CAN-TV right now, for making Max not come back to work immediately. So Patty and the boys, thank you very much.

We will now proceed with items on the meeting agenda. We'll have time --

BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Ghian, can I interrupt? I didn't hear my name called and I don't believe Reverend Eaddy as well.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Board member Michael Eaddy.

BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I should wear my glasses. That probably will help significantly. And Board member John O'Malley.

BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All right. Thank you.

We will now proceed to the items on the meeting agenda. We'll have time at the end of the meeting for public comment.

Once again, those participating by phone are currently on mute in order to reduce background noise and disruption. When we get to the public comment portion of the
meeting, we will unmute each speaker. In the
event that does not work, we will try *6.

Is there a motion to approve the
minutes of the Board's July 16th and August
20th regular public meetings?

BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: I so move. Paula
Wolff.

BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael
Eaddy.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please
say aye.

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

(NO RESPONSE.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes. The
next regular public meeting will be held on
Thursday, October 15th, at 7:30 p.m. Whether
this will be an in-person meeting or remote
meeting will be determined closer to the
meeting date.

Is there a motion to close a
series of executive sessions for the purposes
of considering personnel matters in litigation
as authorized by Sections 2(c)(1), (3), (4) and
(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act?

BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: Paula Wolff. I move.

BOARD MEMBER: Michael Eaddy. Second.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please indicate by saying aye.

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

(NO RESPONSE.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

A report of disciplinary actions taken by the Board during the previous month has been made available on the Board's website. There are no disciplinary cases on the agenda for this evening's meeting.

Pursuant to Rule 52 of the rules and regulations, Superintendent Brown has requested the Board's authorization to solicit donations to cover the costs of providing all officers with new ballistic helmets. Is there a motion to grant the authorization?

BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: So moved. Paula Wolff.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, indicate by saying aye.

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

(NO RESPONSE.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

The general orders and other directives issued by the Superintendent during the previous month are posted on the Police Department's website.

Superintendent Brown, would you now like to provide an oral report?

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: I would. Thank you so much, Ghian, Mr. President. Well, just so that you know, an update on the helmets. So the Police Department has had helmets that were outfitted back in the late 1960s that we've kept for some reason. They're not ballistic nor do they have any kind of protection with this reflective glass covering -- shield covering on the helmet. So we upgraded a request to the Memorial Foundation and others. On yesterday the Memorial Foundation agreed to purchase 1650 helmets that are Kevlar layered
and laser reflective.

And while those two components are important, Kevlar and laser protection, is because we've seen across the country guns, rifles and handguns interjected in peaceful protests and being used inside the crowd. And so we believe a layer of Kevlar will protect our officers who are on the protest line ensuring First Amendment speeches being done in a way that's safe. And we've also seen officers having had the laser pointers pointed at their eyes on the protest lines by agitators. So there is a shield that's been made to attach to the helmet that deflects laser pointers from damaging the eyes of our officers. So it's really important that the Memorial Foundation agreed to step up and purchase 1650, which will outfit all of our tact teams, all of our critical incident response teams and our community safety teams with helmets. That's significant. We do have another donor that likely will purchase additional helmets for our 1st District and 18th District. That's our downtown district
officers. So we got fingers crossed that we can get across the finish line. While the timing is so important, this is a run-up to the election on November 3rd. We're hoping for the best but preparing for the worst. If protests persist and there's any kind of misconduct in the crowd, we'll have our officers upgraded with more protective equipment so they can ensure that people who want to protest safely are allowed to. So that's really good news. And thank you, all, for putting that as an item on your agenda to solicit.

Next, though, you know, I visited the hospital today. One of our officers was hit by a car. And thank God she is going to be okay. But I just want to relay some of the facts as it relates to our officers so you can kind of be aware and be sensitive to the plight of the 13,000 men and women of the Chicago Police Department.

To date, 66 have been shot at or shot so far in 2020, and that's five times the number on record. So that's the highest number on record of officers shot at or shot. Ten
have been shot. And that's significantly higher of any number of officers shot in a single year. And it's not yet the end of the year.

So please keep officers in your thoughts and prayers. This is a very tough time to be in law enforcement for various reasons, but their physical and emotional safety and wellness is really important to ensure that they are doing the things we want them to do in the ways we want them to do them right, while at the same time holding them accountable and reforming the Department, but keep them in your hearts and minds and prayers regarding them and their safety, especially for their families.

Let me close out with this. We have a lot of moving parts. This is my fifth month here. I've been drinking water from a fire hydrant it seems. But we are seeing progress. As tenuous as it is, the structures that I've changed since I've been here went into effect July 23rd.

So from July 23rd forward, even
though it seems that the headlines are that
every night we have significant violence, while
we do, and one violent act is one too many,
we've seen a 44-percent decline in murders and
shootings since our City-wide teams were
implemented beginning July 23rd, and those are
our community safety team, our summer mobile
patrol, and our critical incident response
teams that are not only taking enforcement but
making connections in the community through
community service projects in the hopes of
building trust with the community, so that we
can do the job in the right ways with the
community.

So a 44-percent decline in
murders, an 18-percent decline in shootings
since July 23rd. A lot of work to be done. No
one's satisfied, but that's tenuous progress,
and we just want to relay that to you.
Thank you so much, Mr. President.

Turn it back over to you.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you,
Superintendent. It's good to hear that we're
making some progress in some areas. And I can
relay this. Mr. Perryman, who is one of our regular speakers, called me just right before the meeting, and he asked me to express he is not going to join the meeting today, but he met with Cato, and he actually felt like he was getting -- that he was being heard and that there's some progress being made. He asked me to relay this to you. So I think that people are starting to understand that when the community works together hand in hand with the Police Department, we can get some results. But it's going to take some time; it's not going to be immediate.

So Mr. Perryman asked me to relay that to you and your team, so that's what I'm doing.

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief Roberts, would you like to provide your oral report?

MS. ROBERTS: Yes, I would. President Foreman, tonight I would like to focus my comments on the recent report released by the Inspector General and the media coverage regarding COPA and City's video release policy.
When COPA launched, it was on the heels of the death of Laquan McDonald by Officer Jason Vandyke. The outcries of the public were critical of what they deemed a deliberate delay in the release of important video evidence from the shooting. The resulting civil unrest, questions, and the doubts made clear that the residents of the City of Chicago were desperate for change. Leadership, elected officials, along with our current mayor, who was leading the police accountability task force, took bold steps to move transparency, specifically related to the release of video and other materials, to an unprecedented level. And they assured the public that police accountability was essential to the City of Chicago and necessary for police reform and public trust.

Since launching as the City's police accountability agency in 2017, COPA in more than 300 use-of-force incidents has released relevant body-worn camera, in-car camera, pod, third-party video, as well as 911 calls and tactical response reports from
officer-involved shootings, motor vehicle pursuits, and deaths or great bodily injury that resulted from police action. That is our mandate. And that is our responsibility.

From the time COPA launched, it has not been perfect. But we have faced challenges before in our operations and we overcame them. We've been challenged in our investigations and we overcame them. And we have faced challenges in the release of video material. And we are overcoming those. We have moved with expediency to release videos. And being met with challenges highlighted in the Inspector General's report, we would like to provide some clarification. First and foremost, we have and continue to work with CPD and OEMC to identify ways to improve our related processes to ensure release within the 60-day time frame; however, as with many things, even as processes are being developed, being revamped and being improved, unforeseen issues may still arise. Nevertheless, I want to assure the public at this moment that COPA has never intentionally withheld the release of
a mandated transparency material. COPA is
transparent and committed to police oversight
and building trust in our agency. It's the
reason why we have met with tens of thousands
of residents since our inception, hundreds of
community groups and community activists,
clergy and families that were impacted as a
result of an officer-involved shooting or death
as a result of police action. It is why we
dedicate significant time educating young
people and inspiring them to be a part of the
change now and the future of police reform and
those efforts will continue. And so to the
transparencies referenced in the Inspector
General's report, it is important that I
provide context to what has been described as
not being in compliance to the public to whom
we are accountable. Of the 122 cases reviewed,
14 were delayed by a day, one day. When an
incident like an officer-involved shooting
occurs, COPA is notified by CPD which results
in COPA's immediate deployment to the scene of
the shooting to begin our investigation.
Regardless of the time of day or night,
incidents can occur in the last hour of the night; however, COPA may not receive notification from CPD until the midnight hour has elapsed and thus the following day.
Instances such as these cause COPA to calculate the release date based on the date of notification. COPA unfortunately released the video materials for the date of notification rather than the date of incident, again, delaying the release by just one day and this has been corrected.

Also noted were 12 incidents involving complaints received from the public that did not involve a discharge of an officer's weapon.

Often, information received at the onset of an investigation may not indicate that the complaint qualifies for transparency release. In these instances, COPA must reach a determination that great bodily harm occurred. And this may require the review of medical reports, the interview of a complainant and other important investigative steps. And in these 12 instances, COPA released the
transparency materials 60 days after confirming that the complaint was eligible for release. These are but a small fraction of the more than 300 use-of-force transparency releases COPA has carried out, but they are instances in which we take, I take, full responsibility.

We understand the value of public trust and can assure the public that there has not been any deliberate or intentional delay of video in any officer-involved shooting or investigation that qualified for release. We own our actions and have and will make necessary corrections. That is the essence of responsibility on which we hold ourselves accountable.

COPA is unwavering in our commitment to the timely release of transparency materials pursuant to the City's video release policy.

We continue to enhance transparency by providing the public all relevant incident-related information. And, again, not just video, but also audio of 911 calls, CPD call audio, documents such as CPD's
arrests and tactical response reports.

Unlike many other cities, timely release of materials under Chicago's policy, it is not discretionary. The City's policy provides comprehensive transparency by mandating the release of all incident-related materials. Absent legal prohibition, COPA releases all materials as required by the policy.

Transparency and objectivity are the cornerstones of COPA's commitment to civilian police oversight, and we remain resolute in our commitment to timely provide materials to the public.

I, as COPA's Chief Administrator, appreciate OIG's review. And prior to the release of their report and recommendations, we modified processes to incorporate them.

We are the Civilian Office of Police Accountability. We are civilians. We represent fairness and we represent integrity. We are a part of this City's police reform efforts. We own our responsibilities required of us and we hold ourselves accountable to you,
the public, and thus you can count on COPA. You can count on me to continue the timely release of transparency materials in all matters qualifying for release. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much, Chief.

Board members, any questions? Okay, if not, I will now call upon members of the public who signed up in advance to speak. Each speaker will be unmuted after I call his or her name. Caveat is if technology doesn't work, we're going to try *6.

First speaker is Joel Hamernick. Do we have Joel --

MR. HAMERNICK: Good evening. Can you hear me?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir. Good evening.

MR. HAMERNICK: Good evening, everyone. My name is Joel Hamernick, as the president mentioned. I serve in my capacity as president of Sunshine Gospel Ministry. My family and I live in the Woodlawn community where I've led the efforts of Sunshine since 2004.
We've served the youth in our community for decades, but this year we have initiated a new program, hired staff and increased our community engagement with the end goal of reducing violence in the 3rd police district. We have called our program the Flourishing Community Initiative.

A critical component of this work is our community members' better understanding of what is happening over time around us. Specifically, we're working to ask critical questions and have access to and engagement rounds, statistical trends that indicate success or improvement, key indicators of community health.

A critical part of these data points has to do with law enforcement, which is what brings me to my call tonight. We've initiated a group of residents and stakeholders to review the Consent Decree together and to ask four questions. In each area, each of the ten areas of reform that the City has committed to, what are these ten areas? What exactly are the promises made?
Second question. How are we doing on each promise made?

Third, how do we know how we're doing? Where's the data and where's it coming from?

And fourth, how are we doing in our particular police district and how does that compare to the rest of City?

We want to track this information to celebrate success where it's appropriate and to call for accountability where there is not the needed improvement as of yet.

I am here to let you know that we will need your help in answering these questions. We need access to information from the Police Department. We know that approximately 150 non-fatal shootings happen annually in our community and our district in the past six years. We know that we've averaged approximately 30 homicides annually over the past ten years. We have to have access to -- we have access to some broad data points, but we need other elements that are more granular, real-time and a priority to our
As our conversations are evolving, the most apparent indicator of success in policing, besides reduction in specific and various crimes, is the presence of trust and transparency. It's also clear that the present rate of rotations of officers and commanders makes trust nearly impossible to build and maintain.

So tonight to start, I'm asking for answers to just two basic questions. What is the average length of service for officers and separately commanders in our police district during each of the previous ten years? And second, what specific indicators are used to evaluate commander performance in our district? Thank you.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much. Superintendent, who should I have Mr. Hamernick get in touch with? Or who should I point Mr. Hamernick to?

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Yes. He asked a couple of questions. Statistical analysis is one area, but if he could just get with my
chief of staff, Bob Boik, we can referee who he needs to speak with and get him the answers he's asked tonight.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Mr. Hamernick, what I'm going to do, I will get you in touch with Max Caproni, and we will coordinate to ensure that you can get some of the answers. I think these are some great points you brought up.

Again, Superintendent, as you were talking about how the community and the Police Department have to work together, this sounds like a good place where we can get started.

Next up, Ms. Jennifer Edwards. So I've been informed that *6 is the route that we have to press. So, Ms. Edwards, *6. Ms. Edwards, can you hear me? I'll come back to Ms. Edwards.

I'm going to go to Jessie Pollard. If you can press *6. Ms. Edwards, I got you.

MS. EDWARDS: Okay. Good evening, everybody.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Good evening.
MS. EDWARDS: This report is from the Concerned Citizens of Park Manor and Chatham, and it is about detrimental issues on East 79th Street.

We'd like to address the quality of life in the 6th District, specifically in the Chatham area of East 79th Street. The residents in this area assist the police by voting, attending CPD beat meetings and participate in various community groups, GCA, CAPCC, GCI and CPS local councils. Those are described in the written report, who they are. At these meetings, over the past ten years, various suggestions for improvements have been made involving safety and our quality of life has been compromised and threatened. The situations and negative contributing factors we've encountered, many involve businesses and compounding negative factors that have increased crime on the 79th Street corridor. Like the 95th to 79th Street corridor, unattended hotspots should be assigned an incident car. Our justification is as follows: Police beat 624 is the highest crime area in
the City of Chicago. The 6th Police District is a training unit without long-standing officers that get a chance to know the community residents. Follow-up is never completed when new officers are assigned and the process starts all over with nothing being accomplished. Requests for officers that know and care about area residents in our community have been ignored.

Beat 623 and beat 624 have joint bimonthly CAPS meetings which doesn't provide ample time to discuss and address issues for either beat in one hour.

Residents inform officers of specific community issues with no follow-up from the officers as to the status of the issue.

At the meeting, no one is aware of the situation or the officer that handles the issue is not present to provide status updates.

More information will be given with the next speaker, detrimental issues.

Thank you.
PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Ms. Edwards.

Next speaker is Jessie Pollard; however, I do not see Jessie Pollard has called in. Jessie Pollard, if you've called in, *6.

Next speaker is Eunice Chatman-Regis, if you can press *6. Eunice Chatman-Regis, *6, please. All right, I'll call on you again. I'll come back.

Next speaker is Gail Saulsberry.


MS. SAULSBERRY: Hi, this is Gail Saulsberry. Can you hear me?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am.

MS. SAULSBERRY: Thank you. I am discussing the Happy Liquors & Food at 7901 South Cottage Grove Avenue. There is continuous loitering around Happy Liquors & Food. And Happy Liquors & Food agreed to a liquor license plan of operation and currently this is no longer honor -- they are no longer honoring the agreement. And because Happy Liquors & Food is not honoring the agreement, area residents want the store closed.
In addition to that, we have suggestions to improve our quality of life, and they are to implement Neighborhood Policing Initiative in the 6th District, to vote the area around Happy Liquors & Food dry. Businesses meet once per quarter with area residents; however, due to COVID, area residents are not currently allowed to meet with the businesses at the CPD business meeting or virtual meeting. CPD should assign a dedicated patrol car on 79th Street and adjacent streets. Businesses sign a no-trespassing affidavit, call CPD when it is violated and receive a rapid response from CPD. Businesses agree to be evaluated by the Chatham Business Association to identify improvements that will increase business and benefit the community. And improved outdoor lighting for individual side streets, which were changed by the LED lights that were added a few years ago. And visible store name and removal of signage blocking store windows, which is a risk for police approaching businesses. Garbage disposal program hopes to increase the Streets
and Sanitation pickup of garbage on the main corridors. And increase the availability of the mental health services.

We ask for more CPD attention to the situations we've listed on the 79th Street corridor and hope that there can be an increase in the amount of incident cars and patrol personnel due to the 5th District having the highest crime area in the City of Chicago.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much. Superintendent, before I ask you, because I know this is all one group, so before I ask you to comment, I will kind of let the entire group kind of get through.

So I am going to come back.

Eunice Chatman-Regis, are you able to press *6? I can see you are dialed in.

Okay. I'll keep moving.

Lori Burns, *6. All right.

Next speaker, June Norfleet. If you can press *6. I can see that you are unmuted. Ms. Norfleet? Okay. Ms. Norfleet, I will come back to you. I can see you are
unmuted but I can't hear you.

Next speaker, Matt Brandon. Mr. Brandon, if you can press *6. Technical difficulties today, I think.

Next speaker --

MR. BRANDON: Can you hear me now, President Foreman?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir, Mr. Brandon.

MR. BRANDON: Just so you know, when we initially press *6, we get a message that we have been muted by the meeting host and can't unmute yourself. So there's something wrong with the system, just so you know.

But anyway, good evening, President Foreman, Superintendent Brown, of course Dana O'Malley, Director Brooks and the command staff. And I have to really say, I've been remiss in not saying the same thing to Chief Roberts. Good evening, Chief Roberts. You have a difficult job, and I've always meant to recognize that and thank you.

I want to thank the Superintendent, the command staff for attending the Backyard Conversation that was held on the
south side. It was really appreciated and it's been the talk of the community for a long time.

Thank you, Superintendent.

We also want to announce that Communities Organized to Win is initiating a drive to support the neighborhood police initiative by putting together with our community partners lists -- resident contact lists so that the district communication officers, once they get here, can hit the ground running. We plan to do those lists in Districts 3, 6 and 4 and 7, and we will submit those lists to the CAP officers so that the DCLs can have them.

We also -- we also would like to thank the Cook County Sheriff for returning to the Chatham area. They held a roll call on Wednesday. The community was there and we hope they can be support to our CPD officers.

I want to say to my dear friend Flora Suttle, who I know is on the call, you are in my thoughts and prayers and I continue to pray for you as you seek justice. And we wish to continue to work with the Chicago
Police Department in helping solve the plague of violence that troubles our community. Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Mr. Brandon. I'm going to try to see if I can get Ms. Norfleet. Ms. Norfleet, have you been able to get unmuted? Okay.

Next speaker, JoRico Smart. I do not think -- so, Superintendent, would you like to address some of the conversations we just had about the 6th District?

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Yes. I'm very well aware of the area. It's been mentioned. We have added extra resources, but we are in other parts of the district due to some gang conflicts, but I will definitely redirect Commander Muhammad to those areas. It's very disappointing that we can't meet in person like we normally would due to COVID. And many times the communication has been disconnected between the district commander and his team and the neighborhood who can't meet on a regular basis and face-to-face. But I really appreciate the information here at this Police Board meeting
to make sure that I am responsive to when we need to redeploy resources to areas that the community sees that might not show up in our deployment strategy.

So I'll definitely visit with District Commander Mohammad tonight and get him to move on the corridor at 79th Street.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.

Next speaker, Flora Suttle. Ms. Suttle, can you unmute yourself, please, *6?

MS. FLORA SUTTLE: Good evening, everyone. This is Flora Suttle. Can you hear me?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am.

MS. FLORA SUTTLE: Thank you so much, Matt Brandon, for your kind words. They are much needed at this time. And I'd like to say good evening to the Superintendent and Police Board and to Sydney Roberts.

Well, as usual, when I call, I'm talking about my son, Derrick Suttle, who was killed February 12th -- February 11, 2012.

Chief Roberts, I heard your presentation. I read Joe Ferguson's Inspector General's report. And I do see progress.
Inspector General, thank you so much for making -- releasing the report. But here's my thing, Ms. Roberts. Derrick Suttle's case was closed in 2012. That was another administration. That was another mayor and police superintendent and State's Attorney. And you've always handled it as a closed case. I hear what you're doing on cases that are open.

Now, I was told the procedure that I followed was the procedure -- the procedure to use to get the case reopened criminally.

I have not heard you address that, period, how to reopen, what's the status or what's your role in reopening closed cases.

The other one -- the other point I want to point out right now is, Superintendent Brown, there was also a detective investigation done for the justifiable homicide that was concluded by the detective division. I want that reopened. Look into that.

When you look at IPRA, COPA,
because COPA agreed with IPRA, and the
detective's criminal investigation, who wrote
justified shooting. Uh-uh. There's a problem.
A coverup.

I'm asking you to look into that.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Okay. So, Ms. Suttle,
I will reach out and coordinate with Chief
Roberts and we will make sure someone will get
in touch with you.

MS. SUTTLE: Can I say one last thing
positively? I've been working with the Central
South Shore Area Council in addressing some of
the problems within our community, and we --
our area handled the 3rd and 4th Districts. I
will talk more about it maybe the next time,
but I am getting involved with the group in my
area so that we can work with the police.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Wonderful. Thank you
very much. Appreciate you joining the Police
Board meetings as well as your continued
service with making your community better.

Next speaker is La'Rie Suttle.

Ms. Suttle, press *6, please.

MS. LA'RIE SUTTLE: Hello?
PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am.

MS. LA'RIE SUTTLE: Good evening to everyone who joined the call.

My name is La'Rie Suttle.

Tonight I would like to report updates of my own for members of the public.

First, I'd like to publicly congratulate First Deputy Superintendent Eric Carter and Deputy Superintendent Barbara West for their new leadership roles within the Department.

Last month a member of the community mentioned the NPI, Neighborhood Policing Initiative, that was announced earlier that day. After completing research of my own, I applaud the Superintendent's efforts of trying to improve community police relations.

Only because of who the Department chose to partner with regarding this issue, which is the Policing Project NYU School of Law, as someone's whose parent was killed by -- was killed three blocks away from where they live, community policing will continue to be a hard area to improve for members of this Department.
until the past and present mistakes are addressed.

Three. I'd like to thank members of the City Council and representatives of the Mayor's office who participated in today's joint subject matter hearing on CPD's budget. As a resident, I gained much more clarity and insight about fiscal matters relating to CPD, which at this point in time it's crucial in internal and external decision-making.

Four. I would like to inform members of the public that on September 3rd, 2020, I resigned from the Use of Force Community Working Group for reasons I do not wish to disclose at this moment, city internal sensitivity.

Five. I concur with the recent reports from the Public Safety Section of the Office of the Inspector General's Office regarding COPA's process for administratively terminating disciplinary investigations in compliance with the City's video release policy for use-of-force incidents and the independent monitor community survey reports. And I am
encouraging others to look into this
information.

The last point -- I know I'm
running out of time. I will save that point
until next month, but it has something to do
with protest and civil unrest. Those are my
reports. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much,
Ms. Suttle. I'll try Ms. Norfleet again. Ms.
Norfleet?

MS. NORFLEET: Hello.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Hi. We can hear you
now.

MS. NORFLEET: Okay. Thank you very much.
All righty. That was a little bit of a
challenge to get through, and colleague Brandon
indicated we were having some glitches. But my
comments are as follows, and I am sharing this
on behalf of my other colleague, Ms. Burns. We
want to thank Superintendent Brown for
attending the August 22nd backyard gathering on
of the south side residents and Grand Crossing.
The candid conversation was greatly
appreciated; however, there are growing
concerns about the huge gap between CPD-stated
goals versus observed reality. The goal,
equitable distribution of police resources,
human and technology; the reality, resources
are openly diverted to downtown.

The goal, community policing with
bikes, foot patrol and consistent beat
coverage; the reality is reports of personnel
shortage due to retirement, low recruitment,
lack of visible pipeline for new personnel via
the cadet program or other channels. A goal,
working consent decree reforms in both letter
and spirit of the law; the reality is
increasingly toxic rhetoric from FOP leadership
and ongoing contractual impasse.

Uniform officers wearing thin,
blue face masks as it is in contrast with CPD
guidelines.

It is time to tell the truth are
the words of James Baldwin. Not everything can
be changed, but nothing will be changed until
it is faced. Truth requires fact. And the
interested public needs to understand exactly
how these goals can become reality. And if
they cannot, we absolutely need to know that.

I just want to underscore her statement by saying, again, we encourage, we implore so that there can be diversity in our Public Safety Corps, that you must use this cadet program. You must start early. You must get into areas such as our educational system and other civic organizations to start recruitment, to start expanding and explaining the role of our public safety officers and what a tremendous privilege it is to serve.

Thank you very much and have a pleasant evening.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Ms. Norfleet.

Next speaker, Betty Wilson. Ms. Wilson, I do not -- I don't know if you're on. We don't have your number, so I need you to *6. No, I take that back, I see you.

MS. WILSON: Can you hear me?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am.

MS. WILSON: Good evening, everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to come. This is my first time coming on to your meeting; however,
I am -- my name is Betty Wilson, and I am a facilitator for Beat 14 and also a block club president.

So on behalf of the community that I'm coming to, and some people have already addressed the particular area, I'm also on 79th, but we at 79th on the other end on 79th, around Stony to East End. And our question that we are concerned about, that it has been designated, 79th and Stony Island to East End, up in that area, has been designated as a hotspot, has been designated as a hotspot for some time; however, the question is, we do not see any changes, even though it's a designated hotspot. And we would like to know why is that? Why is it that we continue to see the prostitution? We continue to see the drug sales? We continuing to see the loitering, selling of loose cigarettes and cooking on City sidewalks, whether it's private or just the City? Nothing is being changed.

We have an upscale of shootings within our areas. One particular area is 75th and Chappell where over five years they have
known of a -- one drug house but nothing has been done. And our community's houses are being shut in because bush do not have any kinds of names on them.

So even as a community, we do as we are asked. We come together. We do calls. We call 911. We do phone trees. We have talked to the businesses. We have talked to our aldermen. We come to our CAPS meetings and whatnot, and yet we see a lack of -- in our community, we do not see what we see downtown. If I go downtown, I see rows and rows of policemen all down Michigan, but on our south side and our community, I do not see that same initiative of protection or surveillance or presence of our CPD officers.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sorry. I had to cut you off, Ms. Wilson.

Superintendent, do you want to respond?

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Yes. We are committed to protecting our neighborhoods in the same way you're seeing in downtown. Even while I've been on this call, I've been texting
Commander Muhammad of the 6th District relaying your concerns and ensuring we get on top of this and ensuring you get the same police presence that the downtown area gets.

We have it in parts of the district. But, again, obviously we're not addressing the community's concern, so we will get on top of that. And Commander Muhammad is a good commander, and I'm giving him this information that I've been receiving tonight.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Superintendent.

Next speaker, Ugochi Ofoha. If you can press *6.

MS. OFOHA: Hello? Can you hear me?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am.

MS. OFOHA: Awesome. Good evening, everyone. My name is Ugochi. And I'd like to share my thoughts on the effectiveness of police reform.

I would love a world where I can just ask for more police accountability, but if CPD can disregard recommendations from COPA, then this is not a system that is working for
the safety of the people.

We keep saying reform and give them more money or more training. Trying the same thing over and over again is not going to work.

Police reform isn't going to work because it hasn't been working and hasn't worked since August 15th, 1835, when the Chicago Police Department was formed back when Chicago was still a town.

It is time to try something new. It's time to defund the police and instead fund housing, education and public health.

Public safety means having access to things like jobs that pay livable wage and substance abuse facilities, not more costs to our facilities.

Also, ask members of the community to use your imagination. This can't be the best we can come up with. Imagine a different way of living, a different way of feeling safe because what we have now does not work. It does not work because people are being harassed, brutalized and murdered by the
police. We as a society can do better.

If the hospital had doctors that killed every fifth patient, would you recommend better training and more money? If you did, would you, yourself, visit that hospital or recommend others go while doctors are being trained? No. You'd probably want the hospital to be shut down. At the very least, you would avoid it at all costs.

If you went to a restaurant that gave you really bad food poisoning, would you continue visiting? If the health check was bad enough, the City would shut it down.

So the question is: How bad is bad enough for the CPD? What is your threshold? Because if you are not there yet, you are either not paying attention or you fully support the maltreatment of Chicagoans by CPD.

Information I've gathered through hearing the testimony of others or from reading reports, CPD has been ineffective at solving cases at best and deceitful and murderous at worst.
I'm saying again what we have now is not good enough. Everyone in this meeting on the call has the power to effect change. Thank you for listening.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Next speaker is CPD Transparency.

CPD TRANSPARENCY: Hello, again. I want to talk about the student a Des Plaines officer shot with his personal AR-15 at close range ten months ago.

Ben Bradley and WGN news showed surveillance camera from inside the music school. The student was completely innocent. Neither Chicago nor Des Plaines police have said a single, solitary word to him.

Des Plaines chief used to be Chicago Police. Explains the stupidity and cruelty.

Our police chief at the time was Eddie Johnson, so can't throw rocks.

The doctor said the boy's injury is like a wounded soldier. Des Plaines police chief said at the press conference, It's regrettable an officer was shot. It's even
more regrettable the offender was shot by Des Plaines police responding. He did not mention the student.

It's absurd to come to the gang to report the gang, but I wish I could tell the student the following: If you shoot at a Chicago police officer, they get to kill you, unwritten law, even if you didn't shoot. If you are a black man, they aim for the groin in case you survive. The bank robber shot at a Chicago police officer who was blocking his car. 20 squads were chasing him from Des Plaines, high speeds, all for $15,000. Going to cost a lot more than that.

Residents near the bank tackled one robber and held him until he was in cuffs. They had a photo of the second and could have captured him later. The bank doesn't have an armed guard. The bank drops a tracker into the money. That's how Des Plaines police were following him.

Police chases always end like this. It doesn't make sense. Three people were shot, including a completely innocent
15-year-old who was in a music school. He can't play anymore. The Des Plaines officer was presented to us as a hero. He is not a hero. The official gang insignia of the Chicago Police, the blue line flag and the skull from the Punisher comic book, tell you all you need to know about their intelligence. They can think one or two steps, that's it, and they will resent the effort. But the way Chicago police treats its completely innocent victims is inhuman.

It's September 17th. Happy Constitution Day. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

Next speaker, Joe Smart.

MR. SMART: Yes. Good evening, everyone.

Once again, my name is Joe Smart. This is my first time involved in this police council meeting -- board meeting. And I'm -- I give my thanks to the Board for giving up time and everything and doing what you do. I really do appreciate it.

A lot of my concerns that I have don't affect me personally. But Ms. Barbara,
the young lady that was speaking just a moment ago, I attend a lot of the CAPS meetings and Connect the Block meetings with her. And some of our concerns regarding the quality of life in our community need to be addressed like yesterday.

She was speaking about the young lady in our CAPS meeting yesterday evening. She was explaining to us how bullets was flying in her house as she was at home that evening over here on 75th and Chappell, which is unacceptable.

And I recall being in a CAPS meeting five years ago, and they were speaking their concerns regarding the violence on that block.

This is five years after the fact and the violence is still there.

Tomorrow evening they're having a prayer vigil. So I ask if not the -- Commissioner Brown can attend or somebody on the Board that can attend and just get familiar with that area and maybe you can talk with some of the community -- the people in the community
from that area to get an idea or a feeling of
what they're feeling unsafe in the community.

And also I spoke about the police
community policing. I'm involved --

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I'm sorry. I'm going
to have to cut you off. But if I can ask you
to contact the Police Board, if you can get us
information about the community meetings that
you would like someone to attend, I can ensure
that we can pass the information along, to try
to make sure we can get someone there.

The next speaker is Linda Hudson.

Linda Hudson, if you can press *6. I'll come
back to Linda Hudson. Last speaker Robert
More.

MS. HUDSON: Hello?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Great, Ms. Hudson.

Wonderful.

MS. HUDSON: Hi. So my name is Linda
Hudson, and I am the president and founding
member of the 8th Ward Accountability Coalition
or EWAC.

Today at 11:30 a.m., EWAC held a
prayer vigil for the 24-year-old mail carrier
that was shot four times last Thursday in the
Burnside neighborhood.

There is a war going on in the
Burnside community where the postal worker was
shot. I've attended many prayer vigils and
there's always a large CPD presence. Today
that did not happen. The 4th District sent one
car and they -- they got to the vigil very
late. I'm very disappointed in the 4th
District police.

In general, there needs to be
more CPD resources in the Burnside community.

There is a war going on in the
Burnside community. Today was the first time
in a week that the residents received their
mail.

The president of the Chicago
Postal Workers Union made it very clear that if
there is no protection for the mail carriers,
the residents will have to continue to pick up
their mail from the post office.

On another note, I agree with the
caller talking about Happy Liquors on 79th. It
is a burden in the community. I'm in support
of voting that area dry. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.

Superintendent, anything you want to say about Burnside?

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Yes. I was texting Commander Rubio, the district commander of the 4th District, of the prayer vigil attendance. That's disappointing. That's not (technical difficulties) why we couldn't send more officers to the prayer vigil. So we're going to make sure that doesn't happen again. Again, I took note as well texting him about the concern concerning the postal worker, to make sure that we (technical difficulties).

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Mr. More, would you like to get started?

MR. MORE: Can you hear me, Mr. Foreman?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. MORE: Hello?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. MORE: Very good. First of all, there's some background noise here. I'm doing the best I can.

I invoke the -- incorporate the
regular disclaimers. This is the first Timothy
5:22, Reverend Kirk, and anyone else for sin.
And I do not concede nor consent to the
continued existence and operation of the
nominal United States nor any of the political
subdivisions, because they are instruments of
the toge chevi goyim harmis (phonetic)
genocide of the goyim agenda in progress. Of
that, I am convinced. Within that context,
there's certain things that happen, like when
Mr. Foreman makes an effort to enable me to get
my position into the public record. That
provides me relief. It spares me grief and
shields me from harm.

As I understand it, it helps move
the ball forward to correcting the problem.

There's Kara Knox, star number
17320, took police report JD38887, which
restored my faith to some extent of all human
nature. She took the whole task so serious,
the precision, the attention to detail, the
thoroughness. If she is against abortion,
sodomy and everything else the Catholic
churches condemn, she is way underemployed and
nominated for promotion, until we can get this
whole arrangement replaced with a legitimate
arrangement as to domestic law enforcement.

Mr. Superintendent Brown, what is
the present status of the Bland, Young and
Spencer murders
investigation/non-investigation? What is the
present status of those? Hello?

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Is it okay for me to
answer now?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sure.

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: If I can get your
information, I'll have our homicide detectives
visit with you to give you updates of where we
are with the information.

MR. MORE: All right. Are you familiar,
Mr. Superintendent, with United Nations Agenda
21? When I make reference to United Nations
Agenda 21, do you understand what that is?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Mr. More, why don't you
e-mail over a one-page on United Nations. I
don't want you to use all of your time on
United Nations.

MR. MORE: Thank you, Mr. Foreman. Let me
go on to the next issue. The next issue is I'm filing a FOIA in regards to an investigation of -- the alleged investigations of the Bland, Young and Spencer murders. Also, at least three months of violence and criminality, because the problem for 106 years since the enactment of the Federal Reserve Act is the actual Super Cloud Covered Global plantation owners to push the buttons and pull the strings behind --

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: At this time I've now called upon all members of the public who are signed up to speak. Is there a motion to adjourn?

BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff. I move to adjourn.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Is there a second?

BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy. I second.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes and the motion is adjourned. Thank you very much everyone and stay safe. Thank you.
WHEREUPON, the proceedings were adjourned at 8:33 p.m.)
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