

City of Chicago
DISTRICT COUNCIL # 012
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: Regular Special Closed

MEETING DATE: 6/21/2023

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Dvorak Park 1119 W Cullerton St

MEETING START TIME: 6:35 pm

Attendance & Quorum

OMA Meeting cannot take place without 2 out of 3 members present in-person.

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Michelle Page	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Chloe Vitale	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Leonardo Quintero	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): Yes: No:

Public Comment

Person A - State Representative, 2nd district, introduced herself, said she wants to support our initiatives and cares highly about public safety. Encouraged community to participate and be part of these meetings

Person B - Representative of CAARPR, CAARPR was essential in passing the ECPS ordinance. Becoming the first and only democratic body for accountability. Has flyers with information about the district council and the commissioners. "we know there's more than 13 officers in CPD that are part of the hate groups, the goal is public safety"

Person C - 25th ward resident, asking about officers names that are in those 13 officers named in the report.

Person D - alderman 25th, city of chicago has not been responding in a timely matter. 90 billion dollars are spent by the city for cases of misconduct. it is a safety issues when officers who are linked to hate groups are allowed to stay on CPD. NAACP, Poverty Southern Law center. An officer was recommended to be removed from his position, and was allowed to stay on as officers. 40% of the city budget is being spent on the police.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes are approved by the second regular meeting after they are taken.

Approved minutes are posted online within 10 days after approval.

Approval for minutes taken on May 22nd, during the Regular Community District Council Meeting. No corrections were made to the minutes taken on May 22nd. Chloe Vitale makes motion to approve minutes, Michelle Page seconds the motion, 3 in favor. No debate regarding minutes will be had by District Council members. Vote passes. Minutes will be available on CCPSA website within 10 days of approval.

District Council Member Updates

Leo - Union League Boys and Girl Club One will be hosting a Peace March on Friday, June 30th at 2pm. Community will march from their site to Harrison Park where there will be a Summer Bash event being put on by New Life. Peace signs and posters are welcomed.

If you know youth ages 13 to 22, My Block My Hood My City will be hosting Downtown Day, where they will invite young people from all over the city to be part of the downtown culture. The organization will be providing \$50 cash cards to each youth so they can eat, buy and use for transit while in the area. They have partnered with several organizations and businesses to make this day possible. There are volunteer opportunities available, it will take place July 8th, if you are interested in volunteering stay after the meeting to connect with me. If you want to sign a young person up, they can visit the my block my hood my city website or do a quick google search for Downtown Day Chicago.

Today is officially day 30th of District Council members across the city asking the Johnson administration for support in making these meetings more accessible by providing language interpretation services. The 12th District Council members are leading the charge in these efforts to get ASL and other language translators into these meetings or virtually.

Chloe - Process of city emails is still being figured out. Vitaledistrict12@gmail.com is the email we are using for outreach purposes.

Restorative Justice courts will be observed, community members are invited to join Chloe at these court sessions. We look to mimic and copy a similar court system here in the 12th district.

Byron Sigcho-Lopez hosted a forum regarding white supremasit hate groups inside of CPD. There are currently 13 officers currently woring inside of the CPD and cops have been identified. Some of these names are public and currently have not been reprimanded in any way. Officer Bacher has been quoted and reprimanded for his views and biases, and remains on the force. Southern Poverly Law Center suggests creating better policy to name these groups. FIOA will be created

As of this week, 21 boxes will be placed around the neighborhoods with Narcan in high opiod use/abuse areas. If any organizations are interested the hosting these they can reach out to Chloe.

Gender based violence focus groups - the last one will be hosted tomorrow via zoom.

Discussions

CPD Updates - ask for any police representation, allow time to speak. CPD has remained adamant about us needing to FOIA request specific information regarding their staffing. We were able to get a link to portal that shows very topical numbers, demographics and information - this can be used as a starting point, I will be filing FOIA requests which will hopefully be fulfilled by the next meetings regarding true assignments at the 12th district, especially with the Summer on heels and down town events pulling from neighborhood resources. You can find the link to the CPD officer portal in the dropbox folder.

COPA Updates - "COPA responded to and is currently investigating a use of force incident that took place on May 31, 2023 on the block of 2200 Block of Maypole Avenue. An off-duty CPD member was fired upon by a group of individuals and returned fire. The officer was struck by gunfire and it is believed none of the individuals who fired upon the officer were struck. The officer is in good condition. COPA will conduct the investigation into the officer's use of force, as stipulated by the Municipal Code." As more information becomes available we will report back to the community about this incident.

COPA is also currently hiring for a Freedom of Information Officer position, you can find the link to the job in the dropbox folder.

COPA has also released their Quarter 1 report for the city, you can find the highlights of this report in the dropbox folder, as well as the link to the full report. Additionally, you will see a snapshot report of the month of May specific to the 12th District.

Superintendent Updates - Applications are closed, the Mayor will get names submitted to them by the Committee by July 14th. The mayor will then have 30 days to approve or veto these names.

Commissioner Nomination Process - the nominating council member will begin meeting and begin the process to create the regular Commissioner meeting.

Community Activity - What does community safety look like to you? What public safety measures, outside of traditional policing, are you aware of and support? ECPS, what does an empowered community look like to you?

Votes

Meeting minutes were approved; 3 yes, vote passed.

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: 7/19/2023

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): Smith Park (2526 W Grand Ave)

District Council ended the meeting at: 7:46 pm