

City of Chicago

DISTRICT COUNCIL #2

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: Regular Special Closed

MEETING DATE: 3/16/2024

MEETING LOCATION AND ADDRESS: Timothy Community Corporation, 4351 S Drexel Blvd Chicago, IL 60602.

MEETING START TIME: 10:30am

Attendance & Quorum

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

| District Council Member Name | Attendance |
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| Chair: Alexander Perez | Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Community Engagement: Julia Kline | Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nominating Committee: Ephraim Lee | Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

Meeting Called to Order: 10:35AM

Guest Presentation:
10:40 AM - 11:10 AM

Loren Jones, the Director of Criminal Legal System with Impact for Equity, spoke at length about the organization’s focus on traffic stops committed by the Chicago Police Department through their support of ‘Free2Move’. Loren laid out in very clear detail how traffic stops in the city of Chicago disproportionately target black and brown communities, perpetuate stereotypes, generate false arrests, and continue to instill a negative public view on law enforcement and the judicial process as a whole.

More information on Impact for Equity’s work and their support of the Free2Move coalition, can be found at:

[Fighting For Racial & Social Justice - Impact for Equity](#)

[Data Overview — Free2Move \(free2movechi.org\)](#)

Public Comment:

The district council welcomed Isabella Bonito and Caeli Kean, journalists of the Documenters

11:10 - 11:30

Network and members of the Chicago City Bureau.

Zhenya Polozova enquired about Chicago Police Lt. Joseph Schuler, CIT presentation and its impact on mental health and community outreach.

Dr. Davis commented via Zoom about Loren Jones's traffic presentation and the legalities of its effectiveness against curbing criminal activities.

District Updates:
11:30 - 12:00

Nominating Committee (Councilor Lee)

Councilor Lee thanked all of the residents who provided applications to become a member of the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability (CCPSA), and provided information about the exhausting application process and its success at meeting the deadline for providing Mayor Brandon Johnson 15 applicant choices, from which he will have the honor of selecting 7 permanent replacements for seats on the CCPSA.

Chair (Councilor Perez)

Councilor Perez highlighted his efforts in advancing the Restore, Reinvest, and Renew program (R3), which is funded by cannabis tax revenue. This program directs funds to important areas like legal aid services, economic redevelopment, and violence prevention, particularly in districts labeled as 'Impact Zones' across the city.

Additionally, Councilor Perez mentioned his intention to use his personal funds to support young people seeking mental health services and Public Safety in the form of a three month partnership. He plans to partner with Coffee Hip-Hop and Mental Health (CHHAMH), a 501c3 charity organization providing talk therapy, nutritional wellness, and mindfulness support. This partnership aims to offer purposeful assistance to teens, young adults, and post-incarcerated individuals aged 18-34. The campaign also involves gathering public safety data through surveys to better inform the 2nd District Council and Police officers.

Councilor Perez also shared an update on the upcoming quarterly meeting and the progress made within the current working groups formed by the District Councils (DCs). These working groups include Transparency and Accountability, Data, Public Safety, Education and Outreach, and Restorative Justice and Policy. One notable initiative highlighted was a survey created by the Transparency and Accountability working group. This survey aims to gauge engagement and sentiment between all 22 Police District Councils and their corresponding CPD Command Staff. The goal is to advocate for enhanced standards of engagement citywide.

Community Engagement (Councilor Kline)

Councilor Kline spoke at length about a phone call she received on Wed, March 13th from a resident Kinnesha Copeland, whose brother, Otis Terrell Whiteside, had been murdered at or around 0200 hours on February 3rd outside of Los Amantes Restaurant and Banquet Hall at 4753 W 47th St. The police didn't interview all the witnesses and the no charges were pursued based on evidence that showed the killing was a case of self defense. Ms. Copeland felt as though the police had done an unsatisfactory investigation and Councilor Kline was hoping she could help her find some justice, or help to at least obtain a proper investigation. After listening to Ms. Copeland's testimony, Councilor Kline helped her to file a complaint with the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) who subsequently referred the case to the Bureau of

Internal Affairs.

Discussions

Councilor's Perez, Kline, and Lee, all agreed that events held to discuss various resident concerns by councilor's acting in an official capacity, will be shared with fellow council members in advance and reported on during the monthly meeting following the engagement.

Old Business

Vote taken on January minutes (February cancellation resulted in no minutes to vote upon).
Vote passes with Councilor's Perez, Lee, and Kline voting Yea. Vote carries.

New Business

No new business to report.

Votes

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Summary of Votes:

3 Yea 0 Nay

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 16, 2024 6:30 PM

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): Timothy Community Corporation, 4351 S Drexel Blvd
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District Council ended the meeting at: 12:00 pm