

DISTRICT COUNCIL 001
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Meeting Type: Regular

Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

Meeting Location: Prairie Shores Clubhouse, 2937 S. King Drive

Meeting Start Time: 6:05 PM

District Council Member Attendance

Name	Role	Present	Remote	Absent
Sarah Kammerer	Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adrienne Johnson	Nominator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jamie Brown	Community Engagement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Quorum Met*: Yes

*: In compliance with the Open Meetings Act (OMA), meetings require at least two members physically present to proceed.

Approval of Minutes

- N/A

Public Comment Summary

- No public comments

Guest Speaker Presentation

Speaker: Rashod Vaval, Supervisor, Chicago Park District

Topic: Overview of role and needs at Dunbar and Williams Parks

Oversight Responsibilities:

- Supervises Dunbar and Williams Parks
- Rashod is primarily based at Williams Park due to Dunbar's lack of a fieldhouse
- Manages:
 - Rentals
 - Landscaping and lighting
 - Group coordination
 - General Park operations

Security & Safety Concerns:

- Dunbar Park earns ~\$100,000 annually from rentals but lacks permanent security
- Security provided by patrolling vehicles during peak times and rentals
- Limited early morning security: residents advised to call 911 in emergencies
- Off-duty officers may provide unarmed security for events
- Large unpermitted gatherings remain a challenge; residents encouraged to report issues
- Rashod committed to routine check-ins and support for future meetings/events

Park Challenges:

- Ongoing post-holiday cleanup issues at Williams Park
- Recurring safety concerns
- Next coordination event scheduled for **September** at Williams Park

District Council Member Updates

Sarah Kammerer, Chair

- Role Overview: facilitates dialogue between the community and police to build trust, accountability, and transparency. stressed the importance of community feedback.
 - Goal is to meet residents where they are, whether at monthly meetings, individual meetings or through the feedback form
- Activities included meetings residents, resident HOAs, businesses, building management, event organizers, and park officials
- Asked attendees to community facilitate introductions.
- Provided an overview of the police department's strategic plan, prioritizing quality of life issues, motor vehicle theft in specific regions, and robbery prevention.
- Common concerns: Increasing comfort in public spaces; increasing concern about pedestrian safety including cars speeding and not stopping at stop signs, scooters and bikes on the sidewalks
- Discussed 001CPD Strategic Priorities: reaffirmed top district priorities from fall session feedback (150+ participants) that include nuisance and disturbance complaints, car thefts (mid-district concentration), increased robberies (northern district) and asked for input

Jamie Brown, Community Engagement

- Focused on enhancing summer community participation
- Noted:
 - CPD resource limitations due to seasonal demand
- Provided updates on:
 - Proposed soccer stadium at "The 78"
(Community meeting with Ald. Dowell pending)
 - Sheriff's satellite office opening at Roosevelt CTA station
 - Ongoing CTA safety issues (e.g., overdoses, robberies)
 - Collaboration with CTA on data collection and funding safety programming

Adrienne Johnson, Nominating Committee

- Reported lack of quorum at recent nominating check-in
 - Full committee meeting scheduled for **June 7**
 - Early planning underway to recruit 2026 commissioners:
 - 2 youth members
 - 1 north-side attorney
 - Improving digital outreach via:
 - Facebook
 - QR code-based feedback tools
 - Council collaborating with CAPS leadership to develop outreach strategies
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Discussion

Staffing & Enforcement:

- Reduced traffic enforcement staffing in recent years
- CDOT increasingly relies on infrastructure (e.g., signage, curb bump-outs)

Technology & Education:

- Speed cameras continue to be used
- Stop sign cameras remain controversial
- Education prioritized as key to sustainable safety

Community Feedback:

- Resident concerns included:
 - Unsafe e-bike/motorbike use on sidewalks
 - "Last mile" safety challenges for pedestrians and transit users
 - Limited traffic enforcement in high-risk areas
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Next Meeting Details

- **Date:** July 8, 2025, 6:00 PM
 - **Location:** Old St. Patrick's Church, 700 W. Adams
 - **Note:** August 5 meeting was originally scheduled for GEMS Academy, but the school has closed, so working to find new location; will announce ASAP
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Meeting Adjourned: 6:35 PM