

DISTRICT COUNCIL 001
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Meeting Type: Regular

Meeting Date: Sept. 9, 2025

Meeting Location: Williams Park Fieldhouse, 2820 S. State

Meeting Start Time: 6:06 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

- May, June and August 2025

Public Comment

- **Ann Cibulskis:** Encourages the police to focus on deescalation; requires culture change interally; thinks the department is moving in the right direction and hopes it continues

District Council Updates

Sarah Kammerer, Chair

- DC Overview: District Boundaries: Defined as the Chicago River South to 31st Street and from Lake Michigan to the highway; facilitates dialogue between the community and police to build trust, accountability, and transparency. Stressed the importance of community feedback; encouraged participation through monthly public meetings, community events, feedback forms, and direct communication (emails, phone calls, informal meetings); asked attendees to community facilitate introductions.
- District Strategic Plan: provided an overview of the police department's strategic plan, prioritizing quality of life issues, motor vehicle theft in specific regions, and robbery

prevention; encouraged individuals from 3rd sector to participate to ensure their concerns are heard and resources are provided

- Activities: participation in condo board meetings, LSE Presidents Group monthly meetings, Chicago Loop Alliance Public Safety Group, and other stakeholder meetings. She also attended a number of community and building events.
- Biggest Issues: pedestrian safety, motorcycles, large event nuisance including traffic and noise, Mexican Independence Day preparation and concerns with Federal intervention

Jamie Brown, Community Engagement

- Summer is a busy time for CPD,
- Biggest Issues: concerns with pop-up protests, specifically protests that are not permitted: this needs to be enforced; crossing guards removed from elementary schools (Note: note sure if 001 is affected as this is a CPS not a CPD issue, but also related to pedestrian safety); CTA crime
- Kudos to CPD for a great summer

Adrienne Johnson, Nominating Committee

- Updates: Nominating Committee meeting: Saturday, November 15, 2025. Note: please email Adrienne.Johnson@cityofchicago.org or call/text me at 312.989.5160 to share any feedback, comments, suggestions on what the nominating committee should consider when interviewing applicants for the 3 vacancies ; CCPSA meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2025; COPA People's Academy 9/23-10/28/2025 6-8:30PM, a six-week Training Academy for the public, designed to educate citizens on COPA's processes including, the History of Civilian Oversight of Policing in Chicago, Introduction to Officer-Involved Shootings Investigations, Witness Reliability, Standards of Proof, Analyzing Video, Use of Force, and our Policy Research & Analyses Division (PRAD); CPD Community Training Observation Days: We are excited to continue this program, which helps strengthen police-community relationships and provides valuable feedback to improve our training (October 4 and 25)
 - Activities: Represented 001 DC at National Night Out, August 5th at Navy Pier; Shared feedback with CAPS on next year's location; CAPS Community Alert shared on 9/1/2025 about related robbery incidents in Grant Park, New Eastside and Chicago Loop neighborhoods; District Strategic Plan: Announce would love to see more of the 30-sector community participate in meetings; Community Engagement: Alderman Pat Dowell's 17th Annual Senior Update 9/13/2025; Office of Public Safety Administration: Together We're Better Public Safety Community Fair 9/27/2025; Continuing to meet neighbors in the neighborhood, community association manager(s) and local South Loop business managers/owners
 - Social: FB page for District Council 001 - CCPSA (9/9/2025; new update!): 33 followers (increased 3% from previous 28 days and 31 followers in August)
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Discussion

Key Concerns Based on Community Feedback:

- Violence Response: Concerns with violence in neighborhood; CPD staffs the area (HUD Funded) but the car doesn't respond and the security that are hired to help keep tensions low are hanging out with the kids that are the trouble; when incidents do happen, the community members can't report the crime to the car, they have to go to the station; there is a bullet hole in the park district window; the violence plagues the community but we need help with accountability; don't have updated technology, waiting for updates from Park District
- Pedestrian Safety: bikes and scooter on sidewalks, speeding cars, cars not stopping for pedestrians
- CTA: smoking, loud music and violence is an issue; people don't want to ride in these conditions
- Homeless Population: why can't we get people the services we need?

Next Meeting Details

- **Date:** October 7, 3PM
- **Location:** Harold Washington Library, Room 7N5, 400 S. State

Meeting Adjourned: 7:16 PM