

CITY OF CHICAGO
DISTRICT COUNCIL 006
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: X Regular ☐ Special ☐ Closed

MEETING DATE: July 22, 2025

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Zion Temple Church of God and Christ 1754 West 79th Street

MEETING START TIME: 6:11 pm

Attendance & Quorum

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: David Boykin	Present: <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: x <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominator: Aisha Humphries	Present: x <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Engagement: Ciera Whitaker	Present: x <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Public Comment

Ongoing complaints regarding visible drug activity and loitering near 7908 S. Eberhart. Residents (esp. Eunice Shaver Reed) stated the issue persists, with people drinking and waiting outside regularly. Discussion on distinguishing between residential and commercial sides of the location and loitering patterns.

Appreciation for District Council engagement; newsletter mentioned as an important ongoing tool.

Announcement: Block Club Party on August 2, 2025, from 12 PM to 6 PM. Call for event submissions to the newsletter; preference for shareable links.

Approval of Minutes N/A

District Council Updates

Absence of Member David Boykins: 3 regular meetings missed thus far with no contact or responses to the council and CCPSA staff efforts through email, and several phone call attempts.

Noted absence, hope for his wellbeing, no details shared.

Reminder that two of three council members are required for quorum: commitment to continued attendance and coverage.

Discussions Background on Comprehensive Public Safety Plan:

City and CPD are developing a plan under the Johnson administration, with particular emphasis on “community policing.”

Council’s role includes strategic planning and workforce allocation feedback.

CPD has created working groups to gather and relay community feedback to leadership.

Workforce Allocation Study: Led by Matrix group; intended to rationalize the distribution of officers and other personnel citywide. Problems identified: turnover, lack of continuity, disparity in staffing, “paper” staffing not matching actual resources (detailed-out supervisors), reliability of city databases. Consent decree affects staffing ratios (e.g., 10 officers per supervisor) but may not match practical needs (new vs. experienced officers).

Discussions

Community Feedback on Police Engagement

General Opinions: Some residents reported strong support for current 6th District CAPS efforts, mentioning consistent attendance and relationships.

Recognition of resource limits (doing the best they can legally”) but concern that hands are tied by city council and legislation.

Others pointed out policing disparities within the district, especially lack of engagement in some wards.

Persistent Issues: Dissatisfaction with response and prioritization—some call for better mentorship and youth engagement.

The problem of high officer/commander turnover undermining long-term trust and progress.

Quality of Life Calls vs. Violent Crime Response: Concerns expressed re: slow or no response to certain 911 calls—especially to non-violent but important “broken windows” issues.

Calls for resources to be balanced between community engagement and crime suppression.

Consent Decree & Staffing Allocation

Constraints of Federal Oversight (Consent Decree):

Staffing and deployment decisions must comply with mandates for supervision ratios and resource distribution.

Noted that “on paper” strength may obscure the true number of officers present due to persistent “detailing” (special assignments, medical, training).

“Never enough” officers—need to work effectively with what is available.

Commander can advocate but does not control allocations.

Community Engagement: Challenges and Opportunities

Need for Broader and Deeper Engagement:

District’s size and population transience make engagement difficult.

Large renter base and high turnover challenge block club sustainability and attendance at district meetings.

Incident Reviews and Emergency Planning

87th & Dan Ryan “Takeover” Incident:

Hundreds of individuals (many reportedly not local residents) gathered and quickly overwhelmed parking lot after a party elsewhere.

Police could not safely control the crowd due to numbers; no feasible way to prevent all such incidents, but creative planning (barriers, management coordination) encouraged.

Coordination between city, CPD, local businesses, and property managers is “Whack-A-Mole”—as incidents move from one area to another.

District’s Response to Major Events:

Successful strategies at DNC and other high-profile events (e.g., pre-positioning resources, barriers, extra security). Recommendation: apply such advance planning to foreseeable local “after-party” situations.

Improving Communications and Community Input

Feedback Mechanisms:

Surveys: Residents encouraged to fill out feedback surveys that CPD/Matrix/Commission will track. Block clubs and individuals urged to disseminate surveys and return input for city planning. Desire for more transparency: residents want to know about outcomes of crime reports, arrests, and case closures

Newsletter recognized as effective; recommendations to increase specific incident reporting and follow-up.

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 18, 2025

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): Foster Park 1440 West 84th Street

District Council ended the meeting at: 7:50 pm