

**CITY OF CHICAGO  
DISTRICT COUNCIL 014  
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY  
MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING TYPE: ☐ Regular x Special ☐ Closed

MEETING DATE: June 21, 2025

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Humboldt Park Library 1605 N Troy

MEETING START TIME: 1:10 pm

**Attendance & Quorum**

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Chris Laurent	Present: X Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominator: Ashley Vargas	Present: <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: X
Community Engagement: David Orlikoff	Present: X Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

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

**Public Comment**

**Alex**

Police decided to do a sweep of the neighborhood, and they detained my 50 year old neighbor who'd been living in Humboldt Park for his entire life he's a Puerto Rican citizen of the United States and he was detained. He was denied his medicine when he arrived home with groceries in his car. His ice cream was melting in his backseat, and they detained him and they denied him medicine they didn't give him due process.

He was held, I think, overnight and the day after that he suffered a massive stroke from the stress, and he has never recovered from that.

I think it's one thing when it's a citizen who is doing kind of casual negligence on behalf of their own life and creating a tragedy that you know sends a ripple effect but it is a completely different thing when people who are supposed to be employed by our city are then like multiplying the amount of violence that is happening in response to what was ultimately a really tragic accident. His whole family has had to care for him, and it has completely shifted their whole family and life and I just I feel very strongly that. I feel very strongly that the amount of police on the streets for the Puerto Rican Pride Festival seems massively inappropriate and I would like to very much be understanding what the cost benefit analysis that was being run to spend what is clearly at least over \$1 million on having that amount of police presence and what problem are they solving exactly and what cost is that I just I don't think that it makes fiscal sense so that's why I'm here.

**Sally Hamman**

it looks like we've got a new commissioner I mean a new commander in the 14th district so I would really like to have a meeting with this person and see if we can even get some questions answered that

the previous commander Commander Linas could not answer in our March meeting - in particular, we asked for a racial breakdown of the 14th district stops traffic stops and she could not provide that answer or would not don't know which I'd like an update on commander on lieutenant the Nowacki, who's an Oath Keeper, and who we've been asking to have removed from the 14th district for over a year now and she kept saying well I don't control who works in the 14th district I don't know what to do she said at one point he was gonna retire but I keep checking the retirement lists and he's not on it so and he's a lieutenant in command of other people and an oath keeper.

Also, 9-1-1 response times and the workforce allocation she could not provide us any information on those details said it was be she's not a data person we told her in advance that we wanted to get answers on that and she still didn't come with anything. Sexual assaults - I mean, we had at that point in the March meeting we had three known sexual assaults in the 14th district and three days before we held the March meeting there was a fourth which she didn't even tell us about in the meeting.

I mean I'm very concerned about the fact that she doesn't know anything she doesn't can't answer any questions I'm hoping our new commander can do a little better, but I would like to start asking those questions as soon as possible so that hopefully we can get some answers to these very important questions for our district.

### **Laura Rosenthal**

I would just like to echo kind of both of the sentiments of the public comments I live really close to Humboldt Park and I agree that the police presence seems absolutely excessive for the event and we could hear helicopters flying over like really late at night, so that just seemed incredibly excessive and then also echoing the request to have the commander come to one of our meetings as soon as possible just so that we can meet him and again raise those really important questions.

### **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.

The minutes approval has been postponed to be approved at a future meeting.

### **Discussions**

#### **Community Outreach**

We had our second free Self- Defense course offered by the 14th District Council. It seemed to be extremely well received I was able to attend that one. Just over 15 people took the class which is around the capacity of that space.

One thing I'll mention I'm wearing a T-shirt that I purchased from Charlotta Pritchett, the partner of the now-deceased Timothy Glaze, at the Logan Farmer's Market. She told me that she really does not feel safe knowing that the two officers, Salah Saleh and Alejandro Urbano Mateo that shot her partner to death, are back on patrol in her neighborhood. And I think this is part of a troubling trend that a number of police officers who have killed people in our city are on patrol including those that killed Dexter Reed and more recently just West of us Nathaniel Fejerang was also killed in the last month.

The city has put out a large amount of “know your rights” and immigration resources put out by the city and ICIRR. Discussed the different rapid response groups in different areas of the city that are showing up to verify and mostly dispel reports that may have some people frightened or if there are certain activities to try to witness and document and see that rights are being upheld.

### **Chair**

Mentioned the quarterly meeting and the items discussed, including the proposals submitted for consideration. Youth Councils and Victim Bill of Rights.

Mentioned that they are currently pursuing a meeting with the new Commander to build a relationship with the council and to see how we can est operate with their input.

### **Discussions**

Public Health and Safety Campaign presentation by Ishan Daya, co-Founder of Institute for the Public Good, focusing on moving some of CPD's overtime and empty position budget money to pay for expanding CARES teams and public mental health clinics and other violence prevention measures. According to data from Denver's STAR program, non-police crisis response can take thousands of calls off the plate of police for a quarter of the cost while reducing crime.

A copy of the slide deck used can be found here. <https://docsend.com/view/it557mx2itnukud5>

Announced the upcoming CCPSA commission meeting

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 5, 2025

NEXT MEETING LOCATION Logan Square Library 3030 W Fullerton Ave

District Council ended the meeting at: 2:32 PM