

6TH DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE:	X	Regular		Special		Closed
MEETING DATE:	Monday, February 18, 2025					
MEETING LOCATION AND ADDRESS:	Self-Help Credit Union, 639 E. 87 th St.					
MEETING START TIME:	6:00 PM					

Attendance and Quorum

OMA Meeting cannot take place without 2 of 3 Members present in-person

District Council Member Name:		Attendance:				
Chair:	David Boykin	X	Present		Remote	Absent
Community Engagement:	Ciera Whitaker	X	Present		Remote	Absent
Nominating Committee:	Aisha Humphries	X	Present		Remote	Absent

Quorum (2 out of 3 Members)	X	Yes		No
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Public Comment

- Phyllis Simpson – Inquired about the Council’s involvement in appointing the new head of COPA
 - Response – The Council does not handle the appointment; the Commission does. Discussed possibility of having a guest speaker address concerns.
- Eunice Chatman-Regis – Shared her experience attending a town hall meeting with the mayor focused on law enforcement disparities between the south and north sides. Raised concerns about loitering, drug sales, and lack of law enforcement on the South Side. Asked questions of the mayor and is now awaiting a response from political director Christian Perry. Proposed inviting Christian Perry to a DC meeting to enhance communication and transparency.
- Other public comments: Brief exchanges about meeting availability, newsletter distributions, and upcoming public meetings.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting Date:	N/A
Summary of any Corrections:	N/A
Motion to Approve Made by District Council Member:	N/A
Summary of Debate:	N/A
Yes Votes:	N/A
No Votes:	N/A
Result:	N/A

District Council Member Updates

- Ciera Whitaker
 - Highlighted difficulties in editing and formatting the minutes from December 16, 2024 meeting due to software incompatibilities.
 - Minutes approval postponed to next meeting
 - Attended recent faith government conversations and CCPSA District Council trainings
 - Completed “Stop the Bleeding” CPR and Narcan training; recommends similar community training
 - Suggested rotating leadership roles (Chairperson, Nominating Committee, Community Engagement) periodically to enhance experience and continuity
 - Minute taking consistency: proposed that each Council Member take turns documenting meeting minutes four times per year to ensure accuracy and accountability
 - Bylaws revision: Advocated for special meeting to review and potentially amend bylaws to include more detailed roles and responsibilities aligned with current district needs
 - Work plan: Intends to draft a 2025 work plan but will defer to March meetings. Criticized existing bylaws for being vague and lacking detailed job descriptions. Highlighted the need for clear frameworks to define district council roles and responsibilities. Suggested creating a one-page document outlining council functions for better transparency.
 - Council responses:
 - Some members advocated for maintaining broad bylaws to allow flexibility
 - Need for specificity: Acknowledged the necessity for more detailed bylaws to ensure accountability and structured operations.

- Action taken: Decision to schedule a special meeting to further discuss and potentially revise the bylaws based on Ciera's proposals
- Aisha Humphries
 - Update on Happy's Liquors: New ownership announced; future business plans unclear. Awaiting further details.
 - Nominating Committee update: Mayor Johnson announced the nomination of Gina Piemonte for the Commission vacancy. The nomination will now go to the Police and Fire Committee of the City Council for a vote.
- David Boykin
 - Addressed a community concern regarding the police officer involved in the arrest of David Curry, who later died from injuries. Awaiting a response from Commander Tate.

Summary of Discussion

Guest speakers: CCPSA Commissioners Remel Terry and Angel Rubi Navarajo

- Remel Terry: Commission Vice President, CCPSA
- Angel Rubi Navarajo: Commission Youth Representative with experience in public service and community engagement
- Key Discussions
- Public Safety and Accountability
 - Emphasized the importance of equitable law enforcement across all city districts
 - Discussed challenges in resource allocation and community engagement differences between north, south, and west sides
- Traffic Stops Policy
 - Explained COPA's role in overseeing CPD general orders and involvement in policy-making
 - Addressed the integration of traffic stop policies into the consent decree and the importance of including COPA in the policy crafting process
 - Announced upcoming listening sessions on March 15th and 27th to gather community input on traffic stop policies
- General Orders:
 - Introduced a new general order establishing how CPD can engage with district councils. Ensures district commanders or their representatives attend these engagements to bridge communication between the community and law enforcement
- Audience Q&A highlights:
 - Law enforcement differences: Acknowledged disparities in law enforcement practices across different city areas and the need for standardized policies

- Consent Decree Clarifications: Detailed how COPA maintains authority over CPD policies despite the consent decree, ensuring continued involvement in policy decisions
- Officer Childress, Jr.: Introduced as a CPD officer present to discuss policing strategies and community engagement

Votes

Description of Motion:	N/A
Motion to Made by District Council Member:	N/A
Summary of Debate or Discussion:	N/A
Yes Votes:	N/A
No Votes:	N/A
Result:	N/A

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

Next Meeting Date:	Monday, March 17, 2025
Next Meeting Location:	Self-Help Credit Union, 639 E. 87 th St.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm