

6TH DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE:	X	Regular		Special		Closed
MEETING DATE:				August 18, 2025		
MEETING LOCATION AND ADDRESS:				Foster Park, 1440 W. 84 th St.		
MEETING START TIME:				6:09 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		Present		Remote	X	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

- Eunice Chatman-Regis
 - Raised issues of persistent drug activity at 7906 S. Eberhart, worsening after dark and spreading to the vacant property at 7905 S. Eberhart. Concerns are heightened with children returning to school and children's centers now active after school. Issues were raised concerning building security and city's requirements for securing vacant structures with steel gates, which is inconsistently enforced.
- Constance
 - 400 E. 79th St. – Building is in court due to violations but process is moving slowly
- Council encouraged residents to file reports via the Department of Buildings website and 311 to initiate legal processes for securing vacant properties.
- Some vacant buildings are exploited under the guise of construction work, evading proper security requirements.

- The district's prior efforts (pop-up policing events, block parties) temporarily reduce activity but do not resolve it.
- Actions and Next Steps:
 - The council assured residents that they are committed to sending a detailed email, including addresses and complaint histories, to Alderman Hall and initiating a meeting with city officials and the Department of Buildings.
 - Emphasis on using both 911 (for active break-ins) and 311 (for ongoing vacant property issues) to escalate concerns.
- Multiple members praised the recent National Night Out event in the 6th District, highlighting strong attendance, effective police engagement, and positive feedback from attendees.
- Acknowledgment that successful police-community events should be celebrated as vocally as criticisms are aired.
- The 6th District's consistent involvement in block events like Garden Parade, Smoke Home Fest, and Ice Cream Fest was commended.

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

- DC Members Whitaker and Humphries attended National Night Out
 - Gun Safety and Outreach: The district received gun safety locks from Lurie Children's Hospital, which were distributed at National Night Out.
 - The Council distributed donated book bags from Alderman Hall's (6) office.
- The Council wants to foster reciprocal event support between council and residents.
 - The Council plans to participate and table at the September 20 STEAM event.
- The DC attended a meeting regarding the District Strategic Plan and DC / District collaboration with Commander Tate and 6th District leadership. CCPSA staff also attended the meeting to support, including Deputy Director Charlie Isaacs and Community Outreach Coordinator Shaunta Williams.

- Provided update on DC Chair David Boykin: Residents addressed the continued absence of the District Council Chair David Boykin.
 - Council responded with “yes, he has missed the last four public meetings, as well as all special meetings”. Multiple attempts (calls, emails, well-being checks) by staff and Council have gone unanswered. The council will issue a formal statement on the matter at a later date
- Ciera Whitaker
 - Attended “Stop the Bleed” Event
 - Attended Alderman Hall’s Back to School event
- Aisha Humphries
 - Citywide Commission and Nominating Committee
 - The citywide commission has seven members; three positions will be up for reappointment as early as January 2026. The Council encouraged interested community members to consider applying; marketing and application information will be shared as it becomes public.
 - Traffic Stop Policy Review
 - Commission Activities: The commission has been gathering community feedback (including surveys and public meetings) on experiences with traffic stops.
 - Aim: To review and potentially revise CPD’s policy about the conditions under which police can conduct traffic stops (e.g., for equipment violations, seatbelts, window tinting).
 - The commission can directly advocate for policy updates with the Police Superintendent and has oversight powers.
 - Any significant policy changes will be shared with the community, and council promises continued updates via newsletters.
 - Workforce Allocation Study
 - About one year ago, CPD (Chicago Police Department) contracted Matrix, a consulting firm, to conduct a workforce allocation study. The study evaluates how police resources (e.g., office assignments and details) are distributed throughout the city. There has been significant advocacy around increasing transparency in these decisions, particularly from those involved in police reform.
 - Role of the District Council: The working group within the district council is engaged in reviewing and updating members on the study. Regular updates are expected every quarter; the latest will be included in the August newsletter.

Summary of Discussion

District Strategic Planning (DSP) and Community Involvement

- Updates on ongoing work with the 6th District Police Department, including the development of a strategic plan. Planned outreach for September: a district-wide meeting to gather broader input from all relevant organizations and community members. Continued emphasis on identifying and including missing voices in strategic planning—moving beyond the “usual” engaged residents to reach more diverse or silent stakeholders. Acknowledgment that deeper engagement with block club leaders and underrepresented community members is essential for robust planning.
 - Anjanette Young - new to community - on Morgan
 - Ms. Jett - Block Club president
 - Pastor Dishman - need other pastors
 - Block Clubs, CAPS, Community Organizations - GAGDC, Target Area
 - Youth
 - Sgt. Davis - transportation was an issue the last 2 years - Leo was only school willing to provide for their students
 - CPD: Community Conversations for 2026 DSP
 - Discover Center - 10/9
 - St. Sabina - 10/16
 - Youth - GAGDC 10/23

Votes

Description of Motion:	N/A
Motion to Make 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:	September 15, 2025
Next Meeting Location:	TBD

Meeting adjourned: 6:55 PM