

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

MEETING TYPE: X Regular Special Closed

MEETING DATE: 9/15/2025

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Tuley Park 501 East 90th Place

MEETING START TIME: 6:18 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 Community Safety / Law Enforcement Issues: Persistent issues near 79th and Eberhart, including drug dealing, public disturbances, loitering, and sidewalk blocking, particularly in proximity to Carter After School program. Concerns raised that children are exposed to disturbances, improper adult behavior, and possibly illicit activity on daily routes to/from school. Residents reported little perceived progress despite repeated complaints and interactions with police, alderman's office, and city departments.

Key Points Raised: Law enforcement response seen as insufficient: perceived lack of enforcement of “no trespass affidavits, “especially for outside loitering. Discussions of contradiction in law: property owners can sign affidavits for enforcement inside, but outside/public way loitering laws are harder to enforce, leading to frustration. Law prioritization: Non-urgent calls about disturbances get assigned lower priorities, sometimes only gaining attention after escalation to violence/crime.

Problem Buildings and Loitering/Trespass Enforcement: Concern that chronic “problem buildings” (commercial or residential) act as gathering points for unwelcome activity and are linked to repeated criminal/disturbance activity. Complexity of enforcement: Building and licensing violations are often prolonged processes; loopholes when ownership/licensing change hands allow sites to continue operation despite community concerns. Frustration over lack of feedback—community sees no visibility on whether reports/complaints have been acted on, no

clear communication from BACP, Department of Buildings, etc. Suggested need for “media attention” or high-level accountability to spur action.

Proposed Solutions: Hold an open forum meeting with all relevant offices (alderman, CPD, BACP, Department of Buildings). Use online tools (city websites for violations/status) and repeated 311/911 calls to build a record. Strong advocacy for pushing other agencies to take their share of enforcement, not just CPD.

After-School and Youth Loitering Issues: Specific concern regarding groups of children and young people congregating in/near apartment buildings (notably at 904-906 W. 85th St.), allegedly engaging in illegal activity (drug use) after school. Location is across from Gresham Elementary School.

Business Support – Fatburger Incident (87th Street): Recent viral video incident (from December 2024 but circulated recently) of violence/vandalism at the new Fatburger, involving student altercations spilling into the workplace. Owners need for substantial investment in security since opening; business has dealt with periodic but not chronic issues. The council is working with the Chatham Business Association to organize support for the business and community presence. Clarification that, despite public concern, similar incidents at this Fatburger have been rare; importance of filing police reports and 911 calls for accurate records and intervention.

Approval of Minutes

N/A

Discussions

Immediate Email follow-up: Facilitators to send updates/status regarding ongoing issues (especially around 79th/Eberhart, problem buildings, and action taken with city agencies). Set up Interagency Meeting: Organize a session with CPD, the alderman, BACP, and Buildings Department — effort to be made in the coming month.

Report Troubled Properties: Continue to use 311/911, as well as online city portals, to maintain paper trail and pressure city agencies.

Follow up on Eberhart Concerns: Officer Daniels tasked to look into 904-906 W 85th St. regarding underage activity.

Community Conversation Outreach: All attendees encouraged to bring new participants, especially first timers and youth, to upcoming strategy plan sessions.

Newsletter/Blast: Coordinators to ensure accurate information about events (dates, registration links) is distributed quickly and directly to the community.

Gun Safety: Seek additional gun locks and explore further education partnership with child safety/gun education programs.

Commission Engagement: Residents encouraged to submit feedback and attend commission meetings, particularly regarding controversial policies (traffic stops, etc.). Harvest/Summarize Community

Feedback: Commitment to improve documentation and synthesis of table discussions at community planning events. 4. Follow-up Points / Future Meetings Date to be set for interagency strategy meeting (facilitated by council, with city agencies present). Quarterly council/commission meetings – next standard updates and opportunity for city-wide escalation. Community Conversation Events: September 30th & October 6th (plus youth session); reminders to be circulated by email and newsletter. Commission Policy Engagement: Strong encouragement for ongoing community involvement in commission meetings/policy input

District Council Updates

Quarterly Council Meeting (Last held September 6th):

The main forum for city-wide district council updates, sharing of persistent issues, and raising concerns to Commissioner level. Multiple pressing issues, notably 79th/Everhart, were formally lifted for further action.

Community Conversations Events: Upcoming annual district strategy plan engagement events, mandated by consent decree. Dates: September 30th and October 6th, 2025, plus a separate youth/“affinity” session.

Critical importance of turnout for resource allocation and city responsiveness; district needs to improve on prior years’ attendance. Ongoing challenge of outreach: Ensuring more diverse, cross-generational participation (especially youth,

parents, people not typically involved).

Marketing and registration logistics: Issues with flyer links and communication. Plan to directly distribute correct information via email lists and newsletters, and potentially neighborhood walks.

Related Issues: The need to better “harvest” and report on community feedback at these events — calls for clearer synthesis of table discussions and subsequent action points.

Gun Safety Awareness and Outreach Recent local tragedy: Child shot self after finding unsecured gun; similar incident in the last month in another nearby district. Community demand for greater public education (from Mayor, CPD) on safe gun storage. Ongoing CPD/partner efforts: Distribution of gun locks, training/community outreach initiatives (e.g., via Lurie Children’s Hospital, National Night Out).

Need for more consistent, visible campaigns and practical education, particularly for license holders.

Consideration of “gun education classes” as diversion for low-level offenses. Policy / Commission Issues (Traffic Stops, Policy Disconnect)

Sandra Wortham (CCPSA Commissioner, local resident) gave an update/appeal:

- Strong disconnect between what residents/victims desire for local policy (e.g., enforcement of traffic / loud noise violations) and what the police oversight commission is currently moving toward (greater restrictions on traffic stops, less discretion for CPD to stop cars for things like loud music).
- Recent policy poll: Community feedback did not support restricting traffic stops, but commission voted on priorities reflect the opposite. Urged more residents to participate in commission meetings, submit written input, and engage in oversight and policy change processes. Warning against “echo chamber”; policies made at city/commission level can directly reshape policing on the street.

- Points of Emphasis: Many critical operational decisions, with “teeth,” are being made without sufficient input from the most affected communities. Need for proactive advocacy, beyond attendance at District Council meetings.

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: TBH

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): TBH

District Council ended the meeting at: 7:32 pm