

Meeting Details

- **Meeting Type:** District Council 003 Community Meeting
 - **Date:** March 28
 - **Time:** 10:15 AM – 1:15 PM
 - **Location:** Jackson Park Fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island Ave, Chicago, IL
 - **Quorum Status:** No quorum
 - **Attendance:** 6 participants
 - **Council Member Present:** Councilor Janice Jones
 - **CPD Presence:** No representatives from CPD
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II. Meeting Overview

- Discussion focused on:
 - Commission nominations
 - Community engagement efforts
 - Communication challenges
 - Consent Decree oversight
 - Strategies to strengthen participation and accountability
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III. Commission Nominations

Current Status:

- six nominees selected and submitted to the Mayor
- Awaiting final approval
- Nominees have not yet assumed office

Nominees:

- Angelique Guzman (North Side, ages 18–24)
 - Hansa Jelani (South Side, ages 18–24)
 - Darion Johnson (South Side, ages 18–24)
 - Rebecca Levin (North Side)
 - Javier Vasquez (North Side)
 - Annette Young (South Side)
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IV. Nomination & Appointment Process

- Approximately 70–75 applicants reviewed
- Final candidates selected and submitted
- Mayor has up to 60 days to respond (may be delayed)

Key Concern:

- Lack of consistent communication regarding:
 - Vacancies
 - Meetings
 - Community involvement opportunities
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V. Community Engagement & Resource Sharing

Opportunities Shared:

- Providence Scholarship Fund (Opens March 12)
- Girls & Women’s Conference (March 28, 10 AM–3 PM)
- Faith-Based “Power of Prayer” Events (Fridays through Sept. 25)
- Project HOOD Food Giveaway (April 4)
- Secretary of State Summer Jobs (May 18–Aug 31)
- Parenting & Infant Resource Programs
- Project Evolve Entrepreneurship Cohort
- Chicago Conservation Leadership Project
- Park District Youth Job Opportunities

Key Theme:

- Shared responsibility across the community to distribute information
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VI. Communication Challenges

Issues Identified:

- Inconsistent notifications
- Limited follow-up from sign-in sheets
- Overreliance on informal communication methods

Recommendations:

- Strengthening email collection and follow-up
 - Utilize digital tools and technology
 - Improve consistency across communication channels
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VII. Meeting Climate

- A brief conflict regarding perceived disrespect occurred
- Issue resolved through acknowledgment and apology

Outcome:

- Reinforced the importance of:
 - Respectful engagement
 - Constructive dialogue
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VIII. Consent Decree & Oversight

Key Points:

- Consent Decree remains critical for reform and accountability
- Concerns about unequal community benefit if it ends prematurely
- Need for increased community input and participation

Monitor Engagement:

- Planning underway to coordinate visit from Monitor Maggie Hickey
 - Previous attempt did not occur; follow-up in progress
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IX. District Council Role

Purpose:

- Build trust between the community and the police
- Promote transparency and accountability
- Serve as a bridge between residents and public safety systems

Challenges:

- Misperception as anti-police

- Internal fragmentation
 - Difficulty maintaining unified direction
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X. Technology & Innovation

Community App Proposal:

- Centralized platform for:
 - Meetings and events
 - Notifications and updates
 - Participation tracking
 - Youth and community engagement

Status:

- Supported by attendees
 - Development in progress
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XI. Community Engagement Challenges

Key Issues:

- Low meeting attendance
- Limited participation from residents and police
- Lack of sustained engagement

Accountability Focus:

- Encourage youth participation tied to community service
 - Increase officer participation in meetings
 - Promote shared responsibility across stakeholders
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XII. Action Items

- Improve communication systems and outreach
- Increase awareness of vacancies and opportunities
- Coordinate and promote the Monitor visit
- Support development of community app
- Continue distributing community resources

- Strengthen accountability structures
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XIII. Follow-Up Items

- Confirm Monitor visit date and outreach plan
 - Schedule formal meeting (pending co-counsel availability)
 - Evaluate communication effectiveness
 - Monitor engagement strategies and attendance
 - Track app rollout and community usage
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Community Trends

- **Communication Gaps:** Ongoing inconsistencies in outreach and notification
 - **Demand for Transparency:** Need for clearer processes and updates
 - **Meaningful Engagement:** Shift toward action-driven participation
 - **Shared Accountability:** Responsibility across the community, police, and leadership
 - **Technology Adoption:** Increased interest in digital engagement tools
 - **Oversight Importance:** Continued focus on Consent Decree accountability
 - **Respectful Dialogue:** Commitment to maintaining civility in discussions
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XIV. Closing Summary

- Emphasis on improving:
 - Communication
 - Accountability
 - Community engagement
- Participants expressed commitment to:
 - Collaboration
 - Transparency
 - Community-driven solutions