

DISTRICT COUNCIL 001
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Meeting Type: Regular

Meeting Date: May 12, 2026

Meeting Location: Williams Park Fieldhouse, 2820 S State St.

Meeting Start Time: 6:02 PM

Attendees: CPD Commander Mannion, Captain Shoshi, & 10 Community Members

District Council Member Attendance

Name	Role	Present	Remote	Absent
Sarah Kammerer	Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adrienne Johnson	Nominator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jamie Brown	Community Engagement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Quorum Met*: Yes

* In compliance with the Open Meetings Act (OMA), meetings require at least two members physically present to proceed.

Approval of Minutes

- N/A

Public Comment

James B.: Raised concerns about CPD District 1 failing to follow up on police reports and requests for assistance. Noted inconsistencies between how District 1 and 311 handle reports and documentation, describing a frustrating cycle of being redirected between the two. Expressed concern about the need for greater oversight of District 1 and requested the council's assistance in holding the district accountable for keeping residents safe.

District Council Updates

Sarah Kammerer, Chair

- DC Overview:
 - To facilitate dialogue between the community and police to build trust, accountability, and transparency
 - District boundaries are Chicago River south to 31st Street, Lake Michigan to the highway
 - Engagement methods include monthly public meetings, community events, feedback forms, and direct outreach via email, phone, and informal meetings

- Encouraged attendees to spread awareness of the District Council and to introduce the council to their networks, building managers, HOAs, and community groups
- Noted the council is in its final year of four-year terms
- Reminded community members of the feedback form available via QR code on meeting flyers
- Activities:
 - Individual resident meetings, Lakeshore Presidents Association, Chicago Loop Alliance Public Safety Working Group, Chicago Arts District Building Management/Condo Association meetings, and other business and stakeholder meetings
- Common Trends & Concerns
 - Public nuisance (motorcycles on Michigan Avenue, music on sidewalks, general disruptions)
 - Pedestrian safety
 - Homelessness
 - CTA safety

Adrienne Johnson, Nominating Committee

- Nominating Committee:
 - Two candidates — Anjanette Young and Angelique Guzman — were submitted by the Mayor to the Police and Fire Committee
 - Hearing held on May 6; both candidates delivered opening statements
 - Committee voted 14–2 to advance both nominees to City Council for confirmation the following week
 - Two dissenting votes came from Alderman from the 23rd Ward and Alderman from the 41st Ward
 - North side District Councilors urged the committee to delay the vote, citing concern that the north side would be represented by two youth voices on the seven-member Commission, with the third vacancy still pending
 - A Nominating Committee member spoke to the extensive and deliberate process used to select the six candidates submitted to the Mayor
 - Third candidate selection is pending; expected to reflect north side representation based on the Mayor's prior choices
 - If confirmed by City Council, both candidates will be installed in June
- Next CCPSA meeting: May 28 at the Irish American Heritage Center
- Noted the council is in its last year
- Facebook page update: 891% increase in views since last month, reaching 654 views; encouraged community members to follow and share the page

Jamie Brown, Community Engagement

- Summer brings increased activity and festivals to District 1, particularly at Grant Park; the Mayor has authorized additional concerts and festivals, which have been a source of concern for South Loop and Prairie District residents
- Public safety remains the top concern of Chicago residents citywide, alongside affordability, based on recent community polling

- Community members continue to call for more beat officers and increased CPD presence on the CTA

Discussion

- A community member raised concerns about disability access in the district, including the need for more accessible public restrooms and expanded community support and intervention services for people with disabilities
- A community member also highlighted jurisdictional gaps between CPD and the Cook County Sheriff's Office, noting that residents are often redirected between city and county agencies when seeking assistance, with unclear accountability. Councilor Kammerer offered to follow up with the resident offline.
- CTA safety remains an ongoing concern. Community members reported persistent issues despite multiple security initiatives and noted increased reliance on rideshare services as a result. Councilor Kammerer noted that meeting minutes from the March meeting, including the presentation by CTA Vice President of Security Kevin Ryan, will be posted to the District Council website once finalized.
- Community members expressed interest in self-defense and martial arts programming for both youth and adults as a strategy to support public safety and community wellness.
- Community members residing in the area noted that the area feels safer and is grateful for the partnership between the District Council and CPD.

Presentations

- N/A

Next Meeting Details

- **Date:** June 9, 2026 6 PM
- **Location:** Chicago Women's Park Fieldhouse, 1801 S Indiana St., 2ND Floor

Meeting Adjourned: 6:34 PM