

City of Chicago
DISTRICT COUNCIL # 019
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: ☒ Regular ☐ Special ☐ Closed

MEETING DATE: 7/29/2026

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Clarendon Community Park 4501 N Clarendon Ave

MEETING START TIME: 6:33pm

Attendance & Quorum

OMA Meeting cannot take place without 2 out of 3 members present in-person.

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Maurilio Garcia	Present: ☒ Remote: ☐ Absent: ☐
Jenny Schaffer	Present: ☒ Remote: ☐ Absent: ☐
Sam Schoenburg	Present: ☒ Remote: ☐ Absent: ☐

Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Public Comment

* **Nata Abbott:**

- * Shared that their group originated from a public health and safety campaign due to a lack of traction with alternatives to funding treatment and trauma programs.
- * Expressed concern regarding extreme over-policing in the afternoon and night following the Lake View Pride celebration over the past five years.
- * Mentioned sending petitions in May and July to address the policing of a peaceful neighborhood during mass events and large gatherings.
- * Described the post-Pride security measures as feeling like extreme segregation imposed on the neighborhood and asked how to balance safety requirements with mindful use of the police force.
- * Expressed disappointment with a recent town hall hosted by the alderman that focused solely on policing and prosecution.
- * Asked how the community can get a formal response about how post-Pride security decisions were made, citing conflicting information from the alderman (who initially claimed it was a collaboration, but later stated it was solely CPD's decision) and emphasized the need to bring stakeholders to the table to prevent segregationist safety views.

* **Tricia Williams:**

- * (The transcript indicates she was called to speak, but her specific comments were not transcribed or were inaudible.)

* **Ken Dar:**

- * Raised a concern about the menace of electric-powered vehicles (like Lime bikes and scooters) on sidewalks, both in terms of being ridden toward pedestrians and being parked improperly.
- * Provided an example of navigating around 12 to 15 Lime bikes at the corner of Montrose and Marine Drive, noting the complete lack of a clear pathway, which creates severe challenges for individuals with physical mobility issues.
- * Asked about the current status of controlling this issue and enforcing compliance among the rental companies, acknowledging potential upcoming state legislation. (Alderman Vasquez briefly responded, mentioning geofencing and GPS tracking to penalize improper parking).

* **Peter L.:

- * Stated that safety in downtown Chicago is a "lying joke" and that the city is in danger.
- * Referred to teenagers destroying buildings and businesses as "animals" and "domestic terrorists," advocating for them to be locked in a jail cell for life.
- * Claimed that the Magnificent Mile is now the "empty mile" and issued a warning that the city needs to elect officials who protect citizens and communities.
- * Accused Mayor Johnson and Governor Pritzker of intentionally blocking the removal and imprisonment of criminals and drug owners, allowing them to endanger the public, and stated they should be ashamed of themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes are approved by the second regular meeting after they are taken.

Approved minutes are posted online within 10 days after approval.

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District Council Member Updates

See presentation and recording below:

<https://ccpsa.chicago.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Meeting-Presentation-019-2026.07.29-regular.pdf>

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Discussions

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Votes

No Votes

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: 8/26/2026

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): Uptown Church 1134 W. Wilson Ave.

District Council ended the meeting at: 07:54pm