1ST DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular
Meeting Date: October 13, 2026
Meeting Location: Maggie Daley Park, 337 E. Randolph Street
Meeting Start Time: 6:00 PM
Meeting Adjourned: 6:57 PM

Attendees: CPD Commander Neckermann, Captain Soshi, 14 community members

District Council Member Attendance

Name	Role	Present	Remote	Absent
Sarah Kammerer	Chair	☒	☐	☐
Adrienne Johnson	Nominator	☒	☐	☐
Jamie Brown	Community Engagement	☐	☐	☒

Quorum Met*: Yes

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

Approval of Minutes

The District Council did not have minutes to approve.

Public Comment

Comment 1: A constituent expressed concerns about the lack of police presence at the Washington/Wabash CTA station.

Comment 2: A constituent expressed concerns about motorcycles congregating near Randolph Street and Harbor Drive, particularly during weekdays and evenings. The constituent noted concerns regarding noise, intimidation, and impacts on older residents. They also stated they felt intimidated and concerned for elderly

and mentioned that private security agencies can't really do anything to prevent the motorcycles from congregating.

Councilor Updates

Councilor Kammerer provided an overview of the District Council's role - to facilitate dialogue between the community and police to build trust, accountability, and transparency. She reviewed the boundaries of the 1st District, which extend from the Chicago River to 31st Street and from Lake Michigan to the I-90/94 Expressway. Engagement methods to facilitate dialogue include monthly public meetings, community events, feedback forms, and direct outreach via email, phone, and informal meetings. Councilor Kammerer encouraged attendees to spread awareness of the District Council and to introduce the council to their networks, building managers, HOAs, and community groups. She also reminded community members of the feedback form available via QR code on meeting flyers. Since the last meeting, Councilor Kammerer participated in individual resident meetings, the Lakeshore Presidents Association, the Chicago Loop Alliance Public Safety Working Group, Chicago Arts District meetings, condominium association meetings, and other stakeholder engagements.

Councilor Johnson updated attendees on Nominating Committee activities. The Nominating Committee previously submitted nominees for three CCPSA vacancies; the Mayor appointed two nominees, Anjannette Young and Angelique Guzman. The Mayor declined the nominee list for the vacancy currently held by VP Angel Rubi Navarijo and requested candidates with greater lived experience or demonstrated interest in policing and its impacts on communities. A 30-day application period was opened for eligible North Side youth applicants (ages 18-24), with applications closing October 18. The Committee expects to submit at least two nominees for consideration by early November.

Councilor Johnson provided an overview of community engagement activities that include outreach with residents, neighborhood associations, and local businesses as well as participation included community events such as the Printers Row Book Fair, Printers Row Farmers Market, South Loop school activities, and the Chicago Marathon. Councilor Johnson continued engagement with community and public safety stakeholders throughout the reporting period - attended CPD Beat Meetings, the One Community Near South Public Safety Meeting, and the Fall Alder Forum, participated in the Third Quarterly District Council Meeting and Nominating Committee Meeting, the 3rd Ward CDOT Traffic Safety Improvement Meeting.

Residents were encouraged to contact council members directly or via the shared District Council email, dc1@cityofchicago.org. Residents were also encouraged to share community concerns through the District Council Facebook page and directly with council members. The page reported 54 followers page views increased by 24% and engagement increased by 40% over the previous 28 days. The Facebook page remains an important tool for sharing updates and community information.

Commission Updates

Councilor Johnson shared updates about the CPD Superintendent Search. The application period for the Chicago Police Superintendent position closed with 44 applicants. Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability (CCPSA) will conduct multiple rounds of interviews and maintain applicant confidentiality throughout the process. The Commission must submit three finalists to the Mayor by November 12, 2026. The next CCPSA public meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2026, at Benito Juarez High School.

Councilor Johnson also flagged several opportunities for community members. CCPSA is hiring Community Outreach Coordinators (Job Requisition #420564). CPD posted two directives for public comment: G01-03 ("Department Directives System") and S01-03 ("Review of Department Directives"). Public comments on both directives are being accepted through October 28, 2026. Community members were encouraged to review and provide feedback on the proposed directives.

Discussion

Councilor Kammerer introduced the new Commander in the 1st District, Commander Neckermann. Commander Neckermann provided an overview of his CPD career, including assignments with the Bicycle Unit, the 19th District, the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT), and leadership roles within the 001 and 018 Districts.

Commander Neckermann discussed public safety planning for upcoming events, including Open House Chicago and the No Kings Protest

When asked about increased CPD presence on buses, Commander Neckermann explained the increased funding from the Northern Illinois Transportation Authority allowed for more off duty CPD officers to be hired for CTA. In response to public comments, Commander Neckermann discussed increased CPD presence on CTA property and efforts to deploy additional officers to stations and platforms.

Commander Neckermann also explained that CTA buses will now be equipped with cameras to take photos of cars illegally parked in rapid bus only lanes. Photos of cars and their plate numbers are sent to the Department of Revenue for tickets to be issued to car owners.

He also addressed public comments about the motorcycles congregating and the noise it brings to the Lakeshore East community. He explained the limitations around the ability to pursue and chase motorcyclists and shared that CPD is no longer able to impound vehicles for noise complaints. He noted that while enforcement options are limited, CPD maintains units that address organized vehicle caravans and related activity.

Council members announced upcoming 001 District Strategic Plan Community Conversations scheduled for October 28 and November 10. Residents were encouraged to participate and provide input on public safety priorities, including CTA safety, traffic concerns, and neighborhood quality-of-life issues. Community concerns discussed included recent violent incidents, CTA safety, traffic and bike lane issues,

and motorcycle activity. Residents were encouraged to participate in future community conversation events.

Announcements

October 22, 2026: Domestic Violence Awareness Event

October 28, 2026: Nominating Committee Meeting

October 29, 2026: CCPSA Public Meeting

November 7-10, 2026: Nominating Committee Meetings and 001 District Community Conversation

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Next Meeting Details

Date: November 17, 2026, 6:00PM
Location: William Drake Elementary, 2710 S. Dearborn