

DISTRICT COUNCIL 001
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Meeting Type: Regular

Meeting Date: June 9, 2026

Meeting Location: Women's Park and Garden's Fieldhouse, 1801 S Indiana

Meeting Start Time: 6:02 PM

Attendees: CPD Commander Mannion, Captain Shoshi, & 6 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

- Minutes from the meetings held on March 3, April 14, and May 12, 2026, were reviewed. One formatting correction was noted for the May minutes. With no content corrections, the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment

- N/A

District Council Updates

Councilor Sarah Kammerer

- Reported outreach since the previous meeting, including:
 - One on one meetings with residents.
 - Conversations with resident groups and condo associations.
 - Engagements with community and business organizations such as Lakeshore East, Chicago Alliance for Public Safety Working Group, Chicago Arts District partners, and building management associations.
- Highlighted recurring public safety concerns heard across the district:
 - Nuisance motorcycle activity (noise, dangerous riding, running stop signs).
 - Loud vehicles and general street level disturbances.
 - Pedestrian safety issues near major intersections.
 - Homelessness and safety conditions observed on CTA transit.

- Emphasized the ongoing need to:
 - Raise awareness of the District Council’s role in the community.
 - Meet residents where they are — community events, board meetings, phone, email, or via anonymous feedback form.
- Noted that many people who work, visit, or travel into the 1st District also have public safety experiences worth sharing, not only residents.

Councilor Adrienne Johnson

- Provided a nominating committee update:
 - Two candidates have moved through the process; awaiting Mayoral decision on a third candidate submitted for appointment to the Commission.
 - Next Commission meeting is scheduled in two weeks, where new members are expected to be seated.
- Shared ongoing community engagement efforts, including:
 - Planning a “Coffee & Conversation” series to encourage small group, informal dialogue on public safety.
 - Coordinating with a council member from another district to hold the “coffee and conversation” gatherings.
 - Reported increased social media engagement:
 - District Council Facebook page has grown to 46 followers.
 - Facebook page is used to share meeting notices, updates, and public safety–related information.
- Participated in community policing events, including “Cop on the Rooftop” and with 1st District officers.
- Shared materials available to attendees:
 - Flyers for the next monthly meeting.
 - Three CPD draft policies open for public review and feedback (Search Warrant Policy Suite, Firearm Discharge and Officer-Involved Death Incident Policy Suite Community Police Mediation Pilot Program).
- Noted early discussions about:
 - A cross-district proposal addressing citywide teen takeover issues.
 - Potential collaboration with other district councils to elevate resident concerns.

Discussion

The discussion portion of the meeting focused heavily on public safety conditions across the 1st District. Key themes included:

- Nuisance motorcycle activity: Residents described ongoing issues with high-speed motorcycle groups, riders running stop signs, riding on sidewalks or crosswalks, blocking intersections, and removing license plates to avoid identification.
- Pedestrian safety hazards: Multiple residents reported close calls with vehicles, especially motorcycles speeding through red lights and ignoring crosswalks.
- Fireworks traffic congestion: Attendees described severe traffic backups on Lake Shore Drive during Navy Pier fireworks, including drivers parking illegally on shoulders or in traffic lanes, individuals exiting vehicles in moving traffic, and difficulty accessing residential buildings.

- Large event impacts: CPD discussed the strain placed on traffic systems during concerts and conferences at Soldier Field, McCormick Place, Wintrust Arena, and nearby venues. Closures at Indiana Avenue or Calumet Avenue sometimes occur due to crowd density or traffic safety concerns.
- Accessing residential streets during large events: Commander Mannion gave guidance to attendees to ensure they can access their homes when certain streets are restricted because of large event traffic impacts. Commander explained that officers use trust and verify conversations to ensure residential access when needed.
- Challenges for Traffic Control Aides (TCAs): CPD emphasized that TCAs face frequent harassment, physical risks, and staffing shortages. They are critical in large-event traffic management but are often placed in high-pressure environments.
- Use of technology for enforcement: Residents asked whether drones or digital enforcement tools could help manage fireworks-related traffic or illegal parking. CPD stated they are exploring technological enhancements.
- CTA-related concerns: Residents continue to raise issues related to homelessness on trains and platforms, safety incidents, and general cleanliness.
- Positive police–community interaction: Residents reported positive experiences with CPD’s CAPS walking beat meeting, which offered updates, conversation, and direct connections with local officers.

Presentations

Sonya Tompkins, Outreach Specialist and VINE Coordinator from the Illinois Attorney General’s Crime Victims Services Office, presented information on victim support programs. These included:

- Illinois Crime Victims Compensation Program, providing reimbursement up to \$45,000 for eligible expenses related to violent crime.
 - Illinois Address Confidentiality Program, offering substitute addresses to protect survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.
 - Illinois VINE system, which provides custody status notifications for offenders, helping victims stay informed about release or transfer events.
 - Ms. Tompkins emphasized documentation requirements, timely reporting to law enforcement, and the program’s role as a payer of last resort. She also encouraged contacting her office at Sonya.Tompkins@ilag.gov for assistance with applications and additional resources.
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Next Meeting Details

- **Date:** July 14, 2026, 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Chicago Cultural Center’s Renaissance Court Senior Center, 77 W. Randolph (Please use Randolph instead of the Washington entrance to easily find the meeting)

Meeting Adjourned: 6:47 PM