8TH DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Notice of Public Meeting Minutes

DC 008 will be holding a public meeting. Below are the details:

- Meeting Type: Regular
- Date: September 23, 2026
- Start Time: 6:45 PM
- End Time: 8:00 PM
- Location: IMAN, 2744 W. 63rd Street

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Jason Huff	Present: X Remote: ☐ Absent: ☐
Community Engagement: Mark Hamberlin	Present: X Remote :☐ Absent: ☐
Nominating Committee: Albert Cacciottolo	Present: Remote :☐ Absent: X
Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): Yes: X No: ☐	

Attendance	
# of attendees in person	13
# of attendees virtual	0
# of CPD attendees	0
CPD rank of attendees	0

Agenda for the Public Meeting

Items on the agenda are subject to change. If you have questions regarding this agenda, please contact 312-742-8888.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The Council will begin the meeting and establish a quorum of at least two Councilors.

Quorum –DC Jason Huff & DC Mark Hamberlin

II. Approval of Remote Attendance of Councilor

If applicable, the Council will vote to allow the third Councilor to participate remotely after establishing a valid basis for the absence from the meeting.

NA

III. Approval of Agenda

The Council may vote to approve the agenda. The Council may add or remove items. The Council cannot add new items to vote on. Even after deciding on the agenda, the Council may decide to add more items later on.

NA

IV. Approvals of Past Minutes

The Council will vote on past meeting minutes. **District 008 did not host a meeting in the month of August**

Date of Minutes	Approved by
	Chair: ☐ Nominator: ☐ Community Engagement: ☐
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V. Public Comment

Public Comments

Resident –

- Abandoned house across from a school; vacant ~10 years.
- Homeless individual living inside; unsafe and unsanitary conditions.
- Property not boarded up; prior attempts to get help unsuccessful.
- Concern for children's safety due to open access.
- Requests action: board-up, demolition, weeds removal, and safety intervention.

Shanila – Home daycare operator

- Overgrown weeds and lack of maintenance on both sides of her property.
- One property vacant; the other intermittently being fixed but still neglected.
- Reports rodents entering her yard affecting children in daycare.
- Calls to 311 aren't resolving issues; tickets are being closed without work.
- Requests support with enforcing maintenance, identifying property owners, addressing drug-related activity near alley.

Resident –

- Requests return of a dedicated beat car to her block.
- Reports:
    - Illegal auto repairs on the street.
    - Cars parked on sidewalks.
    - Excessively tall metal fence (8+ ft) without permit; creates noise all night.

    - Taco truck using city garbage cans for waste disposal.
    - Activity occurring mostly at night, including vehicles without proper stickers.
- Notes dogs kept behind the fence; one dog has attacked someone.
- Requested enforcement after 3 p.m. due to meter aides leaving earlier.

VI. Public Discussion on Trends and Concerns in the District

The Council will facilitate a discussion with the room on the most prevalent trends and concerns in the district, share their own observations from community engagement, and record a summary for the minutes.

Trends and Concerns Identified During Public Comment

• **Abandoned and Unsafe Properties**
– Multiple reports of long-term vacant buildings with overgrown weeds, lack of boarding, and unsafe conditions.
– Concerns about homeless individuals occupying abandoned homes, creating safety risks for nearby residents and schoolchildren.
– Difficulty obtaining timely responses from Buildings, Health, and related city departments.

• **Neighborhood Safety & Quality-of-Life Issues**
– Persistent issues with illegal auto repairs, cars parked on sidewalks, and unregistered vehicles.
– Reports of drug-related or suspicious activity occurring near alleys and vacant lots.
– Noise disturbances and potential hazards from unpermitted fences exceeding height limits.

• **Waste, Rodents, and Environmental Concerns**
– Overgrown lots contributing to rodent infestation impacting nearby yards and a home daycare.
– Food trucks allegedly disposing of waste in city garbage cans improperly.
– Residents feeling ticket requests or 311 complaints are being closed without resolution.

• **Request for Visible Police Presence / Beat Car Availability**
– Residents noted reduced visibility of beat cars and slower response times.
– Strong desire for restored beat car coverage, especially on the 6400 block of Washington and surrounding areas.

• **Concerns About Enforcement Gaps**
– Need for targeted enforcement after 3 p.m. when meter aides stop patrolling.
– Confusion about which agency is responsible for addressing specific violations (Police, Finance, Buildings, Streets & Sanitation).
– Perception that certain issues are not prioritized due to low call priority status.

VII. Reports from the Councilors

Each Councilor will provide an update. Councilors will discuss their updates with themselves and meeting attendees. The Council may or may not have time limits for these updates depending on what they previously agreed upon.

Updates from District Councilor Jason Huff

• Participated in multiple **back-to-school events**, including one at Stevenson, speaking with parents and LSC members about neighborhood safety concerns.

• Attended several **CAPS meetings** across beats 811, 812, 834, and 835 to gather resident feedback and hear updates from officers.

• Co-hosted or supported **community-building events**, including:
– Community yard sale
– CFD vs. CPD charity softball game supporting first responder wellness organizations
– Alderman Quinn's "Touch the Truck" event

• Working to increase district visibility through **pop-up events**, following suggestions from Alderman Lopez to improve engagement on weekends and outside traditional meeting settings.

• Partnered with the **Cook County Sheriff's Office** on "Light the Lights"—a free headlight/taillight repair program that assisted over 50 residents.

• Preparing for upcoming **youth-focused engagement**, including:
– Two police-officer pumpkin-painting events
– Halloween community event
– Expanded outreach to high schools, including a return invite to Solorio Academy

• Emphasized the district's focus on **improving youth–police relations**, given rising tensions and negative depictions on social media.

• Continuing coordination with **SWAP** (Still waiting on scheduling for their next roundtable w/Dist. 008 CAPS SGT).

• Highlighted positive strides in **community–police trust building**, noting increased attendance and resident engagement compared to prior years.

VIII. Update from the Commission

The Council may provide and discuss updates received from the Commission. If the Council has not received updates from the Commission, the Council will announce it.

NA

IX. Report from the Police District

The Council may call upon local District Command staff from the Chicago Police Department to provide updates from the last month. The Council may use this time to ask the District Command representative questions on behalf of the community.

NA

X. Hearings and Discussions

The Council will discuss any topics it decides to prioritize at the meeting.

NA

XI. Presentations

If the Council has arranged for a presentation from an outside organization, the Council will recognize the outside speaker to present to the community.

1. Maggie Hickie From the Independent Monitoring Team Presented on Consent Decree.
2. Chelsea Diaz from CPD presented on Consent Decree

XII. Final Actions, Resolutions, Recommendations

The Council will discuss items for voting. This may include resolutions calling upon the Commission, the Chicago Police Department, City Council, the Mayor's Office, or others to take action on a matter. Councilors may also share individual recommendations that are not formal, final actions of the Council. Individual recommendations do not require votes, and they may or may not be listed ahead of time.

District Councils Jason Huff and Mark Hamberlin Voted "No" to passing the Policing Alternative Response Resolution.

XIII. Final Announcements and Adjournment

The Council will make final announcements, such as announcements about upcoming Council events and meetings, and then close the meeting.

- Next Meeting Date: October 29, 2026
- Next Meeting Time: 6:45 PM
- Location: WestLawn Park 4233 W65th Street, 60629