



DISTRICT COUNCILS

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Public Meeting Minutes

- Meeting Type: Regular
- Date: July 14, 2026
- Start Time: 6:34 PM
- End Time: 7:19 PM
- Location: Brooks Park, 7100 N Harlem, Chicago, IL
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District Council Member Name	Attendance		
Chair: Daniel Martin	Present: X	Remote: ☐	Absent: ☐
Community Engagement:	Present: X	Remote: ☐	Absent: ☐
Nominating Committee:	Present: X	Remote: ☐	Absent: ☐
Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): Yes: X No: ☐			

Attendance	
# of attendees in person	11
# of attendees virtual	0
# of CPD attendees	1
CPD rank of attendees	Captain Reyes

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
Quorum established, see above.
- II. Approvals of Past Minutes
June minutes were approved by Councilors Martin, Dillon and Murphy.
- III. Public Comment
Constituent 1 raised concerns that District Council 16 lacks basic guiding documents such as goals, a vision statement, and a mission statement, noting none are available online. He expressed concern about proposed annual measures and voting without adequate constituent input. Additional concerns included the absence of online meeting summaries, missing quarterly strategic plan reports required by ordinance, and overall weak community engagement.

IV. Public Discussion on Trends and Concerns in the District

- Ongoing Challenges in Area Parks
 - o Reports of problems across local parks, with Warrior Park singled out as particularly problematic.
 - o Issues include unsupervised local kids, some of whom are children of city workers, causing disturbances such as fireworks.
 - o Police response described as disrespectful or ineffective; some officers reportedly dismiss resident concerns.
 - o One attendee reported that fireworks activity has decreased significantly since last year, especially near Memorial Park on 15th Street.
- Motorbike Dangers
 - o Noted recent dangerous incidents at Hiawatha Park: a regional aide was almost hit by a speeding kid on a motorbike, resulting in a fall and possible injury.
 - o General growing fear of reckless motorbike activity in the area including reports near-misses involving helmeted youths on bikes.
- Neighbor Outreach and Street Maintenance
 - o Efforts to solicit feedback from neighbors and represent concerns at meetings were detailed.
 - o Successful instance: After raising a concern about street conditions post July 4th, street clearing was completed quickly, though there is uncertainty about paving timelines.
 - o Discussion about ongoing street work and the frustrations of neighbors about lack of communication and the irony of new roads leading to increased speeding.
- CTA and School Commutes
 - o Several concerns raised about student safety on the L:
 - Reports of harassment, particularly at L stations, sometimes by homeless individuals.
 - One mother cited her daughter's reluctance to use the L after a disturbing incident.
 - o District efforts to increase security on public transit: CTA, CPD, and Sheriff's resources are being increased after complaints about ineffective contracted security guards.

- Parking, Parks, and Enforcement Issues
 - o Chronic problem of illegal parking on grass and blocking of garages during weekend sports events at local parks, especially Brooks Park.
 - o Existing signage is ignored, and enforcement is sporadic or nonexistent.
 - o Frustration that many offenders are city workers, including police officers, leading to reluctance or refusal by on-duty officers to issue citations.
- Attempts at Mitigation
 - o Discussions about possible physical barriers to prevent parking on grass, but local alley configurations make this unfeasible.
 - o Repeated resident attempts to curb the issue by talking to those parking illegally, using string barriers, and contacting park authorities have not produced lasting results.
 - o Suggestion to enforce parking violations with actual tickets; previous efforts at board meetings have had only temporary effects.
- Communication with Parks and Sports Organizers
 - o Proposal to have the park district communicate directly with team coaches and organizers via email regarding parking rules and ticket enforcement, especially as the softball playoffs approach.
- Additional Community Concerns
 - o Mention of CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) meetings: residents are unsure of their schedules and locations, and there's disappointment at the limited value and low local participation.
 - o Some skepticism expressed about whether large numbers at meetings are necessary, with belief that capable representation may be more important.
 - o Frequent theme: Communication gaps between city agencies, park district, and residents hinder problem resolution and satisfaction.

v. Final Announcements and Adjournment

- Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2026
- Next Meeting Time: 6:30 PM
- Location: Horizon Science Academy, 4344 N. Laramie