City of Chicago

District Council Meeting Minutes 018

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Monthly Public Meeting

Date: June 23, 2026
Time: 12:30 PM – 1:54 PM
Location: Wintrust Bank, 100 W. North Ave.

Attendance

- **In-Person Attendees:** 46
- **Zoom Attendees:** 18
- **CPD:** Commander Biefeldt and Sergeant Schenk

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair **Brad Kessler** called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. A quorum was established with **Karen Kane** and **Bob Johnson** present.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the **May Regular Meeting** and the **Special Meeting held in late May** were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Public Comment Summary

Bob R.

Reported significant traffic congestion and public safety concerns resulting from Uber and Lyft geolocation activity near 1440 Lakeshore.

Michelle D.

Raised concerns regarding delivery robots operating on sidewalks and forcing pedestrians to yield. Urged consideration of legislative changes at the state level.

Josh R.

Reported that a petition requesting a pause in the delivery robot pilot program pending a safety review had received approximately 4,500 signatures.

Mel J.

Highlighted a longstanding narcotics issue at the intersection of Clark and Division, noting that the problem has persisted for approximately 30 years. Encouraged the building owner to connect security cameras to the Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC).

Christopher S.

Commented on police discretion, crowd intervention strategies, and the need for enhanced early-warning systems. Also requested information regarding youth programming opportunities.

Dr. Linda

Provided an update on the expansion of the CARE program and advised attendees that the service can now be requested through 911 dispatch.

Councilor Updates

Karen Kane

Presented results from a community survey regarding CCPSA Youth Commissioner appointments. The survey received **478 responses**, with a substantial majority opposing mandated youth commissioner seats.

Karen also summarized key findings from the **Chicago Police Department Workforce Allocation Study**, an 800-page report addressing staffing levels, civilianization opportunities, and potential impacts on district operations.

Guest Speaker – Alderman Timmy Knudsen

Alderman Knudsen addressed several community concerns and provided updates on ongoing initiatives, including:

- Uber pickup-location issues and a commitment to engage Uber's government affairs team.
- Concerns regarding the delivery robot pilot program and skepticism about extending the pilot.

- Nightlife-related public safety challenges.
- Recent shootings on Lincoln Avenue.
- Potential rezoning opportunities.
- Funding for additional POD cameras through a **$100,000 state grant**.
- Efforts to support business corridor recovery.
- Challenges associated with scooter compliance and enforcement.

Commander's Report

Public Safety Updates

Commander Biefeldt discussed the recent shooting on Belden Avenue. The investigation remains active, and a person of interest has been identified.

Vice Enforcement Activity

The Vice Task Force conducted follow-up inspections of establishments on Lincoln Avenue. Citations were issued where violations were identified.

Narcotics Enforcement

Following undercover operations at Clark and Division, six narcotics-related arrests were made. Additional enforcement actions are anticipated.

Vehicle Crime Trends

Commander Biefeldt reported ongoing thefts involving Honda airbags. He also highlighted a significant arrest that resulted in the recovery of more than **$100,000 in stolen tools** and **two firearms**.

July 4 Public Safety Operations

The Chicago Police Department plans to deploy an additional **150–200 supplemental officers** to support safety operations at Navy Pier and along the lakefront during the Independence Day holiday period.

Final Announcements

The next District Council Public Meeting will be held on:

Date: July 28, 2026
Time: 12:30 PM
Location: Division Street Library

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM.