

CITY OF CHICAGO
DISTRICT COUNCIL 004
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: X Regular Special Closed

MEETING DATE: 2/28/2026

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Hegewisch Library 3048 East 130th

MEETING START TIME: 12:00 pm

Attendance & Quorum

The OMA Meeting cannot take place without 2 out of 3 members present in person.

| District Council Member Name | Attendance |
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| Chair: Lovie Bernard | Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nominator: Gloria Jenkins | Present: <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Community Engagement: Brenda Waters | Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> |

Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): Yes: x No:

Public Comment N/A

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 1/24/26 were unanimously approved

Discussions

A. Resource Fair Planning

1. Youth-Focused Employment Opportunities

- Emphasis on attracting young attendees primarily seeking job opportunities.

- Discussion around the importance of having businesses at the fair offering open interviews for youth—not specifically medical recruiters or insurance vendors.
- Target participants include businesses more likely to hire under-18s (e.g., restaurants, student jobs at Trinity).
- Medical/insurance vendors are less relevant for the event; focus is on hands-on job recruiting.

2. Vendor and Employer Outreach

- Attendee notes ongoing efforts collecting business cards from potential employers at other events.
- Plan to compile an “expert list” of businesses willing to participate in the resource fair.
- Contacts to be shared among planning members to facilitate coordinated outreach.
- Aim is for vendors/employers to register for event table space (flyer to support registration/QRC).

3. Date and Promotion

- Original proposed date: May 9, 2026.
- Revised date: May 16, 2026 (to avoid proximity to Mother’s Day on May 10 and ensure better attendance and promotion time).
- New date offers time to ramp up promotion efforts and improve turnout.

- Plan to send out flyers and utilize mass emails for outreach, including templates that can be customized with necessary logos and district information.

4. Multi-District Coordination

- Resource fair to be an Area Two event, involving Districts 4, 5, 6, and 22.
- Districts can pool funds for various resource fair expenses (e.g., children's activities, supplies), reducing financial burden on any single district.
- Suggestion for cross-district meeting within two weeks to coordinate planning and budgeting.

5. Refreshments and Food for the Event

- Direct purchase of refreshments by districts is prohibited.
- Strategy to request food donations and support from Chicago Neighborhood Initiative (Tom from District 5) and the Alderman's office (hot dogs, hamburgers, buns).
- Consideration of alternative arrangement: contracting vendors for machines (popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy) where the vendor is paid for the machine service and donates the food.
- Use of CCPSA donation forms to request local sponsorships (e.g., from Walmart).

6. Children and Family Activities

- Ideas to enhance event appeal for families: provide jumping jacks, popcorn/snow cone/cotton candy machines, other children's activities.

7. Event Logistics and Materials

B. Community Partnerships and Programming

1. Guest Speakers/Program Partners

- Discussion of inviting speakers from organizations like Far South Side Coalition to present on programs related to violence prevention, counseling, family support (including post-homicide support), and community activities.
- Examples from prior events: invited speakers to discuss programming in different districts and city-supported initiatives (e.g., play blocks with youth activities).
- Desire to have more guest speakers for the upcoming meeting.

2. Community Engagement Practices

- Proposals for providing snacks at meetings to draw participants.
- Distribution of event and district information at local businesses.
- Consideration of using rotating park locations for meetings to enhance neighborhood engagement.

C. Administrative & Logistics

1. Meeting Schedules and Locations

- Review of recent confusion regarding meeting locations; correction of web listings for current and future meetings.
- Next scheduled meetings:

- District public safety meeting: March 5
- Planning/annual meeting: March 6 at Kennedy King (virtual/Zoom)
- Rotating between Trumbull Park and other venues (e.g., CYC Center).

2. Documentation and Attendance

- Importance of sign-in and proper agenda management.
- Acknowledgement of documenters (e.g., City Bureau's Robert Speed).

3. Supplies and Budget

D. Neighborhood Concerns & Miscellaneous

1. Neighborhood Safety and Clean-Up

- Recent safety concern: coyote sightings in neighborhood.
- Mention of resident interest in volunteering for local clean-up efforts (notably 95th Street).

Updates N/A

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 26, 2026

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): Trumbull Park

District Council ended the meeting at: 12:35 pm