15TH DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

15th District Council Public Meeting Minutes

(Minutes)-Aligned Version)
Date: July 16, 20264
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: 5044 W. Madison (R.C.B.P.D.)
Format: In-person with Zoom supplement

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

- Meeting called to order at **5:47 PM**
- Roll call conducted
- **Quorum established** (All three councilors present)
- Councilor Earls, Councilor Rutues, Councilor Ekua (In-person)

2. Approval of Remote Attendance

- Zoom use acknowledged
- No objections raised
- **Remote/Zoom format approved by consensus**

3. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda reviewed by Council
- Motion made and seconded
- **Agenda approved as presented**

4. Approval of Past Minutes

- Review of **June 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- Motion to approve minutes by Councilor Rutues, second by Councilor Earls.
- **Minutes were approved.**

5. Public Comment

- No public comment.

6. Public Discussion on Trends & Concerns

Ongoing issues at the 5000 block of Gladys

- The discussion shifted to long-running concerns on the **5000 block of Gladys**, where the speaker has been in contact with a community member.
- The issue centers on a specific house associated with **CHA housing** and recurring trouble involving the residents' sons, not the mother who lives there.
- Several response steps were outlined:
    - **Positive loitering / smoke out activity** planned for the **first week of August**.
    - **Door knocking** with DCOs and counselors planned for the **second week**.
    - A **CHA representative** was being sought for the **third week**, ideally at a district council meeting held in that area so the community could speak directly with CHA.
- The speaker said they had contacted **Steve Robinson of Northwest Austin Council** about bringing grills and helping with the positive loitering event.
- The speaker also planned to ask **Sgt.** to join with DCOs and counselors for door-to-door outreach.
- The group discussed the difficulty of getting CHA staff to attend community meetings and the importance of preserving the working relationship with CHA rather than damaging it.
- Sergeant Munoz explained that they have been dealing with the house for **two years**, have video evidence involving the son, and have made arrests.

- He stressed that the mother is not the problem and said they were trying not to victim-blame her, since she works **two jobs** and the issue is primarily the sons.
- It was also noted that they have a trespassing affidavit and would prefer to catch the son on property if possible.
- Sergeant Munoz said he would bring a thick folder documenting their efforts to the next meeting, along with Munoz, so the full history can be explained.

7. Reports from Councilors

1) Proposal for evaluating EIS outcomes in 2027

- The meeting opened with a detailed presentation on how an Early Intervention System (EIS) should be evaluated once implemented in 2027.
- The proposed evaluation measures were grouped into several categories:
    - **Officer outcomes**: reduction in repeat complaints, use-of-force incidents, sustained misconduct, improvement in officer wellness, and repeat EIS flag rates.
    - **Supervisor outcomes**: consistency of interventions across officers with similar incidents, supervisor compliance, and timeliness of interventions.
    - **Organizational outcomes**: litigation trends, settlement cost trends, disciplinary outcomes, training effectiveness, and overall intervention effectiveness.
    - **Community outcomes**: public trust indicators, community satisfaction, perception of police accountability, and confidence in CPD.
    - **System-wide performance**: data accuracy, system usability, intervention follow-through, and opportunities for continuous improvement.
- It was emphasized that most EIS systems do not include recommended evaluation measures, so this proposal is intended to establish a framework for review.
- The speaker said the district council would vote on the proposal at the **next quarterly meeting in September**, and if it passed there, it would move to the commission for a vote.

2) Community dispute resolution and mediation options

- The group discussed possible alternatives for neighborhood conflict resolution, including a mediation-style program.
- Sergeant Brown referenced existing city resources, specifically the **Center for Conflict Resolution** and the **Commission on Human Relations**, for neighborhood disputes such as noise, parking, shared walls, minor damage, communication breakdowns, and similar issues.
- It was noted that these services can be used through official city channels and may help with everyday disputes.
- A concern was raised that people in the community may not want to go downtown for mediation or conflict resolution, and that some residents prefer to stay within the neighborhood.
- The group clarified that the process can be virtual and that all parties must agree to participate.
- A landlord dispute hotline was also mentioned as another civil route for certain problems.

3) CCPSA / district council governance and nominations

- Councilor discussed her new role and said she was tasked, along with other nominators, with giving input into the next selection process.
- She said she intended to vote to bring **Stanley** back, calling the effort "futile" but clearly stating his position.
- It was noted that the **District Council election is coming up on February 23, 2027**, and said the city is willing to share information with people who may want to serve.
- Councilor referenced a Wednesday listening session and encouraged people to learn about the role and consider getting involved in exchange for the monthly stipend of **$500**.
- There was also discussion about the agenda and bylaws, with Councilors saying the bylaws should be revisited because the agenda language says items are subject to change.
- He objected to the idea of CCPSA dictating process to the people doing the on-the-ground work, saying they should not "ride our coattails" or tell the district how to do its work.

- **Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM** — Community meeting with **Black Men United** at **5437 West Division Street**. Topics include four pillars: public safety, resource access, youth and family, and revitalization.
- **July 23, 2026, 11:00 AM–2:00 PM — Build Campus Lunch and Learn** at **5100 West Harrison**, featuring Benny Lee and Oscar Lopez. Open to ages **16 and up** with lunch provided.
- **August 1, 2026 — Always Love Fest / A Safer Austin** event (the acronym was clarified during the meeting).
- **August 4, 2026, 3:00 PM–8:00 PM — 15th District National Night Out 2026** at **Columbus Park, 500 South Central Avenue**. Planned activities include fishing, golfing, games, food, drinks, and vendor participation.

- G2 said the National Night Out would include **600 backpacks**, uniforms, free bouncy houses, food vendors, vegan options, and sample-size treats.
- There was also talk of making the event bigger each year, including playful discussion of adding helicopters or horses.
- G2 clarified that the event is not just for his office, but for the broader Austin community.

8. Property and Personal Safety Concerns:

- Discussion of rising thefts, specifically airbag thefts from cars (Hyundai, Honda); suggestion to use anti-theft devices (e.g., "clubs").

- Counselor praised the 15th District's history and responsiveness, especially around the break-in she experienced on July 3.
- She described a burglary attempt involving a van and noted a method used to heat and force a sliding gate lock, after which a restrictor would be welded to prevent future access.
- She commended the 15th District for a rapid response and expressed strong support for the officers present.
- Michael Lewis and Cassandra both reflected on the 15th District's historical role, including its early status as a prototype for CAPS in Chicago.

9. Police Report and Crime Statistics

Commander Fraction expressed concern that choosing a new superintendent during this time of the mayoral period could make candidates worry about job security, since Chicago candidates often consider who supports them and which administration they may be aligned with. Piemonte agreed the timing wasn't ideal.

The conversation then shifted to community representation, asking how the commission would ensure residents' voices are included. Piemonte said commissioners or staff could hold neighborhood listening sessions, give process updates, and use surveys to collect broader input. It was also noted that commission meetings are open to the public.

10. Presentations

- No presenter

11. Final Actions

- No votes.

12. Final Announcements & Adjournment

- **Next District Council Meeting:** August 20, 2026
  - **Location:** 1107 N. Massasoit
  - Meeting adjourned at 7:28PM