

CITY OF CHICAGO - DISTRICT COUNCIL #18
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
MINUTES OF MEETING

MEETING TYPE: Regular (Not Special Meeting nor Closed Meeting)

MEETING DATE: 1/23/24

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: St Vincent de Paul Center at 2145 N. Halsted

MEETING START TIME: 6:10pm

MEETING END TIME: 7:36pm

ATTENDANCE & QUORUM:

(Note: OMA Meeting cannot take place without two out of three members present in-person.)

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER NAMES:	Attendance (Present, Remote or Absent)
Chair: Brad Kessler	Present: X
Community Outreach: Karen Kane	Present: X
Nominating Committee: Robert Johnson	Present: X
Quorum Present (2 out of 3 Members):	Yes.

CALL TO ORDER, PUBLIC COMMENT & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Kessler called the meeting to order@ 6:10pm and took attendance of Councilors, noting a quorum. He then opened the floor for Public Comments. In accordance with the Bylaws of the 18th District Council, several members of the general public addressed the 18th District Council.

1. Kevin Tobin spoke about concerns regarding car jackings.
2. David Varnerin spoke about his concerns on the penalties for shoplifting.
3. Karen Howell spoke in support of a state's attorney candidate.

Councilor Kessler commented that any follow-up related to these comments are coordinated after the Public Meeting by the Chair.

Councilor Kane motioned to approve the minutes for the December 19, 2023, Meeting. Councilor Johnson seconded; the motion was carried unanimously.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERS MONTHLY UPDATE:

Councilor Kessler:

- Provided a detailed overview of Mayors safety plan
- Asked community member for speaker series ideas

Councilor Kane:

- Indicated Task force meeting times will be going out over the next weeks
- Presented PowerPoint overview of annual report of crime trends from University of Chicago Crime Lab
- Presented overview of history of 018th District Crime trends and homicide reduction periods 2014-2024

Councilor Johnson

-Provided the Nominating Committee Update with an overview of the Commissioner selection process

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Commander Bartz Update:

- SDI Cars staffing coming largely from 018th District officers through OT initiative within the district
- Commanders have more control over their district and workforce needs starting in Feb
- Crime trends increase in robberies...people from outside of the district coming to the district
- CAPS/Educational opportunity and citywide new robbery taskforce initiative

Guest Speaker: Assistant State Attorney Anne McCord Rodgers, Supervisor of First Court, the pretrial Unit of Cook County States Attorney Office

- Provided extensive description of the changes to pretrial detention process resulting from the Safe T Act
- explained the crimes that can be considered for detention and those crime that cannot result in detention
- noted the ASA must file request to detain with the judge and then present case for detention, with the judge making the decision of whether to detain
- commented that she personally reviews almost every charge of murder to make sure a proper case is presented for detention
- noted almost all misdemeanors are non-detainable and retail theft is non detainable

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date and Location: February 26, 2024, at Wintrust Back at 100 W. North Ave. at 6pm

After inquiring whether there was any further business and noting none, Councilor Kessler adjourned the meeting at 7:36pm

SUMMARY OF VOTES TAKEN DURING THE MEETING: Approval of minutes for the December 19, 2023, Meeting.