

City of Chicago

DISTRICT COUNCIL #18

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: Regular

MEETING DATE: 5/22/2023

MEETING LOCATION: Lincoln Park HS 2001 N Orchard

MEETING START TIME: 6:07 PM END TIME: 7:02 PM

Attendance and Quorum:

Chair: Brad Kessler	Present
Community Engagement: Karen Kane	Present
Nominating Committee: Bob Johnson	Present

Quorum: Yes

After the meeting was called to order, police district council members gave a brief synopsis of their backgrounds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Mel Jones (Clark & Division Collaborative): Shared concern about recidivism, and mental health group gatherings early Sat & Sun mornings at Clark and LaSalle, promoted court advocacy programs.
2. Craig Kaiser (Streeterville Neighborhood Advocates SNL): recommended that the council provide greater and wider notice to let people know when meetings are and reach out to neighborhood groups.
3. Jason Walters (Lincoln Ave Community): pandemonium at Webster & Belden, and specifically mentioned DIME bar as a problem

4. Dee Clancy (Skyline Village): recommended that there should be a greater focus on complying with the Consent Decree
5. David Huber: Offered support for Clark & Division Collaborative
6. Jerry Swartzman: Commented that he is against the Mayor eliminating empty police positions
7. Paul Ault: Mentioned that bar issues are a pattern such as with prior concerns with Club Royale. He mentioned BACP and City Council initiatives in that business owners are responsible for what happens outside their business, sidewalk etc.
8. Caitlin McMahon (volunteer with Be SMART): Recommended Be Smart for advocating for Gun Safety

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Vote to approve the selection of officer positions as Brad Kessler as Chair, Karen Kane as Community Engagement Coordinator, and Bob Johnson as Nominating Committee Member. Motion to Approve by Ms. Kane, 2nd Mr. Johnson

- All those in favor: Kane, Johnson, and Kessler. Approved.
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Vote to approve Bylaws: Motion to Approve by Ms. Kane, 2nd Mr. Johnson

- All those in favor: Kane, Johnson, and Kessler. Approved.

Vote to approve Roberts Rules of Order: Motion to Approve by Ms. Kane, 2nd Mr. Johnson

- All those in favor: Kane, Johnson, and Kessler. Approved.

Vote to approve Closed Meetings for Security Procedures pursuant to IL Section 5 ILCS 120/2: Motion to Approve by Ms. Kane, 2nd Mr. Johnson

- All those in favor: Kane, Johnson, and Kessler. Approved.

Approval of Regular Monthly Meetings: 4th Tuesday of month, Motion to Approve by Ms. Kane. 2nd Mr. Johnson

- All those in favor: Kane, Johnson, and Kessler. Approved.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES:

- A) Review of District Council responsibilities, Mr. Kessler
- B) Report on Support of Migrants, Mr. Kessler
- C) Review of council's 100-day plan, Ms. Kane
- D) Review of Commission Nomination Process, Mr. Johnson

Motion to Adjourn: By Ms. Kane, 2nd by Mr. Johnson,

- All those in favor: Kane, Johnson, and Kessler. Approved.

Adjournment at 7:02 pm

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