City of Chicago
DISTRICT COUNCIL # 010
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: ☑Regular ☐ Special ☐ Closed

MEETING DATE: Tuesday 2/27/2024

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: 2756 S Harding, Chicago, IL 60623

MEETING START TIME: 6:15 pm

Attendance & Quorum

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance		
Chair: Kiisha Smith	Present: ☑	Remote: ☐	Absent: ☐
Nominating: Elianne Bahena	Present: ☐	Remote: ☐	Absent: ☐
Community: Rosemarie Dominguez	Present: ☑	Remote: ☐	Absent: ☐

Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): **Yes:** ☐ **No:** ☐

Summary of public comments:

There were no public comments.

Discussions:

Rosemarie discussed having one- on-ones with outreach workers and asking questions inquiring about violence and what exactly is needed for youth. As a response, what was mentioned was employment opportunities/ stability. As well as continued mentorship.

The discussion surrounding shot spotter also surfaced. And the continued contract extending up until September, which is also still costly, with no real understanding of how effective it is or not and if there is correlation between shot spotter and appropriate response times of CPD arriving on scene or the ambulance.

Kiisha Smith and Ms. Brown (North Lawndale resident), mentioned some of the incidents that took place in North Lawndale were CPD and ambulances did not arrive on the scene in a timely manner.

In addition, there was the mentioning of the Chicago Board of Education voting to remove police officers from Chicago Public Schools (CPS).

Claudia, ENLACE mentioned how they could possibly share data from CRD (not sure if correct acronym), however, this data is to identify shooting hot blocks, as well as plan to see how ENLACE and the district council members can work on a unified message with North Lawndale and more collaborative opportunities in the Summer. Especially working towards to integrate youth from both sides of Lawndale, where they can feel safe and participate in programs.

District Council Member Updates:
Elianne Bahena, who was unable to attend the meeting, however, did provide the following updates on the Nominating Committee via text to Rosemarie Dominguez and Kiisha Smith. The following updated stated:

Applications for the next Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability closed on February 7. We received 120 applications! Thank you everyone for applying! It was amazing to see how many people are passionate about shaping public safety and accountability across the city.

Where we are currently at:
The nominating committee is currently in the process of interviewing candidates. We just completed our first weekend of interviews (1/2 of weekends). And, they are closed sessions. We will be narrowing down to 14 potential candidates to present to Mayor Johnson. From that, he will select 7 names for the commission.

Who will fill these roles:
Per city ordinance, every Commissioner must have lived in Chicago for the last five years. Two Commissioners must be attorneys with a minimum of 10 years' experience in civil rights, criminal defense, or prosecutions. At least one Commissioner must possess a decade of experience in community organizing. Two seats are dedicated to the voices of our youth, ages 18-24. The Commission will have a geographic balance, with at least two Commissioners from each of the South, West and North Sides. And, to ensure true independence, no Commissioner may have worked for CPD, COPA, or the Police Board for the last five years. More updates will be available next week!

Approval of Minutes
Minutes are approved by the second regular meeting after they are taken.
Approved minutes are posted online within 10 days after approval.

Approval of December Minutes, 19.2023 Minutes. January meeting was cancelled. Rosemarie Dominguez made the motion to approve, Kiisha Smith second the motion.

Votes

No votes taken.

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 10, 2024

NEXT MEETING LOCATION: St. Agatha Catholic Church- 3147 W Douglas Blvd, Chicago, IL 60623

District Council ended the meeting at: 7:00 pm.