

**POLICE BOARD
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**REPORT OF COMMUNITY INPUT RECEIVED
AT THE PUBLIC MEETING ON AUGUST 22, 2019**

Seventeen members of the public spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting. See the transcript of the meeting, posted on the Board's website, for a complete report of each speaker's remarks.

The Chicago Police Department responded to the remarks made by Octavia Mitchell, John Perryman, Jennifer Edwards, June Norfleet, Matthew Brandon, Sharon-Banks Pincham, Loretta Turner, Alonzo Anderson, and Barney Barnhart (see below).

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability responded to the remarks made by Flora Suttle, Kimberly Howell-Gilmore, and David Dewar (see below).

The Office of the Police Board determined that the remarks made by Crista Noel, Lee Bielecki, Queen Sister, George Blakemore, and Robert More did not require a response in addition to that provided at the meeting.



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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Response to Community Input Received at the August 22, 2019 Police Board Meeting

Dear Mr. Caproni,

Thank you for forwarding the transcript of the August 22, 2019 Police Board Meeting so that the community comments can be reviewed, and the Chicago Police Department (CPD) can provide a report of the work it has done on this topic. This report is specifically in response to the public comments from Octavia Mitchell, John Perryman, Jennifer Edwards, June Norfleet, Matt Brandon, Sharon Banks-Pincham, Loretta Turner, Alonzo Anderson and Barney Barnhart. The Department appreciates these individuals taking the time to appear at the Police Board Meeting and raise these important issues which we continue to evaluate and attempt to resolve. The Bureau of Patrol and the Bureau of Detectives were consulted in drafting this response.

Octavia Mitchell

Ms. Mitchell spoke about DNA swabs taken from her son Izael Jackson. These DNA swabs were released to ISP at the request of COPA. During her comments Ms. Mitchell stated what she was told by an employee of the Illinois State Police Department (ISP), the Chicago Police Department was not part of that conversation and cannot speak to what Ms. Mitchell was told by ISP. According to Chicago Police Department records, Inventory Number 11996604 – cotton swabs for DNA recovered from the weapon, was received by the Evidence Recovery and Property Section ("ERPS") on May 6, 2010 from the Forensic Unit. Inventory Number 11996604 remained at ERPS until it was released to ISP at the request of COPA on May 21,



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2019. The Department cannot speak to any testing that has been completed by ISP since that date.

John Perryman

John Perryman spoke to raise concern about a troubled business in his community that he hoped to have shut down. The Chief of Patrol has asked a Sergeant from the Troubled Buildings Unit to keep in contact with Mr. Perryman and give him regular updates as to this business. As of the last status provided by the Sergeant this business was in the process of moving and the store-front was about 80% empty. The Department understands that much of Mr. Perryman's frustration arose from a lack of communication and will work to be better at communicating status of these complaints moving forward. That said, the Department is working with the constraints of its resources and must act in a manner to provide for the safety of the entire community.

Jennifer Edwards, June Norfleet, Matt Brandon

These three individuals combined their time to offer a proposal amending the Department's Cadet Program. The proposed amendment is very thoughtful and thorough and the Department appreciates the time this group took in creating this proposal. In reviewing the proposal it appears to be a combination of the Chicago Police and Fire Training Academy and the Police Cadet Program. First, it is important to note that the Cadet program was re-implemented in 2018 with the hire of 20 Cadets. These Cadets are paid minimum wage and are required to be enrolled in college. In order to raise the salary to that suggested by these individuals and to increase the number to 100 the Department would need an increase in its budget. The Department will consider the proposal's suggestion that these Cadets be included in a community policing capacity.

Sharon Banks-Pincham, Loretta Turner, Alonzo Anderson

These individuals spoke about a community policing program active in the West Chesterfield Community. They propose expanding the now existing surveillance camera program and giving access to these cameras to the Department. They estimate that this program would cost approximately \$20-25 Million. The Department does not have the budget for this program at this time, but in this vein has recently contracted with Ring Doorbell to utilize their



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community access. According to this agreement the Department has access to the community forum on the Ring platform which allows the Bureau of Detectives to send a request to individuals in a particular area to share video that they have from a certain day and time. These citizens each purchase their own Ring cameras and voluntarily agree to provide this video to the Department for their investigation.

Barney Barnhart

With respect to Mr. Barnhart's complaints about an open air drug market in his neighborhood, the Bureau of Patrol and the Bureau of Organized crime are working together to create a mission in this area to address his concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana O'Malley".

Dana M. O'Malley
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Office of the Superintendent



COPA Remarks Regarding Citizen Comments

Chicago Police Board Meeting

August 22, 2019

During the August 22, 2019 Chicago Police Board (Board) meeting the speakers listed below made statements related to COPA investigations or matters under its jurisdiction. Below is a summary of COPA's follow-up with each person based upon those statements.

I. Ms. Flora Suttle requested guidelines for requesting a case be re-opened.

- August 22, 2019:

Immediately following the Board Meeting, COPA Public Information Officer (PIO) Ephraim Eaddy provided Ms. Suttle his email address and asked her to direct her request and any additional relevant information to him to ensure for prompt attention.

- September 6, 2019:

COPA received an email from Ms. Suttle to which she attached a letter requesting the investigation be re-opened. The email is forwarded to COPA's General Counsel, who advises COPA's First Deputy of the request. COPA Legal and Investigation Divisions began to coordinate their review of Ms. Suttle's request and the information provided.

- September 17, 2019:

Mr. Eaddy received a message from Ms. Suttle attaching copies of her prior correspondence. Mr. Eaddy confirmed receipt of the email with Ms. Suttle and followed - up with COPA's General Counsel regarding status of the review.

II. Ms. Kimberly Howell-Gilmore requested an update on a case that involves her son.

- August 22, 2019:

Immediately following the Board Meeting, COPA PIO Ephraim Eaddy obtained Ms. Howell-Gilmore's contact information.

- August 23, 2019:

PIO Eaddy contacted Ms. Howell-Gilmore to obtain the log number of her son's case.

- September 12, 2019:

A COPA Case Liaison contacted Ms. Howell-Gilmore to provide a status update.

III. David Dewar alleged officers made false statements and reports concerning him.

- August 22, 2019:

Immediately following the Board Meeting, PIO Eaddy provided Mr. Dewar with COPA contact information and explained how to file a complaint.

- September 17, 2019:

No complaint has been received from Mr. Dewar as of this date.