



Vice-Chair

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, August 11, 2011

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Jerome L. Warfield called to order a regularly scheduled community meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners (Board), held in the Eastern District at the Fountain of Truth Church, 9755 Longview, Detroit, MI, on Thursday, August 11, 2011. Police Chaplain James Powell gave the invocation.

2. **ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL:** Commissioner Warfield, in the chair, and Mr. George N. Anthony as secretary, opened the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Donnell R. White and Jessica Taylor

Absent: Commissioner Toney Stewart

The presence of all three (3) commissioners established a quorum.

3. **INTRODUCTION OF CHIEF RALPH GODBEE:** Deputy Chief Benjamin Lee represented the Department.

- 4 & 5 **INTRODUCTION OF STAFF/RECORDERS:** Secretary Anthony introduced the Board's staff and recorders.

Staff: Ms. Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney for the Board; Ms. Tina Orr, Chief Investigator, Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI); Ms. Dalph Watson, Director, Human Resources; and Mr. Robert Brown, Office Manager.

Recorders: Officer Terence Bell, Sergeant Allan Quinn and Ms. Elizabeth Koller, Hanson's Court Reporting Service.

6. **GREETINGS:** Commissioner Warfield extended greetings and thanks to the Fountain of Truth Church family and community.

7. **BOARD DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** Commissioner Taylor read the duties and responsibilities of the Board.
8. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** On motion by Commissioner White the Board unanimously approved the meeting agenda.
9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On motion by Commissioner White the Board unanimously approved the following meeting minutes:
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10. **BOARD OFFICER'S REPORT:** Commissioner Warfield addressed the towing issue and the Board's purpose to develop a fair and equitable tow system. He gave a brief historical overview of the Board's actions and commented on current actions being taken to circumvent the spirit of the rules. The commissioner provided a clarification of the definition for "Geographically located" which was contained in the just published Police Authorized Tower Bulletin #2011-1, dated August 11, 2011, which states in part:

"Geographically located" for the purposes of the Police Authorized tower program shall mean the **single** location, city-wide, where a permittee has its **owned** storage lot and customer service office. The storage lot and customer service office will be at the same location. This location shall have a definite address recognized for United States Mail purposes.
11. **REPORT/PRESENTATION:** Deputy Chief Lee announced that Operation Inside/Out would go into operation later at 7:45 p.m., at Gratiot and E. 7 Mile. He introduced Commander Steve Dolunt who gave an overview of the Eastern District.
12. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None
13. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - **Resolution:** Commissioner White read and presented the Board's resolution to Mr. Howard Embry. On motion by Commissioner White the Board unanimously approved the resolution. Mr. Embry received other written acknowledgments as well.
14. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Commissioner Warfield announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., at police headquarters, 1300 Beaubien #328, Detroit, MI 48226.
15. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

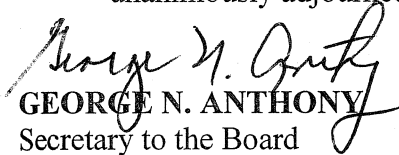
- Mr. Semman spoke about the police and community working together. He stressed concerns for peace and brought a dove for the Chief.
- Ms. Berniece Smith (Detroit 300) expressed her disappointment and surprise over how few residents from the immediate community were present. She also applauded the Department over the capture of the ATM bandits.
- Attorney Mark Deldin asked questions and proposed scenarios regarding the definition for "Geographically located" that was previously announced.

16. **OLD BUSINESS: Election of New Chairperson.**

Commissioner Warfield announced that the Vice Chair, Toney Stewart, indicated to him in a telephone conversation that he did not want to be nominated for the chairmanship. Commissioner Taylor then nominated Commissioner White, which was seconded by Commissioner Warfield. After Commissioner White accepted the nomination, the Board unanimously elected him as Board chair.

Chairman White informed the community that he looked forward to serving the Board and working with the community, and that he had an open door policy.

17. **ADJOURNMENT:** On motion by Commissioner Warfield the Board unanimously adjourned its meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.


GEORGE N. ANTHONY
Secretary to the Board

Approved: 8-18-11