

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: April 13, 2017 – 6:00 PM

Location: New Greater Zion Hill Church (11th Precinct) 18891 St. Louis, Detroit MI 48234

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 6:00 PM (April 13, 2017)

| Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance | Attend | Not-Attend |
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| Willie E. Bell, Chair | Yes | |
| Ricardo R. Moore, Vice Chair | Excused | |
| Elizabeth Brooks | Excused | |
| Willie E. Burton (6:13) | Yes | |
| Lisa Carter | Yes | |
| Reginald Crawford | Yes | |
| Eva Dewaelsche | Yes | |
| Conrad Mallett | Excused | |
| Derrick Sanders | Excused | |
| Richard Shelby | Yes | |
| Bishop Edgar Vann | Excused | |
| Quorum (Yes/6:13 PM) | 6 | |

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for April 13, 2017.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, April 6, 2017**

BOPC Officers Reports(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked New Greater Zion Hill Church, **Pastor Eddie Patterson** to provide the invocation. **Chairman Bell** asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Other elected officials, representatives and VIP's were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliations. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced.

Communications from Chief of Police:

- (A) Recommendation from the Chief of Police to Suspend Police Officer Kwame Powell #2704 Without Pay.
- (B) 3rd Round Department Promotions for Sergeants and Lieutenants.

Chairman Bell noted on the record, the Board had received from the Chief of Police a personnel matter and asked for a motion for a close session as allowed under the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Motion: Motion to move into closed session to take up a personnel matter from the COP (**Crawford**),

Second: (Carter)

Vote: Yes = 6 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 5) **Action: Approved**

BOPC, entered into close session.

BOPC, returned to regular order at 6:20 PM.

Motion: Commissioner Crawford motioned to accept the recommendation from the COP to suspend Officer Kwame Powell without pay.

Second: (Dewaelsche)

Vote: Yes = 5 No = 0 Abst = 1 (Burton) (Excused = 5) **Action: Approved**

Chairman Bell requested a motion in connection with recommendations from the COP for 3rd Round promotions. Commissioner Crawford made a motion to go into closed session as allowed under the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Motion: Motion to move into closed session to take up a personnel matter from the COP/Promotions (**Crawford**),

Second: (Carter)

Vote: Yes = 6 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 5) **Action: Approved**

BOPC, entered into close session.

BOPC, returned to regular order at 6:40 PM.

Motion: Commissioner Dewaelsche motioned to accept the recommendation from the COP for 3rd Round Promotions.

Second: (Shelby)

Vote: Yes = 6 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 5) **Action: Approved**

Resolution & Memorial:

(A) Upon the request of the Chair, **Ms. Teresa Blossom**, BOPC staff read into the record a resolution in Support of Justice Department's Role in Consent Decrees and Law Enforcement Oversight.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ROLE IN CONSENT DECREE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OVERSIGHT

WHEREAS In 2003, the City of Detroit and its Police Department entered into two consent decrees with the U. S. Justice Department to address systemic changes needed for law enforcement, including procedures for police training, the use of deadly force, and the process for arrest and detention of suspects. Today, the police department is better organized and provides better service to the community as a result of the reform process initiated and completed in 2016 by the consent decrees; and

WHEREAS President Donald Trump's Administration through Attorney General Jeff Sessions is signaling it no longer intends to fully support police reform through consent decrees like the ones that successfully lead to DPD improvements. On April 3, 2017, Mr. Sessions ordered a full Justice Department review of all consent decrees and reiterated his erroneous belief that federal oversight of police departments is usually unwarranted and stems from the "misdeeds of individual bad actors." His belief ignores facts and evidence that consent decrees do not target a few "bad actors" but rather departments with systemic and often long patterns of civil rights and other constitutional abuses or ingrained problems that undermine the effectiveness of law enforcement, the strength of police confidence and community relations, and the achievement of justice; and

WHEREAS The consent decree provided the City of Detroit, its police department and its citizens with a clear path for reform and with a shared goal for ensuring a law enforcement organization that met standards for justice and community service. The Police Department was able to strengthen the quality and professionalism of its police force and operations, emerging as a more organized and constitutional police department. Among reforms, the department significantly reduced serious uses of force and ended the practice of arresting and detaining witnesses without a warrant. Furthermore, the department established an audit team of sworn and civilian auditors to track the performance of all aspects of the DPD and added compliance liaison officers, along with an Inspection Unit and a Force Investigation Section to help ensure acceptable police practices from the precinct to the command levels; and

WHEREAS The Justice Department review and evaluation, along with court oversight, provided valuable feedback and technical assistance to ensure that DPD's reform efforts were embedded and sustained for the future. The city of Detroit, its residents, and its stakeholders today have a stronger and better law enforcement serving the community, and the Department acts daily with a renewed commitment to being known as one of the best in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS Detroit's experience and outcomes show the benefits of federal oversight. Indeed, other mayors and civic leaders in communities with police departments under consent decrees have spoken out against Attorney

General Sessions reducing or possibly ending federal oversight, including Mayor Catherine Pugh of Baltimore, who will “strongly oppose any delay in moving forward” with the new decree for her city. Also, according to criminologists, many other communities have benefited from the role of the Justice Department in reviewing law enforcement for patterns and practices of abuse and have used the federal assistance to make changes even when no consent decree was involved.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, calls upon U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions to heed the evidence of systemic law enforcement abuses and discrimination in many U.S. cities and towns and to maintain the use of consent decrees and other tools of the Justice Department’s federal oversight for the essential protection of citizens and their civil rights. .

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Motion: Commissioner Crawford motioned to authorize the resolution **IN SUPPORT OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ROLE IN CONSENT DECREE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OVERSIGHT**

Second: (Shelby)

Vote: Yes = 6 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 5) **Action: Approved**

(B) Resolution for Mr. Jackie Walton, as recommended by the Command staff of the 11th Police Precinct.

Upon the request of the Chair, **Commissioner Crawford** read into the record a resolution honoring Mr. Jackie Walton.

RESOLUTION HONORING, MR. JACKIE WALTON

WHEREAS Mr. Jackie Walton was born in Holly Springs, Mississippi, has worked in the City of Detroit since 1982. Mr. Walton is married to Marva Walton, and they have two grown children Christopher and Jacqueline; and

WHEREAS Mr. Walton attended and graduated from Holly High School in 1973 and moved to Flint, Michigan in 1974, while in Flint, Mr. Walton attended U of M Flint campus.; and

WHEREAS Mr. Walton was hired by the Kentucky Fried Chicken Corporation in 1979 and worked as a manager until 1982. He then joined the management team for Church’s Chicken. From 2004 through 2008, Mr. Walton worked for Popeye’s Chicken. In 2009, Mr. Walton and his partner opened their first Captain Jays Fish and Chicken in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mr. Walton and his partners now own twenty-three stores in metro Detroit area, Flint Michigan, and Indiana. Mr. Walton services as the Director of Public Relations for Captain Jays Fish and Chicken; and

WHEREAS Mr. Walton is a member of Bray Temple in Pontiac, Michigan, under the pastorate of Reverend Victoria McKenzie. Mr. Walton is a staunch worker in his church he gives assistance and works with all of the church auxiliaries; and

WHEREAS Mr. Walton’s community involvement includes: Sponsoring the Eleventh Precinct’s Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon, The Detroit Police Department’s Reserve Officers Retirement Luncheon, Eleventh Precinct’s Annual Police Week activities, National Night Out, Eleventh Precinct’s Community Relations Council Christmas Party, and the Eleventh Precinct’s Beautification Project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department acknowledge the dedicated, humble, caring giving and longtime support of Mr. Jackie Walton. His generous spirit and commitment to improving the quality of life for all citizens in the Eleventh Precinct and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

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Motion: Commissioner Crawford motioned to accept the recommendation for Mr. Jackie Walton.

Second: (Carter)

Vote: Yes = 6

No = 0

Abst = 0

(Excused = 5)

Action: Approved

Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police James Craig indicated he would be brief requesting members of the DPD to introduce themselves and transitioned to the presentation from the Command staff of the 11th Police Precinct. Captain Octaveious Miles address the Board and outline several of the accomplishments of the 11th Precinct.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: Commissioner Dewaelsche reported on the work of the Ad hoc committee on Police recruitment indicating several events had occurred in the city's One Stop Employment facilities and within neighborhood churches and organizations.

Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks reported on seven communications from various sources including

- a) 2015/16 LT & SGT 3rd Round Promotion Recommendation from COP 4/5/2017, referred to BOPC Board for action (April 13, 2017 Agenda.
- b) Suspensions without pay; communications from COP 4/7/2017, referred to BOPC Board for action (April 13, 2017 Agenda)
- c) President Brenda Jones, Coffee & Conversation, Skilled Trade Task Force, information distributed to BOPC via electronic mail.
- d) Comm. Dewaelsche: Resolution for Jessie Gonzales-"Detroit Man Award", referred to staff to develop appropriate resolution. Will be added to future agenda.
- e) Comm. Crawford: Baltimore Police Overhaul is approved (news article), information distributed to BOPC via electronic mail.
- d) Updated Greenlight Locations, information distributed to BOPC via electronic mail.
- e) Interactive online map: Medical Marihuana Caregiver Centers, information distributed to BOPC via electronic mail.

Old Business. No old business.

New Business. No new business.

Commissioner Dewaelsche, Shelby and Carter requested that newly promoted officers be read into the record. Please note the following names.

Sergeant Matthew Taylor
Sergeant Candice Matschikowski
Sergeant Jeffrey Morin
Sergeant Mark Young
Sergeant Stacy Greer Travis
Sergeant Rebecca Mckay
Sergeant Laurie Carter
Sergeant Dawn Engel
Sergeant Devin Dunbeck
Sergeant Mary Baritche
Sergeant Stacy Cavin

Detective Tony Cotton
Detective Danny Barbee
Detective Clive Stewart
Detective Gayle Bowden
Detective Allan Jacokes
Detective Nathaniel Weekley

Corporal Larry Davis
Police Officer Jasun Mcwhorter
Police Officer Eugene Bomber
Police Officer Mark Sievers
Police Officer Terica Holston
Police Officer Trevis Anderson

Police Officer Justin Sampson
Police Officer Hameed Mohamed
Police Officer Jennifer Maddox
Police Officer Sean Wall
Police Officer Alexander Collrin
Police Officer John Stewart
Police Officer Mark Oliver
Police Officer James Morgan
Police Officer Robert Douglas
Police Officer Thomas Denmark
Police Officer Kevin Drury
Police Officer Adrian Payne
Police Officer Michael Moreland
Police Officer Nicole Kirkwood
Police Officer Lawrence Addison
Police Officer Phillip Rodriguez
Police Officer Atiba Gnatek
Police Officer Trey Lyons

Announcements:

Next Regular Meeting, Thursday, April 20, 2017 @ 3:00 PM Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Ave., Detroit 48226

Next Community Meeting, Thursday, May 11, 2017 @ 6:30 PM, 8th Precinct, location TBA.

Oral Communications:

Ms. Kim Jackson acknowledged the work of the staff and command leadership in the 11th Precinct. **Doina Rosu**, VC, 11th Precinct acknowledged to work of the precinct. **Adrienne Collins** challenged the Department to create neighborhood based Green Light locations spanning three block or greater. **Yolanda McCants** complained about the conditions within the precinct and suggested better cleaning support to the precinct. **Cherrie Enler** complained about the lack of communications and progress on the murder of her son, incident in September 2016. **Mr. Davis** acknowledged the work of the precinct. **Shirley Burch** also suggest more expansions of the Green Light program and encouraged community leaders to talk with local businessmen to embrace the Green Light program.

Chairman Bell accepted a Motion to adjourn at 7:29 PM. Meeting Adjourned.