

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: February 2, 2017 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1201 Third Ave., Detroit Michigan, 48226

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (February 2, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Ricardo R. Moore, Vice Chair	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Excused	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Excused	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for February 2, 2017.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, January 26, 2017**

BOPC Officers Reports(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** provided 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. Chairman Bell also acknowledged the celebration of **Black History Month** and talked about the wisdom of **Carter G. Woodson**, the founder of Black History Month. Chairman Bell also asked for support for the Ashwood family, in association with the death of Senior Investigator Charlotte Jones' brother **Kenneth Lamont Ashwood** (January 26, 2017).

Chief of Police Report: **Chief James Craig** introduced members of the Department and summarized DPD CompStat data for January 29, 2017. The Chief noted that one-third of the murders are associated with arguments between people who are acquainted or in a relationship with the victim. He also discuss non-fatal shootings. The Chief also discuss the recent ceremony of the 100th Greenlight installation and the successful airing of DPD-TV (2nd Precinct). The Chief also voiced his concerns about the low bonds set by judges resulting in many of the arrests returning to the streets. The Chief also applauded the work of DMC medical doctor Reginald Eadie in association with providing remarks to offenders in the Department Ceasefire Program.

Commissioner Moore inquired about the priority status of crimes in progress. **Commissioner Mallett** asked about violence and patterns related to geography and concentrations of poverty. He discussed the mounting problems of isolated communities and individuals who have little options. **Mallett** also explained some of the new programs at the DMC (20 additional psychiatric beds and 19 youth psychiatric beds to be located in the downtown campus of the DMC) related to violence and psychiatric care. He discussed efforts to de-escalate and provide wrap-around social services to patient **Commissioner Vann** asked for clarification and a potential explanation about spikes in crime is several precincts. Commissioner Crawford joined in the discussion about the impact of low bonds and also highlighted proposed legislation in Lansing, SB524 thru SB550 which is intended to impact police and law enforcement issues in Michigan. **Commissioner Mallett** also engaged the Chief in a discussion on the impact of mental illness and law enforcement. Mallett also follow-up with a discussion on the efforts of the Detroit Medical Center to attract psychiatric beds for adults and youth. Mallett also discussed the availability of reimbursement dollars to hospitals that would create an economic incentive to provide more psychiatric care. Commissioner **Brooks** asked about the programs of the local Mental Health Authority and how they might help mitigate some of the interactions described by the Chief and others.

Presentation from the Department to the BOPC: Lieutenant William Sims provided a presentation before the BOPC on Body Worn Cameras. Lt. Sims discussed the technical specifications of the body worn cameras under consideration by the Department and their capability to sync with cameras in the vehicles. He also pointed to a special technical capability of the new system that would turn-on the camera with one push of the button and turn-off the cameras with two pushes of the button. The switch "on and off protocol" would avoid unintended interactions between officers and citizens. Sims also discussed milestones and accomplishments during the risk mitigation period. Sims briefly discussed efforts of the Department to establish a management unit associate with the cameras and how the Department would manage the resources and disciplinary issues for officers in violation with Departmental rules. Sims indicated the Department was operating under a training directive and would soon update the training directive and seek amendments to existing policy within the department. **AC White** indicated such a policy revision would be shared with the Commission. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** asked that in the case of other jurisdictions officers are reminded to turn on their cameras, would the DPD has a similar policy. AC White indicated no.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: No Reports

Board Secretary Report: No Report.

Old Business: None.

Announcement: Next Meetings: Thursday, February 9, 2017, Community Meeting,
Jesus Tabernacle of Deliverance Ministries, 11001 Chalmers, Detroit Mi. 48213 – 6:30 PM

Next Community Meeting, March 9, 2017, 9th Precinct, location to be announced.

Oral Communications: None. Fredia Butler, President, 2nd Precinct Police Community Relations Committee, introduced herself as a former school teacher and expressed her concerns about the projected school closings. She also discussed the need to support mass demonstrations to force leaders to make better decisions about the schools. **Dr. Author Divers** also expressed his concerns about the school closing and the need to rally around efforts to stop the closings. **Sharon Parnell** also raised the memory of **Kerry Sanders** long time Chair of the Barton-McFarlin Community Association. Ms. Parnell also asked that a testimonial resolution be prepared in his honor by the Commission. Chair Bell indicated such a resolution could be coordinated and turned to staff for arrangements for the resolution.

Commissioner Crawford inquired of the DPD legal advisor on the impact of the President's Executive Order regarding sanctuary cities and **Commissioner Moore** indicated that citizens who might be interested in attending the Citizens Police Academy should contact Ms. Sharon Pannell at 313-408-5454.

Addition to the Agenda: HR Monthly Report.

Chairman Bell asked without objections that the HR Report by **HR Director Gail Oxendine** be presented to the Commission. HR Director Oxendine indicated the total positions in the Department was 3123, 222 of the positions are vacant. Of these positions, 2386 are sworn and 515 are civilians. She also indicated that 198 candidates are in various levels of process for employment with the Department. She indicated that residency information remains about the same as in previous months and reported on the student intern program. **Commissioner Vann** asked about the recruitment-to-hire ratio in the Department. HR Director Oxendine indicated it was at 10% or that of every 100 recruitments, 10 individuals are actually hired.

Motion to Adjourn (Mallett)

Chairman Bell: Meeting adjourned at 4:14 PM