

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: May 25, 2017 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 3rd Floor, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (May 25, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Vacant, Vice Chair	N/A	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (3:14 PM)	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Excused	
Eva Dewaelsche	Excused	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Excused	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Excused	
Quorum (No)	5	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules, did not have the necessary quorum to approve the Agenda for May 25, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules, did not have the necessary quorum to approve the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, May 18, 2017

All items requiring Board approval was therefore placed on the agenda scheduled for June 1, 2017. Chairman Bell proceeded with the meeting undertaking items that did not require a formal vote of the Board.

BOPC Officers Report(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked DC Chaplin Avis Taylor 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 VIPs were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliations. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Bell also welcomed Assistant Chief Arnold Williams, representing Chief Craig to the meeting and invited him to introduce his staff.

Chairman Bell, thank the staff for recent successful Board training event held over the past weekend. **Commissioner Brooks**, joined in her comments indicating the Board training program was of tremendous values to her in her understanding of the work and responsibilities as a Police Commissioner. **Commissioner Sanders** also thanks the Board and staff for the training program. Sanders also summaries his experience in a ride-along with DPD in his precinct encouraged by the training program. **Commission Carter** also expressed her support for the training program highlighting the personal interaction with the staff over the weekend. **Bell** also commended on the 4th Annual award ceremony of “**Women in Blue.**” He pointed to the 24 award nominees for officer of the year and **Officer Amy Szarafinski** (4th Precinct) who received the 2017 award.

Resolutions and Memorials:

Commissioner Carter read into the record a resolution **Mr. Jesse Jesus M. Gonzales, Sr.** (While Mr. Gonzales was in attendance to accept the honor, the formal vote on the resolution is delayed to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.) Mr. Jesse Gonzales was also joined by his daughter, Detroit Police Department Sergeant **Starr Gonzales**. Mr. Gonzales in accepting the honor committed indicated the need to “learn and give through the heart”. Mr. Gonzales also recognized the members of the Tuskegee Airman as part of the history of American who had encouraged him over the years.

RESOLUTION HONORING MR. JESSE JESUS M. GONZALES, SR.

- WHEREAS** Jesse Jesus M. Gonzales, Sr. moved with his family to Michigan from Texas in 1964. He is a respected community leader in Southwest Detroit, where he has lived over 50 years. He is a proud father of seven children, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and
- WHEREAS** Mr. Gonzales was a UAW organizer at Ford Motor Company where he worked for 35 years before retirement. He has been engaged in civic and community improvement initiatives with several agencies including Southwest Detroit Improvement Association (SWDIA), Springdale Woodmere Block Club, Congress of Communities (COC), Bridging Communities, United Neighborhood Initiatives-Detroit (UNI), Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) and other organizations including the Hispanic Police Officers Association of Michigan; and
- WHEREAS** Mr. Gonzales' passion for his community and its residents also extends to working with agencies responsible for Southwest Detroit's safety, namely, the fire department, police department and border control. He is a member of the Fourth Precinct Community Relations Committee working to create trust and partnership in the communities with law enforcement; and
- WHEREAS** Mr. Gonzales is a graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy and the Detroit Citizens Police Academy. He has received numerous awards including the Spirit of Detroit Award, Mary Barela SWDIA Award, CERT Award, and State Michigan Resolution. Most recently, he received the Federal Bureau of Investigation's highest civilian Community Leadership Award; and
- WHEREAS** Mr. Gonzales has worked to strengthen ties between his community and law enforcement, organizing community fairs, youth engagement events and public safety awareness training. His love for children has been the impetus for him to play Santa Claus throughout the community since 1975, and also volunteer with Jimmy's Kids. In 2015 and 2016, his backpack drive supplied more than 1,000 backpacks for students in need.

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 support of Mr. Jesse Jesus M. Gonzales, Sr. His generous spirit and commitment to improving the quality of life for all citizens in the Fourth Precinct and throughout the City of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

Chief of Police Report: Representing **Chief of Police James Craig** was AC Arnold Williams reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending May 21, 2017. AC Williams reported Homicides percentage change between 2015 and 2016 of -1% decrease, Sexual Assaults -11% decrease, Robbery -10% decrease, Carjacking-1% decrease, Aggravated Assaults, -8% decrease, Non-fatal shooting, -5% decrease for an overall total of -8% decrease. **Secretary Hicks** suggested that the Board allow **AC James White** to present update from fleet management. AC White also introduced **Mr. Pitts** who then summarized managements approach to fleet deployment. Pitts indicated deploying 75 new Charger will be distributed throughout the precincts. Deployment is based on the need, conditions of the older fleet and the wellness or care of the cars by the precinct. Pitts also indicated a recent deployment of 35 Fusions to Investigative Operations and Homicide (Emergency Order and deployment). Pitts also indicated the Department will be purchasing another 156 new cars, 90 of the new cars will be deployed for patrol. **Commissioner Brooks** inquired about the method of deployment in specific precincts. **AC White** responded that a 3rd party conducted a survey of the needs in the precinct structures. **Commissioner Sanders** inquired about a fleet service plan.

Presentation to the Board: (A) Office of the Chief Investigator.

Chief Investigator Pamela Davis Drake outlined the Citizens' complaints received in the month of April, 2017. Year-to-Date Drake reported a 14% increase in complaints.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: (None).

Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks reported on four communications into the Board. **Commissioner Sanders** inquired about the status of the tazers directive, said directive was recently passed by the Board.

Old Business. None.

New Business. No new business.

Announcements:

Next Meeting, Thursday, June 1, 2017 @ 3:00 PM, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, 48226.

Next Community Meeting, Thursday, June 8, 2017, 4th Police Precinct (Marathon Petroleum, 1001 S. Oakwood Detroit, MI 48226). .

Oral Communications: Michelle George expressed concerns about the Medical Marijuana Clinics and issues related to the BZA.

Chairman Bell request a complete list of promotions and appointments in the Department. Bell also instructed the staff to conduct the normal review of the various personnel affected. Chairman Bell also suggested survey of some type on civilian oversight and its effectiveness of the same.

Chairman Bell accepted a motion to adjourn (4:15 PM).