

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: February 9, 2017 – 6:30 PM

Location: 9th Police Precinct @ Jesus Tabernacle of Deliverance Ministries, 11001 Chalmers St, Detroit MI 48213

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 6:30 PM (February 9, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Ricardo R. Moore, Vice Chair	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Excused	
Willie E. Burton (6:45 PM)	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Excused	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche (7:30 PM)	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Excused	
Quorum (Yes)	7	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for February 9, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, February 2, 2017

BOPC Officers Reports(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked **Bishop David A. Billy, Sr. Pastor** to provide the invocation. Bishop Billy also welcome the Board to Jesus Tabernacle. **Chairman Bell** asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record **The Board did not achieve a quorum until 6:45PM; the Agenda and February 2, 2017 Minutes was approved upon achieving a quorum.** 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 acknowledged an article in the **Michigan Chronicle** about the 1967 rebellion and two law enforcement giants, **Commander Mary Jarrett-Jackson** and **WSU Police Chief Anthony Holt**. Bell also reported on participating in the training program at the Detroit Police Academy with OCI Chief Pamela Drake. Bell concluded his remarks by discussing two of the Mayor's re-election planks: education and public safety.

Chief of Police Report: Representing the Chief James Craig was **Deputy Chief Renee Hall**. **DC Hall** introduced members of the Department and summarized DPD CompStat data for February 5, 2017. DC Hall discussed the Year to Date Comps for Homicide (25% increase, Non-Fatal Shootings 44% increase, Sexual Assault 6% increase, Carjacking -11% decrease). DC Hall also discussed several of the partnerships between DPD and the public including the commission of the 102nd Greenlight location. **Commissioner Moore** applauded the hard work of the staff of the 9th Precinct. **Commissioner Crawford** raised question on the internal reminders through police tele-type of officer vehicle incidents and accident outside the city.

Resolutions and Memorials:

Resolution read into the record by Commissioner Reginald Crawford.

POSTHUMOUS RESOLUTION - HONORING
MR. JEREMAIN TILMON

WHEREAS Mr. Jeremaine Devon Tilmon was born on July 18, 1977 to Jeremiah and Renetta Tilmon in Detroit, Michigan and was the second eldest of six children. He was educated in the Detroit Public School system. Mr. Tilmon married his childhood sweetheart Taminko and they co-parented seven (7) children; and

WHEREAS Mr. Tilmon served as a Ceasefire Detroit Outreach Worker from 2015-2016, and as a staff member of the Detroit Youth Violence Prevention Initiative. Working collaboratively with the Detroit Police Department, and community partners Ceasefire Detroit aims to reduce gun violence among groups, crews or gangs; and

WHEREAS He was also an entrepreneur, organizing Big Fellas Security Company. He also served on the security team at Niki's Lounge, and Royal Skateland; and

WHEREAS Mr. Tilmon readily told stories of the time of his life when he referred to himself as 'Big Youngin' and the mistakes he made as a young person. He used the lessons he learned to help others. His compelling, truthful, stories of his faith and how he turned his life around, along with his sincere desire to help young people would influence listeners to live better lives. He notably served as a mentor and interacted with hundreds of students who attended East English Village Preparatory Academy, the Schools at Osborn, and Denby High School in Detroit; and

WHEREAS Mr. Tilmon had a great sense of humor, was a gifted singer, and actor. Jeremaine believed his life's work was to help young people live better lives, make good decisions, and avoid the pitfalls of the streets. He would frequently share how important his family, his faith, and helping youths were to him; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the generous spirit of Mr. Jeremaine Tilmon. His unselfishness and dedication to improving the quality of life for all citizens in his community and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

Motion: Motion to POSTHUMOUS HONOR MR. JEREMAINE TILMON (Sanders)

Second: (Moore)

Vote: Yes = 7 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 4) **Action: Approved**

Resolution read into the record by Commissioner Ricardo Moore.

RESOLUTION HONORING MRS. RUTH AZAR

WHEREAS Mrs. Ruth Azar has been an active volunteer in the Ninth Precinct boundaries for many years. Mrs. Azar is a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. Ruth is a wife to Scott Matthews, and a proud mother of two children, Angelique and Dylan; and

WHEREAS Mrs. Azar graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School. She attended Wayne County Community College, Macomb Community College and Dubeugee Seminary. Mrs. Azar is an Elder of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and a member of the Board of Presbyterian Women of Detroit; and

WHEREAS Mrs. Azar is the Director of the Second Mile Center of Detroit located at 18391 Morang Ave. The Center offers after school activities, summer day camps, health care clinics and free meals to families within the Ninth Precinct's borders. Second Mile Center has a standing Monday dinner invitation to the officers of the Ninth Precinct. This in turn allows the families and the officers to "Break Bread", together and has a positive impact on the relations between the officers and families; and

WHEREAS Mrs. Azar and the Second Mile Center has sponsored the Ninth Precinct's Turkey give-a-way for the past two years, donating Turkeys and other food items that were passed out to the community for holiday meals. The support she and the Center offers allows the Detroit Police Department to provide meals and other services to families in our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the generous spirit of Mrs. Ruth Azar. Her tireless ten years and counting dedication to supporting the community of the Ninth Precinct and the citizens throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

Motion: Motion to HONOR MRS RUTH AZAR (Moore)

Second: (Sanders)

Vote: Yes = 7 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 4) **Action: Approved**

Presentation from the Department to the BOPC: 9th Police Precinct – Commander Charles Mahone and Captin Eric Decker. **Commander Mahone** summarized the geographic characteristics of the 9th Precinct and discussed crime control efforts specific to the 9th Precinct including an overall reduction in crime and partnerships with the Michigan State Police. The Commander also listed and thanked his Neighborhood Police Officers and provide the community with a direct number for NPO's – 313-596-5910. **Commissioners Moore and Crawford** inquired about the impact of the Ceasefire program in the precinct.

Mr. David Harvey, Executive Director of Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards addressed the Board in connection with a mandate from the Governor of the State of Michigan to submit a report that addresses public trust in law enforcement across the state. Mr. Harvey outlined the motivation of the Governor, the authority of the Governors (Executive Directive NO. 2016-2) and MCOLES actions and the timeline and dates for the survey and report to the Governor. Copies of the survey was on hand and a website for citizens to take the survey was provided <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ExeDirec2016-2>. **Commissioner Bell** encourage wide participation in the survey.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports:

Recruitment. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** provide a general update on police recruitment and the work of several partnerships including various churches and SerMetro One-Stop facilities who have undertaken efforts to help recruit. Commissioner Dewaelsche also distributed flyers encouraging citizens to accept the challenge to make the Department representatives of the community.

Board Secretary Report: Mr. Gregory Hicks reported on three items (1) BOPC Policy Newsletter edited by Policy Executive Manager Melaine White, (2) Budget summary on the 9th Precinct prepared by Faye Johnson, Fiscal Executive Manager and copies of the MCOLES survey. Each item was contained in the Board package and transmitted to the Board this past Tuesday.

Old Business: None.

Announcement: Next Meetings: Thursday, February 16, 2017, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Avenue, Detroit MI. 48226

Next Community Meeting: March 9, 2017 @ 6:30 PM @ Wayne County Community College
Downtown Campus, 801 W. Fort Street.

Oral Communications: **Charles McFarland**, discussed attacks by bio-technical agents. **Brenda McFarland** discussed an incident involving her home and an electrical fire and bad police response time (4 hour response time). **Bishop Billy** applauded the 9th Precinct and discussed the work of his church in connection with restorative practices and the prison population. **Bernice Smith** applauded the work of Commissioner Bell and the Commission on addressing a recent towing issues. **Eric Porter** complained about Goch and Son's Towing and suggested Goch Towing stop its current practice of exploiting residents.

Motion to Adjourn (Sanders)

Chairman Bell: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM