

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: September 15, 2016 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters 1301 Third Ave., Detroit Michigan

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (September 15, 2016)

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 (3:32 PM)	Yes	
Lisa Carter (3:09 PM)	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for September 15, 2016.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:

Thursday, September 1, 2016

Thursday, September 8, 2016

BOPC Officers Reports(s): After welcome and opening remarks the **Chair, Bell** asked Commissioners **Shelby** to do the invocation. Commissioner Bell also encouraged members of the Commission to visit some of the Department's facilities and make themselves available to participate in a "ride along" with police personnel in patrol cars to improve their understanding of the challenges the Department and officers' confront. Commissioner **Bell** indicated he planned to tour in the 4th Precinct and Commissioner **Carter** agreed to tour in the 7th Precinct. Bell indicated that this experience would allow the Commissioners to witness the work of the Department in a more direct fashion. Following Chairman Bell's remarks each Commissioner introduced themselves. Other introductions were made of BOPC staff, Chief of Police staff and select members of the audience.

The Chair asked for Commissioner comments. Commissioners **Moore** requested statistical information on home invasions and auto thefts to be included in the regular monthly report. Commissioner **Moore** also asked for the most recent data on assaults on police officers. Commissioner **Brooks** inquired as to the meeting schedule with the new Ad hoc Tow committee and voiced the concerns of neighbors who indicate that police and tow trucks are deployed outside on the street at a number of locations and are ticketing and towing cars in an aggressive manner. Commissioner **Burton** indicated he had attended the Field Day celebration.

Chief's Report: AC LeValley provided the monthly crime statistics and reported on several recent events within the Department including the shooting of Sgt. Kenneth Steil. Sgt. Steil was shoot during the apprehension of a suspect, in the shoulder area and transported to the hospital. The officer was expected to recovery. The Commission

expressed their support for the officer as well as support for other officers in the field. The Chief's report also included remarks from AC LeValley about the 911 Memorial Service held in downtown Detroit and Police/Fire Field Day celebration.

Presentations to the Board from the Department: The Communications Section provided information to the Board relative to its operations including the 911 Call Center, Telephone Crime Reporting, Police Dispatch, Message Center, Notification & Control and the Keeper of the Tapes. The Communications Section discussed its efforts to shift toward more civilianization of its workforce and indicated that there was a 61% decrease in citizen complaints related to the Call Center.

Additional updates were provided to the Commission on Body Cameras (AC White). AC White indicated the Department was investigating an equipment purchase of body cameras that synchronized the cameras of the individual officers and the patrol car camera. The pilot project is to operate in precincts 4 and 7, involve 50 cameras in 26 vehicles all working in a range wherein various devices are able over a wireless signal share and transmit video and audio signals. The pilot project was expected to begin in 7 to 10 days and the evaluation period will run for 90 days. The vendor, Watchguard Inc., has deployed a technician to Detroit to assist in the pilot program. After the evaluation the Department will provide a written report to the Commission for Commission action.

- (1) **Standing Committee Reports - Policy:** Commissioner Crawford provided a update from the Policy subcommittee and reported that at the September meeting three items will be directed to the Full Board for information and action; (1) Board Subpoena Power and its delegation of limited power to staff for minor action in association with subpoena(s), (2) Data Sharing, Retention and Dissemination # 101.12 (July 28, 2016), (3) Real Time Crime Center # 203.14 (August 05, 2016).
- (2) **Ad hoc Committee on Police Recruitment:** Commissioners Brooks and Dewaelsche reported on various meetings in association with the recruitment of young people as candidate for the Detroit Police Academy. Commissioners Brooks and Dewaelsche also asked for volunteers to assist in a recruitment meeting on October 19 with the Bing Group. The group is scheduled to tour the Department's Headquarters and receive information about police recruitment.

Board Secretary Report: None.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Oral Communications: Commissioner **Burton** invited the audience to join him on Saturday's at 8:00 PM, Walk with Willie. Ms. **Sharon Pannell** commented on the use of Tasers, Police Field Day and the 911 Emergency Celebration. Ms. Pannell also reported on events on September 25 and October 2, 2016 wherein Michigan Avenue will be closed for 3.7 miles. Commissioner **Vann** inquired in reaction to the above concerns as to the individuals, organizations and units/departments that have responsibility for evaluating and approving street closures.

Adjournment. 4:33 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 22, 2016 @ 3:00 PM, Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit MI.48202.