

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**

**Date of Meeting: August 11, 2016 – 6:30 PM**

Location: 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct @ Jordan Missionary Baptist Church, 703 Newport, Detroit Michigan

**Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 6:30 PM (August 11, 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	Yes	
Lisa Carter	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 August 11, 2016.**

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:  
Thursday, August 4, 2016**

**BOPC Officers Reports(s):** After welcome and opening remarks the Chair, introduced Bishop Dr. Lenard G. McCray, Sr. Senior Pastor, Jordan Missionary Baptist Church. Bishop McCray welcomed the Board. The Chair also discussed the planning of a community forum on “less than lethal weapons” (Tasers) currently scheduled for September 8, 2016, 3<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct. The Chair also reported on a draft letter to be submitted to the Chief of Police on updates to the current deployment and evaluation process of the Department’s use of “body cameras.” The Chair also discussed the role and selection process of the Commission’s leadership (internal election) as well as the equal authority under the Charter for each Commission member. The Chair also indicated that the presentation from Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HSEM) is re-scheduled from today’s meeting to our next meeting due to the physical constraints of the facility and the lack of projection equipment needed to project the PowerPoint presentation prepared by HSEM in response to the Commission’s recent 10 questions on emergency planning and evacuation plans for Detroit and southeast Detroit. The Homeland Security presentation will occur on August 18, 2016. The Chair also acknowledged the outstanding work of the Neighborhood Police Officers (NPO’s).

**Report/Presentation Office of the Chief of Police:** Representing the Chief of Police was DC Renee Hall who introduced police personnel in attendance, provided an overview of department activities for the month and introduced Command leadership from the 5<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct. Commander Eric Ewing provided the Board with an overview of crime stats for the 5<sup>th</sup> precinct, the department deployment of resources to address needs within the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

**Questions to the Chief and/or Chair:** Commissioner Crawford requested an update from the Chief in connection with body cameras. Chairman Bell indicated that an inquiry has been drafted and will be delivered to the Chief within

the next few days requesting the same. Commissioner Vann inquired as to the impact of the crime stats as against changing population figures within the precinct and city. Commissioner Moore corrected the record indicating that Tasers are a commercial or manufacture's name and that the real name for this class of weapons are "electronic rifles".

**Standing Committee Reports: None.** Commissioner Crawford called attention to a recent report released by the Department of Justice (DOJ) on Baltimore and the department's practice in tracking arrests resulting in death.

**Board Secretary Report:** Two subcommittees has scheduled meetings (1) Budget, Monday, August 15, 2016, 10:00 AM and (2) Policy, Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 1:00 PM.

**New Business:** The Board acknowledged the leadership, organizing efforts and civic engagement of Donald Foster, Sr. for his contributions on the lower eastside and his labor leadership. Mr. Foster has headed several community beautification projects. Mr. Foster is also recognized for his ability to mobilize large numbers of volunteers including the membership of Local 7 (UAW) in several community enrichment programs and projects. The Board read into the record a resolution awarding Mr. Foster for his outstanding contributions to the city. The City and Department also presented awards to Mr. Foster.

**Announcements:** The Chair read into the record the place, time and location of the next regular meeting of the BOPC and the next Community meeting of the BOPC.

**Oral Communications:** **Ms. Beverly Brown**, Morningstar community thanked the department for its efforts, **Ms. Theo Broughton**, Hood Research addressed several questions including the need to have rules and disciplinary standards in connection with body cameras. She indicated that officers continue to switch cameras on and off as they have contact with citizens. **Ms. Beverly Kindle-Walker** noted the passing of Joe Haas and acknowledged his many contributions within the community, **Bernice Smith** who discussed an incident in the 9<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, Tasers and the DOJ report on Baltimore.

**Adjournment. 7:35 PM**

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 18, 2016 @3:00 PM at Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Ave. Detroit, MI 48226.

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