

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**

**Date of Meeting: October 6, 2016 – 3:00 PM**

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

**Vice Chairman Ricardo Moore called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (October 6, 2016)**

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Excused	
Ricardo R. Moore, Vice Chair	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Excused	
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)	8	

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for October 6, 2016.**

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:  
Thursday, September 22, 2016**

**BOPC Officers Reports(s):** After welcome and opening remarks **Vice Chair, Ricardo Moore** asked Bishop Vann to do the invocation. Commissioner Moore asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and indicate the areas of the city they represented. Staff and others in attendance were also introduced including the Chief of Police, James Craig.

Also under BOPC Officers' Report, **Supervising Investigator Ainsley Cromwell** provide an overview of the recent 22<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) held during September 25 thru 29, 2016 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Investigator Cromwell indicated that the vast majority of the Commission membership and some staff attended the conference. Cromwell also reported that the conference had some 32 workshops and presentations including the keynote remarks from Ray L. Austin, Jr., Director, White House Office of Urban Affairs, Justice & Opportunity. Several Commissioners also added their remarks to the conference summary including **Commissioner Vann** who indicated that he had an opportunity to observe within the context of the conference the development of other oversight agencies and noted that Detroit was "ahead of other oversight Boards". **Commissioner Crawford** suggested that the conference was excellent, had many valuable workshops and discussions, but needed to, in part, focus on some of the challenging local circumstances in Albuquerque. **Commissioner Burton** remarked on the valuable opportunity to network with other oversight agencies from across the nation. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** commented on the need to develop and participate as workshop leaders and presenters in future conference. Dewaelsche indicated that Detroit has a unique story and substantial experience that would be of interests to other oversight agencies. **Commissioner Shelby** remarked on how he was impressed with the international character of the conference especially the workshop involving Jamaica entitles *INDECOM – Six Years of Jamaican Police Oversight and the Investigation of Police Related Killings*. At the conclusion of the report, Commissioner Vann raised the potential for the conference to come to Detroit. Mr. Cromwell responding to Vann indicated that a 2018 Conference Proposal Request is available and has been shared with Detroit.

Also under Officers' Report, **DPD Director of Personnel Gail Oxendine** provided her monthly personnel report for the period ending October 2016. DPD-HR Director Oxendine provided highlights including the number of sworn recruits, total applicants,

number of individuals awaiting MCOLEs certification, disqualified candidates and total number of hires. In response to her report, Commissioner Vann remarked on the impact of Police residency. Several other Commissioners and the Chief of Police also remarked on Police residency. **Chief Craig** indicated that some 70% of the force live outside of the city. He also indicated that with the exception of him and one other member of his Command Team that all of them lived outside of the city. The Chief also remarked that he doubted that residency would be reversed and that if it was it is likely that we would lose 70% of our workforce. **Commissioner Crawford** responding to the Chief, agreed with the number of non-residents on the force, but thought that if residency was reversed that existing officers would likely be grandfathered in the forces and therefore we would not lose 70% of the force. Crawford indicated that the greatest impact would be on new hires and the reverse would have a positive impact on increased tax collections and may have an impact on the some \$300 Million dollars lost to our local economy by officers and others who do business outside of the city.

Chief Craig started his remarks by thanking the Commission and others for their support during the untimely passing of his mother, Ms. Eleanor W. Craig. Chief Craig also discussed monthly Compstat 2016 data reporting crimes through October 2, 2016. The Chief also added additional remarks on residency as well as challenges to the Department for people who have mental difficulty. The Chief suggest the need for more funds and training in this area. Crawford and others also remarked about the dismantling of mental health services under Governor Engler and how this has added to challenges faced by officers. The Chief also introduced other staff and officers in attendance including **Commander Todd Bettison, Chief's Neighborhood Liaison**. Bettison presented the work of the Chief's Neighborhood Liaison (office) which included command and coordination of the Chaplin Corp, Law Enforcement Explorers, Traffic Safety, Jr. Police Cadet Corp, Central Photo, Detroit Police Reserves, Police Athletic League (PAL). Bettison also discussed various programs including L.G.B.T.Q. liaison, Citizens Police Academy, Youth Police Academy, CITI Camp, Veterans Liaison, Citizens Radio Patrol and Neighborhood Police Officers deployment. Commander Bettison also introduced **Mr. Lavish** of the Custom Bikes and Car Show, who had with K.D.Mann (East vs West Custom Car Show had worked to defuse a traffic problem on East Jefferson by relocating several of their group gathering to another areas with the coordination and assistance of the Neighborhood Liaison office and the intervention of Chief Craig.

**BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports:** No Reports.

**Board Secretary Report:** No. Report. Mr. Hicks did share an outline for the next community meeting of October 13, 2016.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**Oral Communications:** **Mr. Danna Lund** advised the Board on a recent incident in the 9<sup>th</sup> Precinct (June 3, 2016) wherein he was experiencing a medical problem in his car and was arrested and charged by police. Mr. Lund indicated he had a license to carry a weapon and a gun at the time of the encounters. He indicated that the Department has failed to return his property to him even after the resolution of his ticket.

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment. 4:31 PM**

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 13, 2016 @ 6:30 PM, Boys & Girls Club, 16500 Tireman, Detroit, MI 48228 6th Police Precinct.