

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**

**Date of Meeting: June 13, 2019 – 6:30 PM**

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 4950 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48204

**BOPC Chair Willie Bell called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM (June 13, 2019)**

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chairperson	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Eva Garza Dewaelsche	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (3:17 PM)	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Evette Griffie	Yes	
Annie Mae Holt	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	11	

**The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for June 13, 2019.**

**The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:  
Thursday, June 6, 2019**

**Chairman Willie Bell** said “Good Evening! I am Police Commissioner Willie Bell, I represent District #4. I serve as the Chair of the Board and will be conducting our meeting today. On behalf of the Board, for those in attendance, thank you for joining us. For people viewing this meeting on your government cable channel, thank you for viewing our meeting. Today, we have invited Chaplain Stanley Mobley to provide the invocation.” Chaplain Mobley provided the invocation.

**Chairman Bell** continued “This is the seventh community meeting that we have conducted this year. We make every effort to meet in each District within the City of Detroit. Police Precinct #2 is shared by four Commissioners. Commissioners Darryl Brown, Lisa Carter, William Davis and Yvette Griffie. The majority of the precinct falls within Commissioner William Davis’ District, therefore I invite Police Commissioner William Davis as host of tonight’s meeting to welcome the Board and the audience to District #7.” Commissioner William Davis welcomed the audience and the Board to the District.

**Chairman Bell** added, “I want to invite Pastor Richard Robinson of St. John Lutheran Church to welcome the Board to his church and to give us some of the highlights associated with the Church.” Pastor Richard Robinson welcomed the Board and the audience to St. John Lutheran Church. Pastor Robinson also indicated that the church will soon celebrate its 140 anniversary and invited the Board and the community to participate in the upcoming celebration. Chairman Bell also welcomed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct President of the Police Community Relations Organization. Bell said “Several months ago, Ms. Fredia Butler, President of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Police Community Relations Organization requested a change in our schedule to allow for the Board to meet in her Precinct in the summer months. Ms. Butler attends many of the Board’s meetings and keeps members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct CRC abreast of the work of the Board. I want to ask Ms. Butler to welcome the Board into the precinct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Police Community Relations Organization, President Butler welcomed the Board and audience to the precinct.

Bell also thanks Commissioner Davis for attending funeral services for Lieutenant Elaine Williams, #S-263. Bell indicated the services were respectable and fitting for the final good-bye to an officer who commanded the respect of her fellow officers and the community. Bell, again, asked that we pray for the family of Lieutenant Elaine Williams. (Note: Sergeant Elaine Williams was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant posthumously.)

**Chairman Bell** also acknowledged the attendance of **Detroit City Councilmembers Mary Sheffield (President Pro Tem), Gabe Leland, James Tate and Roy McCalister**. Councilmember Leland welcome the Board and the audience to St. John’s and the District #7. Chairman Bell also acknowledged all of the fathers in the audience as we approach June 16<sup>th</sup>, Father’s Day.

**Chairperson's Report:** Chair Bell said "On behalf of the Board, I want to express our concern and support for fallen and injured officers including the recent death of Lieutenant Elaine Williams. Our concerns for officer safety and citizen protection is ranked as two of the most important priorities of the Board. Our Board receives a weekly report from the Department listing injured officers. I would ask Assistant Chief of Police David LeValley during his remarks to provide us with any additional information related to injured and fallen officers. The Board of Police Commissioners meets every week except for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday periods. We meet at Police Headquarters 3 weeks in the month on Thursdays at 3:00 PM. We also meet in the community every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM.

Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7, Chapter 8, the Board of Police Commissioners is empowered to provide civilian oversight and supervisory control of the Police Department. Our citizens are justified in asking "How does civilian oversight of law enforcement help you as a citizen within our community?" Our answer is, we protect the civil rights of citizens. Oversight organizations like the BOPC are at the forefront of investigating, reviewing and auditing individual cases of citizen complaints and patterns of operations by police agencies to eliminate misconduct, discriminatory police practices and unnecessary use of force by police. Our work is based on developing and supporting effective policing. Mutual trust and respect between the police and the community is critical toward increasing the quality of life for residents and visitors to Detroit. The Board of Police Commissioners exists to provide civilian oversight for the work of the Detroit Police Department. As a Board, we receive and investigate non-criminal citizens' complaints, monitor the operations of the Department and work with the Mayor and the Chief of Police to make or modify police policy."

Bell continued, "I want to point to several important items for your consideration and information. The Board of Police Commissioners will have its annual Board Training on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please mark your schedules and plan to attend this annual training. We will be reviewing the mission and goals of the Board as well as a few of our operational procedures. The training session is scheduled to start on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon and conclude at 5:00 PM. We will return to the training session Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM and work until 5:00 PM. Within the next week, staff will release a detailed schedule for the training session.

Again, I remind the Board, we are continuing to work with NACOLE (National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement) to host the National Conference on September 22 thru 26, 2019 in Detroit. During the same time, Detroit will be celebrating our 45<sup>th</sup> year as a civilian oversight organization on July 22, 2019. We are inviting law-enforcement and other civic minded individuals and organizations to join us at the conference. The planning process is well underway, and again we invite your participation.

According to our By-Laws, today is the time to elect new officers of the Board of Police Commissioners. Commissioners received notice of this election one month ago. At the end of the Chairman's Report, I will open the floor for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. Our past practice allows for nominations from the floor. The nominated member must be in attendance and consent to run for the office. Elections of the two officers, Chair and Vice Chair, will be separate and by voice vote unless otherwise directed differently. The new Chair will be sworn in at our July 11, 2019 Board meeting. The July 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting has been cancelled because of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.

Tonight, we have one resolution acknowledging the contributions of Ms. Lucila Ryder. Ms. Ryder was recommended by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Police Precinct for her outstanding volunteerism in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Police Precinct.

Also, at tonight's meeting we have promised to give the public an opportunity to voice their concerns in connection with Mayor Duggan's announcement in his 2019 State of the City Address to use enhanced surveillance technology to fight crime. Specifically, Duggan announced the Department would use traffic-mounted cameras and facial recognition technology. This enhanced surveillance strategy is included in proposed Police Directive #307.6. This proposed Directive was posted at the Board website for public review. To date, the Board has received several comments via letter and e-mail. We will review these comments as we move forward. Currently, the Board of Police Commissioners is considering the rules and procedures associated with this enhanced surveillance strategy. Our Board is restricted to issues related to the Police Department. Again, this meeting is devoted to obtaining citizen input to the BOPC's work. Therefore, we have two public comment sections on our agenda. We also have two different public comment cards tonight. If you want to speak on the issue of police surveillance, complete the card that indicates police surveillance. The public hearing will immediately follow the Chief's Report. The public hearing is restricted to the traffic mounted cameras and facial recognition or surveillance technology. If your comments are not related to the surveillance issue, please use the regular public comment card and wait until the second public comment period. The second oral comments period will be at the end of the meeting and cover any concerns the audience would like to bring to the attention of the Board.

Also, on tonight's agenda we have two presentations to the Board. The first is the monthly report from DPD Human Resources. Dr. Marcella Anderson will be presenting this report. Next, we will have the precinct report. Commander Brian Mounsey will make the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Report. I ask in the interest of time, that these reports be very brief.

Under the Chief's Report, I am requesting an update on our crime statistics and any critical issues facing the Police Department. I ask for an update on the recent announcement of an arrest and charge related to a spree of serial killings on the eastside of the City of Detroit. Additionally, I would ask the Chief of Police to provide information on what appears to be a higher than normal rate of shootings in the city. As a Board, we stand with the Department to eradicate the unnecessary use of guns and the violence that it brings to a community. We are concerned, if based on crime intelligence, there are patterns or issues that should be addressed more forcefully by law enforcement.

At the end of the meeting we will have public comments #2 from the audience. Please make sure you print your name on a speaker's card. Cards are located in the back on the table or can be obtained by seeing Mr. Robert Brown. He will need your card before the beginning of public comments #1 (Public Hearing on Police Surveillance) and public comments #2 at the end of the meeting. We will hold each speaker to the allotted 2 minutes. I ask that everyone turn off your cell phones and other electronic devices. This request does not include the devices held by DPD personnel as many of you are on emergency standby. I ask DPD personnel to put their phone on vibrate so that ringing phones will not interrupt our meeting."

**Chairman Bell** indicated in accordance with the BOPC By-Laws, he would welcome nominations for the officers of the BOPC.

**Commissioner Willie Burton** moved that Vice Chairman Darryl Brown be allowed to move to Chair. **Chairman Willie Bell** ruled that such a motion was out of order inasmuch as the Detroit City Charter mandates election of officers each year and that there is no transition to the position of Chair. Chairman Bell opened the floor for nominations for the office of Board Chairman.

Office	Nominations	Person making the Nomination	Vote (Results)
Board Chair	Lisa Carter, District 6 (accepted the nomination)	Eva Garza Dewaelsche	7
	Darryl Brown, District #1 (accepted the nomination)	William Davis	4

**Based on the above vote, Commissioner Lisa R. Carter, District #6 was elected in accordance with the Detroit City Charter to the position of Board of Police Commissioners Chair for the term of 2019-2010.**

Office	Nominations	Person making the Nomination	Vote (Results)
Vice Chair	Eva Garza Dewaelsche, member at large (accepted the nomination)	Yvette Griffie	7
	William Davis (accepted the nomination)	Darryl Brown	4

**Based on the above vote, Commissioner Eva Garza Dewaelsche, member at large, was elected in accordance with the Detroit City Charter to the position of Board of Police Commissioners Vice Chair for the term of 2019-2010.**

**Commissioner Willie Burton** moved for a legal opinion on the eligibility of members for Commissioners as required under the Charter. No second for the above motion was advanced. **Motion dies for lack of support.**

**Resolution: Commissioner William Davis** read into the record a resolution acknowledging the contribution to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Police Precinct by Ms. Lucila Ryder.

#### RESOLUTION HONORING MS. LUCILA RYDER

**WHEREAS** Ms. Lucila Ryder was born and raised on the southwest side of Detroit, and attended JTPA School of Nursing, completing her clinicals at Henry Ford Hospital. She is the proud mother of three boys, one of which is currently in law school. Ms. Ryder is the President of Star Center, Incorporated located in the Second Precinct; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Ryder always had a distinct calling for public service and helping others. In 1994, she founded Star Clinic Incorporated, a clinic that provides innovative and comprehensive treatment plans that promote recovery and rehabilitation to narcotic dependent

individuals. Her outstanding program has serviced over 73,000 patients from the community. Ms. Ryder mentors her patients; she provides food, clothing, and shelter and provides employment for patients that successfully rehabilitated from her program; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Ryder served on several civic and community organizations, including several that have been important partners to the Board of Police Commissioners in the area of public safety and justice. She served as a Board Member for the Catholic Social Service Committee, and as an advocate of the Eagles Community Outreach Program of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Ryder not only encourages public service and giving back to her community, she does it anonymously by donating financially to her local recreation centers and various different outreach programs that cater to the community. She has personally supported the Second Precinct and the community by making financial donations to sponsor the Second Precinct Halloween Trunk-or-Treat, which made Halloween memorable for the youth of the community. On numerous occasions, she has donated to the Second Precinct Flower Fund, and bought lunch for the entire Second Precinct personnel in honor of National Police Week. As a pillar in the community, Ms. Ryder's level of leadership, service, and influence is forever increasing. She is an unstoppable force when reaching her goals.

**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 acknowledge the dedicated, hardworking, committed support of Ms. Lucila Ryder. Her service and devotion to improving the quality of life for all citizens in the Second Precinct and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.  
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**COP Police Report: Assistant Chief of Police David LeValley** representing COP James Craig reported that crime is continuing to trend downward as against last year. Assistant Chief LeValley reported crime and Statistical data utilizing DPD Department report dated June 10, 2019. AC LeValley reported year-to date data by category including, -8% decrease in Homicides (96 YTD), Sexual Assaults 10% increase (408 YTD), Aggravated Assaults -4% decrease (3,753 YTD), non-fatal shootings 1% increase (265 YTD), Robbery -11% decrease (858 YTD), Carjacking -39% decrease (79 YTD), Burglary -7% decrease (2,761 YTD), Larceny -8% decrease (5,716 YTD), Stolen Vehicle -5% decrease (2,636 YTD) and Part 1 offenses -7% decrease (11,113 YTD). Assistant Chief LeValley also reported that of the increase in shooting that occurred over the Memorial Day period, most of the suspects have been identified and arrested. LaValley also reported that the suspect associated with the serial killings have been identified, arrested and charged by the Prosecutor. AC LeValley also share with the Board information received by the Department that members of the National Socialist Movement and ANTIFA (Nazis groups) would be attending the Pride Festival with open carry (guns displayed on person in public space) with the view protesting the Festival. The Department deployed officers to stand and travel between the attendees of the Pride Festival and the Nazis group in an effort to maintain peace and order. LaValley reported the situation was intense, but not critical incidents resulting in arrest took place during the Festival. AC LeValley also indicated that body-worn camera recordings are currently under review of the march and protest.

**Presentations to the Board: (A) Public Hearing on Use of Traffic Light-Mounted Cameras and Facial Recognition Technology – DPD Proposed Directive 307.6**  
**(B) Monthly HR Report, Dr. Marcella Anderson, DPD HR Director**  
**(C) 2nd Precinct Report, Commander Mounsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Police Precinct**

**(A) Public Hearing on Use of Traffic Light-Mounted Cameras and Facial Recognition Technology – DPD Proposed Directive 307.6.** Assistant Chief of Police James White summarized the intent of proposed policy directive 307.6 indicating the cameras and facial recognition software is to fight crime and would only be used as a tool to support and investigation and not the sole reason to make an arrest. White also indicated that the facial recognition software would not be used in a video stream unless there is other evidence to look at the suspect such as video streams provided by a third party like citizen private home streaming systems or stationary Greenlight video.

#### **Select Public Comments – Enhanced Police Surveillance**

Twenty-one individuals signed cards to speak to the Board. Below are select extractions from the public comments segment #1:

**Statement by Mary Sheffield, Council President Pro Tem:** Mary Sheffield, President Pro Tem, Detroit City Council. Good Evening. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I am here today to express my concerns around the increase of surveillance technology in the city of Detroit. Also, I wanted you to be aware of the ordinance that is currently being proposed by City Council. We did have a few member who attended the work group sessions. It was good to hear the Assistant Chief speak today on how the technology will be used, how the data will be used. It is important for me to have that in writing. And to make sure that there is strong policy to guide the decisions of technology throughout the city of Detroit. I have a few prepared remarks. . It is essential to have an informed public debate as early as possible about decisions related to surveillance technology. No decision regarding

surveillance should occur without strong consideration being given to the impact of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. While surveillance technology may threaten privacy against all of us, surveillance technology has been used throughout history surveillance technology has been used to intimate and oppress some communities and groups more than others, particularly, communities of color. Decisions regarding, if and how, surveillance technology should be funded, how they should be acquired and used and whether data should be shared should not be made until meaningful public input has been solicited and given sufficient weight. Legally enforceable safeguards including robust transparency, oversight and accountability measures must be in place to protect civil right and civil liberties. Surveillance Technology, if approved, data reporting measures should be adopted to empower City Council the ability to verify that those civil liberties and civil right have been strictly adhered too. Lastly, I want to say that we certainly do have challenges as it related to crime throughout the city of Detroit, however having unchecked surveillance in our community strips us of our civil rights and civil liberties, no amount of crime justifies that. I believe that just like everyone else we want to reduce crime throughout the city of Detroit. I am equally as passionate about protecting the rights of Detroiters throughout the city. Thus it is critically important that we make sure that the community is involved in a process of oversight as you all continue to deploy technology throughout the City of Detroit. Let me lastly say that there is over a dozen cities thought this country that have strong legislative oversight over the deployment of technology throughout the city of Detroit and I think it is important again as you all are an independent impartial body that you all receive policy that the Council also play a role in that as well too. I am for technology, but I am also for protecting the civil rights of those throughout the City of Detroit and making sure that strong policy actually guide that process. Thank you.

**Detroit City Councilmember Roy McCalister** – Yield to the next speaker.

**Tonya Ellison** – Good Evening on the situation that that occurred on Monday, in the area of Seven Mile and Livernois where it is congested; Cameras are needed. We are not safe here. The police are not really doing their duty; they are more concerned with traffic. They are not concern with coming in our community getting to know who we are. Hello Officer Brown, Hello Ms. Jackson. We don't know who these people are, and they come in antagonistic. They are not coming to help us. We are put in a situation, that it is us against them. All we get in our community people of Black and Brown, people of color-- get jail, bail and hell, its got to end, we have to be respected. As you all want to be respected. We are the people that pay the taxes for everybody, your jobs but we are not getting little to anything for it. You say community, and tell us what going on. If you were in the neighborhood, you would know everything that is going on. We have to change this; we need to show more compassion, love, understanding and reasonability in our neighborhood. Get to know who all these officers are that want respect, but don't give respect to us in our neighborhood, because of the color of our skin and who we are in the city as black as Africa, the biggest black city in the world.

**Thomas A. Wilson Jr.** – As relates to the matter of surveillance, I don't have a problem with it. Any technology that will help law enforcement do its job, and append criminals, I am down with it. There is no privacy, there is no privacy. I could probably Goggle the majority of people names in this church, and could get your name, address, telephone number, age, who your relatives are, so there is no privacy. Use every bit of technology possible to make the Detroit Finest job easier. They are outnumber, and they have a whole lot on their backs. Downtown at the Pride Parade, Chief Craig made the right decision and put the blue wall between the Nazi's and people on the other size. I commend Chief Craig and the officers who did not sway. Chief stopped another Charlottesville. As far as the Technology, bring it on, it will make it all better.

**Eric Williams**, I am an attorney with the Detroit Justice Center and native Detroit. I want to preference what I have to say, I have nothing against the police, my father is a 17 year retired Lieutenant of the police department. I want to say that 75% of the information I heard from DPD is false. Failing to distinguish between private cameras and government cameras is ludicrous. It's like comparing DNA to Surveillance and Facial Recognition technology. The actual proposed directive does not limit what DPD can do to what you just said. For example the standard it uses for targeting individual is reasonable suspicion that the use of facial recognition will provide relevant information to an active or ongoing criminal investigation. That standard will not allow for a police officer to lawfully for stopping somebody on the street. You have to have an articulable reason, you have to be able to say exactly why you are stopping this person. The have to be some reasonable suspension, a crime is afoot there and that this person has something to do with it. Under this standard that we have here the police can target somebody who's cousin may have done something that is violent or whatever. This person has absolutely nothing to do with it other than the fact that the police think oh well if we follow them around the city he will eventually lead us to somebody who will lead us to somebody who may know about it. I have a real problem with giving the police that kind of authority without at least City Council Oversight. The people should decide exactly what the perimeters are of our privacy. DPD does not get to decide what privacy is appropriate for people. I will conclude with this, attributed to Ben Franklin, he who would sacrifice liberty for temporary security, deserves neither.

**Tawana Petty**, I am here representing the Detroit Digital Justice Coalition and Detroit Community Technology Project. I serve as Director of Data Justice Programing. I am very well researched on this technology. I am also raised by law enforcement, my Mother a retired Police Sergeant, and my sister is a Captain. So I am not here, as an individual who is in an us against them type of mentality, but the system is flawed, and system is racially bias. Inherently, we are in the largest black mecca in the United States, and half of the folks that are in jail, are only in jail because they cannot afford bail. If you add a technology that has been proven all across the United States there are law enforcement officers who have backed out of it in LA. "Stop LADP's Fine", was able to prove that LA was using what started off what was just technology that they were going to use to only pursue people that were "quote unquote" guilty of a crime. And it turned into something drastically different. Protesters were profiled for something that all of us have our civil liberties because of protesters. Individuals were surveilled using flawed data. Using images that were third party sketches, using celebrity images, using any images that they deem viable to fill in the gap for what they suspected a criminal to be. I gave you a report, because you only give us two minutes, which I think is also a crime in itself on something so serious. I gave you all a report, that thoroughly analysis the problem. Let start with the problem of getting into a contract with Dataworks, on facial recognition then in the twelfth hour putting something on the website with hopes that the Community somehow see it. You would not even had this turnout at this meeting if some of us that are privy to this technology and information did not raise the awareness to get people out to come to this community meeting. Because we have no expectation that law enforcement or anyone will understand how adverse this is going to be if you let this keep going in the direction its going. .... Civilians are not going to be the only impacted by this technology, so will police officers. This racially bias system sees that even Black officers are profile. If you add facial recognition technology on top of this there is no single person in this society that is safe from this. I am pleading with you on my life.

**Shayne Sisco** - I am with the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Relations Board - What we really need here is for our officers to have better pay and benefits for what they do. I come from a police family and they have never been treated right that way. City Council truly needs to look at that. I am for this amendment or suggestion that is on the table for the cameras and all that goes with it. However, I do feel that what Ms. Sheffield said is equally as important, put that in writing. That is my opinion. I love our 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

**Tijuana Morris** - Retired DPD, 13<sup>th</sup> District State Central Democratic Party Representative - I echo what everybody has said. I really would like to see something in writing. Do we need cameras? Yes! But with the cameras we need regulation. When we are talking about the ability of what has happened and what the police department has done, I appreciate DPD, I think we are doing better. Also we need to give thanks to the communities that have stepped up. Like the Detroit 300, like Fuqua Bey and his organization. I appreciate everybody when we call for help and we work with the Police Department. That's a step in the right direction.

**John Goodin** - I come today to speak in support of cameras in public places. If the Board of Police Commissioners has the authority to allow public cameras. Then I believe it is the single most important policing action that the city of Detroit can take. Second, only to the Wayne County Courts, keeping criminals locked up in the first place. So that we are not victims repeatedly. So the police do not have to arrest the same criminals over and over again. We recently witness world class policing by the DPD at the Pride Fest. The potential of violence on a horrific scale was palpable with armed protestors looking for trouble. The plan designed by Chief Craig and senior staff and flawlessly implement by DPD officers and their leadership on the street prevented what could have been an infamous day in Detroit. Job well done.

**Tracey M. Martin, Esq.** - Motor City Justice PLLC and Precinct Delegate and I graduated from this school [St. John Lutheran Church School]. I do opposed facial recognition technology. Our faces are our identities, and they are personal. What concerns me is that the BOPC says it makes police policy. I am asking this board to develop a facial recognition policy to articulate the legal framework and policy position on how the DPD handles facial recognition. A flawed technology that quite frankly has never been tested on a community of color. And I am wondering if we are the test site for facial recognition technology. Because this is a technology that has been deployed in the city through the Green Light Program without public comment. I am asking this board this evening to invoke a moratorium on further deployment facial recognition technology in this city. I do hope you will make the consideration, and get back the citizens of Detroit in order to protect their civil liberties and their right to privacy.

**Joanne German** - I am here to say that if you are afraid of the cameras either you are paranoid or you got something to hide. If anybody wants to use my ring system to look down the street and stop the speeders or look in my backyard to see if someone is going to break in my house. You are more than welcome.

**Demeecho Williams** - Metro Detroit Political Action Network - I am not in support of cameras, you need to have regulation along with those, along with protecting our civil liberties, our freedoms, and also our rights to privacy. Which was not protected on Saturday. On Saturday, the protest, those social justice warriors that were protecting the city were not armed. They were also not

screaming racial epitaphs at black police officers. Using the ... say that they are black and they will kill you too. First of all, the police let the Nazi cross the street, they protected the Nazi's. I am calling for the resignation publically of Chief James Craig. He has put our city at risk, Black women are coming up dead, and children are coming up dead. The crime is out of control in the streets. If you cannot get him under control he needs to be gone. I do not respect cops after what happened on Saturday. If you protect Nazi's but you do not protect the festival goers, you do not protect the tax payers, we are a 85% Black city. With them coming out with no permit, no permission. For the police to give a moving buffer, which clearly shows them shoving a woman in the videos. I do not know if you have seen the videos. I will not tolerate citizens being harassed, and being lied upon. The things that Chief Craig says to you are false, they are nothing but Hollywood stunts and PR procedure. I am not tolerating, as a Black Gay Man in the city of Detroit my civil liberties should be protected in this city. And ANTFI, I would love for them to protect me since the police cannot. I would love for them to protect me, since the police can't do their jobs. Since they cannot protect the city, citizens and taxpayers of the city of Detroit. I want Chief Craig gone, and I want this Mayor to be gone as well.

**Joanna Underwood** – City Commissioner, Detroit Charter Commission – I am oppose to Facial Recognition. I told City Council they never presented a policy. The City Council approved the budget and funding without a policy. I don't even know how that even when through. How can you approve something when you don't have a set policy in place prior to the funding? It's bad policy all the way around. I am here about missing Black women in the city of Detroit. I run an organization called Detroit Black Women Council. I've been getting reports about Black Women being abducted, raped and kidnapped. Three girls, I checked on yesterday were classified as Runaways. Luckily, they were found safe. What I am concern about is the lack of the Police Force taking sexual abuse, violent crimes against women more serious. As a rape survivor, I take it very serious. Women and Children, they are our most vulnerable resident in the city. When you have women that are being raped, and children are missing-when you go to the police department to instead of them having a sensitive training with the officers. When these women come in to report crimes of sexual abuse they are told what you are saying is not true. Please stop victimizing the victims. We need to create a policy, invest money to make sure Rape Kits are funded and properly tested. And a special task force dedicated to finding the missing black women and children in Detroit. I also want a formal request from the police commission until I get a full list of all the missing people in the city of Detroit. I will continue to come back until I get a complete list of the missing Women and Children.

**George Byers II:** I am a Senior Software Engineer and Architect- I would like to comment from a unique perspective, I am a senior software engineer and architect. I travel to and from Silicon Valley a lot speaking the gospel at Detroit Renaissance. I just want to list a couple of facts. MIT amongst other universities have found that facial recognition software has proved less accurate with identifying people with darker pigmentation. We live in a majority black city, that's an issue. Vice President of Stop Crime San Francisco, Jordan Gargill (sp?) said, "We agree with the concerns people have with facial id technology. The technology is bad and needs a lot of improvement." The very people creating this technology in Silicon Valley have already band this. I work in big tech, there is a couple of things that we do in big tech to safe guards our consumers. I ask the department to consider this. Does the department have any type of way for bias protection? For my fellow Detroiters, I ask the Department make its testing data available on the city open data website. We like to know the test arguments used, the type of data, the quantity, and methodology used. And lastly the results used. And there is no official, I really want you to here this, I hear someone say something about there being some type of Board or federal laws on artificial intelligence, there are none. Period. It is up to the city to create something, and I am not sure if we have the technical competency in this city to do something like that.

**Pastor Mo** -Founding Pastor of Power Ministry and Founder of Leader of the Living Peace Movement. I wasn't there Saturday downtown for the Pride Festival, because I was too tired out all weekend chasing the serial killer. We were there when we caught him. All this back and forth and us against them. If you have been shot in this room, raise your hand. Kidnapped? I've been shot 7 times. Carjacked? Your kids murdered shot in the head two times? Oh you just playing games. I am the pastor, I get the phone calls from Mothers whose son was shot. Or their baby got snatch up. They want to know two things. What happened to my child, my love ones? And who did this? And how are you going to find out? No phone is being pulled out when bullets are flying. I am in support of the cameras, simply because people what to know what happened to my love ones. A football play Golden Tate went for a touchdown, there was a call on the play the Coach throw the red flag. We want to run this tape back and see what happen. If they had video tape they would be able to run instant re-play in their little booth and come out and make an official decision on what happened. And it is \_\_\_\_\_ until your family has been snatched up and locked up and killed and murder. Stop playing this game and protect our kids at all cost protect our children and our women.

**Scotty Bowman** – I am founder of Detroit Residents Advancing Civilian Oversight (DRACO), I am also Focus Group Facilitator, along with Mr. Blount working on Detroit oversight amendments for the new Detroit City Charter and I am also Michigan Director of Our America Initiative. I here right now to speak against the approval of this document #307.6 as written. The core premise of Fascism is the notion that if you believe in privacy you must being doing something wrong. I heard that express today and it's frightening. The language appears to limit--it says criminal investigation required members will not use facial technology unless that technology it is in support of active or ongoing investigation. And the other part is whether it is against a suspect of

committing a crime. Both of these items deal with the intent of the surveillance but not the method. Earlier I heard comparisons made to fingerprints and DNA. If they want to use facial recognition technology to search through a list of mugshots to see if it matches a photo of a suspect to pair the two up, that would be fair comparison of running fingerprints through IAFIS (Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System) or DNA through CODIS (Combined DNA Index System). But, if you live steaming information about people based upon their recognition and their faces, which Metro Times says Detroit does. Earlier last week, I heard a member of the department say it does not. Now it is kind of interesting who is right. Then we have a problem. I do not want to live in a society where we are all being tracked by our faces. Or our vehicles being track at camera intersections based upon our license plates.

**David Dudenhofer** – I am here as Chairman of the 13<sup>th</sup> District, Michigan Campaign for Liberty – I am standing in opposition of this directive at this time because there are still questions that need to be answered that I have not been satisfied in hearing. We have to look 10-20 years out at this technology, not just today. I think that was touch on earlier, we have to get into the weeds briefly. This technology also has ties to biometrics. Which is essential, it is your body as your identification. Down the road you can understand how this technology can translate into everyday commerce. Those of us in the house of the Lord, understand the mark of the beast. Mark of the Beast technology that you may not buy or sell unless you have the mark. Facial recognition can lead to that, in some cases it is already beginning to. But these fusion centers that were erected through Executive FIAT. Which shares data between municipal law enforcement agencies. Once this data is stored, we have no idea for how long. Their rules are difference than the local municipal law enforcement agencies. As well as, another issue that has not been brought up to my satisfaction -- penalty provision for law enforcement agents and departments, which abused their authority. There is no public oversight; we need to have public oversight. Low-resolution cameras could achieve much of the same things of what you are look for with these 26-point facial recognition cameras and protect our 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment guarantee rights under the constitution, which is still the law of the land. Yes, there are municipalities that have disbanded this like San Francisco City Council voted to take these down. The ties to Real ID, the federal government has repeatedly tried to implement compulsory Real ID. This will tie directly into facial recognition. All of these things need to be considered before we go forward.

**Brian Ferguson**- I am the President of Schoolcraft Improvement Association – I am here to stand before you and tell you, I am for cameras. I am a proud veteran, US Army. I went through a red light over in Germany. A light flashed didn't think anything of it, three days later got a ticket in the mail. My license plate number, and me holding the steering wheel, this happened back in 1980. So, they had the technology back then. I could not dispute it, it was me. I paid the ticket; I have never went through another red light because of that. In my neighborhood, I can't get my members to come out and hop in the car get a whoopee light out and patrol the streets. Because I have a lot of senior members, they are not going to do it. But they do have Ring. They have cameras on their house. When someone comes in our neighborhood and does us harm, or want to do us harm. They hop on the phone, they are uploading those videos, and they are good at it. We catch them and turn it over to the police. In my neighborhood which is in District 1, Councilman Tate District. We have one of the safest neighborhoods in the city. I can honestly say that, so I am all for it. Facial Recognition takes the place of mugshots, right. The camera are not intimidated, they are going to show up to court, and they are not going to lie. You have cameras; they are on your phone. If you have an iPhone that is up to date, you have to look at it to open up. That is facial recognition. So you are on camera when you walk out the house at least 5 times before you even hit the corner. If you are doing nothing wrong, what do you care? If you went to prison right now and ask one of them people you can get out if we can use your facial recognition, they will say yes. I guarantee they will because everybody in a cell are innocent but they have no reason to prove... they cant prove it.\_\_\_\_\_.

**Ralph Simpson:** I am a volunteer attorney and former President of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan. The ACLU has spoken out nationally about the danger of the government's system of identification and tracking and I think that is an important distension, people have been talking about their private systems. But, there are many things that I could say in opposition to a facial recognition system being adopted in the city of Detroit. But I am going to focus on a couple of quick points that have been discussed and might add to the discussion in consideration. You may not know that companies such as Amazon and Microsoft have profited heavily by selling such technology to governments including local police agencies. Many of you may also not know that the Congressional Black Caucus has written Amazon in opposition and in protest of their sell of such technology because of its threat to the safety of people of color, immigrants, Muslims and people with dissentient political views. I will leave it at that.

**Martin Jones.** I am a community activist, spokesperson for Detroit 300 Community Action Team, a team that has been on the ground. Boots on the ground interjecting ourselves into many of the crime that have taken place around the city achieving positive results. I definitely stand behind Chief Craig, and Deputy Chief Bettison and their efforts to work with community organization to bridge the gap between all of us so that way all the men and women who have the fortitude to get out on the streets to secure their neighborhoods to be able to talk to the citizens and break the code of silence that is impeding investigations of our DPD officers. I truly believe that we have one of the finest police agencies in the country working for us right now. For those who are making comments against them, who are you going to call when it is your tern, when it your family. One of



the things that I heard, I have been lessening to all of these spokespersons come forward, I have heard them talk about the rights and the civil liberties of which I am all for protecting, but the one thing that is missing is the victimology in all of these different speeches. I have talked to many mothers who have shed tears on these shows. I have talked to fathers whose hand I have had to grab because they are in so much pain. They had to run because someone took their daughters and their sons. Facial recognition technology I am all for it. I have to ask myself what do I give to insure that my son and your daughter will come home. What would I give? We give as an organization. We are under the President Eric Ford, he helps to lead and train. We have trained men and trained women who go out to break that code of silence. We do not sit at home and watch the news and say oh what a shame. We get involved. We go out and get information and as a result some of this information many are sitting down right now for the heinous crimes that they have committed. I would suggest for us to support this technology because it may be coming to a home near you.

**Blair Anderson**, All power to the people. I am a revolutionary, I am a former member of Black Panther Party. I consider the Detroit police an enemy of the people. I sat in prison for 36 years of my life because I was born epileptic, and saw hundreds of thousands of your brothers and sisters come through those prisons and tens of thousands had no business being there. I want to go to technology, George Orwell, 1984, the government cannot become an omnipotent eye in our lives the government cannot be trusted with that much power even over our police. I am a transformed man. I have not touched a weapon in 30 some years. One of the most humiliating moments that I saw in the Detroit Police Department. I talked to a dozen police officers, I targeted the Black police officers for a single question how did you fill escorting and protecting terrorism in Detroit, white supremacist armed and came into our city and the men and women who we prayed into these uniforms, my brother and sisters who are now I am now, I am terrified of, which is why I consider you an enemy, I am scared of you. Told me that it was the most humiliating moments of their lives. I think that the Detroit Police Department has misused handled the white supremacist and the whole incident.

**Sarah Coffey**, North Woodward commons block club, (6mile and Woodward) high crime area, held conferences on sex workers who were shot in her front yard, rescued woman jumping out of window to escape rapist, under no circumstances will the city put facial recognition software in Detroit. She states they will fight every step of the way. It is banned in San Francisco and she is prepared to take it to the courts or the streets. People in the room who represent Detroit will stand up against the facial recognition.

**Vasil Jacobs**, works with PD in his neighborhood because he understands they have a hard job to do. He is ok with working with cameras, but when it comes to facial recognition software, he is absolutely against software that can/will scan any public place and know exactly who that individual is in our city. That is not freedom that is giving away the acknowledgement of every single citizen. He is most disappointed because the Department explained tonight the law is to only recognize murderers and rapists, but when it got to the actual language of the law it does not appear how it was explained. The language is a blanket law where you will be recognized even if you have knowledge of an investigation. When asking the citizens to trust the department be honest about what the law does and means. This technology will go after anybody that has knowledge. Keep it at fingerprints, Google and the cameras.

**Lisa Bednarz**, president of the Mortenson and Grandriver home association. They still have retired P.O. and a lot of elderly people in her neighborhood. They are taking care of crime within their own. All for cameras but facial recognition needs to be worked on. It's not a white or black problem, all people need to work on it. It will help deterring some of the crime if people know they are on camera. Looks forward to the city progressing with technology.

**Denzel McCambell**, on behalf of the Office of Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, this technology is not accurate. It should not be implemented if not accurate. Really should not be have been implemented at all before a public hearing, baffled that this is the first robust hearing on this with the BOPC, after it has already been rolled out. Both Democrats and republicans looking into stopping the use of Federal dollars for the technology. Concerns about constitutionality and privacy. We should not be looking back trying to fix this, we should do it now, and figure out what makes us safe, this is not it. Encourage the Board to go back and listen to the Capitol Hill hearings where experts and tech people warn not to implement this. We are an 80% black city and 90% black and brown city. This will put more of our people in jail and misidentify them. Personally speaking: surveillance and facial recognition is not the path toward public safety, this is reactive, not proactive. We should be looking for proactive solutions to decrease crime in the city. We should be looking at resources, mental health, transportation, jobs and housing.

**Arthur Bowman**, BYP 100 Detroit, has 3 questions, 1. If we are to believe what Mayor Duggan said in the state of the city address, the money for these cameras are coming from the transportation money and how can the department justify that when we have one of the worst transportation systems? It would enhance our public safety greatly if people have the ability to get to work to keep their jobs; 2. Why should we trust you with facial recognition technology when this is the same PD that killed Ayana Stanley Jones in a home raid based on false information and let the officer who killed her be back on the force today?; 3. Why do you all

think this will be so innovative in reducing crime when London, New Orleans and Chicago has this technology and there has been no reduction in crime but an increase. Crime reduction comes from increasing resources in our communities.

**Ortagus Jackson**, Community Activist, searches daily for bodies, missing children, etc. Gets tips from community and says the green light is very special because it gives us directions. Speaks on how green light cameras helped find a 92 yr old dementia woman who wandered away from home and got on bus. Says facial recognition is for the criminals and the people in our neighborhoods snatching our children. We do need this, everybody is saying no to something that will help us.

**Yanna Lyn**, BYP 100, Public safety does not mean over policing or hyper surveillance, it means having resources. It means City council not allocating all of our budget to policing and things like project green light that targets darker people and funnels them into our prisons. More police does not solve anything, we must have an analysis on crime and why it happens. City government is not giving us what we need to survive.

**Whitney Smith**, BYP 100, green light black features coalition, believes the green lights or police don't keep us safe. We need affordable housing, transportation, health care, schools, livable wages jobs with benefits, community self-defense classes, etc. Green lights only invade privacy. Hopes this hearing shows that the city council or police don't care about us. It is time to work together with people who care about what we care about.

**Asmara Ruth Afework**, I am here to ask the Board to stand against the facial recognition policy. The policy deploys the technology without any regards to our privacy or civil rights. It contains no protections from the data being used to monitor law abiding citizens while we are going about reasonable day to day activities or at gatherings or events protected by the first amendment. It sets up one person who is responsible for the program and that one person is the one person who will be empowered to respond to complaints about bias or issues with the program. It's in public places. There's a proposal out there for the Boys and Girls Club to join the Green Light Program. We have our children as well being monitored as well by this. The facial recognition algorithms frequently misidentify people of color. In Detroit which is 80% black, I find it unacceptable to deploy a technology where a study has shown that the algorithms fail nearly twice as often on black faces when compared to white ones. There are just no limits to the written policy as it stands, private entities can submit images for facial rec. using just the driving licenses database as potential matches, there's no protections for us. It leaves us open to data breaches and every day in the news it seems there is some sort of breach of data that has happened and there is no policy set up that would report these breaches to us if they even happen. Again I am asking you to stand against this policy as it stands.

**John Viola** Good evening, I am part time Hamtramck president, also Professor of Criminal Justice at San Fran St. University, here in an individual capacity. Crime is a problem, we've heard that over and over again. Crime is a painful problem in this city but violating people's civil rights is not the solution. And I am here to urge this Board to object any proposals to maintain or expand facial recognition technology. It is an immediate threat to our privacy. I would ask that the Board to follow the example of the oversight and reform committee of the House of Representatives on May 22, which decided to vote for a permanent moratorium on the expansion of facial recognition technology. Our own Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib was a meaningful participant in that hearing. I think we should follow that example. Follow San Francisco which in March, passed a resolution prohibiting police use of facial recognition technology. Oakland, CA is also considering one, Springfield, MA is also considering one. I think that I would urge this Board to adopt that as well. And I would like to speak for a moment to anyone who has a driver's license in their pocket, or a state issued id. If you have a driver's license in your pocket or a state id, you are currently a suspect under the facial recognition software policy that is in place right now. You are a suspect. If you read section 307.9 subsection b and c, what that says is that they will use the database from the state driver's license as their matching photos. The assistant chief, spoke about needing probable cause to get the source photo, which is the picture of the suspect. In order to get a matching photo there is no requirement at all right now, meaning you can simply be thrown in as suspect to a crime if facial recognition software produces a match. An automated software system produces a match against your driver's license photo and then you are going to be investigated. And that is true for everyone that has a state id in their pocket, which is probably all of us.

**Eric Ford** - Good evening, I don't usually speak, I don't believe in the speaking thing. But its kind of sad in here you know. My name is **Eric Ford**, I'm the President of Detroit 300, its our 10 year anniversary, I've been president for 6 years. And when you see these orange shirts; tell you who I am, My mother was murdered when I was 17 and a week later I found out my father murdered my mom. So I promised my mother that I'm going to make a difference in this city. So it's sad that we can't come up with...nobody even said anything about a 90 day plan, we just like forget about it. Do anybody know what we are up against out here. I was watching tv today we went over there where this man was murdered, and another day they found his girlfriend daughter with these 3 kids. We was over there, I saw the spot where this young lady was laying, that he just threw her over like she was nothing. I see this man on the news today scratching his head like this, when the judge was telling him, trying to give him orders he scratching his head like its nothing. That's what we up against. 49 murders in this, 79 whatever it was, 79 murders in

this city. A hundred or so many people shot. We letting 30 to 40 people control this city. These is the same people. Once you shoot somebody and kill somebody, you're not going to get no time killing nobody else, you gone get the same time. So it's the same people out here doing these crimes. What are we going to do? City Council, Detroit Police can y'all come together and sit at a table and come up with something because we have do something. We just can't sit back and be like oh forget about it this and that. This man was on the news this morning scratching his head like this woman was nothing, he just tossed her over there like she was nothing. We have to do something.

**Eric Blount** – I am lifelong Detroit, I sorry, but I am her about Facial Recognition. I have talked to you before about the slippery slope that it can often create. I draw your memories to the Kiosk parking meters when cameras were installed on parking attendance to issue tickets for parking violations, we were told that those cameras and those license plate recognition would only be used for issuing tickets, when we found out differently then it was admitted that yes those camera recognition of license plates were being used in case of an Amber Alert, I am okay with that. But laws are changing so fast in this country and this state that we cannot allow this horse to get out of the barn. When you talk about missing hit of People of Color, I remind you and beg you to watch the documentary Central Park Five. . *(Transferred from Comments session #2 to Session #1 for compatibility with subject matter).*

**Presentations to the Board:**

**(A) HR report, held over to a future meeting in the interest of time.**

**(B) 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Report. Commander Mounsey outlined the work of the precinct and described crime statistics specific to the precinct.**

**BOPC Standing Committee Reports: None.**

**Report from Secretary to the Board: Chairman Bell held over the report until the next meeting in the interests of time. Bell also indicated that each of the items were listed on the agenda (please note listing below).**

1. Greenlight location list 6-12-2019
2. Several e-mails from Ms. Shavaugh Barnes 6-11-2019
3. Memorandum from Commissioner Bell on scheduling Commissioner Appearances
4. Article on Facial recognition from the Hill 6/11/2019
5. SWOP – Rochelle Mayberry – Scheduled for June 20, 2019
6. HR Report (June 2019), from Dr. Marcella Anderson
7. Communication from Chief of Police Craig re: Proposed Promotion of Lieutenant Jonathan Parnell to the rank of Captain.

**Old Business: None.**

**New Business:**

**Announcements:** The next meeting BOPC is scheduled for June 20, 2019 @ 3:00 PM at Police Headquarters. The next Community Meeting is scheduled for July, 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Durfee Innovation Center, 2470 Collingwood Street, Detroit, MI 48206.

**Oral Communications** – Public Comment.

**Theo Broughton** Co-Founder Hood Research and President of Barton McFarlane Neighborhood Association – I was broken into, in my home, I was in it at the time. Cameras at intersections would not have helped me. The police in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct were very professional, they gave me some good service. I have good news and bad news, the bad news first. 911 needs to be tighten up. A friend of mine in Harper Woods—I called 911 the woman transferred me to 911 in Harper Woods they took care of it very professionally. However, when I was broken in to, 911 was ridiculous. They have a better \*69 than I do at home. The man 10 ft. away from me, and he asked what is your name, what is your number, what your address, stupid. Good news, there is a home across from Drew School on Wyoming between Chicago and Plymouth. For years, the Principal and others have been trying to have it torn down. It is scheduled to be torn down on August 4<sup>th</sup> of this year. We want to have a Watch Party to see this property torn down. Our children do not need to walk pass abandon buildings, where you can have the kind of crime we been hearing in the media, murder, rape and such. *(Transferred from Comments session #1 to Session #2 for compatibility with subject matter).*

**Demeecho Williams** - First of all, I will not stop talking about Saturday. Let's know the facts, the Police protected the Nazi. And I don't care what your own philosophy is on Gay people, Gay Liberation. And the life style, in this Church in this room, we all have civil Rights, liberties and freedoms. Anything could have happened on Saturday. The Nazi should not been allowed to be descending on the city of Detroit with pistols and rifles with all of the security force downtown they should have been escorted out of I-75 back to where they was in Waterfort. What the police has done is unacceptable and for you to sit up here Commissioners and people in this room apologizing bootlicking, and doing all sort of things praising the police for a potential situations that could have happened. That was a breach of security. That was all failure. And I will not stop letting you know, as I said before and I going to say it again publically, I call for the resignation of Chief James Craig. I want the Commission to draft no confidence because no matter what happened on Saturday and in our city with the violence at a all-time high should not continue. And for the 300 and to other community group why is it have to be us the community to fight crime when we pay your salary, I am a tax payer of the City of Detroit. I pay for all of you to be up here, no matter if you are appointed or not. And let me say one more thing No Nazi, No KKK, No racist USA. And nine times out of ten, you all have to find another job. You need to find another job because this ant it here because if you are not going to protect my liberties, protect my safety if you're not going to protect the city of Detroit which is 80% Black, Brown and minority. We are a city of inclusion, diversity, equality and justice. Little finger!

**Scotty Bowman**: Yep, I am back. I keep bring up certain same things over and over again. I have noticed that the April 4th meeting the video is still not up and the place holder page is down as well. And also the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting was available has now been removed which was previously up. I want to know what was going on at those meetings what was said at those meetings that you don't want the people to hear over again. To extend my previous discussion on the whole facial recognition thing, it is a fable. How do you catch a wildbore. You put out some food and the wildbore eats and runs away, you put up a fence on one side. Then you put out some more food, the wildbore eats and runs away again, you put up another fence. You then put out some more food the wildbore east runs away and you put up a third fence. You put out some more food the wile bore eats again and you promise to not close the gate, but the fence is put up and now you have caught the wildbore. That is the slippery slope of government powers.

**Yolanda McCants**: Good Evening. I guess it's been a long day. I came before the Board before. I am a community person from the 11<sup>th</sup> Precinct, I also is the President of the Detroit Police Citizen Academy. A lot of us have sat here and have heard the good and the bad and the ugly. I want to say that scene we implemented those Green Light they have worked. Crimes have solved crime because of the Greenlights. My concern today is that we have implemented another program that is sending our officers into harm's way. The city pays thousands of dollars to have the grass cut in these vacant lots and in front of these vacant building and now because we implements a program where our officers are checking these abandon houses the grass is taller than they are. I am asking this Board if we get with City Council that is paying the thousands of dollars to these contractors who is butchering the grass around these properties, I do understand that it supposed to be a liability to keep them from going into back of these locations, but you are sending the officers into the back of these locations, with the grass being as tall as it is with all this rain they can still go out there and people know they are out there and what they are looking for they can be ambushed. So we got the safety of the citizens the community and let's have the safety of the officers also. And that is my concern it is very important to me, I am going to watch out for them at all costs. I suggest that some of you join the September class of the Citizen Academy so that you will understand what is happening.

Chairman Bell thanked the audience for their participation and accepted a motion for adjournment from Commissioner Carter, Second by Commissioner Dewaelsche.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM