

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: October 10, 2019 – 6:30 PM**  
 Location: St. John’s Presbyterian Church, 1961 Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226

**BOPC Chairperson Lisa R. Carter called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM (October 10, 2019)**

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Yes	
Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Excused	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (7:20 PM)	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Evette Griffie	Excused	
Jim Holley	Excused	
Annie Mae Holt	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

**The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for October 10, 2019.**

**The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes: Thursday, October 3, 2019.**

**Chairperson Lisa R. Carter**, said Good Evening! I am Police Commissioner Lisa Carter, I represent District #6. I serve as the Chair of the Board and will be conducting our meeting tonight. 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. Tonight, we have invited Chaplain David Boyd to provide the invocation. Chaplain Bush gave the invocation. Chairperson Carter requested each Commissioner to introduce themselves. Chairperson Carter requested additional introductions of BOPC staff, Deputy Chief of Police Todd Bettison, and DPD staff and other civic leaders and representatives.

Carter continued, Tonight we are meeting in the 7<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct. The Commissioner representing this District is Willie Burton. Commissioner Burton is not present at this time, so we move on. We are pleased to meet at St. John’s Presbyterian Church. The Church is celebrating its 100 year anniversary. On April 19, 1919, in an important meeting held at the St. Aubin YWCA, 39 like-minded people organized the church and now the church is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year. I invite Reverend Estelle Aaron to welcome us to their church and share with us some history about the church. Reverend Estelle Aaron welcomed the Board and community to St. John’s Presbyterian Church. Chairperson Carter continued, I also want to acknowledge Mr. Damian Benson, President of the 7<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police Community Relations Organization.

Chairperson’s Report: Chairperson Lisa R. Carter said, On behalf of the Board, I want to express our concern and support for fallen and injured officers. 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 the Deputy Chief Bettison 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 Board investigates non-criminal citizen complaints, monitors the Department for compliance with all laws, and reviews and modify police policy to eliminate misconduct, discriminatory police practices and unnecessary use of force by police. As a civilian oversight agency, we protect the civil rights of citizens. Our objective is to increase the quality of life for residents and visitors to Detroit.

I want to point to several important items for your consideration and information. On the back table we have cards for any individual interested in addressing the Board. At our community meetings we limit our agenda to the monthly reports from DPD

Human Resources and the local police precinct. Our hope is to bring to you the most important information that impacts your neighborhood and police operations closest to you.

We invite a good representation of police personnel to our meetings so that the community will have an opportunity to meet and discuss concerns about policing in Detroit. One of the reasons that we have representatives from the Department attend our meetings is so that people can connect to the responsible command representative to get an immediate update or follow-up to their concerns. This is not over-policing. Direct sustained communications with police is at the heart of community policing.

In several meetings, issues have been raised about provisions of the Open Meetings Act. The Board does not require anyone to identify themselves as a pre-condition to participate in our meetings. Our Board meets weekly. Our schedule is very demanding. Our practice has been to meet in one convenient location so that the public is aware of our meetings and can get to the Board at any time. We also make every effort with our community meetings to meet in every police precinct across the city. This too, is an outreach effort to connect citizens with police services. Given some of the concerns to spread our meetings beyond police headquarters, we are inquiring into the utilization of other spaces to hold our meetings. This process will take time. Meeting dates and locations are scheduled well in advance of the actual meeting dates.

In the Board package today, you have a copy of the agenda, minutes from the last meeting and various reports. Also in the package are copies of reports submitted to the BOPC by candidates who have been rejected and are unable to enter the police academy. Under the Charter, these candidates can appeal to this Board for a hearing before us. You have been provided six such appeals. Please review these appeals and we will vote at our next meeting to grant or reject hearings on these appeals. Also, in your package is a copy of two proposed directives from the Department. The first is 301.3 – Telephone Crime Reporting for Non-Emergency Calls. The second is 203.4 – Missing or Lost Persons. These directives have been reviewed by our Policy Division and because in my opinion they do not need substantial refinement, we plan to fast-track these directives and schedule a presentation and vote on these directives within the next two weeks. Please review both proposed directives and be prepared to amend, vote to support or reject the proposed directives by our October 24, 2019 meeting.

Tonight, we have one resolution to honor the contributions of Ms. Teresa McCormick. We have one presentation. We will have the 7<sup>th</sup> Precinct Command Report presented by Commander Giaquinto and Captain Petty. They will discuss crime fighting strategies in the precinct as well as partnerships that they use to deliver services within the precinct. We normally have our HR report, but Dr. Anderson sustained an injury and will be unable to join us tonight.

Under the Chief's Report, I am requesting an update on our city-wide crime statistics and any critical issues facing the Police Department.

Again, at the end of the meeting we will have public comments 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 end of the Chief of Police Report. We will hold each speaker to the allotted 2 minutes. I ask that everyone place your cell phones and other electronic devices on vibrate to make sure that they are not interrupting the meeting.

As a final matter, I would like to encourage cooperation and order at our meetings. We have discussed in the past the need to treat each other with respect and control our behavior within the limits of professionalism. Commissioners do not have the floor and should not speak until they are recognized by the Chair. I am asking Commissioners to restrict their comments to issues that are relevant to the agenda and to be brief so that we will have ample time for public comments. For the attending audience, please note there is time on the agenda for citizen feedback. My objective tonight is to run an orderly meeting including public comments and have us out of the meeting by 8:15 PM. After which we will have some refreshments and exit the church by 8:30 PM.

**Chair Carter** recognized Commissioner Annie Holt. **Commissioner Annie Holt** read into the record a resolution acknowledging Ms. Teresa McCormick.

#### **RESOLUTION HONORING MS. TERESA McCORMICK**

**WHEREAS** Ms. Teresa McCormick was born in Rexville, New York, and graduated from Rexville New York High School. In 1970, she graduated from Niagara University and received a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. She has been resident of Detroit for over 45 years; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. McCormick is an active member of the Seventh Precinct; Her community involvement includes: Gratiot-Woods Senior Apartment Complex President for the past five years and member of CSI Support and Development Community, a nonprofit organization that specializes in affordable housing for low income senior citizens; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. McCormick was employed as a Registered Nurse for several hospitals within the city, before retiring from her home health care business. She has always been interested in police community relations. Working with the Seventh Precinct Neighborhood Police Officers, she is responsible for putting together many activities for the seniors, such as senior movie night, monthly bingo, music night, cooking classes and self-defense classes; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. McCormick has participated throughout the year in several Seventh Precinct activities including Turkey Bingo, National Night Out, and Halloween in the D; she is dedicated to serving the community.

**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 giving spirit of Ms. Teresa McCormick. Her commitment, and years of dedication to supporting the community of the Seventh Precinct and the citizens throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.  
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**Chair Carter** recognized Commissioner Annie Holt. **Commissioner Holt** moved approval of the resolution acknowledging **Ms. Teresa McCormick. Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche, Second.**

Motion by: Holt      Second by: Dewaelsche      Vote: Yes=7, No=0      Results: **Motion Approved.**

**COP Police Report: Chief of Police, Deputy Chief of Police Todd Bettison** (representing COP James Craig) indicated there are not changes in the list of injured officers from the previous week. DC Bettison reported crime and statistical data utilizing DPD Department report dated October 10, 2019. DC Bettison reported year-to-date data by category including, 1% increase in Criminal Homicides, Sexual Assaults 1% increase, Aggravated Assaults -4% decrease, non-fatal shootings 1% increase, Robbery -1% decrease, Carjacking -23% decrease, Burglary -8% decrease, Larceny -3% decrease, Stolen Vehicle 2% increase and Part 1 offenses -3% decrease. DC Bettison also discussed reasons for the assignment of various command level officers attending BOPC meetings.

**Presentation to the Board: Captain Petty, 7<sup>th</sup> Precinct Report.** **Captain Petty** summarized crime statistics focused on the precinct and discuss various deployments including the assistants of a precinct based social worker and a domestic violence worker as well as programs used by the precinct to fight crime. He also indicated that the precinct had recently began an expanded Ceasefire effort.

**BOPC Standing Committee Reports: None.**

**Report from Secretary to the Board: None.**

**Old Business: Chair Carter** recognized Commissioner Willie Burton. **Commissioner Willie Burton** moved that all BOPC meetings be held in the community. **Commissioner William Davis, Second.**

Motion by: Burton      Second by: Davis      Vote: Yes=2, No=6      Results: **Motion Failed.**

**New Business: None.**

**Announcements: Chair Carter**, The next scheduled meeting is October 17, 2019 at 3:00 PM at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI. 48226. The next Community Meeting for November, 14, 2019 is scheduled at Second Grace United Methodist Church (6<sup>th</sup> precinct), 18700 Joy Road, Detroit, MI 48228 at 6:30 PM. **Commissioner Shirley Burch** announced the 9-11 United Precincts of District 3, 4, & 5 recognition event to be held on October 21, 2019 5 to 7 PM at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 13651 Dequindre St. Detroit, MI.

**Oral Communications – Ms. Faith** commented on the Board cooperation and the range of programmatic work in which the Department is engaged. **Ms. Detro** indicated that the Department should be doing more, it should be patrolling in the neighborhoods. **Ms. Crystal Bonner** complained about several comments she attributed to Commissioner Bell and objected to closed meetings of the Board. Ms. Bonner also questions why the Board scheduled meetings at 3:00 PM.

**Chair Carter** recognized Commissioner Annie Holt, **Commissioner Holt** moved adjournment. **Commissioner Dewaelsche, Second.** Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM