

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: July 19, 2018 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters Building, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (July 19, 2018)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Excused	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Excused	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (6:15 PM)	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Conrad Mallett, Jr.	Excused	
Jim Holley	Excused	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	6	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for July 19, 2018.

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes: Thursday, July 12, 2018

Chairman Willie Bell said “Welcome, Good Afternoon. I am Police Commissioner Willie Bell, I represent District #4. I serve as Chair of the Board and will be conducting our meeting today. On behalf of the Board, for those in the attending audience, thank you for joining us. For people viewing this meeting on your government cable channel, thank you for viewing our meeting. Commissioners Jim Holley, Eva Garza Dewaelsche and Lisa Carter are away from the city and have asked to be excused from today’s meeting.” Bell asked Detroit Police Chaplin Corp, Chaplin Doug Nanning to provide the invocation.

Chairman’s Report: Willie Bell said, “On behalf of the Board, I want to express our concern and support for fallen and injured officers and their families. Our Board receives a weekly report from the Department listing injured officers. I would ask the Chief 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 in regular session, 3 weeks in the month on Thursdays at 3:00 PM. We also meet in the community every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. 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. Our objective is the same as the city of Detroit, to provide for the best use of your tax dollars to improve on the quality of life within our city. As a Board, we bring a unique perspective to policing, the eye and the viewpoint of civilians. The principle of civilian oversight is as old and as important as all of the founding principles in our democracy. Separation of powers between and within government allows for accountability, transparency, rights to appeal and citizen control. These principles are important nationally as well as locally.

I want to place a special note into the record. Yesterday, July 18, 2018 was the 100th year birthday of Nelson Mandela. Nelson Mandela spent 27 years in prison, most of them isolated on Robben Island off the coast of Cape Town, South Africa. Mandela was a freedom fighter. In the name of PEACE, Mandela pulled together the people of South African and became the first Black President of South Africa. His election and his work was a resounding defeat of South African Apartheid.

Today, we have a presentation from the DPD on one of its technological tools used in fighting crime. The tool is COMPSTAT. COMPSTAT is short for computer statistics. COMPSTAT is used to track and redeploy police resources in an effort to reduce violent crimes. By design COMPSTAT provides a basic road map for getting police officers back in the business of proactively

fighting crime rather than just reacting to it. Today's presentation will be by Captain Tosqui and Analyst Adam Forman. Bell also briefly reported on the christening of the new 30 Ft Boston Whaler Boat for the Police Department Harbormaster and the Show Down in Motown Car Shop sponsored by the Department.

Toward the end of the meeting we will have oral communications. 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, and he needs your card before the beginning of public comments.

COP Police Report: Assistant Chief Arnold Williams reported that crime is continuing to trend downward. AC Williams reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending July 15, 2018. AC Williams reported Homicides percentage change between 2016 and 2017, -3% decrease in Homicides, Sexual Assaults 50% increase, Robbery -11% decrease, Carjacking 7% increase, Aggravated Assaults -8% decrease, non-fatal shootings -22% decrease, Burglary -18% decrease, Larceny -0% decrease, Stolen Vehicle -24% decrease and Part 1 offenses -10% decrease. AC Williams provided the Board with an update on injured officers. AC Williams reported on the new 30 Ft Boston Whaler Boat for the Police Department Harbormaster and the Show Down in Motown Car Show. **Commissioner William Davis** inquired about three recent incidents of carjacking. **Commissioner Shirley Burch** inquired about a recent wave of smash and grab robberies. **Commissioner Elizabeth Brooks** inquired about two sequential break-ins at Knight Drugs on E. Jefferson. **Commissioner Darryl Brown** inquired about reports of a marijuana dispensary that was equipped with a high technology monitoring and alarm systems that resulted in the break-in crew's arrest on the scene.

Presentations to the Board: (A) COMPSTAT by Captain Tosqui and Analyst Adam Forman

(A) **COMPSTAT** by Captain Tosqui and Analyst Adam Forman. Captain Tosqui reported the Department convenes a comprehensive Compstat briefing of high level police command bi-weekly. The briefing normally include two commands per session and the target of the discussion is crime trends, risk / policy, Patrol management and Investigating Management.

BOCP Standing Committee Reports: None.

Old Business: None.

Report from the Board Secretary. Hicks reported on two incoming/informational communications including communications from the COP re: Graduation Class for July 27 and a package on 2018 Legislative Recently signed into Public Acts (Laws).

Old Business: None

Announcements: The next regular meeting of the BOPC is on July 26, 2018 at 3:00 PM at the Public Safety Headquarters Building located at 1301 Third Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, MI. 48226. The community meeting of the BOPC is August 9, 2018 at 6:30 PM the Northwest Guidance Center – Wellness Academy, Building A located at 2900 Connor, Detroit, Mi 48215 in the 5th Police Precinct.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Ms. Faith acknowledged the work of the Department and the Board. **Mr. Eric Blount** indicated he was saddened that the city received another negative designation – Most Stressfully City and challenged the Board and department on how do we make improvements that can change this designation. Blount also asked if there is a comparison between neighborhood crime rates for normal areas of the city and neighborhood that have full time augmented security. **Mr. Ozie Cargile** expressed his concerns about gentrification of several of Detroit's neighborhoods and how the Police are used to accommodate the concerns of the gentry.

Commissioner Darryl Brown moved that the Board of Police Commissioners meeting be adjourned.

Second, **Commissioner Davis**

VOTE: Yes = 6 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

Adjournment 4:25 PM.