

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**

**Date of Meeting: June 8, 2017 – 6:30 PM**

Location: 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Marathon Petroleum Michigan HQ, 1001 S. Oakwood, Detroit, MI 48227

**Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 6:30 PM (June 8, 2017)**

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Vacant, Vice Chair	N/A	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Excused	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules** approved the Agenda for June 8, 2017.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules** approved the following Board Minutes:  
**Thursday, June 1, 2017**

**BOPC Officers Report(s):** After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked Bishop Edgar Vann to provide the invocation. **Commissioner Lisa Carter** also welcomed the residents of the 6<sup>th</sup> District to the meeting. **Chairman Bell** asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Other elected officials, representatives and VIPs were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliations. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Bell also welcomed Assistant Chief Arnold Williams, representing Chief Craig to the meeting and invited him to introduce his staff.

**Chairman Bell** commented on the following items as part of his report. Chairman Bell thanked our host, the Michigan Refining Division, Marathon Petroleum Oil Company and Richard Robell, Security Site Manager, for hosting us tonight. Bell asked everyone tonight to still themselves and show our support and concern for two Detroit officers recently shot. Bell also gave the following updates on the condition of the officers. The first officer, Waldis Johnson of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct, remains in critical condition. He is in a coma and in the beginnings of a long road toward recovery. The second officer, Gregory Bently of the 7<sup>th</sup> Precinct was shot while off duty. He is also still in the hospital, awake and conscious. Bell also added, "Please note, I released a press statement in connection with the incident involving Officer Gregory Bently. A copy of the press statement is in your package. I would like however to emphasize the senseless acts of crime and violence in our city. If we think of it, this officer was off-duty, and to the criminal, this officer appeared to be a normal citizen. In this case, the officer was well trained and acted using force as was appropriate for the circumstances. As citizens, while we hold injured officers high in respect and support, we recognize that we are praying for yet another victim of senseless crime and violence."

Bell also reported, as per a request of Commissioner Dewaelsche and the enthusiasm of a second ride-along by Commissioner Sanders, that he has staff to contact Department's gun range, 911 dispatch center, auto impound lot and real time crime center to arrange for visitations by Commissioners to witness in action some of the great work of members of the Department. In some cases, specific arrangements have been made. If you are interested in any of the visitations, please contact Robert Brown.

Bell asked Commissioners to mark their calendars for the 2017 Conference of the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE). The dates are September 10 - 14, 2017. The Conference will take place in Spokane, Washington. Please communicate with staff as to your interests and availability for this conference.

Finally, Bell indicated, the meeting today, the second Thursday of June, coincides with BOPC By-Laws requiring the selection of a new Chair and Vice Chair. Staff notified Commissioners on May 11th of this requirement and attached to our Board package a copy of the By-Laws on this point. Bell added, "Today, included in your Board package is a copy of the By-Laws that govern the nominating process for Chair and Vice Chair." Chairman Bell opened the floor for nominations.

#### **BOPC Officer Nominations:**

**Commissioner Dewaelsche** nominated for the office of Chairman, Commissioner Lisa Carter.

**Commissioner Bell**, asked if there were any additional nominations for the office of Chairman. Hearing no response.

**Chairman Bell** accepted a motion to close nominations for the position of Chair with Lisa Carter as the only candidate advanced to the floor for consideration.

**Motion:** Motion to close nomination for the position of Chair (**Sanders**)

Second: (**Crawford**),

**Vote:** Yes = 9                      No = 0                      Abst = 1 (Vacant = 1)                      **Action: Approved**

**Commissioner Carter** nominated for the office of Vice Chairman, Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche.

**Commissioner Bell**, asked if there were any additional nominations for the office of Vice Chairman. Hearing no response.

**Chairman Bell** accepted a motion to close nominations for the position of Vice Chair with Eva Dewaelsche as the only candidate advanced to the floor for consideration.

**Motion:** Motion to close nomination for the position of Vice Chair (**Sanders**)

Second: (**Crawford**),

**Vote:** Yes = 9                      No = 0                      Abst = 1 (Vacant = 1)                      **Action: Approved**

**Motion:** Motion to elect Commissioner Lisa Carter, Chair and Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chair (**Sanders**)

Second: (**Mallett**),

**Vote:** Yes = 9                      No = 0                      Abst = 1 (Vacant = 1)                      **Action: Approved**

#### **Resolutions and Memorials:**

**Commissioner Lisa Carter** read into the record a resolution to honor **Attorney Tonya Phillips**, Executive Director, Southwest Detroit Community Justice Center (1211 Trumbull, Detroit, MI 48216)

#### **RESOLUTION HONORING ATTORNEY TONYA PHILLIPS**

**WHEREAS** Attorney Tonya Phillips was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. She attended Renaissance High School and received her bachelor's degree with honors from the University of Michigan. She also went on to attend and receive her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School; and

**WHEREAS** Attorney Phillips has a passion for social justice and improving the quality of life for Detroiters. In her role as Executive Director for the Southwest Detroit Community Justice Center, she is able to combine her legal skills and love for community work, by facilitating the first Community Court program in the City of Detroit; and

**WHEREAS** Prior to joining the Southwest Detroit Community Justice Center, Attorney Phillips worked as a staff attorney with the Michigan Legal Services. She also worked in private practice representing nonprofit organizations and small business, and with Maurice and Jane Sugar Law Center for Economic and social Justice performing impact litigation; and

**WHEREAS** Attorney Phillips is very active in the community. She was appointed to serve on the City of Detroit Charter Revision Commission from 2010-2012. She serves on the Board of Directors and volunteers with several organizations, including the National Lawyers Guild-Detroit, Michigan Legal Services, and the New Leaders Council; and

**WHEREAS** Attorney Phillips has been honored receiving the Distinguished Young Lawyer Award from the Wolverine Bar Association. She was also a past recipient of the Maryann Mahaffey Public Servant of the Year Award from the United Community Housing Coalition. In her current role, the mission of the Southwest Detroit Community Justice Center is to increase public trust in the justice system, assist in the reduction of crime, improve the quality of life and meet the needs of the community.

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department acknowledge Attorney Tonya Phillips outstanding dedication. Her tireless advocacy for her community and commitment to improving the quality of life for all citizens in the Fourth Precinct and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

**Motion:** Motion to honor Attorney Tonya Phillips (**Carter**)

Second: (**Sanders**),

**Vote:** Yes = 9                      No = 0                      Abst = 1 (Vacant = 1)                      **Action: Approved**

**Chief of Police Report:** Representing **Chief of Police James Craig** was **AC Arnold Williams**. **AC Williams** reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending June 4, 2017. **AC Williams** reported Homicides percentage change between 2015 and 2016 of -4% decrease, Sexual Assaults -16% decrease, Robbery -9% decrease, Carjacking +17% increase, Aggravated Assaults, -8% decrease, Non-fatal shooting, -6% decrease for an overall total of -8% decrease. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** noted the downward direction of sexual assaults and inquired about the strategy employed by the Department resulting in the reduced numbers. **Commissioner Crawford** inquired about the increased numbers in carjacking. **Commissioner Mallett** inquired about the impact of the current fears around immigration arrest and its impact on crime statistics. **AC Williams** also noted that the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct has the best case closure rate than any other precinct in the city.

**Presentation to the Board:** (A) 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

**Commander Whitney Walton** and **Captain Russell Solano** of the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct provided an overview of the geographic, community and business profile of the precinct. The Precinct was describe as being one of the most ethnically and racially diverse communities within Detroit. **Captain Solano** also discussed the low crime rate and high case closure rate associated with the precinct. **Commissioner Brooks** also inquired about the increase in human trafficking and any strategy that the Department might employ to impact this class of crimes against women, immigrants and youngsters.

**BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports:** **Commissioners Brooks** and **Dewaelsche** provided updated information on the work of the ad hoc committee on recruitment including information on career days sponsored by one-stop employment centers like SERmetro. **Commissioner Brooks** also noted that the next graduation class will actually be a double class with approximately 60 candidates.

**Report from the Board Secretary:** **Mr. Hicks** reported on four communications into the Board, see Board agenda.

**Old Business.** **Commissioner Crawford** updated the Board on his concerns and objections relative to former Police Officer Ben Turpin.

**New Business.** **Commissioner Shelby**, suggest the BOPC develop a resolution for Board Action against HB 4419) a bill to remove any and all restriction on private gun carry law. The Commission acting in the affirmative ordered the staff to research and provide a specific resolution for Board action at our next Board meeting.

### **Announcements:**

Next Meeting, Thursday, June 15, 2017 @ 3:00 PM, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Detroit, MI, 48226.

Next Community Meeting, Thursday, July 13, 2017, at the Detroit Police Academy, 6050 Linwood (2 Blocks south of E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208

**Oral Communications:** **Dan Wroblewski**, retired police officer expressed concerns about the notification, location and timing of the practice activity associated with the Bomb Square use of Rouge Park. **AC Williams** responded indicating it was possible to look at alternative locations and better notification of Bomb Squad drills. **Theresa Landrum** requested more police enforcement in southwest Detroit. **Bernice Smith** asked about the youth curfew and the reward funds associated with Wayne State Police Officer Rose suggesting that the funds be donated to the families of fallen officers. **Consela Lopez**, discussed the work Community Safety Hub and a June 29, 2017 event at the Community Safety Hub.

Chairman Bell accepted a motion to adjourn (8:15 PM).