

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: June 1, 2017 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 3rd Floor, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (June 1, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Vacant, Vice Chair	N/A	
Elizabeth Brooks	Excused	
Willie E. Burton (3:07 PM)	Yes	
Lisa Carter (3:48 PM)	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for June 1, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:

Thursday, May 18, 2017

Thursday, May 25, 2017

BOPC Officers Report(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked Bishop Edgar Vann to provide the invocation. **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 James White, representing Chief Craig to the meeting and invited him to introduce his staff.

Chairman Bell, noted that a resolution presented last week required approval by the Board due to the lack of a quorum last meeting. Commissioner Dewaelsche moved and Commissioner Sanders seconded a motion to honor Jesse Gonzales.

Resolutions and Memorials:

Motion: Motion to honor **Mr. Jesse Gonzales (Dewaelsche)**

Second: **(Sanders),**

Vote: Yes = 8 No = 0 Abst = 2 (Vacant = 1) **Action: Approved**

Chief of Police Report: Representing **Chief of Police James Craig** was **AC James White** reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending May 28, 2017. AC White reported Homicides percentage change between 2015 and 2016 of -3% decrease, Sexual Assaults -14% decrease, Robbery -9% decrease, Carjacking +9% increase, Aggravated Assaults, -8% decrease, Non-fatal shooting, -6% decrease for an overall total of -9% decrease. **Commissioner Vann** inquired about the recent trends as it relates to carjacking and their relationships to other crimes. AC White also reported on deployment orders for the Grand Prix auto race, vehicle deployments within the Department (**Commissioner Sander** requested a copy of the vehicle deployment plan), real Time Crime Center, 8th Police Precinct construction and related roofing problem as well as other rehabilitation projects underway under his command. **Commissioner Bell** inquired about the enforcement jurisdiction and traffic practice in cases where the city of Detroit has common boundaries with other municipalities. Bell voiced his concerns that

outside jurisdictions set up traffic units to capture revenue targeting Detroit residents. AC White committed to collect additional information and report to the Board enforcement efforts along joint or common municipal lines (streets). **Commissioner Vann** voiced concerns around the logic of traffic patterns in and around major boulevards and streets in the city which have designated areas for bicycles, bus and automobile traffic. Vann suggested some education information be made available to citizens so that they can navigate these areas. **Commissioner Burton** inquired about the rules related to the installation of speed bumps on public roadways. AC White indicated speed bump are not allowed on public streets inasmuch as they will impact and damage emergency vehicles and the alike. **Commissioner Crawford** inquired about any changes in DPD policy relative to immigration. AC White responded no, and DC Washington added that the existing policy which had not changed had been re-flashed as a reminder of DPD's policy. **Commissioner Crawford and Bell** inquired about the number and turnaround time related to unprocessed rape kits.

AC White also updated the Board on the physical condition of **Officer Johnson**. AC White also informed the Board of a federal indictment out of Macomb County of **Mr. Gasper Fiore**, an owner or employee of Boulevard & Trumbull Towing which in turn has a permit with the Department for Towing in Detroit. AC White introduced **Lieutenant Mike Parish** who provided more details on the incident. AC White also indicated following Parish's presentation the Department was assembling additional information on the incident and would provide the same to the Board expeditiously. AC White indicated he would hope to obtain a copy of the federal indictment and other information available.

Presentation to the Board: (A) Sex Crimes (B) Human Resources.

(a) Sex Crimes. Sergeant Bobby Ward representing Sex Crimes provided the Board with a presentation including the definition of sex offenses and a description of the **Special Victims Unit** along with the scope of their investigations. Ward simulated a typical investigation as an illustration of the steps that the unit might take to investigate a sex crime. Finally, he detailed the various partnerships and cooperating agencies which join together to investigate and charge sexual assault cases.

(b) Human Resources. Director Gail Oxendine gave her monthly human resources report for DPD employment and recruitment for the May statistical period. HR **Director Gail Oxendine** highlighted the personnel associated with DPD as 3114 total position, 2553 sworn positions filled, and 561 civilian positions. She also indicated last month the Department has made 32 hires (POs) and 12 (civilians) and 1 Police Assistant. Director Oxendine also gave demographic statistics descriptive of the force as of May, 2017.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: (None).

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

Old Business. None.

New Business. Commissioner Crawford introduced a resolution to remove the photograph of the late Ben Turpin (William Henderson Turpin) from the Police Museum. Crawford summarized several of Turpin's aggressive exploits and against the black community in the 1930's and 1940's. The Board agreed to take his concerns and begin a dialogue with the Department and the Police Foundation to handle the appropriate acknowledgements of the career of Turpin. **Chairman Bell** charged Mr. Hicks with joining this dialogue along with members of the Department. No new business.

Announcements:

Next Meeting (Community Meeting), Thursday, June 8, 2017 @ 6:30 PM, 4th Precinct @ Marathon Petroleum, 1001 S. Oakwood, Detroit, MI 48217

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: Michelle George expressed concerns about the Medical Marijuana Clinics and issues related to the BZA.

Chairman Bell accepted a motion to adjourn (4:35 PM).