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DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
COMMUNITY MEETING

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Taken at 15000 Southfield Freeway,
Eighth Precinct,
Bushnell Congregational Church,
Detroit, Michigan, 48223,
Commencing at 6:40 p.m.,
Thursday, May 8th 30, 2014,
Before Elizabeth Koller, CSR-7042.
APPEARANCES:
CHAIRPERSON JESSICA TAYLOR
VICE CHAIRPERSON DONNELL WHITE
COMMISSIONER RICARDO MOORE
COMMISSIONER LISA CARTER
COMMISSIONER WILLIE BURTON
COMMISSIONER WILLIAM BELL
COMMISSIONER REGINALD CRAWFORD
COMMISSIONER RICHARD SHELBY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GEORGE ANTHONY
DEPUTY CHIEF STEVE DOLUNT
Detroit, Michigan
May 8, 2014
About 6:40 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Call the meeting to order at 6:40. I'm Commissioner Jessica Taylor, Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners. I'd ask George Anthony, our Secretary, to call the roll.

SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you, Madam Chair.
For the record, George Anthony, Secretary to the Board.

Commissioner Donnell White.

(Enroute.)

Commissioner Richard Shelby.

COMMISSIONER SHELBY: Present.

SECRETARY ANTHONY: Commissioner Wendell L. Byrd. I understand he's called in. He's not going to be here tonight.

Commissioner Reginald Crawford.

COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Present.

SECRETARY ANTHONY: Commissioner Willy E. Bell.

COMMISSIONER BELL: Present.

SECRETARY ANTHONY: Commissioner Willy E. Burton, has also called in. He will not be here tonight.

Commissioner Lisa Carter.
COMMISSIONER CARTER: Present.

SECRETARY ANTHONY: Commissioner Ricardo R. Moore.

COMMISSIONER MOORE: Present.

SECRETARY ANTHONY: Ma'am Chair, you have a quorum.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you, sir. From the Chief's office.

D.C. DOLUNT: Deputy Chief Steve Dolunt.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All right. George, can you call the rest of the staff, please? Introduce the rest of the staff, thank you.

SECRETARY ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am. We have present seated at the front, our attorney to the Board Ms. Aliyah Sabree, next to her is Ms. Pamela Davis Drake, our Chief Investigator. Mr. Robert Brown to my left who is our Office Manager, he's seated next to Officer Dan Donakowski who is recording our proceedings, and Ms. Elizabeth Koller from Hanson Court Reporting Service making the transcript. That completes the introduction, ma'am.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you. We're just happy to be here at Bushnell Congregational Church. I'm going to ask Pastor Roy Isaac if he would come forward and give us a word of prayer. I'd like to
thank him for having us this evening.

PASTOR ISAAC:  Good evening, everyone.

AUDIENCE:  Good evening.

PASTOR ISAAC:  During everything and before that we begin our meeting with a word of prayer. So let us pray. Our Lord, and our God, we ask for your presence with us tonight as we go about the business of the City of Detroit, so we ask that in all that we do, all that we say, we will be led by your will and your way.

So the following, what you would have us to do, we might be the people that you call us to be. We pray eternally asking your blessings, your leadership, and your guidance. Amen.

AUDIENCE Amen.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR:  At this time, I'm going do introduce you to you the Commissioner of this district, Commissioner Richard Shelby. If you would come forward and read the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER SHELBY:  Good evening, everyone.

AUDIENCE:  Good evening.

COMMISSIONER SHELBY:  I'm so excited because this is the first time the Board of Police Commissioners other than in Charter is going to be
organized. As you know for a little history of it, the old Charter passed in 1974 had five members. Those five members were appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council. With the Charter revision we had in 2011 voted on by the people in 2012, that all changed.

We now have eleven Commissioners, four which are appointed by Mayor with approval of the City Council, and we have seven Commissioners that are elected by Districts. I'm the elected official for District 1. My name is Richard Shelby. Let me introduce you to the rest of the Commissioners that's here.

Present is Ms. Jessica Taylor. We have Reginald Crawford. We have Ricardo Moore. Reginald Crawford was Commissioner for District 3, Ricardo Moore present for District 7. We have Willie Bell, Commissioner for District 4. We have Lisa Carter, Commissioner for District 6.

The duties and responsibilities of the Police Commission. We are the oversight, we are the civilian oversight of the Detroit Police Department. In 1974 when this was first enacted by the Honorable Coleman A. Young it was a buffer. It gave the citizens a voice in terms of the Police Department. The Commissioners acted in an advisory capacity.
Our duties have somewhat expanded. Our duties are to establish rules and regulations in consultation with the Chief and approval of the Mayor. We approve the budget. We act as the final authority in the disciplinary process. Once an Officer has been disciplined they can appeal to us and we have the final say so in that.

And we also prepare an annual report to the Mayor and the City Council. You've met the staff. The Board of Police Commissioners considers itself a liaison between the citizens of Detroit and the Police Department. That's important for you to know because if you have issues and you're not getting the service that you think you should be getting you can come to our Board meeting.

And I would invite each and everyone of you to our Board meetings. We have a Board meeting every Thursday, 3:00 at Police Headquarters. You're all invited. All citizens are invited. It's an open meeting. You can come and air your complaints, and we will get back with you and address your complaint.

I want to welcome those who came out today. We are your Commissioners and we are here to serve you. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you. Before we
proceed, I like to introduce Commissioner Donnell White, Vice Chair. He's joined us.

VICE CHAIRPERSON WHITE: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Okay. All right, thank you, Commissioner. At this time, I'm going to call for a motion to approve the agenda for May 8th, 2014.

COMMISSIONER SHELBY: So moved, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Is there a second?

VICE CHAIRPERSON WHITE: Support.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: It's been moved and seconded. Are there any discussions? All in favor?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All opposed? Agenda stands approved. I'll call for a motion to approve the minutes for May 1st, 2014.

COMMISSIONER: So move.

COMMISSIONER: Support.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: It's been moved and seconded. Are there any discussion? All in favor?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All opposed? The minutes stand approved as read. At this time we're going to ask for a report from the Chief of Police, from the Office of the Chief.

D.C. DOLUNT: Deputy Chief Dolunt on behalf
of Chief Craig. I've never done this before so I'm looking through the folder. We did an undercover operation, Cherry Blossom. We had some problems over on Cherry Lawn south of Eight Mile, and we made thirteen felony arrest, and we hit a house looking for a guy, we picked up thirty marijuana plants which was growing, so that was good.

So, again, Restore To Order, is a good operation. We do it every month. We have different names. If you have a good name for you neighborhood let us know we may pick it. Our crime is still down in double digits, with the weather it's slowly picking up unfortunately. Homicides go down double digits, armed robbery, home invasions.

But if you're a victim to any of those it doesn't make a difference if it goes down in double digits or not. So we're trying the best we can. Also for those you who don't know, Chief Eric Jones will be retiring tomorrow. His coffee and cake is at 2:00 to 4:00 at Headquarters. He's got 25 years in. He's going onto bigger and better things.

And the Chief is looking to find another Assistant Chief, and he's instituted a competition among the current Deputy Chiefs and Commanders. We're all attacking different problems. One on staffing, one
on leadership, and one on policing Officers. It's interesting. So he's given us a task. We develop our team and we're going for it. We'll see who the new Assistant Chief's going to be probably in a couple weeks and see how his questions are answered and hopefully get better for the department.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you, sir. Any questions by the Commissioners? Okay. If not, we'll have a presentation by the Eighth Precinct.

CAPTAIN JARVIS: Good evening, everyone.

AUDIENCE: Good evening.

CAPTAIN JARVIS: Welcome to the Eighth Precinct. I'm Captain Donna Jarvis. I've been at the Eighth Precinct since October. I'm just going to go right into the presentation and tell you we've recently changed our boundaries, so I'm going to go over where our boundaries fall now.

The Eighth Precinct encompasses approximately 15.26 square miles. Our north border is Eight Mile Road from Five Points to Telegraph. Our east border is Greenfield from Eight Mile to Schoolcraft. Our west boarder is Five Points from Eight Mile to Puritan, Telegraph from Puritan to Six Mile, and Evergreen to Fenkell to Schoolcraft.

Our south border is Puritan from Five Points
to Telegraph, Fenkell from Telegraph to Evergreen and Schoolcraft from Evergreen to Greenfield. It's easier if you look at the map. Actually, it works very well though because we were able to bring some of the neighborhoods together that were split between Six and Eight and same thing between Eight and Twelve, and Two and Eight. So we've been able to repair some of those issues.

The population of the Eighth Precinct is approximately 117,000. The Eighth Precinct is home to the following public schools, three high schools, our Communication and Media Arts, Henry Ford, and Old Redford Academy. We have three middle schools, six elementary schools; and other community assets we have are approximately 200 churches, 400 businesses, including 62 gas stations, and six nursing and senior citizen homes.

The Eighth Precinct has undertaken several community initiatives and we continue to present these to our citizens. We have our gun safety program for children. We have Eddy Eagle Gun Safety Program. Also or project Sentry Gun Safety Program which is for fifth though eighth graders. We have our youth programs which includes Cops Read to Kids from pre K elementary school through eight years of age.
Our Post 808 Law Enforcement Explorers

between the Sixth and Eighth Precinct we have
approximately twenty Explorers and we're hoping to grow
that this year. We're hoping that we can possibly
double that. This year we had a coat drive where we
accepted and distributed over 750 gently used coats and
cold weather accessories to school-aged children and
their family members and that was spearheaded by our
neighborhood Police Officers Tonya Owens and the others
in the crew. I'll introduce those Officers in just a
moment.

We had a back-to-school health fair to
provide students with healthcare issues, healthcare
screenings and haircuts and mobile dentist free of
charge at the precinct. Operation Safe Passage which
is an early morning special attention to all bus stops
and walking routes to get children safely to and from
school.

And we've also had recently our career day
where we provided youth who are not going to college
with the opportunity to began a career right after high
school with employers whose requirements are accepting
of their current level of education experience so that
they have something to do if they are not planning to
go to college, and that was quite successful.
We also have our senior programs which include our Senior Awareness Crime Prevention Programs. And in addition to that, we also have with our community programs we have 55 active community-based organizations and block clubs. We have now eight active CB patrols which we are with Lieutenant Roosevelt Lawrence, we are hoping to grow that, as well.

We also have reinstituted our Blight Committee Meetings which are the third Thursday of each month with our community stakeholders at the precinct when we can address blight issues within the community, so we just started that back up again.

We have several crime controls strategies that we are doing at the Eighth Precinct which includes our NPO and platoon corps wraparounds which is crime victim followups. After we have a part one crime reported we now can provide, go to the business or the home and do an assessment, a safety assessment after the days following the crime.

We do assessments for lighting, security, and environmental issues which made need to be addressed that provide safety hazards. We also provide extra traffic and special operations deployment to the area if we're having any type of a robbery issue, and we've
been able to really get our robberies down.

We have our Eyes and Ears Community Partnerships working with our organized community citizen groups to target and resolve crime patterns and quality of life issues within the precinct boundaries.

And we're also doing actively several MDOC Michigan Department Of Home Visits A Day. We have two Michigan Department of Corrections now embedded in the Precinct, and we check, we do home visits to make sure that our parolees and probationers in the precinct are still compliant with the terms of their parole and probation.

And then we also have instituted a fugitive arrest team where we are daily arresting, instead of waiting until we just run into someone who had a warrant we actively go out and make arrests of those who have outstanding warrants, and we're averaging seven to eight felony arrests a day within the Eighth Precinct for wanted felons.

Our significant statistical information, year-to-date, our arrest totals for the Eighth Precinct, we are now at 580 felony arrests, 223 misdemeanor arrests, 29 juveniles detained for felony crimes, and I'm happy to report we are now at over 101 guns off the street as of today. We are 18 long guns,
CAPTAIN JARVIS: Our calls for services, our year-to-date calls for service so far this year, we've answered 4,007 priority ones, 9,877 other priorities, lower priority runs for a total 13,884 calls serviced since January 1st for our Precinct. We also have our new neighborhood Policing Officers in the Eighth Precinct which are actively addressing quality of life issues.

And before I close my presentation I would like to just introduce each one of them. Each one of them has a sector within the Precinct that they concentrate on, but they also partnered up and do several programs. I have Officer Shawn Childrey, come on up, Officer Tonya Owens, Officer Baron Coleman, and Officer Cory Marshall. So if they want to come up.

( Applause. )

OFFICER CHILDREY: Good evening. I'm Officer Shawn Childrey, and my sector starts from Greenfield all the way to Evergreen and from Schoolcraft all the way to Fenkell, and I'm the person for that area.

OFFICER OWENS: Good evening, I'm Officer
Tonya Owens, my sector is sector area eight three. I start at Fenkell and Evergreen over to Five Point and Fenkell up to Six Mile and Five Point over to Lahser and Six Mile up to Seven Mile and Lahser over to Seven Mile and Evergreen.

OFFICER MARSHALL: Good evening. I'm Officer Marshall, my area is eight one, eight two, eight five, and eight six. Those areas will be the north part of Eight Mile, the south to Fenkell, west end will be Five Points and the east end of Southfield.

OFFICER COLEMAN: Good evening. My name is Officer Baron Coleman. I cover from Eight Mile to Six Mile from Evergreen to Greenfield, but I take care of the whole Detroit, probably come out and take care of your house. Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Commissioners, do you have any questions for Captain Jarvis?

COMMISSIONER MOORE: I have a question. I guess it alludes to what Office Coleman just told me about. How are the citizens adjusting to the sectors, you know, is there any confusion?

CAPTAIN JARVIS: Not really. It's all gone very smoothly since we've done that. Our MPOs actually when they were instituted they were already in place in
those sectors prior to our boundary changes they were already servicing those areas. So there hasn't really been -- it's actually made it better because now their boundaries match their sectors.

COMMISSIONER MOORE: And is there a supervisor --

CAPTAIN JARVIS: Yes, Sergeant Lisa Shade and she is out of my office.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Any others?

VICE CHAIRPERSON WHITE: Very brief, through the Chair. Captain, thank you for that report. The question is germane to the searches and warrants. To be specific, are those felony warrants or searches for warrants? Can you be more specific?

CAPTAIN JARVIS: Mostly what we go after with our fugitive team is felony warrants and then high misdemeanors.

VICE CHAIR WHITE: What would classify as high misdemeanor?

CAPTAIN JARVIS: That is a crime that is over 93 days sentencing. It's not a, we're not going and looking for people who have traffic warrants or things like that. We're going for people who have assaultive crimes, things like that.

VICE CHAIRPERSON WHITE: Thank you.
COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the chair, the MPOs were supposed to receive cell phones and I believe ipads as a result of a grant. Has that happened?

CAPTAIN JARVIS: They have not gotten them yet. They are being programed. Did they give you guys a date yet?

OFFICER: (Inaudible.)

CAPTAIN JARVIS: Yeah, I think they've got to program all the telephones and add some other things onto them so that they can access the department information from the field, so they can access LIEN and so on.

COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.

CAPTAIN JARVIS: You're welcome.

COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Through the chair, I just have one question. Have they received a ten percent pay increase?

CAPTAIN JARVIS: No.

COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: And this program has been in place for how long?

CAPTAIN JARVIS: Almost two months.

COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Two months, okay. I just wanted to make sure the pay and resources are the same level.

CAPTAIN JARVIS: Yes, we need to get the pay,
so if there's anything you can do to help.

COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Thank you.
CAPTAIN JARVIS: We appreciated it.
COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, ma'am.
CAPTAIN JARVIS: Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Are there any other questions for Captain Jarvis? Thank you, Captain.
CAPTAIN JARVIS: Thank you.

(Applause.)

COMMANDER BETTISON: Commander Tod Bettison. Just for clarification, for the MPO program, it's not going to be ten percent. It's going to be 2.5 percent.
COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Okay. I'm sorry.
COMMANDER BETTISON: Just want to get that out.
COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Let me restate that. The other ten percent that's on my mind is the ten percent that was taken away. But that's a question that will have to be raised before the emergency manager.
COMMANDER BETTISON: Absolutely, and keep on pushing.
COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Sure. We have Operation Restore. I'd like to see the ten percent that was taken.
COMMANDER BETTISON: I concur. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Okay. We move to our
Standing Committee Report. Are there any Standing
Committee reports? Under New Business we have a
Resolution honoring Mr. Muhsin Muhammad and I'm going
to ask Commissioner White if he would do the honors for
us.

(Applause.)

VICE CHAIRPERSON WHITE: It's an honor to
read this Resolution honoring Mr. Muhsin Muhammad.
Whereas, Mr. Muhsin Muhammad is a dedicated and
committed supporter of the City of Detroit's Eighth
Precinct. He has been a Grandmont resident for over
27 years. His commitment to business, service, and
leadership is exemplified throughout the community; and

Whereas Mr. Muhammad is the Block Captain in
the Grandmont Community, Chairman of the Grandmont
Safety/Security Committee and President of Grandmont
Patrol #4. Mr. Muhammad actively participates and
sponsors neighborhood watch training, crime prevention
and security presentations. He is a member of the
Patrol Advisory Team and acts as the Radio Patrol
liaison to the Detroit Police Department. He was also
very instrumental in the Operation Safe Passage and in
the Northwestern District Truancy Sweeps. Mr. Muhammad
serves as a mentor to several young men between the ages of 12 to 20 years old; and

Whereas Mr. Muhammad has volunteered his time and energy to assist the City of Detroit, and the Eighth Precinct and other surrounding communities in any way possible and is considered a true pillar of its community.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners speaking on behalf of the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department acknowledge the giving spirit and community service of Mr. Muhsin Muhammad. His vision for Detroit and its citizens is unmatched and highly respected.

We thank and congratulate you, Mr. Muhsin Muhammad. Signed, the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, adopted this day, May 8th, 2014.

(Appplause, and photos were taken.)

PHOTOGRAPHER: All right. Everybody look right at me. And one more time. Now, take the camera.

CAPTAIN DOLUNT: Okay. The Detroit Police Department presents a Certificate of Recognition to Coach, resident of Detroit, in appreciation of his contribution, involvement in the community, and service to the City of Detroit and demonstrates a spirit and commitment worthy of recognition, and signed by Chief
James Craig. The first one.

(Applause and photos.)

CAPTAIN DOLUNT: Okay. The Spirit of Detroit Award is presented herein with an expression of gratitude and esteem from the citizens of Detroit to Muhsin Muhammad in recognition of exceptional achievement, outstanding leadership and dedication to improving the quality of life by the City Council of Detroit, and signed by the entire City Council on today's date.

(Applause and Photos.)

CAPTAIN DOLUNT: Congratulations. Would you like to make a speech?

MR. MUHAMMAD: Yes.

SPEAKER: Of course he's going to speak.

MR. MUHAMMAD: Thank you, sir, thank you, sir. This is not a speech. This is a thank you note. And for the Grandmont Patrol people in the audience, please stand. Grandmont Patrol.

(Applause.)

SPEAKER: Hold on. You don't have to stand, but you're a member of the Detroit 300. And Crystal, what did you sit down for?

MR. MUHAMMAD: And all of the folks here at Bushnell, raise your hands in the back, all of the
staff members. You don't know who we're talking about.

Raise your hands. This is the time to be recognized.

Yes, community relations people. I just want to say
that in order to accomplish this goal it takes people.

SPEAKER: That's right.

MR. MUHAMMAD: So I will accept this award on
behalf of the people that support me. And there's one
other that's close to matching the accomplishments that
I have and we've worked side by side. Mr. Welbourne
who is sitting here. Saving senior citizens, saving
children is the number one priority for people in this
community and families.

Mr. Welbourne and I, have just finished the
graduation class for the first City Camp in the City of
Detroit. Why do I want to mention him? Because these
are the kids they say can't be reached.

SPEAKER: All right.

MR. MUHAMMAD: Social workers, Police
Officers, DPD, county people, pooled together with
volunteers and we helped to save a lot of young folks
and giving them a reason to be positive in their lives.

Thank you very much.

(Appplause.)

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: At this time, I'd like
to entertain a motion to adopt the Resolution honoring
Mr. Muhsin Muhammad.

COMMISSIONER: So moved.

VICE CHAIRPERSON WHITE: Support.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: It's been moved and supported? Are there any discussions? All in favor?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All opposed? The Resolution honoring Mr. Muhammad is adopted, and it will be added to our permanent archives. Thank you, sir. Congratulations.

Is there any Old Business? We'll move to Announcements. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 15th, 2014, at 3:00 at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, and that's at 1301 Third Avenue, Michigan Room.

At this time, I'll have oral communications from the audience, and will ask you to come forward, you have two minutes to speak and please state your name for the record.

MR. WELBOURNE: Good evening, panel. George Welbourne, W-E-L-B-O-U-R-N-E, President of City Wide Community Relations. I want to personally thank Coach Muhammad because we had a long journey together. At times I know as I did he wanted quit. We just couldn't quit. He said we got to keep going. Now I see the
results of it and it's great.

We see a lot of kids and he just makes me feel good. One other thing, I wanted to ask if anybody here speaks any Japanese? Anybody here? I'm looking for somebody who -- (Japanese is spoken.) Nobody.

Okay.

Why I ask this is the City is hosting some kids from Japan later this summer, and I'm going have one myself. I spent seven years in Japan and it feels like it was a second home to me, so I had to step forward for that one. I just wanted to let everybody know if anybody knows anybody speaks Japanese if they would call Captain Jarvis she knows how to get in touch with me. Anybody on the Board. Mr. Anthony, he knows how to get in touch with me. And call the 12th Precinct, they'll get in touch with me. Thank you.

D.C. DOLUNT: Excuse me, Mr. Welbourne, up in front. Actually, my grandson just got back from Japan. I know that because it cost me a fortune. So how old is the individual you're sponsoring?

MR. WELBOURNE: They're from 16 to 22, I think it is.

D.C. DOLUNT: Okay. My grandson is in his early 20s, maybe he can help out a little bit. We'll connect.
MR. WELBOURNE: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: And those of you who wish to speak if you could come forward, just line up there.

MS. PAYNE: Hi, good evening.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Good evening.

MS. PAYNE: My name is Edith Lee Payne, and it's been awhile since I've had the opportunity to stand before you. And I served on the Board of the Twelfth Precinct Board of Police Community Relationships with Mr. Welbourne.

Why I'm here today, for I guess five or six years, I know I've spoken with at least one of you, about the return of some money that was taken when Detroit Police Officers entered a home, and the case was resolved, it was dismissed, but the money was never returned and it's $3,500 and this family really needs their money. So please tell me someone afterwards, it's okay, what we need to do.

I've talked to City Council. I've talked to the Board of Police Commissioners. I've talked to the Office of the Chief Investigator. I've talked to the Commander of Internal Affairs, Brian Stair when he was a Commander. So I think I've pretty much exhausted most people that I know. But it's been I think since
2007, the case was resolved in 2007, but the money has not been returned. So I'd really appreciate your help, someone's help.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Just a minute.

MS. PAYNE: With interest.

D.C. DOLUNT: Deputy Chief Dolunt. Through the chair, okay, I've never done this before. When you say resolved, what do you mean? You said you talked to the Board of Police Commissioners, you talked to Brian Stair. Did they say you were getting your money back? Did they say the matter was resolved? What do you mean by that?

MS. PAYNE: Well, this is what happened. This is what we were told. We were told by the court and by the prosecutor that because the case was dismissed that anything that was moved from the house money would be returned, so we went through those processes except nothing happened, so that's when we started going to the Board of Police Commissioners, Commander Stair. As a matter of fact, Commander Stair says it was forfeited. I don't know why. It was an assault case, and I don't want to go into it, but was an assault case.

The people that registered the complaint recanted their story. They didn't tell the truth. So
that's why it was dismissed. But the money was never returned. The money should not have been taken. The Officers conducted a search without probable cause.

One of the Officers left his sweater on the bed while he was searching. I mean, it really got kind of out of hand. We want to move past that, and it's my daughter-in-law, and get the money if possible.

D.C. DOLUNT: Is there a record of taking money, I'm assuming?

MS. PAYNE: I'm sorry?

D.C. DOLUNT: Is there a record of them --

MS. PAYNE: Yes, there was. Unfortunately, though, the Officer only reported $2,500, and my daughter-in-law texted me moments after the arrest happened and said it was $3,500. So nobody knows what happened to the other $1,000. So if you could help us we'd really appreciate it.

D.C. DOLUNT: See me after this and I'll get your information.

MS. PAYNE: I'll be happy to. Thank you so much.

D.C. DOLUNT: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you. Good evening.

MR. LAWRENCE: Good evening to the Board of
Police Commissioners, Deputy Chief Dolunt. Good evening again. My name is Roosevelt Lawrence and I've had the opportunity of working with the Sixth and Eighth Precincts since regular patrols. And it's been a great opportunity just being back out into communities and neighborhoods where citizens really value the quality of life and they put their energies into that quality of life by volunteering.

And so a couple quick things. I want to just say -- to Coach Muhammad who is truly boots on the ground in the Eighth Precinct and has been for awhile with the citizens patrol. Captain Jarvis, Captain Walton, they're neighborhood Police Officers in Sixth and Eighth. They're experienced veteran Police Officers, good community relations people, and they've kind of make some of our work easy relative to our specific mission being Sixth and Eighth Precinct radio patrols.

Lastly, and so I invite all of you to join a citizen radio patrol in your respective districts. But I do need to also acknowledged Commissioner Richard Shelby who has been attending meetings in his District, and like in church he came down the aisle and he joined his citizens radio patrol, North Rosedale Park Patrol Number 21.
And so we appreciate you, Commissioner Shelby. We do look forward to seeing you out volunteering. We know that you will. And the other Commissioners, it's nothing like volunteering. Lastly, from First John, Seven, it talks about love. Let us love one another as God has loved us. I'm going to say good evening to you. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. MARY: Good afternoon. My name is Mary, and I'm the President of Sixth and Eighth Precinct Community Relations. And on May the 16th, we're having an Officers luncheon from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and I would like to extend an invitation. When I say luncheon, it's too much to even tell you what we have, but it's a lot of stuff. And we're just taking this day to show our appreciation. But we appreciate them every day 365. So please come out and just have a good time. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you. May 16th?

MS. MARY: May 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., that's on Friday. Yes. We're doing all three shifts. And we're doing some of the surrounding Officers, too, because we're surrounded by Redford, Livonia, and Dearborn, and the Sheriff's Department,
and State Troopers.

VICE CHAIRPERSON WHITE: The location?

MS. MARY: The address is Warwick and Plymouth Road at the Sixth and Eighth Precinct. The number I really -- what is it? Yeah, Plymouth and Warwick. You can't miss it. 11450. Thank you, Muhammad.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Are there any other communications?

COMMISSIONER SHELBY: Madam, Chair, I'd like to bring a startup business in the City of Detroit. Unfortunately, we have crime scenes at all hours during the day, during the night. And this is a startup company. This young lady I met in my travels of doing the responsibilities of the commission/community and I thought it was interesting in terms of her efforts to initiate this business and we need to introduce her to the community. Her name is Shanay Penn and she's with Crime Scene Cleanup. I think she circulated her flier. I just wanted to give her an opportunity to speak to the community.

MS. PENN: Good evening, everyone. My name is Shanay Penn. I circulated a flier. My company is call Purity Contamination Crime Scene Cleaning, and we started two years ago, and our goal is to clean up
crime scenes in the community. We know that crime is a
problem, although it's going down, but we're also aware
that a lot of citizens that are affected by crime are
left without recourse for cleaning up after these
events.

From my experience talking to Officers who
are at the scene to see this firsthand that the first
ting that they say is they think that, the residents
think that they're supposed to actually assist them
cleaning up or supposed to refer someone to them, and
the Officers say they have no one to refer to them or
they have no service to help clean up. Their best bet
is to call a regular cleaning service which may not be
open during the time of a crime or it may not be open
on weekends in order to help them clean.

So, we're open 24 hours a day, seven days a
week. If somethings happens two o'clock in the morning
you can give our company a call and we'll come out
within and hour and help clean up. We really started
out as a need in the community and because of that we
are a for profit business, but I partner with a
nonprofit in order to get the scenes cleaned up, so I
work with a staple in the community Quick Call which is
a service that works here.

But the reason that I work with them for
cleaning is they employ a lot of returning citizens and
also a lot of citizens who have issues that have
chronic unemployment, so they have drug issues, alcohol
issues, and those are the guys that we're using in
order to clean up. We're on staff 24 hours a day, and
there are ten guys that we're using.

So I just wanted to get my service out here
and let you know that there is recourse. Let the
Officers know that you don't just have to leave and
feel like you're leaving the victims with a mess to
clean up and you have no other recourse for them to go
to or know where to refer them to. Refer them to my
service and I'll be more than happy to help.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you.

D.C. DOLUNT: My question is this, crime
scenes you clean up are usually traumatic experiences
and unfortunately a lot of lower income individuals
that can't afford this. Is there victim's aid? Who
can help subsidize these cleanups from these traumatic
experiences? It's hard to clean up blood from a family
member. How do you rectify that?

MS. PENN: Well, there is a crime victims
association with the State of Michigan so they're able
to apply for funds up $400 to assist with cleaning.
And, myself, I did a cleanup off of Greenfield and Joy
Road. I actually live over there in District 7. And I did it pro bono because, I mean, there was just the ambulance came, there was still gunshot shells on the ground, they cut off the clothing and left the bloody clothing there, and so I cleaned free of charge.

So even though I am a for profit, socially I'm really a nonprofit because if you call me I will come clean it up.

D.C. DOLUNT: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Any there other questions for Miss Penn?

MS. PENN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Are there any other communications?

MS. STALWART: Hello, everyone.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Hello.

MS. STALWART: I'm really not good at speaking but I have a neighbor over there and I was raised in the church with her and she's forcing me, but I'm really not prepared. But once again, I wanted to say hello. My name is Stacy Stalwart and I represent Blackberry Bar and Grill which is located on Grand River between Evergreen and Lahser.

And I just want to share the fact that we've been in business eight years, and what our intention
was when we started out was being an entrepreneur; you
want to start a business and you think more like Cheers
and then somewhere down the line twists and it turns
with the bar.

But I don't know if any of you have been to the bar? Like I said, it's been eight years. We have
great food. And like I said, our intentions were when
we started and what we've become unfortunately in the
news is not a good thing and that's not what we wanted.
So we would like to transition. We want to become more
involved in the community and we want to focus more on
what we're good on, and that's food.

We want to change the name and take the bar out. We don't want to be a bar. We want to be about
community, and I think that a lot of people would be
happy with that. So please know that's our intention.

And also, Coach, I spoke with him and I think he's going to kind of take me under his wings, too, and
what better person, right?

SPEAKER: Right.

MS. STALWART: Are there any questions or
anything? Because some things that were in the media
were not true about Blackberry Bar and Grill. So I'm
happy to answer any questions or just please know that
our intentions are good, and we want to make some
transitions, some positive transitions.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you.

MS. PANNELL: Good evening, Sharon Pannell.

I was forced up here. We just want to acknowledge Mary Muhammad. She stands by her husband. She's in the community. She's a former Police Wayne County Sheriff. And we want to recognize her, too, tonight.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Would you like to come up and say something?

(Applause.)

REVEREND TERRANCE: Good evening, everybody and bless you all. I see many faces here. D.C., congratulations on the new position. The last time we saw each other you were a Commander.

(Inaudible.)

Sir, God bless you, as well. My name is Reverend Terrace. I'm with the Ukrain Orthodox Church. And I was at the prayer service several weeks ago for Steve Utash. No weapon formed against me can prosper.

SPEAKER: Yes, sir.

REVEREND TERRANCE: The savior that night was the young lady. I want to say young because she flew on top of Steve and she saved his life. And I went to visit him at the hospital the day that he woke up from his coma, and he was awake, he was alert. We actually
prayed together. It's a shame that she wasn't allowed
to see him that day, but she saw him shortly after.

And we need more people like that, more
people to recognize that our guardian angels that fall
from nowhere to save their fellow citizens because even
though they don't live in the City they support the
City, they do business in the City, have friends in the
City, and we need to bring more people into the City.

So she saw a big -- she did a big act by
saving his life. And our prayers are with all of you,
all of you on the police force, and God bless
everybody.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you, Reverend.

(Applause.)

MR. MUHAMMAD: I couldn't sit down after that
introduction. Thank you for putting me on the spot,
sir. For those of you who don't know, the last police
administration, Sixth and Eighth Precinct, Mary was
highly honored by all of the above. And she is a very
dedicated wife and serious person. You know, most
Officers, many Officers when they retire they don't do
a lot. But that's not true of Mary. She calls them
out, too. She does not allow them to get away on easy
street since they're highly trained, highly skilled,
and professionals.
In regards to Blackberry Lounge, I spoke with Miss Tracy and Miss Tracy is a victim. She's had, you know, they've had a very good business. Good food. People come in and cater. But like most of the areas that we need to concentrate on and get the bad guys under wraps, she has been exposed to people that take advantage of the customers coming into the store.

So my goal and objective is to make her a community source and to give her the opportunity to be protected and kind of build a network around her. And I forgot to mention Jed Robinson. Is Jed still here?

Jed is with Grandmont One Patrol. We also have Rosedale Patrol and North Rosedale Patrol. We go out every Friday and we all work together and trying to network and keep our community safe, so.

And last of all most Honorable Commissioners, I really appreciate the opportunity and the honor you bestowed upon me today. If I overlooked you. Hi, Lisa, how you doing? Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER CARTER: I've known Muhsin for over twenty years. And Mary was a mentor when I was at the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. So she's been mentoring people for a long time.

SPEAKER: That's right.
COMMISSIONER CARTER: Not to mention all the other things that she's done in the community. Wherever Muhsin is, Mary is there. So I commend both of you this evening. Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Ms. Muhammad, I think you need to come up and say a word.

MR. WELBOURNE: Put you on the spot.

MS. MUHAMMAD: Well, this is certainly unexpected, but. As I was also a union rep for twenty-five years before I was promoted into administration for ten years at the airport. I learned to be visible and vocal a long time ago. Mr. Bell, we go back. I don't know if you remember 1979, the first NBPA conference was here. I still have my handle, NBPA 5.

We had to go to the airport, that's when Bill Lucas was the Sheriff, and pick up all the Police Officers from around the county. Bill Lucas never did anything halfway. He got with a Lincoln dealership and we drove Town Cars to pick those people up from the airport.

Needless to say, I didn't know those people from other places. My mentor, Al James, said it takes a cop to know a cop, so you better not miss one. And I
didn't, and I didn't. The only person I missed was the person who missed his flight. So I've had mentors and I've learned don't keep things to yourself because we can't do anything that way. We have to pass on what we know and share. When I said to serve and protect that's what I've done in every way possible that I could.

When I came home from the Sheriff's Department my house was broken into a month after I retired. I was out of town. My husband was in the bed. A gun was pulled on him. And he was just lucky that day that I wasn't there. And Muhsin was in the bed. Because we would of had some body bags for sure in my house.

But we've learned that crime is everywhere. We let people know to look out for each other. And since we've been doing this for the last five years since I've retired we have a community crime alert email network that goes around the city.

We have almost 800 people in this community. But because we have people like Mr. Ward, everybody knows Jim Ward.

SPEAKER: That's right.

MS. MUHAMMAD: He has thousands of people.

Last year there was a gentleman in a red Taurus who was
victimizing women out in the neighborhood. He was also
up in Green Acres. By the time the Police Department
got those crime alerts he was connected to about ten
cases, maybe more. So those crime alerts are handy
especially if we have descriptions, license plate
numbers, and other things to work with.

So it's just a pleasure to be here. I'm
honored that, I'm honored to be honored. I'm honored
to have a partner. Lisa's husband was my partner many,
many years ago. I hate to say that was 25 years ago
because I'm not that old. But I was always lucky
enough to have good partners and I'm blessed to have a
good partner in life. Thank you, everybody.

(Applause.)

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you. Are there
any other communications? The Commissioners have told
me I'm only allowed to ask once. If not, I'll
entertain a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BELL: I'll rise to a point of
order. I would just like to say thank you to
Commissioner Donnell White. Most of you are probably
aware, if you're not aware shame on you, but he is
Executive Director of NAACP Detroit Chapter.
COMMISSIONER BELL: I think he is one the youngest executives in the history of the Detroit Branch. I know most of you like myself have been a life member of NAACP formerly serving on the Board of the NAACP with the great, the Honorable Wendell Anthony, Reverend Wendell Anthony.

In terms of that, we have an outstanding Freedom Fund Dinner on Sunday, and he extended a warm invitation for the Commissioners to attend. I just want to acknowledge because freedom is not free.

SPEAKER: That's right.

COMMISSIONER BELL: The Civil Rights. When Ms. Muhammad was mentioning about the National Black Police Association, my involvement of hosting the conference here. We have always been in a close working relationship with Wayne County Sheriff Deputy. I just appreciate that.

Through the Guardian Movement they formed a organization back in '63 when I was in high school, dating myself, but basically is that this type of commitment. I'd also like to acknowledge the fact that this Board the composition now we have former Commander Richard Shelby, a retired Detroit Police Officer, Commander, and we have Reginald Crawford, Mr. Crawford
is a retired Officer, and we have Mr. Ricardo Moore, a retired Lieutenant, and Lisa Carter, you heard her introduce herself, Wayne County.

So we have that type of commitment and still with the City of Detroit. I just want to acknowledge our efforts. And I just want to say about our Chair, Commissioner Taylor, in terms of being an appointed person. From day one in January she has been really a beacon of light, a beacon leadership, a beacon of fellowship. She has provided leadership. I just want to acknowledge that effort.

(Applause.)

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Bell.

MS. JENKINS: Good evening, my name is Yvette Jenkins, and I live in Grandmont, and I'm very happy to see the group here today. It's been awhile since I attended a meeting of the Detroit Police Commission. In fact, the last one was over in Brightmore some years ago. So I'm glad to see all the faces here, and the fact that you're out in the community, and this gives me hope.

I have lived in this community I hate to say over twenty years now, and I frankly have lost hope. And I know there have been challenges within the Police
Department with, you know, changes that have occurred. But I feel hope now, which is something that I'd just given up. I attended a meeting yesterday, the District One Community Meeting that Councilman Tate does twice a month, and that has given me hope. I feel as though that I'm being heard which I think is one of the challenges that many people may have encountered.

I had a conversation with a woman earlier today and I shared with her at the meeting yesterday. And she was like, oh, my gosh, it's great to know we have options, that we have resources, and that is being communicated out in the community.

Also, I had a chance to meet Mr. Shelby, our Commissioner Shelby, yesterday. And when he spoke, I asked, how can we get in touch with you? And he immediately gave a phone number. And frankly I think everyone in the room was a little surprised, you know, for that reason that, you know, not used to people being available and heard, you know, and actually when you call that number to have someone answer the phone, take action, listen, you know, to what you're requesting and actually make a note of it.

So, again, thank you for being here and because we need that, you know, we've had a tough time here, you know, those of us that have stuck and stayed.
MR. SMITH:  Hi, my name is Jayvon Smith.  I'm a resident of the North Rosedale.  I was invited here by a person who, her name is Beverly, I don't know if she's here, but she is a part of the security enforcement neighborhood watch type stuff, and she invited me.  Basically I thought it was more like of trying to find out -- basically we've had neighbors for the past five years that we're trying to work with, the neighborhood calling the local -- I'm trying to remember the name of it.  I'm sorry.  Anyway.

So I'm here basically, I understand it might not be the proper venue but since there's so many people involved here, I just wanted to come up and mention that I am looking for help with North Rosedale Park as far as how to get rid of people in the neighborhood who are doing illegal things.  Given that I've been doing this for over five years.  In particular a house that the Police has actually come in and raided, after a high-speed police chase from Livonia, recently in the past few months came and arrested someone from the house.

So that's why I'm here for a very specific issue.  I understand this might not be part of the venue.  So I at least wanted to step up.  So if there's
anyone out here that I can talk to?

    CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Deputy Chief, do you
    want to --

    D.C. DOLUNT: Captain Jarvis is right in
    front of you, she's right next to you, and she will
    talk to you and address these issues.

    MR. SMITH: All right, thank you very much.

    MS. BAKER: Good evening. I'm Monique Baker.

I want to thank you for coming out to our community

today. I had a question in reference to an
investigation that is going on currently. The city
clerk said that she referred some information to the
Internal Affairs Department in reference to a candidate
and their lack of them being a resident in our
community, and I just wanted to find out if anyone
knows the status of that or who is the investigator in
that matter?

    D.C. DOLUNT: Okay.

    MS. BAKER: Because I've been trying to find
    out.

    D.C. DOLUNT: If it's Internal Affairs
    Investigation that's the City Clerk, is that what
    you're saying?

    MS. BAKER: The City Clerk, yes, she referred
    the matter to the Internal Affairs Division, and I
inquired at the Police Station where or who, you know --

D.C. DOLUNT: Sounds like -- corruption, but see me after the meeting. If it's Internal Affairs, I don't want anyone's name out there. We'll talk after the meeting, no problem.

MS. BAKER: All right. Thank you.

MS. SMITH: Good evening, Bernice Smith, Human Rights Commissioner. I couldn't sit there and be quiet with all the kudos that Bell gave out because I have some of my own. This Commissioner whether the audience knows it or not is the best that we had. Believe me, take my word for it.

Because I investigate each one of them when they come on board and those that were in the past Commissioners. Even though I didn't get to be fortunate enough to sit up with them. They put me in another department. But the meantime, I'm satisfied. I will let you know that young man over there is his partner, former partner.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Which one are you pointing to?

MS. SMITH: Reggie, Reggie. They have been partners for years, and they were a wonderful couple and they did their job. Believe me, we were in good
research(sic) together. That's years ago in the '80s.
So I know about their history and believe me they
haven't changed yet.

And you, Mr. Donnell, I must tell you, you
did do a wonderful job. Donnell started with the NAACP
in the -- let's see, Anthony came in '93. I was there
in '80. And he came a long way because he was the
youngest when he started out with the young group and
he is moved up to the position that I'm very proud of
that he's having and he's doing a good job with it.

I told him, I stayed away for a long time,
and I told him, when you become the President I'll come
back. But look like he's not going to be President too
soon. So I guess I'll come on back and work with him.

But anyway, I get along with Anthony. He all
right. But the fact is it was a beautiful event
Sunday. And those that didn't show up you missed
seeing me in a once in a lifetime outfit that I had on.
But in the meantime, we had a good time, seriously
speaking.

And Jessica looked really nice. I admire her
because she can wear her suits and her dresses and
believe me she looked very stunning. So I just want to
give you a report on what you guys missed and the rest
of the audience. I know some of the people can't
afford that $150.00, but a lot of times we do give out complimentary tickets, so maybe you be lucky next year to get one. In the meantime, I just want to tell all of you it was a beautiful affair. And I'm very proud of Donnell and he has grown, he's really grown, and I'm proud of him and his mother and his brother also. And the rest of you keep up the good work. You're doing a marvelous job so far and you're going to continue to do what you've been doing. You're going to solve all these problems.

Because yesterday there was a problem. I'll say this. There was three men that was trying to break into a young lady's car. It's on the news today. And she was at a nursing school taking her child inside and the gentleman from across the street noticed what was going on because he noticed these three men going from one car to another and finally they decided they were going to break into this lady's car and when somebody came in and told her that they were breaking in her car but when she ran out she just screamed.

But in the meantime, this is what happens when you get involved, the gentleman came from across the street with a gun out and stopped them and he did capture one. The rest of them got away. I don't know whether they drove off in the car or not.
But anyway, they got away and he kept him there on the ground 'till the police came. So this is something that the citizens are doing regularly now. They used to didn't do this. But now they are getting involved because we got a Police Chief that won't stop. 

He has told everybody that he comes in contact with I'm here to stop this crime. And I'm proud of him and I've told him over and over again just stay away from the dirty, crooked politicians, that's all I tell you to do. Do your job because I'm going to be watching you also. So on that I will end. Especially when he went -- Sheffield in there. I'll be through. I'll stop.

In the meantime, keep up the good work. Yeah, I know Brown didn't say nothing. So he let me go off. But we're going to clean up this City. The citizens here in the City, they're tired of all the crookedness going on in the City. They're going to clean it up and we're going to clean up the crime, too. Young lady, you doing a beautiful job.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you.

MS. SMITH: Keep up the good work and be safe all of you uniform Police because I love all of you. I'm fighting for your raise. So if I can get somebody to give you back your raise, I'll be happy, to.
CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER MOORE: If I could give out one more kudos. I would like to ask all of the young ladies in this audience here to stand including yourself, all young ladies stand, all the young ladies stand.

Brothers, let's give them a round of applause. Motherhood, Mother's Day is Sunday. I know you mothering someone. We just want to say, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank God for you, because without mothers, sisters and cousins we would not make it. Right, brothers? Amen.

COMMISSIONER SHELBY: Thank you. The way the Commission is set up we work with different precincts and different divisions so I want to announce Captain Steve Dolunt of the Sixth Precinct.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Stand up, sir.

D.C. DOLUNT: And Captain Cox from the Tenth Precinct. I work very closely with them.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Are there any other communications? If there's nothing else --

D.C. DOLUNT: I just want to acknowledge Captain Conway Beck.

SPEAKER: I know he's one of the best.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: Well, stand up one of
the best.

(Applause.)

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: All right. So there's no other communications, I move for adjournment.

COMMISSIONER BELL: So moved.

COMMISSIONER WHITE: Second.

CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR: It's been moved and seconded. The meeting is adjourned.

(The hearing concluded at 7:49 p.m.)
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