

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**

**Date of Meeting: July 20, 2017 – 3:00 PM**

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

**Vice Chairperson Eva Dewaelsche called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (July 20, 2017)**

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

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for July 20, 2017.

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**Thursday, July 13, 2017**

**BOPC Officers Report(s):** After welcome and opening remarks **Vice Chairperson Eva Dewaelsche** asked Bishop Edgar Vann to provide the invocation. **Vice Chairperson Dewaelsche** 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. Dewaelsche also welcomed Chief of Police James E. Craig to the meeting and invited him to introduce his staff.

**Vice Chair Report: Vice Chairperson Dewaelsche's** report included the following statement(s). Chairperson Lisa Carter is out of town and I (Dewaelsche) will Chair the meeting. The Vice Chairperson stated, "I would first like to express, on behalf of the Board, our support and gratitude to the families of injured and fallen officers. In the recent period, Officer Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct, remains in critical condition, Officer Keith Baker experienced a heart attack and is reported to be recovering at home, and Officer Lindquist remains in recovery. I have also received a report that Officer Raymoxley Berry, 12<sup>th</sup> Precinct recently made his transition. Also in the law enforcement community, PO Dennis Moore lost his wife Linda Moore. PO Cyd Bright, 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct and retired Officer Karlton Montgomery lost their mother Marva Montgomery."

Additionally, Dewaelsche encouraged Commissioners to join her in the Academy's Graduation Ceremony Friday, July 21, 2017 at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. Seven Mile Rd, Detroit, MI 48219. The program starts at 10:30 AM. Also, Monday, July 24, 2017 the Department will be opening the new 8<sup>th</sup> Precinct, located at 21555 W. McNichols at Grand River. The program will start at 11:00 AM Commissioner Richard Shelby is the host Commissioner for the area.

Dewaelsche continued, "I understand that congratulations are in order for Deputy Chief Renee Hall. DC Hall has been awarded the job of Chief of Police for the City of Dallas, Texas. DC Hall participated in a national competition for the position. Hall's success is a testimony to her excellence as a command officer and her will and drive as a human being. Congratulations Renee!" Other Commissioners (**Bell, Brooks, Crawford, Sanders, Shelby and Vann**) also joined in offering their congratulations to DC Hall. Dewaelsche continued, "I also understand that on the Detroit City Council's Agenda for today, July 20, 2017, there is a resolution sponsored by Council President Brenda Jones to name the southwest corner of Dequindre and McNichols, "E. L. Vann

Blvd.” In part this is in recognition of the 40 years of service for Bishop Edgar Vann. Dewaelsche continued by thanking Bishop Vann for your service to a large number of community and not-for-profit endeavors that help to improve the community.

**Chief Craig** also acknowledged the accomplishments of **DC Hall** and her selection as head of the Dallas Police Department. Chief Craig deferred his crime report to DC Hall. (Compstat Report for July 16, 2017 was included in the Board pack for review.) DC Hall also addressed the Board, thanking the Board, the citizens of Detroit, the members of the Department and the Chief of Police.

**Presentation to the Board: (A) Real Crime Center /Crime Intelligence Bureau and Greenlight Initiative.**

**(A) Real Time Crime Center /Crime Intelligence Bureau and Greenlight Initiative. Captain John Svec and Lieutenant Sonia Russell** outlined the operations of the Crime Intelligence Bureau which is composed of the Real Time Crime Center and the Crime Intel Unit. Svec indicated the operation for the Bureau is 24 hours a day and 7 days a week with 38 members of the Department assigned to various ranks and assignments. Also included in the Bureau is the Green Light initiative (185 locations), crime statistics and analytics as well as mapping. The Bureau also supports traffic, investigations, crime prevention and administrative functions. Svec also discussed the work flow associated with the Bureau. The Real Time Crime Center was also reported to have and operate with advanced technology including license plate readers, HD surveillance cameras, facial recognition software and GPS tracking capabilities. The Bureau also monitors social media for crime intel. **Svec and Chief Craig** also discussed the costs to the merchants associated with the Green Light initiative and the capabilities of Green Light. Svec concluded his presentation with an overview of some of the Green Light data and Counter-Terrorism Threat Analysis Team (CTAT). **Commissioner Vann** inquired as to the advanced analytics used by the unit and how it adjusts for population lost as part of its analysis. Svec responded that the unit only used raw numbers. **Vann** also inquired about the relationship of the Detroit Crime Commission and its operations as a public or private body. **Commissioner Shelby** inquired as to the GPS tracking system and access the system has in connection with State law enforcement and corrections agencies. **Commissioner Bell requested on behalf of Commissioner Burton** copies of the policies related to Crime Intel Unit. **Bell** also asked about the historical costs of Green Light and the financial contributions of DTE Energy to the project. **Commissioner Crawford** acknowledged reports that businesses participating in Green Light are reporting a more positive business profile including higher profits and less unwanted traffic in and around their business establishments. **Crawford** also remarked that the businesses are cleaner and engaging. **Chief Craig** also added that the benefits to the owners of the business who have clean and safe stores result in a higher value for the store owners. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** drew the attention of the Board to the map of Green Light locations showing that the most southern section of southwest Detroit only has one Green Light location. **Dewaelsche** inquired about future plans to increase participation in the Green Light program for southwest Detroit. **Bell** also inquired about if the project was supported by and had the involvement of organized merchant associations.

**BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: Commissioner Brooks** summarized several recruitment engagements and suggested the Department expand its recruitment scope into other parts of the State and country including northern Michigan and Ohio. Brooks and Dewaelsche also listed past and future recruitment targets including the location of several special events planned with the assistance of the Department and various not-for-profit organizations. Brooks also suggested the committee and the Department need to better understand why recruits do not complete or stop in the program with the view that retention during and after the academy experience is critical in maintaining the high numbers of applicants. **Commissioner Bell** also suggested the Department use the same approach as the military by using some of the new or young officers as models for recruitment and have them go into the schools and other establishments to directly recruit. **Bell** also inquired about the use of signing bonus payments for new recruits. The **Board and Chief Craig** discussed the various bonuses and benefits used by other Departments. **Shelby** indicated that the CCR Committee has forwarded to the Policy Committee revisions in the OCI SOPs. **Commissioner Sanders** also discussed ride-along in the precinct and the need for additional cars. **AC White** responded to the issue of cars along with Fleet Management indicating over the past 3 -1/2 years the Department has deployed 375 new cars. Cars are deployed based on calls per services. AC White also provided a new vehicle deployment schedule dated July 23, 2017. **Chief Craig** also indicated the city is self-insured and this policy oftentimes results in slow replacements of vehicles. **AC White** also instructed the Board that a change has been made as to the Fleet package of BOPC/OCI vehicles (GSD package). **Bell** also inquired about the Department follow-up of officers involved in auto accidents. **Commissioner Sanders** also inquired about the air-condition capabilities in Precinct #11. **AC White** also indicated the OCI and Disciplinary new location in Palmer Park has been approved and building specifications will be sought from the Board. **AC White** also informed the Board that pursuant to complaints he conducted an investigation into Nationwide Towing and acted under emergency conditions and suspended Nationwide Towing permit. White indicated that he expects the investigation, which has been turned over to IA, to take 45 days

with a 14 day update to the Board. **Commissioner Vann** inquired about the specific authority used by the Department to suspend. AC White responded the department used its emergency authority under the rules.

**Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks** reported on communications received by the Board including disqualification data from HR, Greenlight locations, two disciplinary action requests from the Chief. The two disciplinary items received by BOPC have been added to the July 27, 2017 agenda. Additionally a communication from the Chief's office re: Nationwide Towing.

**Old Business. Bell** requested a report on legal issues to be completed by our new attorney and a subsequent public report on legal issues at a later date. **Mr. Hicks** indicated that such a review was underway.

**New business. No new business.**

#### **Announcements:**

Next Meeting, Thursday, July 27, 2017 @ 3:00 PM Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit MI 48226

Next Community Meeting, Thursday, August 10, 2017, @ 6:30 PM Kean's Marina, 100 Meadowbrook (South of Jefferson & West of St. Jean, Detroit MI 48214

#### **Oral Communications from the Audience:**

**Williams Davis**, expressed concerns about panhandlers and the Department issuing 7 to 8 tickets as well as reports that young citizens are less likely to apply for the academy because they are required to pay for tests to enter the academy. **HR Director Gail Oxendine** responded, while MCOLES charges a fee for tests, DPD absorbs the costs and therefore there is no charge to citizens applying with DPD. **Sharon Harper Lee**, lives in the University District (Northwest Detroit) and expressed her concern that the Department has not been responsive to her complaints about a neighborhood dispute. Ms. Lee indicates the Department has made her into the problem and that she has taken every opportunity to resolve this problem including sending detailed information to the Chief of Police four years ago. Ms. Lee was referred to Commander Bliss (Internal Affairs). **Mr. Lee** expanded on the complaint discussed by Ms. Lee. **Eric Blount**, requested an update on Body Worn Cameras and Tazers deployment in the Department. Mr. Blount also indicated concerns about the treatment of Mike Diaz and requested an update on the C.O.R.E. committee. **Troy Ginyard**, Troy's Towing, complained about the requirement for his company to contact 911 in case of private tows. Lt. Mike Parish responded that Commander Nicholas Giaquinto has issued an order in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct for towers to call 911 and have dispatched to the scene a police officer on each tow. Parrish indicated he was researching the law on this matter, but was interrupted by Chief Craig who indicated he was not aware of this practice and ordered AC Arnold Williams to communicate with Giaquinto to cease and desist with this order inasmuch as he is without authority to deploy the resources of the Department contrary to the priorities set by the Chief of Police.

**With no other business before the Board, Vice Chairperson Dewaelsche accepted a motion to adjourn at 4:50 PM.**