

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: November 9, 2017 – 6:30 PM
 Location: Cody Academy of Public Leadership, 18445 Cathedral Street, Detroit, MI 48228

Chairperson Lisa Carter called the BOPC meeting to order at 6:30 PM (November 9, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson (6:55)	Yes	
Willie Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (6:37)	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Excused	
Conrad Mallett (6:40)	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for November 9, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, October 26, 2017

BOPC Officers Report(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairperson Lisa Carter** asked Bishop Edgar Vann, II to provide the invocation. Carter 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. Carter also welcomed to the meeting, **DC Charles Fitzgerald**, representing Chief of Police James E. Craig, DC Fitzgerald introduced DPD staff.

Chairperson Carter invited Cody Academy of Public Leadership Principal Johnathon Matthews to address the Board. Principal Matthews outlined the mission of the three schools (Public Leadership, Medicine and Community Health, Detroit Institute of Technology) located in the Cody building and welcomed the Board to the facility.

Chair Report: Carter said “Welcome: Good evening, I am Police Commissioner Lisa Carter, Chairperson of the Board and Commissioner representing District #6. On behalf of the Board, thank you for attending today’s Board meeting. I would like to thank Cody – Academy of Public Leadership and school principal Johnathon Matthews for the use of its facility. Principal Matthews is the educational leader at Cody, would you like to welcome the Board and the audience to your academy? This is our 11th community meeting of the year. In scheduling these meetings, we hope to meet in every section of the city. If you would like for us to meet in your community, please contact us. I also want to remind everyone, the Board will not meet Thursday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving Recess.

On behalf of the Board, we continue to express our support and concerns for fallen officers and their Families. The Chief’s Office may want to add some specific information about the recent conditions of some of our injured officers. I would also ask for a moment of silent reflection for Mr. James Haller, Jr., Manager of the O’Reilly Auto Parts Store and for the 25 church victims in Sutherland Springs, Texas and for all the other victims of recent tragedies and senseless violence.

I would like to congratulate all of the civic and community organizations, individuals and groups who participated in our democratic process and the recent elections. As you know, beginning in January our Board will have several new members. After the Election Commission certifies results from the recent election, I will reach-out and welcome our new Board members and invite them to an orientation workshop to review the responsibilities of the Board.

Tonight, we also have a presentation from the 6th Police Precinct. Commander Tiffany Stewart and Captain Kenneth Balinski will address the Board. We will also formally vote on two DPD retirees from our November 2nd Agenda, Detective Scott Shea and Investigator Charles Weaver. Toward the end of the meeting we will have oral communications from the audience, so if you would like to speak to the Commission, please make sure you print your name on a speaker's card. Cards are located in the back on the table. We have a resolution for Arthur Leon Edge, former City of Detroit employee and President of the Far West Detroit Civic Association."

Resolutions: Mr. Arthur Leon Edge

Commissioner Bell read the following resolution into the record. Mr. Edge addressed the Board thanking the Board and the Department for the recognition.

RESOLUTION HONORING MR. ARTHUR LEON EDGE

WHEREAS Mr. Arthur Leon Edge was born on August 5, 1956 in Detroit, Michigan to Arthur Lee and Lucille Marie Edge. He is a proud graduate from Mumford High School class of 1974. Mr. Edge has three children, Arthur L. Edge III, Eric L. Harris, Alexis D. Edge, and two grandchildren, Ariana K. Richards-Harris, and Anderson J. Harris; and

WHEREAS Mr. Edge has been employed by the City of Detroit's Building and Safety Engineering and Environmental Department for 23 years as a Building Inspector Supervisor. He was previously a manager of Tektron Industries LTD., a family owned stamping plant that supplied General Motors and Chrysler automotive parts; and

WHEREAS Mr. Edge is President of The Far West Detroit Civic Association (FWDCA), the Vice President of Friends of Rouge Park (FORP), President of the Civic Optimist Club of Detroit, Board member of Revive Detroit CDC and Neighborhood Partners; and

WHEREAS Mr. Edge is a strong executive board member with Detroit 300 Community Action, he has assisted with the North End Youth Improvement Council outreach program. He has unselfishly volunteered his time and energy to assist in numerous Detroit Police Sixth Precinct events and has received various leadership and community participation awards; and

WHEREAS His strong code of ethics reflects the type of citizen, every resident of this of community would covet as a next-door neighbor. Residents of this community consider him to be a stand up citizen, always vigilant against lawlessness. His motto is "To look out for your fellow man and treat people like you would want to be treated."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledge the dedicated, hardworking, committed support of Mr. Arthur Leon Edge. His dedicated public service and devotion to improving the quality of life for all citizens in his community and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

Motion by Commissioner Sanders to Honor Mr. Arthur Leon Edge.

Second: Brooks

Yes = 9

No = 0

Abst. = 0

Motion approved

COP Police Report: DC Fitzgerald reported on crime continuing to trend downward. DC Fitzgerald reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending November 5, 2017. Fitzgerald reported Homicides percentage change between 2015 and 2016 of -10% decrease, Sexual Assaults -8% decrease, Robbery -15% decrease, Carjacking -13% decrease, Aggravated Assaults, -5% decrease, Non-fatal shooting, -12% decrease for an overall total of -7% decrease, and overall violent crime of -7% and property offenses -7%. Fitzgerald also indicated that homicides in Precinct #6 are down by 30% and Non-fatal Shootings are down by 25%. **Commissioner Vann** inquired about **Officer Waldis Johnson** and his medical status as well as the financial support and provisions made for injured officers. **Commander Brian Mounsey** reported on the condition of Officer Johnson. The family has requested that medical support remain with the hope that his condition will improve. It was also reported that Officer Johnson is on disability and therefore the Department continues to provide financial support. The Court has appointed a guardian to manage the affairs of Officers Johnson. Finally Commander Mounsey reported that the outside fund raising is not a sponsored activity of the Department, but that a trust fund has been established to receive donations. **Commissioner Shelby** requested that the Board be notified on fund raising efforts supporting Officer Johnson so that Commissioners can participate.

Presentations to the Board: Six Police Precinct, Commander Tiffany Stewart and Captain Kenneth Balinski

Commander Stewart welcomed everyone to the BOPC meeting and introduced the staff of the 6th Precinct including the NPO's. Stewart indicated that crime was trending downward in #6 as suggested by the 8% decrease in part-one crime. Included in this figure is a 30% reduction in homicides, 22% reduction in robberies and 25% decrease in non-fatal shootings. Stewart also indicated that the precinct has also experienced a 26% increase in criminal sexual assaults and a 3% increase in aggravated assaults. Stewart also reported the precinct has made over 1600 arrest of adults, collected 140 guns and have made 8,500 service calls. Captain Balinski discussed several crime fighting strategies used by the 6th Precinct including Ceasefire and GunStat. Balinski indicated that Gunstat is a new program that scores individuals who have been caught with a gun and if the individual has a score of 11 or above, the individual is given special attention by the precinct. Balinski also indicated currently the Precinct is involved in a operations "Restore Order" which is warrant round-up effort. He also discussed NPO wrap around approach and the "Eyes and Hears" program with neighbors and 6 CB patrols. Balinski also listed efforts by the domestic violence and social workers assigned to the precinct. Balinski concluded the precinct has 22 Greenlights locations and the precinct's traffic enforcement operations utilizes license plate readers and dumping cameras. Balinski also listed several initiatives with youth in the community. **Commissioner Brooks** inquired if the career day activity in the precinct had recruitment tables? **Bell** applauded the Department in their interactions with young people. **Shelby** congratulated the 6th Precinct.

Report from the Secretary of the Board. Mr. Hicks discussed four incoming items appearing on today's agenda.

Old Business. Two resolutions held over from the last meeting.

RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRED DETECTIVE SCOTT M. SHEA

WHEREAS Scott M. Shea was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on May 6, 1996. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Shea began his career at the Tenth Precinct; and

WHEREAS Officer Shea dutifully served the Tenth Precinct and Homicide. He displayed tremendous knowledge and dedication as a Police Officer and was promoted to the rank of Detective on March 30, 2015. Detective Shea faithfully served at Homicide where he remained until his retirement; and

WHEREAS Detective Shea was the deserving recipient of one (1) Chief Unit Award, one (1) Departmental Citation and Medal, one (1) Chief Merit Award, one (1) Perfect Attendance Award, six (6) Departmental Citations as well as numerous letters of commendations from citizens and supervisors; and

WHEREAS Detective Shea has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and surrounding communities for 21 years. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity and dedication has been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. He is highly respected by his peers as the consummate professional.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the city of Detroit, recognize the dedicated commitment to Public Safety by Detective Scott Shea. Your exemplary service to law enforcement has been an invaluable asset to the Department and merit our highest regard.

A) Resolution for Retired Detective Scott Shea

Motion by Commissioner Dewaelsche, Second: Mallett

Yes = 9

No = 0

Abst. = 0

Motion approved

RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRING INVESTIGATOR CHARLES H. WEAVER

WHEREAS Charles H. Weaver was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on July 21, 1986. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Weaver began his career at the Twelfth Precinct; and

WHEREAS Officer Weaver dutifully served the Twelfth Precinct and the Office of the Chief Investigator. On August 23, 1999, he was promoted to the rank of Investigator and reassigned to the Twelfth Precinct Investigative Operations Unit (IOU), Internal Affairs Unit, Tenth Precinct Investigative Operations Division (I.O.D.), Western District IOU, reassigned to the Twelfth Precinct IOU, to Homicide where he remained until his retirement; and

WHEREAS During his law enforcement career, Investigator Weaver was the deserving recipient of one (1) Chief Unit Award, one (1) Perfect Attendance Award, three (3) Departmental Citations, as well as numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

WHEREAS Investigator Weaver has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities

for 31 years. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication has been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. He is highly respected as a consummate professional.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, recognize and honor the lifetime commitment to public safety by Investigator Charles Weaver. Your exemplary service to law enforcement has been an invaluable asset to the Department and merit our highest regards.

B) Resolution for Retired Investigator Commissioner Charles Weaver

Motion by Commissioner Sanders, Second: Dewaelsche

Yes = 9

No = 0

Abst. = 0

Motion approved

New Business. None.

Commissioner Bell requested a return to Committee Reports. **Bell** reported on the Ad hoc Towing Committee and BOPC leadership meeting with the Mayor's Office. The meeting involved several items including discussions on Towing, current budgetary practices and the BOPC request to obtain settlement data from the Law Department. **Bell** reported the BOPC was assured the Board would be a central part of the process related to rules and regulations related to towing. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** reported on concerns related to last year's budget process for FY 2016-2017 wherein requisitions were not carried over into the current year and therefore the Board lost funding. **Commissioner Mallett** took exception to **Bell's** remarks on the Charter and its mandated role of BOPC for Towing. **Mallett** indicated he did not believe that DPD should have any role in towing. **Bell** further clarified that the mandate he spoke about is also contained in ordinances passed by the Detroit City Council.

Announcements: The next regular of the BOPC is November 16, 2017 at 3:00 PM at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters. The next Community meeting of the BOPC is December 14, 2017 to be held at St. John the Great Baptist Church, 16101 Schaefer (at Puritan).

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Ms. Bernice Smith applauded the Department for a series of good investigative and crime fighting work on the recent period. **Ms. Star Carter** described a 2015 incident wherein her daughter was abducted and forced into human trafficking. **Ms. Carter** indicated that as a result of the joint work of state and federal law enforcement officials her daughter was returned. **Ms. Carter** wanted the Board to honor DPD Lieutenant Marc J. Deluca (Badge #7), PO Derrick Mahone, Jr. (Badge# 4357), PO Joseph Borkowski (Badge #457) for their outstanding work. **Ms. Marilyn Jordan** inquired about the Detroit Crime Lab and if a director had been appointed. **Ms. Tawanna Rankin** described an incident on October 16, 2016 when her daughter was murdered by a speeding driver who shot from the window of the car. **Ms. Rankin** indicated she has organized a foundation of surviving parents of murdered victims called Justice for Jada. **Ms. Rankin** also complained about the lack of communications from DPD homicide. **Ms. Rankin** indicated she had not heard from homicide on her daughter case in the last year. **Ms. Rankin** also invited the Board and audience to join with her in participating in Justice for Jada.

Adjourned at 7:37 PM.