

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: October 12, 2017 – 6:30 PM
 Location: Sacred Heart Activities Building, 3451 Rivard, Detroit, MI 48207

Acting Chair Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 6:30 PM (October 12, 2017)

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

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for October 12, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, October 5, 2017

BOPC Officers Report(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Acting Chairperson, Willie E. Bell** asked Chaplin Nanning to provide the invocation. Bell indicated Chairperson Carter and Vice Chairperson Dewaelsche was away and he would act as chair for the meeting. Acting Chair 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 to the meeting, **AC James White**, representing Chief of Police James E. Craig, introduced DPD staff.

Chair Report: Bell: said, “Good evening, I am Police Commissioner Willie Bell, District #4. On behalf of the Board, thank you for attending today’s Board meeting. Chairperson Carter and Vice Chair Dewaelsche are away from the city and I will be chairing today’s meeting. I would like to thank Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church for the use of its Activities Building. Father Norman Thomas is the spiritual leader of Sacred Heart. Father Thomas, would you like to welcome the Board and the audience to your facility? This is our 10th 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.

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 the Chief to update us on the recent fatal crash occurring on October 9th in the 9th Precinct. And the recent incident at the Meijer Store on Eight Mile Road and Woodward.

As Chair for today and a resident of Detroit, we are again saddened by the recent mayhem hitting parts of the country. The forest fires sweeping California, the growing devastation in Puerto Rico, and the recovery efforts throughout the Caribbean and southern Gulf region, and finally the recent attack on citizens in Las Vegas. For the acts of mayhem caused by Mother Nature, we pray and hope for the speedy assistance to reach people in need. For the mayhem caused by individuals, either with extreme

political and social views or mental illness, we hope that our country will aggressively address issues that divide us and keep us from showing the best human side of us as people.

Tonight, we also have a special presentation about bike lanes and other traffic control strategies. Over the past few months several citizens have approached the Board indicating they are confused about bike lanes and special parking lanes. Tonight is an opportunity for the City to explain the reasons or rationale for these changes. We are and continue to be concerned about traffic safety and a rational process to move people around in a complex city like Detroit. Again, we are turning to planners and the managers of much of these new traffic enhancements so they can give you an understanding of the Why behind what is being done. Ms. Janet Attarian, Deputy Director of Planning and Ron Brundidge, Deputy Director of DPW.

We will also receive a presentation from the 7th Police Precinct, we have Commander Charles Mahone and Captain Kyra Hope will outline many of their efforts to address crime in your area.

Resolutions and Certificates of Appreciation for (BOPC and DPD)

- A) Resolution for Ms. Edythe Ford
- B) Resolution for Mr. Ralph Bland
- C) Certificate for Mr. Ernest Lucas IX
- D) Certificate for Ms. Mattie Oliver
- F) Certificate for Ms. Gwendolyn Gentry

Resolutions – (A) Ms. Edythe Ford (B) Mr. Ralph Bland

Resolution read into the record by Commissioner Burton (Ford) and Brooks (Bland)

RESOLUTION HONORING MS. EDYTHE FORD

- WHEREAS** Ms. Edythe Ford attended Western Michigan University and earned a B.S. in Communication, and a M.S. in History from Wayne State University. Ms. Ford is a loyal longtime resident of Detroit, residing in her home for 58 years. She has been an inspirational and outstanding parent to her two adult children; and
- WHEREAS** Ms. Ford is the Community Engagement Director for MACC Development, a community development corporation, 501c3 organization established in 2007. She has focused on caring for her neighbors, with God as her partner, by improving the living and working conditions in the Detroit 48214 community, "Neighbor by neighbor, block by block." Ms. Ford started with simple things such as sending volunteers to cut the lawns of older residents in the area, establishing a relationships with local patrol officers, so she could contact them directly regarding suspicious activity in the area and help maintain the safety of her neighbors and the surrounding neighborhood; and
- WHEREAS** Ms. Ford has worked closely with the Pingree Park Neighborhood Association, Charlevoix Village Association, LEAP Stakeholder, Parker Street Block Club, and the Detroit Police Department on a number of projects, for Detroit children and residents; and
- WHEREAS** Ms. Ford is also the business manager of D&D Storage Company, where she provides moving services, storage units and a resale store for the community; and
- WHEREAS** Ms. Ford is currently working as the Co-Chair for the 2017 Christian Community Development Association Conference in Detroit. She is a member of Mack Avenue Community Church, Charlevoix Village Association, and the Pingree Park Neighborhood Association.

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 Ms. Edythe Ford. Her dedicated public service and devotion to improving the quality of life for all citizens in her community and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

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RESOLUTION HONORING MR. RALPH C. BLAND

WHEREAS Mr. Ralph Bland is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the New Paradigm for Education (NPFE), leading 2500 students and over 350 staff members. NPFE schools are in the top highest performing schools in the City of Detroit, one of which is ranked number one by the Michigan Department of Education. Mr. Bland brought his passion for education to the Detroit Edison Public School Academy located in the Seventh Precinct; and

WHEREAS Mr. Bland has been the recipient of many awards, such as the Booker T. Washington Teacher Award for exhibiting exemplary instructional leadership, the Robert Kennedy Urban Education Award, the Blue Ribbon award for the State of Michigan among other state and national awards; and

WHEREAS The NPFE was selected to open the first Michigan Future High School, which was focused on sending students to, through and beyond college. The first four graduating classes has had 100 % acceptance into college. Moreover, of the 141 Pre-K programs that previously received a five-star rating, two of the five are NPFE schools; and

WHEREAS Mr. Bland is dedicated to this community. He has worked closely with the Seventh Precinct Neighborhood Police Officers on a number of projects, for the children and residents in the area. He has been inspirational to his students, parents, staff members and the members of the Seventh Precinct Police Department.

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, and committed support of Mr. Ralph C. Bland, and his tremendous efforts merits our highest regards.

Motion by Commissioner Vann to honor Edythe Ford and Burton Ralph C. Bland

Second, Vann.

Yes = 6 No = 0 Abst. = 0 Motion approved

COP Police Report: AC White reported on crime continue to trend downward. AC White also reported that the Department was investigating the incidents in Precinct 9 involving the chase of a citizens resulting in a fatal death of and the incident at the Meijer 8 Mile resulting in a confrontation with a shopper. White also reported on the Graduation at Greater Grace Church at 10:30 AM October 13, 2017. AC White also updated the Board on the condition of six injured personnel (sworn) and the families of two civilian employees with the Department. **Commissioner Vann** inquired about deescalation training and the standard that officers should observe in the cases where profanity is used in an encounter with citizens and the areas wherein an officer is allowed to strike a citizens in order to bring the citizen under control. **Commissioner Crawford** inquired about the typical deployment of officers on secondary employment, he asked if the officer at the Meijer store had a partner. Crawford also requested the Chief to share with the Board the list of secondary employment locations. **Vann** also inquired about the 9th Precinct chase and if the officers stopped to render assistance to the motorist involved in the incident. **Crawford** briefly outlined the department pursuit policy indicating it was one of the best in the country.

Presentations to the Board: (A) City Roads and Bicycle Lanes, J. Attarian (Planning) and R. Brundidge (DPW), (B) 7th Precinct, Commander Mahone and Captain Hope

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Deputy Director Janet Attarian (Planning) reported that Detroit has the highest bicyclist fatality rate in Michigan more that the cities of Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, Lansing and Warren combined. Attarian also indicated that 88% of the cyclists killed were male, the majority of the accidents involved people ages 11-13 and 44-46 years of age. Attarian also indicated that the average cyclist in Detroit is likely male, 12 or 45 year of age and African American. Attarian indicated that the objectives of the mobility network in Detroit was to create more choices, improve pedestrian conditions, slow but steady vehicular movement and define parking. Attarian stated that "Detroiters have a right to a choice of safe, quality mobility options, whether they walk, drive, ride their bikes or take a bus. She also indicated that based on studies, speed kills. Attarian used a chart to illustrate this that suggested that at 20MPH 9 out of 10 pedestrians survive a traffic encounter. At 30 MPH 5 out of 10 pedestrians survive a traffic encounter. At 40 MPH only 1 out of 10 pedestrians survive a traffic encounter. Attarian also discussed the "Pedestrian & Bicyclist Fatality Rates, City-Wide using crash data from 2012 thru 2016. She reported 103,806 vehicle crashes, 2,314

pedestrian crashes, 727 Bike crashes and 206 Deaths. Attarian also responded to the question of Why Bike Lanes in the Motor City? She indicated 1/3 of Detroiters do not have access to a car. That Detroit has over 50 bike clubs that ride weekly over the 243 miles of trails, bike lanes and greenways. Attarian concluded by indicating that a comprehensive bicycle network is designed to protect, connect mobility patterns. Is attractive and accessible. Is appropriate for all age ranges and is clear in its directions and is understandable of the citizens. **Commissioner Vann** indicated that the network was confusing and complicated for the average citizen and inquired on the educational efforts behind the network and if such a public informational campaign had been conducted before the implementation of the network.

(B) 7th Precinct, Captain Hope provide the Board with a report of the 7th Precinct. She indicated that over the last 28 days assaults were up by 15 incidents and burglaries up 4 incidents. In response, the 7th Precinct implemented strategies to employ the Precinct and its resources to targeted crime locations where existing crime have been reported. Captain Hope indicated that this data driven approach is used to manage their resources and partnerships within the DPD. She said this data is used to adjust and to focus resources on crime wherein they utilize tactics like customer notifications that include visits to previous offenders and their families in an effort to reduce crime. Captain Hope also reported on some results related to their strategies including robberies were down by 26% largely due to customer notifications. Captain Hope also reported on a successful National Night Out campaign, Appreciation Day with neighborhood businesses and a recent softball event designed to impact officers and community connections. Captain Hope also discussed the use of the Precinct's mobile units, the crime evidence section that take incident reports including print and DNA evidence. Captain Hope finished her presentation discussing specific patrol areas including the park patrol and other units.

BOPC Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports:

(A) Recruitment – Commissioner Brooks discussed several of the outreach projects “Drive to Thrive” associated with recruitment including a joint fund development program designed to help offset the costs of young students to obtain their driver license. Brooks indicated that one of the many reasons that young people are not being recruited is the cost of obtaining their driver license. The program is expected to remove the financial obstacles and allow for more of this target population to consider employment in law enforcement. **DC Bettison** also reported on plans for the NPO summit and the Drive to Thrive program.

Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks reported on 4 communications received by the Board including 2 notifications for change in dusty status requested by the Chief of Police for Officers Herd and Cadez. Hicks also indicated that OCI would have a table at the NPO Summit.

Old Business. None.

New Business. Commissioner Vann commented on former Commissioner Zeline Richard and her untimely passing and memorial services. Bell also acknowledged Dr. Conrad Mallett, Sr. untimely passing and memorial services. Bell also recognized the contribution of Commissioner Vann as pastor celebrating 40 years of service to Second Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Bernice Smith discussed the need to investigate the recent incident on 8 Mile Road and police chase in the 9th Precinct. **Eric Blount** inquired about the method for voting after closed sessions, inquiring if the vote are made in public view. **Martha Coats**, discussed the need to clearly mark and identify various traffic and bike lanes. **Todd Scott** supported the initiatives discussed by the Planning Department and its approach to bike lanes.

Motion to Adjourn.

Adjourned at 8:35 PM