

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: January 5, 2017 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters 1301 Third Ave., Detroit Michigan

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (January 5, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Ricardo R. Moore, Vice Chair	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Excused	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for January 5, 2017.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, December 15, 2016**

BOPC Officers Reports(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked Deputy Chief of the Chaplin Corp Avis Taylor to do the invocation. **Chairman Bell** asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Other elected officials, representatives and VIP's were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliation.

Chairman's Report: The Chair asked for the audience to include in their thoughts support for the Carter Family. **Tyrone Carter, II, son of Commissioners Lisa Carter and Tyrone Carter** was killed in an automobile accident over the holiday season (December 24, 2016). Bell indicated how well attended services for Tyrone Carter and how much respect and appreciation was accorded to the family during these difficult times. Bell asked for support for the Carter family as we move forward. Chairman Bell also acknowledged the passing of Andre Nelson, brother of Supervising Investigator Abdullah Nelson (December 21, 2016).

Chairman Bell joined by **Commissioner Crawford** raised concerns about recent reports in the media about Police Officers conduct. Two social media reports, one released by Motor City Muckraker on Officer Daniel Wolff <http://motorcitymuckraker.com/2017/01/03/detroit-cop-calls-city-residents-garbage-brags-assaulting/> and the other on Capt. Kurt Worboys was transmitted to BOPC via the BOPC Website, both questioned the conduct of the above officers. The Chief was asked to respond to these reports as part of his comments to the Board.

Chief of Police Report: **Chief James Craig** provided a general overview of crime statistics. Chief Craig commented on the reported conduct of the officers in general. Chief Craig also commented on a recent meeting with BOPC staff and his office on the budget. In response to the Chief's comments, Mr. Hicks, through the Chair, asked for an opportunity to engage on the question. **Mr. Hicks indicated** "Our position then (November 22, 2016) and currently (January 5, 2017) has been we are not experiencing lack of cooperation. The Department within reasonable period of time has gotten back with us regarding our requests. We are experiencing a fundamental problem in the system (financial system), which is largely systematic or a software problem. It is not a human problem, as the Chief said, it is the software. Most fundamentally, the system is making some calculation errors and assignment errors. We were a little perplexed that as they (DPD Financial/ Budget and CFO) moved to a new system and they did not run a parallel financial system, because these things tend to happen when you move to a new

system. I don't want it said either with 1st AC Stair or Agency CFO Jones, that we are having a problem in communicating. They bring back the information the system allows them to bring back. It turns out most of that information is not complete or accurate enough to complete this task (examination of the Department's financials). The bottom line of our meeting with AC Stair, we understand these problem exist, and they also understand these problems exist. And it's likely Ms. Jones probably understands more (problems in the system) than anyone. So we (indicated to 1st AC Stair) have to bring our analyst to an end, we have some data that appears to be incomplete or inaccurate. We continue to ask for additional clarification. We will within 2 weeks, no more than 3 weeks, we will close our analysis and report on the actual information we have."

Commissioner Burton asked if the BOPC was in deficit. Mr. Hicks responded, "We believe that we are in the black, given the amount of resources we have deployed. The reports that are being generated do not reflect that we are in the black. That's part of the calculation and assignment errors I am talking about. We are six months into the fiscal year and have \$321,000 available from a budget of \$3.5 Million. *(Editor's Note: Our preliminary figures suggest BOPC available funds balance remaining in the current fiscal year is approximately \$2 Million. The BOPC Budget subcommittee asked staff (1/9/2017) to reconstruct our financial information to determine a more realistic financial position of the BOPC. The above results reflect the analysis of our internal records).* If you take what is on DPD Finance tables (records) spent by us, we will run into a deficit soon. We know this is not the case, we are not fully staff, we know our expenses. We know we have a surplus notwithstanding the latest reports from DPD Financial. We have a fundamental problem in the way the system is absorbing the information and reporting it out. This is the broad problem we have with the budget. Operationally, we are not running a deficit.

Presentation to the Board: Lt. Lashanna Potts introduced the members of the Chaplain Corps at the meeting and working with a PowerPoint presentation outlined the mission of the Chaplain Corp. The total number of the Chaplain Corp is 55 individuals distributed across the city. (See Chief's Neighborhood Liaison Chaplain Corps PowerPoint presentation on file at the BOPC.

Presentation to the Board: Monthly OCI Report. OCI Chief Pamela Davis-Drake reported a 10% decrease on citizen complaints for December 2016 (1% decrease year-to-date). Open investigations are 174 cases, cases filed 1119 and closed cases 1108 (year-to-Date). OCI Chief also reported on basic demographic and findings of OCI complaints. Chief Drake filed a report with the Commission dated January 5, 2017. OCI Chief also reported on revisions to OCI SOP's indicating a copy of the same would be provided to Mr. Hicks and the Policy subcommittee for review and action.

OCI CCRs Closed - December, 2016						
Allegation	Findings					
	Total	Admin_Closure	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Sustained	Unfounded
Arrest	2	0	1	0	0	1
Demeanor	38	3	1	26	5	3
Entry	1	0	1	0	0	0
Force	8	0	0	8	0	0
Harassment	3	2	0	0	0	1
Procedure	61	13	13	14	7	14
Property	6	1	2	3	0	0
Search	8	0	4	2	0	2
Service	18	9	3	2	2	2
Total (77 CCRs Closed)	145	28	25	55	14	23

Presentation to the Board: Monthly Human Resources Report. HR Director Gail Oxendine reported the following data for December 2016,

Employment Category	Positions Filled	Positions Vacant	Total Positions
Sworn	2356	206	2562
Civilian	506	55	561
Total	2862	261	3123

Additionally, new hires for December 2016 include, Sworn (0), Civilian (3) and Police Assistants (3) for a total of 6 FTE's. The Detroit residency information as of November 30, 2016,

Residency	Total Sworn	Total Civilian
Detroit	629	323
Non-Detroit	1727	183

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: No Reports.

Board Secretary Report: No Report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Commissioner Vann inquired as to the order of business and suggested that the resolution for individuals be advanced in our agenda so that individuals waiting for the above be allowed to leave before the end of the meeting.

Resolution read by Commissioner Brooks for the retirement of **Trent Brown**.

**RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRED
POLICE OFFICER TRENT BROWN**

WHEREAS Trent Brown was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on June 13, 1994. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Brown began his career at the Eastern Precinct Support Unit; and

WHEREAS Officer Brown assignments also included the Tactical Services Section, Special Response Team Section, Ninth Precinct, and reassigned to Special Response Team until his retirement; and

WHEREAS During his law enforcement career, Officer Brown was the deserving recipient of one (1) Life Saving Citation, one (1) Perfect Attendance Award, two (2) Chief's Unit Awards, two (2) Chief's Citation Awards, two (2) Chief's Merit Awards, a Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, and numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

WHEREAS Officer Brown has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities for 22 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 throughout the law enforcement community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, award this resolution to Police Officer Trent Brown in recognition of his 22 years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards and best wishes for continued success.

Motion: Motion to honor former Retired Police Officer Trent Brown (Moore)

Second: (Dewaelsche)

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

Resolution read by Commissioner **Sanders** for the retirement of **James H. Lightfoot, Jr.**

RESOLUTION HONORING SERGEANT JAMES H. LIGHTFOOT, JR.

WHEREAS Mr. James H. Lightfoot, Jr. was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on August 12, 1985 and upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy he was assigned to the Seventh Precinct; and

WHEREAS Police Officer Lightfoot's assignments also included the Narcotics Section, Chief's Staff, Narcotics Special Operations Section, Narcotics Division, Community Policing Division, and Personnel Service Division; and

WHEREAS Police Officer Lightfoot displayed tremendous diligence and aptitude in his assignments, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on January 22, 1999. His first assignment as Sergeant was reassignment to the Detroit Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) followed by assignments in the Eleventh Precinct, Gaming Division, and Fleet Management where he remained until his retirement; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Lightfoot was the deserving recipient of one (1) Lifesaving Citation & Medal, two (2) Chief Unit Awards, two (2)

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Departmental Citations, three (3) Chief's Merit Awards, four (4) Perfect Attendance Awards, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, and the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, as well as numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and Sergeant Lightfoot, served the Department with integrity for 31 years and daily demonstrated his loyalty and dedication to the citizens of Detroit. His many awards, citations and letters of commendation attest to the fact of his standing 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 lifelong commitment to Public Safety of Sergeant James H. Lightfoot, Jr. His service of commitment and dedication have been invaluable assets to the Department and merit our highest regard.

We thank and congratulate you, Sergeant James H. Lightfoot, Jr.

Motion: Motion to honor Sergeant James H. Lightfoot, Jr., (Moore)

Second: (Crawford)

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

Announcement:

Next Meetings: Thursday, January 12, 2017 Community Meeting – 6:30 PM

Next Community Meeting, January 12, 2017, 12th Precinct, Unity Church, 17505 Second Avenue Detroit, MI 48203

Oral Communications: **Michelle George**, National Action Network expressed concerns about police operations and communications. **Bernice Smith** discussed her concerns about Police officers and their use of social media, and recommended that the Board re-examine and support the requirements to have CPR presentation in the schools. **Latrice Watkins**, discussed the need for unity and opposition to racism, Ms. Watkins addressed two types of racism – individualized racism and structural racism. **Roslyn Ogburn** request the department cooperation in a stolen vehicle incident occurring on Angel Night (2016) and expressed her concerns as to how seniors might obtain greater access to police services. **Markus Owens**, discussed a scholarly paper he is preparing on citizen complaints. Mr. Owen was referred to OCI Chief Drake for information. **Yolanda Billingley** discussed concerns with a robbery of her son and difficulty in obtaining information from Detectives, Ms. Billingley was referred to AC Stair. **Rico Razo** expressed his concerns about improvement to the department and the benefits to the community at large.

Bell: Meeting Adjourned. 5:07 PM