

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: March 23, 2017 – 3:00 PM

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

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (March 23, 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 (3:27)	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	11	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for March 23, 2017.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, March 16, 2017**

BOPC Officers Reports(s): After welcome, opening remarks and 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 affiliations. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Chairman Bell also inquired as to the conditions of POs Benjamin Akinson and James Kisselburg. The Chair also asked for the continued support and prayers for the mother of **Harrison Tolliver** and former Commander **Tony Quinn** had recent passed. Bell also reported on the DPD Academy class of 2017G and noted the increase number of candidates having criminal justice backgrounds and degrees. The Chair also called on Commissioner Dewaelsche to summarize the March 30, 2017 **Community Meeting re: Immigration** at LA SED Youth Center, 6:30 PM, (flyer included in Board package). Commissioner Dewaelsche highlighted the event and noted the participation of **Dr. Augustine Arbulu, Director**, Michigan Department of Civil Rights, **Chief James Craig**, Detroit Police Department and **Council Member Raquel Castaneda-Lopez**, Detroit City Council. Commissioner Brooks also reported on a special program on March 24, 2017 titled **Women Behind the Badge**.

Three resolutions were presented to the Board for action. Resolution read into the record for **Ian Becker** by **Vice Chairman Moore**,

RESOLUTION HONORING SERGEANT IAN BECKER

WHEREAS Mr. Ian Becker was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on January 12, 1998 and upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy he was assigned to the Second Precinct; and

WHEREAS Officer Becker assignments also included the Southwestern District and Narcotics. Officer Becker displayed tremendous diligence and aptitude in his assignment, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on January 11, 2007 and served at the Northwestern District, Narcotics and the Detroit Fugitive Apprehension Team where he remained until his retirement; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Becker was the deserving recipient of two (2) Department Citations, two (2) Chief's Unit Awards, one (1) Perfect Attendance Award, both Consent Judgment Awards, a Perfect Driving Award, a Fireworks Award, the Major League Baseball All-Star Commemorative Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Commemorative Award, and the Super Bowl XL Commemorative Award, as well as numerous letters of commendation from citizens and supervisors; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Becker served the Department with integrity for 19 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 exemplary service of Sergeant Ian Becker. His pride and dedication have been invaluable assets to the Department and merit our highest regard.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Motion: Motion to Honor Detroit **Police Officer Ian Becker** offered by Commissioner Moore,

Second: (Sanders)

Vote: Yes = 10 No = 0 Abst = 1 (Excused = 0) **Action: Approved**

Resolution read into the record for **Ian Becker** by **Commissioner Dewaelsche**,

RESOLUTION HONORING SERGEANT JASON SLOAN

WHEREAS Mr. Jason Sloan was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on May 6, 1996 and upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy he was assigned to the Twelfth Precinct; and

WHEREAS Officer Sloan displayed tremendous diligence and aptitude in his assignment, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on November 4, 2002 and served at the Twelfth Precinct, Ninth Precinct, Eastern District, Tactical Mobile, Northeastern District, Narcotics, Major Violators Unit, and the Firearms Investigative Team where he remained until his retirement; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Sloan was the deserving recipient of four (4) Department Citations, one (1) Chief's Unit Award, one (1) Lifesaving Citation, one (1) Perfect Driving Award, both Consent Judgment Awards, a Fireworks Award, the Major League Baseball All-Star Commemorative Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Commemorative Award, and the Super Bowl XL Commemorative Award, and the Thomson Reuters Everyday Heroes Award for finding a kidnapped child in 2016, as well as numerous letters of commendation from citizens and supervisors; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Sloan served the Department with integrity for 20 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 exemplary service of Sergeant Jason Sloan. His pride and dedication have been invaluable assets to the Department and merit our highest regard.

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Motion: Motion to Honor Detroit **Police Officer Jason Sloan** by Commissioner Dewaelsche,

Second: (Crawford)

Vote: Yes = 10 No = 0 Abst = 1 (Excused = 0) **Action: Approved**

Resolution read into the record for **Keri Smith** by **Commissioner Mallett**,

RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRED

POLICE OFFICER KERI SMITH

- WHEREAS** Officer Keri Smith was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on January 8, 1996. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Smith began her career at the Tenth Precinct; and
- WHEREAS** Officer Smith faithfully served at the Tenth Precinct, Western District, Recruiting, reassigned to Tenth Precinct, Criminal Investigation Bureau, and Detroit Felony Apprehension Team/ Narcotics where she remained until her retirement; and
- WHEREAS** Officer Smith was the deserving recipient of numerous awards and honors including one (1) Chief's Unit Award, one (1) Perfect Driving Award, both Consent Judgment Awards, a Fireworks Award, the Major League Baseball All-Star Commemorative Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Commemorative Award, and the Super Bowl XL Commemorative Award, numerous letters of commendations and letters of appreciation from citizens and supervisors; and
- WHEREAS** Officer Smith has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and surrounding communities for more than 21 years. Her professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity and dedication has been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. She is highly respected by her 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 lifelong commitment to Public Safety by Police Officer Keri Smith. Your exemplary service to law enforcement has been an invaluable asset to the Department and merit our highest regard.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Motion: Motion to Honor Detroit **Police Officer Keri Smith** by Commissioner Mallett,

Second: (Crawford)

Vote: Yes = 11 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 0) **Action: Approved**

Chief of Police Report: Representing Chief James Craig was **DC Charles Fitzgerald**. DC Fitzgerald introduced members of the Department and summarized DPD CompStat data for March 5, 2017, discussed the Year to Date Comps for Homicide (4% increase), Non-Fatal Shootings (4% increase), Sexual Assault (-9% decrease), Carjacking (-5% decrease). DC Fitzgerald also reported on the death of Officer Frank Gregory, II. PO Gregory died after a long battle with cancer.

Presentations to the BOPC Board: Detroit Building Authority and DPD Properties.

DBA Director Tyrone Clifton addressed the Board. Mr. Clifton gave a general outline of the work of the Detroit Building Authority. Clifton briefly discussed projects involving the 8th, 3rd and 7th Precincts. **Commissioner Crawford** and **Commissioner Vann** inquired about the progress of the relocation and building preparations for the Office of the Chief Investigator location (Palmer Park – Merrill Plaisance Street). **Mr. Clifton** indicated the DBA was attempting to arrange for the additional funding to support building repairs at the location. He indicated the business case was for \$1.595 Million. He further indicated after the funding was secured the project would move forward. **Commissioners Bell, Vann, Dewaelsche** each asked about how this report can be harmonized with the last report on Merrill Plainance wherein it was reported that the building was 80% completed and the focus of the remaining work was to secure the funds need to complete the 20% unfinished portion of the building at an estimated cost of \$300,000.00. **DPD Agency CFO Lisa Jones and Clifton** gave background information focusing on when the project was under the control of the General Service Department. Clifton indicated a problem developed with contractor and the contractor has filed for bankruptcy. Clifton indicated the project had been pulled from GSD and given to the DBA. **Commissioner Mallet** asked Director Clifton if the project, under its current configuration, is the best opportunity / alternative for OIC and if such an expenditure was fiscally sound? Director Clifton indicated given the requirements requested by OIC, the Merrill Plaisance location was the best location and he could not think of any alternative building location that would serve OIC's purpose. **Commissioner Vann** also inquired about a lawsuit associated with the first contract controlled by GSD and what are the associated costs of the lawsuit? **DC Washington** indicated she would communicate with the Law department and obtain information on the status and costs of the lawsuit.

Commissioner Dewaelsche asked about a written report outlining the current status of the project. Commissioner Vann added that such a report should have the necessary financial information including the costs and issues surrounding the first contract and the current business case be pursued by the BDA.

Motion: Motion to request from DPD Finance and Detroit Building Authority a financial accounting and status report on the project located at Palmer Park – 900 Merrill Plaisance St. by Commissioner Vann,

Second: (Dewaelsche)

Vote: Yes = 11 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 0) **Action: Approved**

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: Commissioner Brooks and Dewaelsche reported on work of the recruitment committee. Brooks indicated she had met with representatives of the Police Chaplin Corp and had begun to engage them in the recruitment work. Brooks also reminded the Board of the Women Behind the Badge program. Dewaelsche also reminded the Board of the important community Meeting in southwest Detroit about Detroit's police and Immigration.

Board Secretary Report: Mr. Hicks reported on several correspondence received by the Board.

- (A) Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Report; to HR from Det. Joshua Felix
- (B) DPD 2017 Improvement Plan 3/20/2017
- (C) Suspensions without pay; communications from COP via, DC Washington 3/17/2017
- (D) Draft Policy, COP – Body Worn Cameras, Directive 304.6 – New, March 17, 2017
- (E) Budget Questions re: FY 2017-2018, President Brenda Jones, Detroit City Council, Q #7
- (F) Budget Questions re: FY 2017-2018, Janee Ayers, Detroit City Council, Q #1 thru 4
- (G) OCI, Disciplinary Reports (various for the months of October 2017 thru December 2017)
- (H) Correspondence from the Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality, March 14, 2017

Commissioner Carter inquired about correspondence related to the Ceasefire program. The information was distributed approximately one week previously.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcement: Next Community Meeting: March 30, 2017, @ 6:30 PM to be held at the LA SED Youth Center, located at 7150 W. Vernor Hwy (48209).

Next Meeting, April 6, 2017, 3:00 PM at Detroit, Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, MI 49226

Retirement celebration for Chief Steven Dolunt (March 30, 2017)

Oral Communications: Fredia Butler discussed her concerns about the Board's vote to approve a suspension with pay for Police Officer Diaz. Bernice Smith acknowledged the 40th anniversary of Bishop Vann.

Chairman Bell accepted a Motion to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned.