

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: August 18, 2016 – 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 (August 18, 2016)

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 (3:25 PM)	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Excused	
Conrad Mallett	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for August 18, 2016.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, August 11, 2016**

BOPC Officers Reports(s): After welcome and opening remarks the **Chair, Bell** asked the body how it wanted to proceed with the schedule meeting of the Board for September 29, 2016 wherein the Board is expected to be at the NACOLE conference. The Chair inquired if the Board meeting should be cancelled or should the few Commissioners who are not planning to attend the conference attend the Board meeting and adjourn it until the next regularity scheduled meeting. No specific action was taken in connection with September 29th meeting schedule. The Chair requested a legal opinion on this matter indicating that this issue resurfaces each year and is in need of final resolution.

Following Chairperson's Bell remarks and introductions of staff, Chairman Bell introduced **Chief of Police Craig** who provided information on monthly crime statistics and other comments about the departments operations. Immediately following the Chief's remarks Chairperson Bell introduced **Hilton Kincaid**, Executive Director of Homeland Security and Evacuation Plans. ED Kincaid gave a presentation on the approach and planning associated with homeland security and evacuation plans for Detroit in general and specific sections of Detroit in particular. The presentation, in part focused on southwest Detroit because of the many physical challenges that would be involved in evacuating people and/or fighting chemical fires. ED Kincaid also discussed several of the warning systems and alarms that are available for early warnings and instructions for citizen evacuation.

Standing Committee Reports: **Commissioner Crawford** reported on a recent meeting of the Policy meeting and the process agreed upon by the subcommittee to amend policy directives to the Police manual. No actions items were forwarded to the Full Board from the Policy committee for Board action. **Commissioners Sanders** reported on the Meeting of the Budget Committee and the cycle that the committee agreed to review the BOPC Budget and the

DPD Budget. No actions items were forwarded to the Full Board from the Budget Committee for action.

Commissioner Brooks also reported on several meetings that she shared with **Commissioner Dewaelsche** in connection with police recruitment.

Board Secretary Report: No report.

New Business: None.

Old Business: The Chair requested the Board Secretary to update the Board on the planned Community Forum scheduled for September 8, 2016 at 6:30 PM on "Less than Lethal Weapons. The Board Secretary outlined the desire to have a panel discussion on the above subject with a cross section of viewpoints on the subject of Less than Lethal Weapons. Mr. Hicks indicated that he had reached out to Commissioners to obtain recommendations for medical doctors or other practitioners who have some experience or research interest in topics related to the forum.

Oral Communications: **Ms. Fredia Butler**, community activists discussed a positive experience with the department. **Ms. Michelle George**, practicing public health nurse and member of the National Action Network commented on racism and its negative impact on health, the observed practice of ticket writing as a sources for enhanced local revenues, and the low wages afforded police who work under unsafe conditions. Ms. Bernice Smith who discussed upcoming events that would focus on 5 Police Chiefs and 5 Mayors as part of a panel. She also indicated that she was attempting to pull together a similar forum involving Police Commissioners.

Adjournment. 4:46 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 25, 2016 @3:00 PM at Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Ave. Detroit, MI 48226.

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