

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: January 12, 2017 – 6:30 PM
 Location: Detroit Unity Temple, 17505 Second Ave., Detroit Michigan, 48203

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 6:30 PM (January 12, 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	Excused	
Lisa Carter	Excused	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Yes	
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 12, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:

Thursday, January 5, 2017 with corrections (Commissioner **Burton** asked if the BOPC was in deficit. Corrected to Commissioner **Crawford** asked if the BOPC was in deficit).

BOPC Officers Reports(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked Unity Temple **Rev. Gregory Guice** to do the invocation and provide any welcoming remarks. **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. Chairman Bell also asked for a moment to acknowledge the two officers who had recently been killed in Florida (**Master Sgt. Debra Clayton**, City of Orlando and **Sheriff Deputy First Class Norman Lewis**, Orange County, January 9, 2017). Chair also asked for continued payers for Commissioner Carter's family (**Tyrone Carter II**, December 24, 2016). Bell also indicated the Department would have a special ceremony for recently slain **Corporal Myron Jarrett** at the intersection of Monica and Puritan, wherein the street would be re-named in his honor. Chair Bell also acknowledged the election of a new Detroit Public School Board. The new President is **Iris Taylor**. Chair also reported on a recent reception in honor of **Vice President Joe Biden** held in Detroit. The Chair acknowledged the work of the current administration under President Obama and pray for the President – Elect "that he serve all of the people". Bell concluded by asking the Chief to provide information on a recent press conference related to Committee on Racial Equality (C.O.R.E.)

Resolutions: Resolution read by **Commissioner Vann** for the **Reverend Gregory Guice**.

**RESOLUTION HONORING
 REVEREND GREGORY GUICE**

WHEREAS Reverend Gregory Guice is a dedicated and committed supporter of the City of Detroit's Twelfth Precinct. He attended Marygrove College in Detroit where his curriculum was in Early Childhood Studies. In 1986 he received a Masters of Arts Degree in Clinical Psychology at the Center of Humanistic Studies; and

WHEREAS Feeling the call to ministry, Reverend Guice was ordained at the Unity School for Religious Studies in Lee's Summit, Missouri in 2000. Since that time, he has established himself as one of Unity's outstanding spiritual teachers of Unity principles and beliefs. His goal is to prayerfully demonstrate and teach the principles of Truth. Reverend Guice serves as

the Senior Minister of the Detroit Unity Temple. He is focused on the community and provides leadership with a positive presence in the areas that he serves; and

WHEREAS He created a community organization at Detroit Unity Temple that rallied together to fight crime within the neighborhood and he continues to reach out to the neighborhoods within various areas with the "Look for the Good" campaign. Teaching that good is always available, you just have to open your eyes to see "the good." Recently, he published an insightful and motivating book "The Courage to Conquer Fear"; and

WHEREAS Since 2010 Reverend Guice has been engaged with the 12th Precinct Community Policing Unit. He has provided lunch for the Police Officers on a regular basis. Reverend Guice has partnered with the 12th Precinct Community Relations Council and donated finances to assist with events that took place within the community. For the past three years the Police Department has partnered with WWJ Radio Station to donate toys to help bring Christmas to Detroit Kids in need, without hesitation Reverend Guice volunteered along with his youth group and collected many boxes filled with toy donations; and

WHEREAS Gregory Guice has been employed as a Counselor, Teacher and Social Worker in the Detroit area. He is currently involved with People for Palmer Park, a charitable organization of individuals committed to the preservation and revitalization for Palmer Park, for the good of all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the Twelfth Precinct and citizens of the city of Detroit acknowledge the dedication and servant spirit of Reverend Gregory Guice. His leadership and commitment to the community has been an inspiration to all who serve this city and its citizens.

We thank you and congratulate you, Reverend Gregory Guice.

Motion: Motion to honor Reverend Gregory Guice (Vann)

Second: (Moore)

Vote: Yes = 9 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 2) **Action: Approved**

Chief of Police Report: Chief James Craig indicated the subject of the press conference was a recently released copy of a confidential report (CORE Report) and the retirement of Daniel Wolff. (Officer Wolff after 21 years had resigned and apologized for remarks he had made about citizens in Detroit.) Chief Craig indicated he had impaneled the CORE committee to "address environmental issues" within the department. Chief Craig added the committee had attended some 47 roll calls sessions. Chief Craig summarized the mission of the committee was not to conduct investigations, but rather to "query and make assessments on any issues in the workplace". Craig said, the committee would periodically report to him and at the end of the period provided him with two reports, one with names and the other with redacted names (August 15, 2016, report date). Craig indicated that the design of the report involved speaking to officers anonymously, however one section had names and a follow-up environmental audit was performed on the Communications Section. He also indicated changes in the unit was made following the audit. Craig indicated that the confidential report was never intended to be released. Additionally, the Chief indicated last year he had been receiving reports from HR Director Gail Oxendine about increase workplace type issues and thought the committee approach would address these issues. The Chief outlined several of the recommendations made in the report including concerns about the Detective examination, segregated units in the department and diversity of the department's command structure. The Chief also described several corrective and enhancement approaches associated with the department including the identifying of female officers for SWAT Training. The Chief also indicated the pro-active values and approach of the committee and decided to keep the committee as a standing committee with the department structure. **Commissioner Moore** asked for clarification on the mission of the committee (SOP's) and **Crawford** inquired about other social media posting and accountability within the department. **Crawford** also expressed his concerns about issues of race with the department and around the nation. Commissioner **Vann** inquired into the Chief's understanding of the Freedom of Information Act request for information and confidential reports. Commissioner **Shelby** thanked the Chief on the empanelment of the CORE committee as a former command member. Commissioner **Mallett** indicated there is no such thing as a confidential report, and with few exceptions all reports are FOIA-able. **Mallett** also advised from his experience with the DMC the need to have standing operating procedure and advised continued monitoring of these concerns to keep a diverse command structure. Chief **Craig** also indicated there has been changes in the EEOC investigative process as a result of the CORE report. Chairman **Bell** concluded this section of the meeting indicating the need for more dialogue with the Chief and the department.

Presentation from the 12th Precinct: Commander **Johnny Thomas** and Captain **Gary Sorka** gave a presentation on the geographic, social and economic elements that make up the 12th Precinct. The 12th has about 92,000 people, including 4 high

schools and 2 colleges. Given the demographics the precinct has engaged several special efforts which has resulted in several statistical reductions including a 28% reduction in home invasions and 42% reduction in carjacking. Commissioner **Vann** complemented the leadership of the precinct. Commissioner Moore inquired about the resolution for officers. Commissioner **Dewaelsche** inquired about medical marihuana shops in the community. Dewaelsche requested that the department provide a quarterly update report on the Medical Marijuana facilities in Detroit. Chairman **Bell** also asked Don Johnson, President of the 12th Precinct Police Community Relations Board address the BOPC. **Mr. Johnson** gave a brief report of the work of the police community relations group.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: Commissioner **Brooks** and **Dewaelsche** reported on activities related to police recruitment. The report involved efforts to support students to obtain driver permits at Cody and work with the Detroit One-Stop Employment Centers operated by SerMetro and Detroit Employment Solutions, finally the report include work at Wayne County Community College and Greater Ebenezer Church. Commissioner **Dewaelsche** also commented on the diverse nature of the recent graduation class.

Board Secretary Report: No Report.

Old Business: None.

Announcement:

Next Meetings: Thursday, January 19, 2017 Regular Meeting 3:00 PM, Detroit Police Headquarters
Next Community Meeting, February 9, 2017, 9th Precinct, location to be announced.

Oral Communications: **Maggie Williams Henton** reported on the renovation of the Williams Center. The program provided recreational and tutorial services for youth. **Don Johnson** applauded the NPO's and other 12th Precinct staff and also gives awards to police personnel. Johnson also asked about the Rate and Tow Commission Meeting. Mr. Johnson also describe the large number of tow incidents and several companies that participate in Towing. **Samir Kareem** discussed Goch & Sons Towing and potentially illegal activities. Mr. Kareem was referred to DPD to make a criminal complaint. **Stephanie Lucas** complained as a victim of the towing companies. Complaint appears to have occurred on or around the DMC, Commissioner Mallett responded that he would facilitate a discussion and resolution with the command structure at the DMC. Theo Broughton commented on the term of office of President Obama. She also indicated a public showing of the movie 13, about the 13th amendment. Broughton also addressed the issue of body cameras and racism. **Tiawana Morris** retiree from the 12th Precinct applauded law enforcement. **Bernice Smith** discussed some public activities involving Vice President Biden. Ms. Smith also requested a copy of the CORE report and body cameras. Ms. Smith also applauded DPD.

Bell: Meeting Adjourned. 8:35 PM