

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: September 1, 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 (September 1, 2016)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Ricardo R. Moore, Vice Chair	Excused	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (3:32 PM)	Yes	
Lisa Carter (3:09 PM)	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Excused	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for September 1, 2016.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, August 25, 2016**

BOPC Officers Reports(s): After welcome and opening remarks the **Chair, Bell** asked each Commissioner to introduce themselves. Other introductions were made of BOPC staff, Chief of Police staff and select members of the audience. Chair Bell read into the record the following statement as requested Board action on the appropriate items included in his remarks (see below)

(1) Cancel September 29, 2016 Meeting. The majority of our Board is expected to be away from the city on September 29, 2016 at NACOLE's conference (September 25 thru September 29, 2016). The Board will not be able to conduct business for a lack of a quorum. To avoid the inconvenience to the public to travel to a meeting that will not occur and to avoid the expense of preparing for the meeting including the set-up required by Media Services, payment of services to our outside transcription contractor and the expense connected with other department resources, it is wise to cancel the September 29, 2016 meeting. The Charter mandates approximately 49 meetings per year, by cancelling the September 29th meeting, we will likely have 48 meetings over the course of the calendar year. The 48 meetings are in keeping with the spirit of the Charter and the Open Meeting Act wherein citizen notification of public meetings and citizen access are critical elements of an open democratic process.

A Motion is in Order for the Cancelation of the September 29th meeting. Motion to Table.

Motion by E. Vann

Second by D. Sanders

APPROVED: 8 – 0 - 0

(2) As Chair, I am announcing the formation of a new **Ad hoc Committee on Towing**. The committee is designed to look at our towing rules and close a few gaps in our rules. I have asked members Vann, Brooks and Carter to join me on this ad hoc committee.

(3) Please note in your package, a **press released** prepared by staff to **promote the September 8, 2016 Community Forum on Less Than Lethal Weapons**. We have received a lot of support in distributing information on this forum. Anyone who would like to help promote this forum should see Robert Brown before the end of this meeting.

(4) Please note that **Attorney Linda Bernard has separated from employment with the Board of Police Commissioners**. We will soon start an evaluation and search for legal representation. As this process becomes clearer, I will keep Board members informed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioner Crawford, forwarded to the Board from the Citizen Complaint subcommittee a report to authorize the sharing of CCR data with Data Driven Detroit to be used in the City of Detroit's Open Data Portal. Motion to Table.

Motion by R. Crawford

Second by D. Sanders

APPROVED: 7 – 0 - 0

Commissioners Brooks and Dewaelsche also reported on the work of the Police Recruitment Ad hoc subcommittee. Both indicated a large number of recruitment sites and activities that are jointly sponsored by a wide range of organizations and institutions including, SerMetro, WCCCD, and others. Please see a supplemental report attached.

Chief's Presentation: AC Dolunt provided the Board with the monthly crime statistics and discussed or answered questions as well as shared highlights of events which had occurred over the past week. AC Dolunt indicated that Chief Craig was away from the office on vacation.

Human Resources Bureau Monthly Report: HR Director Gail Oxendine reported on human resources for the August 2016. She indicated that total employment was 2808 (2308 sworn / 500 civilian), sworn recruitment in process was 153, new hires 73 (51 sworn / 22 civilian) and Residency (Detroitians sworn 629, 322 civilian, Non Detroiters, sworn 1679, 178 civilian). Director Oxendine also filed a detailed report with the Commission.

Office of the Chief Investigator Monthly Report: Chief Drake reported that for the month of July there was a 10% decrease in CCR's reflecting a 2% increase over the previous year. Open investigations 216, cases filed 658, cases closed 615. Of the 99 cases filed in July 2016, 45% of the cases involved unknown officers.

Reports/Presentations: Two Detroit Police Officers were award graduate scholarship by Wayne State University Department of Criminal Justice, **Sgt. Howard Phillip**, Badge # S-864 and **Sgt. Dawn Engel** Badge # S -924.

The Commission also received a presentation from the City of Detroit's Law department in connection with Marijuana Dispensaries Enforcement. The presenter indicated that the enforcement was based on city ordinance for illegal or failure to obtain business permits. The Department had tracked 250 dispensaries and currently believe that there are 273 dispensaries. 87 dispensaries were reported as being out of business and 171 were reported as open and operating. The Department made 10 raids in the last week and contemplates going to court under the nuisance theory to close another 20 dispensaries. The presenter also indicated that the Department does not take marijuana and other products from the establishment after the close of business, they leave then in the care of the "care-giver" of the subscriber. It was also reported that BSED also issues tickets for zoning violations and other violations of city code(s).

Board Secretary Report: None.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Oral Communications: **Ms. Fredia Butler**, community activists discussed the need for investigation into the large number of auto repair shops in her area. Ms. Buttler was referred to Director David Bell. **Bishop Ellis**, sister of deceased Robert Lewis Ellis discussed her disappointment with the murder investigation of her brother. Chairman Bell expressed the Board condolences and referred the matter to AC Dolunt for additional inquiries. **Bernice Smith** discussed events within her community and Tim Drakeford representing Tri-County Towing address the Board raising questions as to the suspension of towing permits for Tri-County Towing

Adjournment. 4:19 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 8, 2016 @6:30 PM, Community Forum at 1776 W. Warren Ave, Detroit Boys Scouts of America Headquarters Detroit, MI 48202.

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