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DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, September 27, 2018

3:00 p.m.

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1301 Third Street

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

1 COMMISSIONERS:

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3 WILLIE E. BELL, Commissioner (Dist. 4), Chairperson

4 DARYL D. BROWN, Commissioner (Dist. 1)

5 JIM HOLLEY, Commissioner At-Large

6 ELIZABETH BROOKS, Commissioner At-Large

7 SHIRLEY A. BURCH (Dist. 3)

8 WILLIAM M. DAVIS (Dist. 7)

9 LISA CARTER (Dist. 6)

10 WILLIE BURTON (Dist. 5)

11 EVA GARZA DEWAELSCHE, Commissioner At-Large

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13 GREGORY HICKS, Secretary to the Board

14 ROBERT BROWN, Executive Manager

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16 REPRESENTING OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

17 DEPUTY CHIEF TODD BETTISON

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1 Detroit, Michigan

2 September 27, 2018

3 3:00 p.m.

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5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Good afternoon.

6 AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you for coming to
8 our weekly afternoon meeting. It's good to see all of
9 you here. And I am, as you all know, Police
10 Commissioner Willie Bell, representing District 4. I
11 serve as chair of the board. I'll be conducting our
12 meeting today. On behalf of the board and for those
13 in attendance, thank you for joining us. And for
14 people viewing this meeting on your government cable
15 channel, thank you for viewing our meeting.

16 And I do not see the police chaplain at
17 this time, so I'm going to ask our very own Reverend
18 Holley, the commissioner, to give the invocation,
19 please. Thank you.

20 (Commissioner Holley offers the invocation
21 at 3:03 p.m.)

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you,
23 Commissioner.

24 At this time I ask the commissioners,
25 starting to my far right, to introduce themselves.

1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Commissioner Davis,
2 District 7.

3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon.
4 Shirley Burch, District 3.

5 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good afternoon.
6 Elizabeth Brooks, at-large.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Good afternoon.
8 Commissioner Darryl Brown, District 1.

9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good afternoon. Lisa
10 Carter, District 6.

11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Jim Holley, at-large.

12 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Eva Garza
13 Dewaelsche, at-large.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you,
15 commissioners.

16 He's walking up now. I'll pause to allow
17 Commissioner Willie Burton to introduce himself.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you,
19 Mr. Chairman.

20 Commissioner Willie Burton, District 5.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you for your
22 attendance. I thank all the commissioners for their
23 attendance.

24 Mr. Hicks, do we have a quorum?

25 MR. HICKS: Yes, we have a quorum.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Therefore, we're going
2 to move forward. The next point of business would be
3 introducing the staff, Mr. Hicks.

4 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just
5 prior to getting into the staff's introductions, I do
6 want to indicate for the record that Sergeant Quinn is
7 recording the meeting today, Media Services is
8 providing the audiovisual work today, and Susanne
9 Gorman is the court reporter for today.

10 And I do want to indicate that the next
11 meeting -- and of course there's Mr. Brown. As we go
12 to the front row, I see Mr. Wyrick for legal,
13 Ms. Blossom for community outreach -- media and
14 community outreach -- Ms. White for policy. And then,
15 I believe --

16 Mr. Tenille, you're here representing the
17 DPD Human Resources?

18 MR. TENILLE: Yes, sir.

19 MR. HICKS: That's Brian Tenille. He's
20 sitting over in that section here. And then, of
21 course, what we typically do is go to the chief
22 investigator, Dr. Polly McCalister, who will now
23 introduce herself with the balance of the staff that
24 works for the chief of the investigator.

25 DR. MCCALISTER: I'm Polly McCalister,

1 chief investigator, and attending today's meeting with
2 me -- Supervising Investigator Nelson, Senior
3 Investigator Moses, Senior Investigator Madrigal,
4 Investigator Quick, and Investigator Murphy, who
5 hasn't made it down yet, Investigator Neely,
6 Investigator Stanton, and Investigator Callaway.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

8 DR. MCCALISTER: And Investigator Hiller.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. Thank you, Chief
10 Investigator.

11 And at this time I'm going to ask -- maybe
12 I need to say one of our favorite deputy chiefs -- I'm
13 going to say our favorite deputy chief -- introduce
14 yourself. Since he's the only one here, I'm lucky.

15 DC BETTISON: Deputy Chief Todd Bettison,
16 for the record, representing for Chief Craig. Chief
17 Craig is at a meeting in the mayor's office, a
18 high-level meeting, and hopefully we'll have some good
19 news to report later today. They're working on
20 something that I'm pretty sure that the community and
21 everybody will be excited to hear.

22 So with that being said, the reason there's
23 an absence of the normal DPD compadres today is we
24 have an executive retreat, and that is occurring right
25 now with Wayne State. It started at 8:00 a.m., gets

1 over at 4:00 p.m. I was there because I'm part of the
2 executive staff, but I will not miss this meeting for
3 the world. So I said, "Chief, may I come and
4 represent you at the police commissioners meeting?"
5 So we do have chief staff folks here.

6 So, Sergeant Hewitt, will you please stand
7 for the chief's staff? And we will hold it down.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: That's why you're my
9 favorite. You're here.

10 DC BETTISON: I'm here. I look forward to
11 Thursdays.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes. We appreciate
13 you, and we appreciate Chief Craig and the work that
14 he's involved in with DPD and the mayor, you know, the
15 work of the city. So we understand these are always
16 day-to-day difficult times in terms of the business
17 part of it, and I'm glad that we are here as a board
18 to convene this afternoon.

19 So do we have any elected officials or
20 represented elected officials or any VIPs? All of you
21 VIPs just stand up. I know I see some VIPs here.
22 Just stand up. Thank you. Thank you.

23 We are going to move forward and -- oh,
24 yes. And the next item of business. Thank you.

25 We should entertain a motion to approve the

1 agenda for this afternoon meeting.

2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So moved.

3 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Support.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Been properly moved and
5 supported. Opposed? Discussion? Those in favor,
6 aye.

7 THE BOARD: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed? Motion
9 carried.

10 The next item would be approving minutes
11 from the September 20th meeting.

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So moved.

13 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Support.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly
15 moved and supported. Discussion? Those in favor,
16 aye.

17 THE BOARD: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Opposed? Motion
19 carries.

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Opposed.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: I'm sorry?

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Opposed.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Duly noted.

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Due to the fact that
25 I have not received an e-mail on the minutes, nor have

1 I got a chance to read the minutes.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Can I ask why he's
4 not getting it? This is the second or third time.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, Commissioner
6 Holley, you can ask why.

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So I'm abstaining the
8 minutes due to the fact that I have not received them
9 in an e-mail, nor have I got a chance to read them.

10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I understand that.
11 My question to the chair --

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, Mr. Hicks.

13 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, all of the
14 commissioners receive the same information, the
15 minutes, at the same time. It's bundled into one file
16 that is distributed to everyone. Occasionally, we go
17 into the file to check to see whether or not anything
18 had fallen off. The last attempt that I made, nothing
19 has fallen off. All of you should be receiving it at
20 the same time, and if anyone has not been receiving
21 it, if you let us know, then that might suggest that
22 there is a problem in the file. But to our knowledge,
23 there is no problem in the file, and everyone should
24 have received it.

25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know,

1 Mr. Chairman -- you know, I have raised before in the
2 past that it was things that I was not receiving, and
3 apparently, you know, whenever there's something for
4 immediate vote, I get that right away. Or immediate
5 discussion, the following day or something, I get
6 that. But when it's something that's important that I
7 need to look over, review, or whatever, I don't really
8 get that, and I don't really -- so I'm not the first
9 commissioner to say that I haven't received something.
10 I believe Commissioner Bishop Vann -- when he was on
11 the board, he often stated that he didn't receive
12 certain things, and also Commissioner Donnell White in
13 the past.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. Yeah.
15 Commissioner Burton, you've been duly noted.

16 I suggest we do this, Mr. Hicks, that you
17 send -- information you send out this week, which we
18 normally get, send it out in the morning, and ask
19 Mr. Burton for a reply: "I received it." Whatever
20 reply. If not -- if you don't hear from him, give him
21 a call. Could we do that?

22 MR. HICKS: Sure.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: If this is the first
24 time -- I'm not aware, but we normally receive it.

25 Any commissioner -- you do not receive --

1 it normally comes out on Tuesday, at the latest
2 Tuesday afternoon, so if you do not receive it -- it
3 would be nice also if you say, "Okay," or whatever.
4 "I got it." But, basically, we can resolve it. So
5 it's been duly noted that we can hopefully rectify it.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, sir.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: No problem.

8 Oh, yes. Okay. Thank you. Thank you.

9 The chairman's report: On behalf of the
10 board I want to express our concern and support for
11 fallen and injured officers. Our concern for
12 officers' safety and citizen protection is continued.
13 Our board receives a weekly report from the
14 department, listing injured officers. I would ask the
15 chief of police, or in this case the deputy chief, to
16 provide us with any additional information related to
17 injured and fallen officers.

18 The board meets every week except for
19 Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday. We meet at police
20 headquarters in a regular session three weeks in the
21 month on a Thursday. On the second Thursday we meet
22 in the community at 6:30 p.m.

23 Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7,
24 Chapter 8, "The board of police commission has the
25 power to provide civilian oversight and supervise

1 control of the police department. Our citizens are
2 justified when asking how the civilian oversight and
3 law enforcement help you as a citizen in our
4 community. The answer is we protect the civil rights
5 of citizens. Oversight organizations like the board
6 are the forefront in investigating, reviewing, and
7 auditing individual cases of citizen complaints and
8 operations by police agents to eliminate misconduct,
9 discriminatory police practice, unnecessary use of
10 force by police.

11 "Our work is based on developing and
12 supporting effective policing. Mutual trust and
13 respect between police and community is critical
14 towards increasing the quality of life of the
15 residents of Detroit. The board exists to provide
16 civilian oversight for the work of the police
17 department. As a board, we receive and investigate
18 noncriminal citizen complaints, monitor operation of
19 the department, work with the mayor and the chief of
20 police to make or modify police policy."

21 Before outlining the order of the meeting,
22 I want to share a few items with the board. Next week
23 we will not have a board meeting. As you well know,
24 many of us will be away from the city attending a
25 National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law

1 Enforcement, NACOLE, conference. The NACOLE
2 Conference is an opportunity for our board and staff
3 to connect with others' oversight agencies from across
4 the country and around the world. At the conference
5 we examine best practice in law enforcement, discuss
6 things that we can apply to our local jurisdiction.

7 This year Detroit will be conducting a
8 workshop -- I think it's perhaps one of the first
9 workshops -- Anatomy of Police-Community Relations:
10 Two Fatal Encounters and A City Keeps Calm.
11 Presenting at this workshop will be our very own
12 immediate past chair, Lisa Carter, and our very own
13 beloved deputy chief, Todd Bettison.

14 And thank you for committing to that.

15 DC BETTISON: Absolutely.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: So we're looking
17 forward to having an impact in the conference this
18 year.

19 Next year's conference -- put it on your
20 calendar -- will be held in Detroit in 2019. We're
21 going to organize and do several things as local hosts
22 for the conference. First, we want to show our
23 visitors from across the nation and around the world a
24 good, productive time in Detroit. I mean, we're
25 talking about a Motown greeting, a big "D" greeting.

1 And we want to really roll out the red carpet in the
2 same way that the National Association of Black
3 Journalism did a couple months ago. I was really
4 impressed by that. So we're going to rely on
5 Ms. Blossom to help us give that wholesome-type
6 meeting, you know, activities of -- this is Detroit.

7 Second, we want to open the conference for
8 more participation by Detroiters including clergy, the
9 not-for-profit community, government and civic
10 organizations. Third, we want to celebrate our
11 leadership role in police oversight. The board of
12 police commission will be celebrating our 45th year as
13 an oversight organization. Thanks to the wisdom of
14 the people of Detroit, our 1973 charter established
15 civilian oversight of the Detroit Police Department.
16 We believe that an active community, sound, strong
17 federal guidance, and our police oversight has allowed
18 us to enjoy a more civil relationship between our
19 community and the police.

20 We also note that each new vision of the
21 Detroit City Charter moving toward effective civilian
22 oversight has been enhanced and endorsed by the people
23 of Detroit. The chief of police has transmitted to
24 the board five proposed changes to the police
25 department, operative and directive. Proposed changes

1 are related to civilian -- I'm sorry -- citizen
2 complaints, human resources, custodial questioning,
3 polygraph examination, and bomb threats and
4 explosives. The board has posted these proposed
5 changes at our website. You can go to
6 www.detroitmichigan.government/governmentboards/bopc
7 [policydirective](http://www.detroitmichigan.government/governmentboards/bopc). I say it a whole lot. But you
8 should be able to find it without any issues.

9 We also ask the department to post the same
10 proposed directive at their website. This posting
11 will begin the 90-day review period when the policy
12 committee of the board will review these changes in
13 detail, discuss the proposed policy with the
14 department, and take under consideration any comments
15 from the general public. If you want to comment on
16 any proposed policy, please do so at
17 BOPC@detroitmichigan.government. The final decision
18 on any proposed policy will be made by the full board.

19 I would like to share that our office
20 received several communications about a recent
21 resolution that created a police department controlled
22 and operated civilian towing operation. The most
23 recent work on towing was encouraged by the chief of
24 police and the mayor. Given the large number of
25 criminal convictions in both the public and private

1 sector of the towing partnership in Detroit and other
2 communities surrounding Detroit, the board and the
3 city follow the many indictments and lawsuits that
4 impacted towing, and we concluded that something
5 different had to be done to protect the interest of
6 our citizens and visitors.

7 While there may be a number of potential
8 solutions, we acted on the recommendations of the
9 chief of police. And we know that others may disagree
10 with the approach that he has outlined. Later in the
11 meeting I expect to hear from several of the towing
12 companies. You can address the board on the oral
13 comments at the end of the meeting.

14 Today we have rescheduled a presentation on
15 body-worn cameras and electronic control weapons
16 because of the time conflict with the DPD staff. We
17 have a short presentation on the 2018 NACOLE
18 Conference from executive manager Melanie White and
19 the monthly report from the office of the chief
20 investigator, Dr. Polly McCalister, PhD, who will give
21 the OCI report.

22 During the end of the meeting we will have
23 oral communication. Please make sure you print your
24 name on a speaker card. Cards are located in the back
25 on the table or can be obtained by seeing Mr. Brown to

1 my far right. We will need your card before the
2 beginning of public comments. We will hold each
3 speaker to the allotted two minutes.

4 And I just want to say about the towing
5 issue that I stated at the last meeting, we -- going
6 back to 2017 -- I say "we" -- the chair, the vice
7 chair, and -- the vice chair at that time. I was the
8 (inaudible) -- meaning -- dealing with this towing
9 issue. I think this year the mayor and the chief
10 indicated they would be moving in this direction due
11 to the circumstances of what we are dealing with.
12 They did not know a timetable, but I want to clarify
13 there was discussion with the mayor and the chief, and
14 perhaps the reporter got it a little wrong about, you
15 know, what Bell said, what the chief said. But,
16 basically, Willie Bell, as chair, who stated last
17 week, yes, there was serious discussion that the City
18 of Detroit, DPD, was moving towards private towing.

19 But, as you well know, we did not have any
20 impact on that decision. That decision, based on best
21 practice of the chief and the mayor, had come up with
22 over -- really over two years of dealing with
23 corruption and -- the towing been a issue my entire
24 police career, as we well know. For those who work
25 with the City of Detroit, you know it's always been a

1 towing issue, not just in the terms of DPD but also in
2 the private towing issue in the city of Detroit. So I
3 commend -- I think this board made the right decision
4 in reference to the support, and I appreciate -- as we
5 go forward, we will hear more about it.

6 Closing on this item, Chief Craig had a
7 meeting with the towers yesterday. I assume it was,
8 like, a couple hours or whatever. I don't know the
9 time frame. But the chief indicated to me that it was
10 a good meeting. It was a good dialogue. There was no
11 hostility there. It was a good meeting.

12 So I don't see any towers here this
13 afternoon. Maybe -- but we are willing to meet with
14 the towers in two weeks as a -- board members, not as
15 a full board because we cannot meet with them as a
16 full board 'cause it has to be a -- we are willing.
17 We'll be communicating with them sometime next week in
18 terms of the date and time to give them the
19 opportunity to share their concern in a similar
20 fashion. Two or three towers made that request, so
21 we're going to honor that request if they still want
22 to meet with the board of police commission. So that
23 is our position as we move forward. And thank you.

24 Our next item would be hearing from the
25 deputy chief.

1 DC BETTISON: Thank you, Chair. We'll
2 start out with the report on crimes through
3 September 23, 2018. So in the category of homicide,
4 we're down 5 percent. 2017, we had 204; 2018, same
5 time this year we have 194. Sexual assault -- you can
6 look at the report. It shows a 49 percent increase.
7 2017: 438 reports of sexual assault; in 2018, 654.
8 Get to the crime of robbery, we're down 13 percent.
9 Carjacking, we're up -- slight uptick -- 5 percent.
10 So 2017, 221; 2018, 233. Category of aggravated,
11 assault we're down 4 percent. Nonfatal shooting is
12 down 12 percent. Total violent offenses down
13 4 percent. Crime of burglary: We have a 14 percent
14 reduction. Larcenies: 0 percent, so the same as last
15 year at this time. And stolen vehicles are down
16 22 percent. So total property offenses for the
17 city -- our police department -- we're down 10 percent
18 for a total of Part 1 crimes of crimes that are
19 listed -- down 8 percent.

20 Of course the concern is always when you
21 report out an uptick in sexual assaults. You report
22 out that it's 49 percent. It's been explained, or the
23 explanation has been given at previous board meetings,
24 as to a new reporting procedure that we implemented,
25 where we take (inaudible), report law enforcement

1 notifications. So if it comes in via school social
2 worker, or someone reports or they believe that sexual
3 assault has occurred, once they notify the Detroit
4 Police Department, we automatically enter that into
5 our system as a crime. So previously we didn't do
6 that; now we do from that aspect of it. So that's
7 what's led to the 49 percent uptick.

8 Commissioner Bell, you summed up the whole
9 towing piece. You even talked about the meeting that
10 Chief Craig had. So I was there, present at the
11 meeting, and it went exactly as you described. It was
12 a very productive meeting. It lasted approximately an
13 hour and a half. The chief gave his commitment
14 towards being agreeable to meeting, working with the
15 towers, and listening to their concerns. He candidly
16 said, "At this point, because it's so early in the
17 process, we don't have all the answers, and we will be
18 evaluating it as we go." And, of course, being
19 transparent in the process, which has oversight of the
20 process and to the community as well. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

22 Any questions or concerns for the deputy
23 chief?

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Of course.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question: As it
2 relates to the carjackings, are they going up in any
3 special areas of the city more so than others or a
4 special time of the day or evening or night?

5 DC BETTISON: We haven't seen a particular
6 pattern, per se, as far as carjackings. In that
7 5 percent that -- that 5 percent uptick, when it's
8 considered to 2016, we were down 4 percent. So we
9 don't see where it's been a pattern, per se. So the
10 answer is no.

11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So it's spread out?
12 It's not just one area of the city?

13 DC BETTISON: Right. Absolutely. It's a
14 crime of opportunity more so.

15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I have a question for
16 the DC Bettison.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: We've noticed a lot,
19 when you see it on TV at least, that you see cars or
20 trucks ramming into business places. Is that
21 beginning to be, like, a habit? Because it happened
22 last weekend in the 11th Precinct. The business was
23 closed, but they rammed the side of the building. So
24 they weren't looking to get in. So is that becoming,
25 like, a habit of people, losing control, or are they

1 going in to rob?

2 DC BETTISON: So that is a crime of -- it's
3 a burglary offense. We classify robbery as the taking
4 from a person. With that particular crime -- what
5 we've seen is, by the persons that we've apprehended,
6 it's various crews. At one point we were
7 investigating two crews that had upwards of 20 members
8 in each crew that was responsible for it. But the
9 more that it's advertised and the more people hear
10 about it, other folks will say, "That's a good idea.
11 I want to try it, too."

12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Copycats.

13 DC BETTISON: Yeah. So we've seen it
14 spread, and we've made apprehensions and arrests for
15 that, but that's been one of the things for concerns.

16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any other questions or
18 concerns for the deputy chief? If not, I have, I
19 guess, two concerns.

20 First of all, have you received -- the
21 department received any complaints in reference to the
22 bike lanes that are spread out? I know it's a
23 community issue, and I'm just wondering, you know --
24 it's changing your driving habits. You know, people
25 are accustomed to two lanes and are now down to one

1 lane. I just traveled down East Warren from my
2 neighborhood, and, you know, you got the one lane.
3 You're accustomed to two lanes. And, you know, the
4 whole issue -- how are you -- some people are driving
5 in the parking lanes -- or -- the bike lane. Could
6 you respond to that?

7 DC BETTISON: Absolutely. It's an
8 educational piece. It's something that's new to the
9 city. It even took our officers a minute to get used
10 to it as well, so we had to educate our own. And then
11 from the community standpoint, we have taken an
12 approach as far as education over just ticketing when
13 we've pulled individuals over, and it's a education
14 piece, educating them. Because sometimes people truly
15 don't know, and we want folks to change their behavior
16 and pattern; however, if it's blatant speeding,
17 there's other offenses involved, you know, it's up to
18 the officer's discretion. But some folks have
19 received tickets.

20 And we have received complaints sometimes
21 when it has been individuals parking in the bike lanes
22 and it's a continuous thing. So we'll get a tip that
23 every day a green F-150 parks in bike lane at such and
24 such time between this period. We know that the
25 individual's been warned, so we will definitely at

1 that point ticket and tow the vehicle.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Chief, who makes that
4 decision? Who makes the decision about changing the
5 complex of the city in terms of bike lanes rather
6 than, you know -- who makes that decision?

7 DC BETTISON: That -- the police department
8 does not make that decision.

9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Who does?

10 DC BETTISON: I would say it starts at the
11 very top. It would be the planning and -- if I could
12 even think of the department -- Maurice Cox. It falls
13 up under his shops, up under the mayor's office, city
14 hall, the urban planning. And I'm probably messing up
15 the exact name of the office, but it's that entity
16 that looks at city streets, that looks at the future
17 of Detroit. I know they have a traffic safety
18 committee where they also examine, you know, the
19 number of accidents, how to calm traffic, how to put
20 barriers places, for example.

21 By talking to the traffic safety
22 engineering folks, I didn't understand why the median
23 was placed in the middle of Livernois on the Avenue of
24 Fashion. So the community was complaining to me,
25 saying, "Why is it there?" As a police person, I

1 couldn't answer that, but by meeting with traffic
2 safety engineering, we got a grant for a substantial
3 sum of money because they had so many fatal
4 pedestrian-car-vehicle accidents there. Because
5 Livernois at the time was very wide, and with the
6 businesses, cars were doing U-turns, and when
7 pedestrians were trying to cross the street, cars were
8 striking them. So that was put there in place to
9 force them not to be able to do the U-turns but to go
10 to the median to do a little turnaround, and it slowed
11 traffic, thus reduced the number of ped-vehicle
12 accidents. So I know it's a science behind it.

13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I guess I'm asking --
14 and I thank you for that, though. Through the chair,
15 should not we know, I mean -- know community -- know
16 community input about traffic? And I'm talking -- I'm
17 talking -- you know -- you know, I wanted to see is
18 there something -- well, it's not in our jurisdiction;
19 so -- but that's -- that's -- I can't believe that you
20 change the complex of the city without -- without
21 community input.

22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: That's right.

23 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm not trying to --

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: I can elaborate on it,
25 specifically. I've been on the east side of

1 Detroit -- two or three different forums, a couple of
2 the mayor's forums, and that issue was really high
3 profile in the community. And the mayor was about to
4 pull that. And then from there, I guess, he was
5 convinced to have -- gave people a little more time to
6 designate what you see now -- the painting, the
7 markings, and all that. But the community in my area
8 on the east side was really concerned about the whole
9 issue of the bike lanes coming in without any
10 education for the DPD. We had a two-hour -- I mean,
11 we had an hour meeting on this subject last year, and
12 out of that meeting is -- Commissioner Vann said, "I
13 still don't digest what you're trying to convey to
14 us."

15 So the mayor said he would revisit this --
16 and I have stated this before -- he would revisit this
17 in November. So if you have any concerns about that,
18 then you need to talk to the mayor's office and also
19 the district manager and the deputy district manager
20 and your council people about the issue, 'cause it's
21 above our pay grade. But we get impacted because
22 people is coming to us, complaining about DPD in terms
23 of how they interact (inaudible). But, as you stated,
24 this came in and -- the whole driving habits in
25 Detroit.

1 So, bikers, we understand, you know, the
2 whole issue, but it did not help us, you know. But I
3 won't debate it, but that's where it stands. That's
4 where it lies.

5 My second question: dollar stores. We
6 know dollar stores are a easy target, and I think we
7 raised that issue before. Is there any -- the most
8 recent shooting, the young man, the security guard,
9 you know, the perpetrator and all that. But dollar
10 stores are throughout this -- are they cooperating to
11 try to address this issue? I mean, you know -- I
12 mean, they are a easy target for some reason. They're
13 not part of the Green Light. They're not, you know --
14 and I just say is there any update on where they stand
15 on these issues or employees' endangerment or public
16 endangerment?

17 DC BETTISON: Through the chair, we've
18 engaged Family Dollar and the dollar stores. They
19 have a certain business model, and they have been
20 persistent when following that business model. We've
21 made environmental suggestions that would reduce risk,
22 and at this point they continue to go with the
23 business model. But we are persistent, meaning the
24 department. We will revisit. We will not give up. I
25 will -- you can mark that as a to-do item, and I'll be

1 able to report back. But within the next three weeks,
2 we will go out and meet with the management, the team,
3 and have some conversations to see what we can do.

4 And for the community and the listening
5 audience as well, we definitely want to hit the 500
6 mark for our Green Lights by the first of the year, so
7 community support -- encourage the dollar stores to
8 become part of Project Green Light. That's something
9 that we can all do. We know that that helps as far as
10 reduction of crime, and we would love for the dollar
11 stores to come on board.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Any other
13 questions?

14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes, I have a couple
15 questions. Going back to the bike lanes.

16 And, Deputy Chief, you said that education
17 is key, but I haven't seen a pamphlet or a PSA or
18 anything, so I think that that should be at the top of
19 the list. Because you can tell one person, when
20 they're parked in the bike lane, about it, but if we
21 don't educate everybody with respect to what you can
22 and can't do with the bike lanes, then it continues to
23 happen. So I think that a huge part of it is the
24 education piece, and I think that you have the
25 platform to do some of the things through your

1 Facebook page and free of charge. Not -- I mean, that
2 won't cost a lot of money through your Facebook page
3 and through your other social media platforms. So
4 that's one thing.

5 And then the second thing was the dollar
6 stores. With respect to the dollar stores, through my
7 work from -- through my work at the Center For Urban
8 Studies, we have tried to reach out to the Family
9 Dollar Stores as well. They would rather take the
10 loss of a robbery than to put -- than to invest in the
11 Green Light project. So my suggestion would be to
12 patronize stores who have your best interests at
13 heart.

14 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: I agree with you
16 100 percent. I think we all agree with you 100
17 percent.

18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair?

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: One more comment off
21 of what Reverend Holley said. I'm sorry --
22 Commissioner Holley.

23 I'm not picking on you, DC Bettison, but
24 you're the sounding board today. I wanted the
25 audience to understand that when decisions are made in

1 your community, I think it's only right that the
2 community leaders and block clubs should be brought to
3 the table because I think we kind of have a better
4 idea of what we need in our community. And sometimes
5 these plans are made, and we don't know it, just like
6 you were saying with the bike.

7 There are different things in our
8 neighborhood that -- we know what we need. And we're
9 trying to get away from the premise of "Only the
10 dollar store and Family Dollar is all Detroit
11 deserves." So I just think whoever you need to take
12 that back to, whoever these people that are planning,
13 consult the people that live there -- the homeowners,
14 block club members, and all of that. So I'm not
15 picking on you. You do a fabulous job. But I'm
16 talking to the top, these that make decisions for us
17 where we live. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

19 DC BETTISON: Through the chair.

20 Ms. Burch, definitely couldn't agree -- one
21 of the things that we definitely have to do is make
22 sure that we encourage the community to come out,
23 because with these community forum meetings, you have
24 two sides. You have a group of folks that want them
25 and a group of folks that don't want them, and we have

1 to make sure that we get our folks out to these
2 various meetings.

3 And then, through the chair.

4 Commissioner Carter, I couldn't agree more
5 as far as the education and utilizing social media and
6 free media forums. And one of the things that the
7 traffic safety folks in the planning department is
8 doing -- it is they're changing the signs based off of
9 the feedback so that when you're looking at it, it's
10 more pictorial to be able to show you exactly what --
11 so they're constantly trying to upgrade so that it's
12 more self-explanatory. So I think some improvement --
13 and they do have plans that will work to get out the
14 pamphlets also. It should have come a lot sooner. I
15 will say that; so. . .

16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the chair.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Sometimes people
19 don't know what a sign means. I mean, sometimes you
20 have to hear it, and the sign -- just putting up a
21 sign won't work. And I'm one of them.

22 (Laughter.)

23 What does that sign mean? I don't know
24 what that means, but when I hear it, it's something
25 different. So thank you for the information.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chairman?

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: One more thing. Then
5 I will be quiet. I just want to commend DC Barren,
6 because we were late last night coming in -- back into
7 the neighborhood, and I noticed -- which I know the
8 store. I noticed that the green light wasn't
9 flickering. And I said, "That's strange." So,
10 anyway, I called him later that night. He answered.
11 He addressed the -- to make a decision that made a
12 solution out of it. The green light will be back on,
13 but that owner didn't know, and so that put that store
14 in jeopardy because some people are watching to see if
15 that green light is working. So I just wanted to
16 commend DC Barren.

17 Great job, sir.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Thank you.
19 How late at night did you call him? I don't want to
20 know. We can move on.

21 NACOLE Conference -- Ms. White is going to
22 come to the podium.

23 MS. WHITE: Good afternoon, your honorable
24 board.

25 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.

1 MS. WHITE: I am Melanie White, executive
2 manager of policy and planning, and today I am
3 providing you with the NACOLE 2018 updates. We are
4 excited about this year's 24th annual NACOLE
5 Conference. You should already have your binders, but
6 if you don't, we will make sure that you get that
7 information. But enclosed in your binder you will
8 find valuable information regarding the conference,
9 which will be held in St. Petersburg, Florida,
10 starting Sunday, September 30, 2018, through Thursday,
11 October 4, 2018. The conference sessions will take
12 place at the Vinoy Renaissance located in
13 St. Petersburg, Florida.

14 "This year's conference theme is sustaining
15 reform and advancing justice. The conference sessions
16 are assigned under four tracts -- training for
17 oversight, building public trust, sustainable reform
18 efforts, and correctional oversight. Civilian
19 oversight of law enforcement is fundamental to U.S.
20 policing and comprehensive criminal justice reform.
21 To that to end, this conference will provide useful
22 information for you to continue providing effective
23 and efficient oversight of law enforcement.

24 "Further, the conference will also
25 highlight the many achievements that you, as well as

1 other civilian oversight agencies, make every day
2 toward police and criminal justice reform. Your
3 NACOLE Conference binder includes relevant articles
4 and handouts consistent with the plenary sessions and
5 workshops. The articles provide you with background
6 context of the subject matter as well as update you on
7 current and emerging trends. Giving the changing
8 landscape of civilian oversight, the articles are
9 beneficial and address a number of key items for
10 oversight agencies' education, and listed in your
11 packet you have all of those articles available.

12 "Also, included in your introduction letter
13 listed below are transforming plenary sessions and
14 exciting workshops that will revolutionize the scope
15 of civilian oversight. Information ranging from local
16 impact, broad impact, and emerging impact help
17 illustrate the sessions' helpfulness with Detroit
18 Charter Mandates and BOPC goals. So please be sure to
19 check the conference schedule for further updates.

20 "Also, as was mentioned earlier, don't
21 forget to attend the conference session featuring our
22 very own board of police commissioners and the Detroit
23 Police Department. The session, Anatomy of Police
24 Community Relations: Two Fatal Encounters and A City
25 Keeps Calm, will be held on Wednesday,

1 October 3, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Our very own
2 presenters, immediate past chair Commissioner Lisa
3 Carter, Deputy Chief Todd Bettison, chief's
4 neighborhood liaison unit of the Detroit Police
5 Department, will focus on key components and
6 initiatives that serve the community with civilian
7 oversight when law enforcement agencies consistently
8 collaborate to build community trust.

9 "As a reminder, please do not forget to
10 cast your votes for the upcoming NACOLE board election
11 and bylaws provisions. Please also see that relevant
12 information in your binders. And, additionally, the
13 NACOLE package includes a section for your conference
14 travel materials. Please keep track of all related
15 material for reporting purposes."

16 Finally, if you have any questions or
17 concerns, please contact Mr. Robert Brown, executive
18 manager of administration; myself, executive manager
19 of policy; and Mr. Gregory Hicks, secretary to the
20 board of police commissioners.

21 "We look forward to seeing you in
22 St. Petersburg, Florida, and please have a safe trip.
23 Sincerely, Mr. Gregory Hicks, secretary to the board
24 of police commissioners."

25 I would also like to take this time to

1 thank staff for assisting with the preparation for the
2 NACOLE -- of us attending the NACOLE Conference. And
3 I can take any questions you might have at this time.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioners, any
5 questions or concerns?

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No. Just thank you
7 for the work you guys do, for gathering that
8 information. But it was very orderly presented, and
9 it was an easy read, and I really appreciate it.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: And perhaps -- we don't
11 have to do it this week, but when we return -- we can
12 make sure that commissioners who did not attend get
13 the same information. You might have that in mind
14 already.

15 MS. WHITE: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. Thank you.

17 They will get the same information, and we
18 will be bringing back a flash drive of all the
19 activities, and we'll make sure you get a copy of
20 that. And you can, at your leisure, review all of the
21 seminar and whatever -- participated -- put on that
22 flash drive.

23 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: I echo our vice chair.
25 Thank you for the excellent material, for putting this

1 together. We're looking forward to a great -- and I
2 think -- I'm really -- I'm pleased that our DC is
3 going with us. And that's getting back to that
4 partnership that we want to establish, which is
5 ongoing, so it's just really a "plus" plus to have
6 that type of partnership. People need to see that,
7 you know, not just locally but on a national level,
8 that we're all in this together. We must work
9 together. So get that accountability to civilian
10 oversight in terms of working together. And that's a
11 PSA announcement.

12 Thank you.

13 MS. WHITE: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: And next would be our
15 chief investigator, Dr. Polly McCalister, with the
16 OCI.

17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: While she's getting
18 ready --

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Through the chair.
21 Is it -- can I recommend when we have guest
22 presentations, not that -- we don't call this a guest
23 presentation.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Right. This is
25 in-house.

1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: In-house. But can we
2 put a time limit on it, you know, based upon how
3 important it is?

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Like civil rights I
6 thought was very good, and the timing was good, but
7 sometimes they go on, and we hear people repeat the
8 same thing three or four times. So I'm just asking
9 can staff be directed to --

10 COMMISSIONER Bell: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: -- perhaps -- guests
12 will have a -- and then they will -- they will
13 recommend it to us if this -- if 10 minutes is enough
14 and we vote on that or whether they need 12 minutes.
15 But I think that we need to really put a timing on
16 the -- and while nobody else is -- no guest is here.
17 I wanted to do it now. I don't want to try to
18 embarrass anyone. Is that something --

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir. We have had
20 dialogue about that, and we are working that out. So
21 in the future we'll be making sure that all our guest
22 speakers and everybody will have a time allotment
23 we're going to abide by. So definitely that is a
24 concern. So we are going to address that. Thank you.

25 Thank you, Ms. Burch, for sending the

1 e-mail and verbally speaking to that issue on the
2 record. So we are going to rectify that.

3 So how many minutes do you need?

4 (Laughter.)

5 DR. MCCALISTER: We're going to both start
6 at the same time.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay.

8 DR. MCCALISTER: Good afternoon, board.

9 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.

10 DR. MCCALISTER: Chief Investigator Polly
11 McCalister, and this is Senior Investigator Madrigal,
12 and she will be our interpreter for today.

13 So every month we come with a different
14 theme. This month we want to talk about the future of
15 the chief investigator, but before you talk about the
16 future, you really got to talk about leadership. So
17 leadership focuses on the mission and the people.
18 Leadership is important, and the leader's job is to
19 create the desired future for their department.
20 Leaders examine the role of the organizational
21 learning capabilities in an effort to examine links
22 between gaps that exist in hopes of creating
23 sustainability.

24 So within our department, we don't have a
25 lot of movement. We're kind of, like -- it's three

1 positions; then you're done. So we have to look at
2 how do we retain our good staff, 'cause we have lot of
3 them that are highly skilled, and that comes from
4 creating a new vision.

5 (Spanish translation being given.)

6 DR. MCCALISTER: So for our future we
7 wanted to address our limited advancement positions.
8 So we're working on professional development by
9 creating advancement opportunities internally such as
10 mediation initiatives with Senior Investigator Moses,
11 offensive slurs initiatives with Investigator Makeeba
12 James -- and she'll be working along Corporal Dani
13 Woods. She's the liaison for the LGBT community.
14 And, as always, our "Think before you speak"
15 initiative with Investigators Murphy and Quick,
16 Supervising Investigator Akbar, and our own Senior
17 Investigator Madrigal.

18 So September 5th, Investigators Murphy and
19 Quick went to downtown services, and they spoke with
20 them on how to prevent complaints. They spoke about
21 the "Think before you speak" initiative, and as of
22 today, I've gotten rave reviews. Not only were they
23 humorous, but they changed the concept of "We're out
24 to get them." The officers said that they felt like
25 we actually cared about their careers because we came

1 out and spoke about how to prevent complaints.

2 October 9th, we will all be going to the
3 4th Precinct community relations meeting. We have a
4 presentation set up at 6:00. Madrigal will be our
5 translator, and we're going to talk about recruitment,
6 community awareness, which will talk about what the
7 board actually does, and my role will be talking about
8 citizen complaints. And each initiative has a
9 positive link to our investigations and our
10 investigators.

11 (Spanish translation being given.)

12 DR. MCCALISTER: So now we're into our
13 actual monthly report. We actually had a 10 percent
14 increase for this month. We also had graduated a
15 class, and a lot of times when we put new officers on
16 the street, procedure increases, and I think that's
17 where we got our 10 percent from.

18 DR. MCCALISTER: We continue to add to this
19 chart so precincts can monitor how many complaints
20 their officers are actually receiving in hopes that
21 they can monitor your conduct. The unknown, if you
22 look, is rather high. It's 45. But out of that 45,
23 the OCI investigators have identified 20. It's a lot
24 of work to identify the unknowns. It's more work than
25 actually doing the investigation, but we do it, and we

1 work hard at doing it. But we hope that we can work
2 out something with the department to figure out a
3 course of action to identify officers.

4 (Spanish translation being given.)

5 DR. MCCALISTER: These are our CCR
6 allegations received in August of 2018. In August we
7 had 44 allegations of demeanor, 15 less than July at
8 59; however, our procedures -- we gained 12. Like I
9 mentioned earlier, anytime we put out a new class, we
10 find the increase in procedure, so it's just trying to
11 work out -- I spoke with DC Bettison the other day on
12 trying to work out something. Maybe right after they
13 get out, maybe we can come do some training. But we
14 got to figure out how to bridge that gap.

15 Summer months historically experience an
16 increase. We've been fortunate. This is our biggest
17 peak, so I'm hoping by next month it will kind of,
18 like, drop down.

19 (Spanish translation being given.)

20 DR. MCCALISTER: This is new. We decided
21 to give you guys something that you can have a
22 reference point for. This is actually your map with
23 your complaints based on your district, so you can
24 pull it out of your package, and you can actually see
25 how many you actually have. Again, the unknown is 6,

1 but that's just for right now. Downtown services had
2 12. We're going to monitor that. And we just did
3 their training in hopes of that it will come down.

4 We did do No. 7, and if you notice, No. 7
5 is at 4. The 12th Precinct is rather low there at 3.
6 The 8th Precinct -- yeah. 16. And the 2nd Precinct
7 has a -- has a secondary high number of 13. So we're
8 trying to focus on the highest numbers to get into
9 those precincts. They have monthly training, so it's
10 just getting on their calendars, and our hope is that
11 we can do it throughout the year and hopefully bring
12 all the numbers down.

13 (Spanish translation being given.)

14 DR. MCCALISTER: So this is our slide where
15 we monitored profanity. There were two allegations of
16 offensive slurs in August, so we're going to put that
17 on the separate slide for next month so that we can
18 continue to monitor that. But the allegation of the
19 use of profanity did decrease from June to July by
20 two, but it increased by four from July to August.
21 The allegation of the use of the F-word increased in
22 July and remained the same for August. Overall, July
23 and August remained the same with ten complaints.
24 Files alleging the use of profanity -- an increase of
25 two over June's eight complaints.

1 (Spanish translation being given.)

2 DR. MCCALISTER: These are our hit-and-run
3 citizen complaints. I know Commissioner Bell and
4 executive manager, Melanie White, requested that we
5 kind of, like, monitor the hit-and-runs, so what we
6 did -- we started from January to August, and in
7 February 2018 we had one hit-and-run involving a
8 pedestrian, and the remaining were non-vehicles. So
9 we're not excessively high, but I think we should
10 continue to monitor it.

11 (Spanish translation being given.)

12 DR. MCCALISTER: So these are our citizen
13 complaints that have been closed. In August, OCI
14 closed 105 CCRs compared to 79 in May, 71 in June, and
15 82 in July. For demeanor there was an increase of 18.
16 We closed with 39 allegations compared to 21 in July.
17 For procedure there was an increase of 26. We closed
18 with 82 allegations compared to 56 in July. For
19 service we closed with 19 allegations, an increase of
20 1 compared to 18 for July.

21 (Spanish translation being given.)

22 DR. MCCALISTER: So this is totally new. I
23 did some research based on the body-worn cameras.
24 Most states are capturing data based on use of force
25 in police shootings. We're capturing data based on

1 citizen complaints. This is false allegations that we
2 were actually able to prove by officers wearing their
3 body-worn camera. We decided to capture this data for
4 two reasons: One, when we go into the academy and
5 talk to recruits, it's easy to say, "Wear it, wear it,
6 wear it." But this gives us our proof that you should
7 wear it.

8 We had 86 allegations that were proven
9 totally false. And that's a lot of manpower hours.
10 So we're -- what we want to do is continue to monitor
11 this in case the DPD needs some data as far as where
12 we're at and what we're doing and how beneficial they
13 are as well as the time frame and the cost factor and
14 just maybe possibly go out -- when we go out to the
15 communities and speak, talk about -- make sure -- "We
16 don't mind you making the complaint. We love it;
17 however, make sure they're factual."

18 (Spanish translation being given.)

19 DR. MCCALISTER: And these are our
20 complaints closed based on electronic evidence: 50
21 out of the 56 incidents were captured on body-worn
22 cameras, and 10 were captured on the in-car video.
23 Six were not captured, and that may be a result of a
24 three-second delay, or there was a malfunction. We
25 did get some complaints where there was a desk entry

1 for several officers where their cameras were
2 malfunctioning, so we did take that into
3 consideration.

4 (Spanish translation being given.)

5 DR. MCCALISTER: And these are our citizen
6 complaints closed based on DPD members by rank: For
7 lieutenants we remained the same for June and July.
8 Sergeants, we increased by five. Police officers, we
9 increased by 20. Officers with one year, we were up
10 by two complaints. Officers with two years, we were
11 up 15 complaints. Officers with 10 to 19 years, we
12 were down 9, which was a drastic improvement.
13 Officers with 20 to 29 years, we were actually up 7.
14 And officers with 30 years and up, we were up by 8
15 complaints.

16 Research suggests that when officers get
17 past that ten years, they don't receive complaints
18 because they're very comfortable in their role;
19 they're mature; they know what they got to do;
20 however, in our case, we want to sit down with DPD and
21 try to figure out "What are we missing?" Because ours
22 has been consistently high since March.

23 (Spanish translation being given.)

24 DR. MCCALISTER: And, of course, I'm a
25 goal-driven person. So our goals are, one, to

1 continue to address language barriers. Senior
2 Investigator Madrigal will be on the recruitment team
3 with Commissioners Brooks and Dewaelsche. Senior
4 Investigator Charlotte Jones will work with
5 Commissioner Brown on legal. And we will continue
6 with Commissioner Bell to request and monitor demeanor
7 complaints, specifically the F-word. But we have
8 branched out, and we're capturing other words as well.

9 We're going to continue to monitor for
10 offensive slurs. I guess when we went out and said,
11 "Don't say this" -- "Now we'll say this." So we'll
12 continue to monitor the hit-and-run complaints per
13 Commissioner Bell and executive manager Melanie White,
14 and we're going to continue to try to build our
15 relationships with the Detroit Police Department,
16 continue to visit the graduating academy class to
17 discuss the historical value of civilian oversight,
18 retention excellence, and ethics. And we will be
19 there October 8th from 8:00 to 11:00 as well as we'll
20 be there October 22nd, painting -- the academy
21 classes. So if you want to come out and have a
22 paint-off and challenge me -- because I'm the best
23 painter -- come on out.

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah. Whatever.

25 DR. MCCALISTER: For our future goals,

1 right now we're reviewing and revising our SOP. We
2 hope to have it done by February 2019. The revision
3 committee is Supervising Investigator Akbar, Nelson,
4 and Cromwell. So we have our supervision team --
5 Senior Investigators Jones, Moses, and Madrigal and
6 Investigators Daniel Callaway and Gianna Coulter. So
7 we have a well-blended group.

8 We also want to develop a school initiative
9 with the commissioners and an investigator where they
10 can go out on career day and talk about what the board
11 does and talk about what our office does and how it
12 benefits people to know their rights. We also want to
13 visit nonprofits in the commissioners' area, focusing
14 on housing and substance abuse facilities because
15 those have our most vulnerable populations. And our
16 purpose is to create awareness of who we are and what
17 we do.

18 (Spanish translation being given.)

19 DR. MCCALISTER: And before we go to
20 questions is --

21 Are Quick and Murphy here? They stepped
22 out? Okay. They leave every time before I can thank
23 them.

24 But I'll entertain any questions that you
25 may have.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioners,
2 questions or concerns?

3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Not really questions,
4 Mr. Chairman, but just to say excellent.

5 DR. MCCALISTER: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just -- you put
7 together an excellent program. The only question that
8 I have -- I got to pick at Chairman Bell over there --
9 that are you saying you're going to take this program
10 to the 4th Precinct, the one on -- where it says "Our
11 future" -- in October?

12 DR. MCCALISTER: We were actually invited
13 to come to their community relations meeting to speak,
14 so we are going to speak there; however, we can go to
15 different community relations meetings. I'm kind of,
16 like, stuck at No. 2 'cause they tell me when they
17 have them and I can go. But I've been branching out
18 and including the staff 'cause I think it's important
19 that they get out and they speak to the community, but
20 we can come --

21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay.

22 DR. MCCALISTER: -- where you need us to
23 come.

24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm going to check the
25 date and get in touch with you.

1 DR. MCCALISTER: Please do. Please do.

2 DC BETTISON: Through the chair, I will
3 just say excellent report as well, Chief Investigator
4 McCalister, and the data that you provide is
5 definitely actionable where we can digest it and take
6 appropriate action. So thank you for an excellent
7 report.

8 DR. MCCALISTER: You're welcome.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Pause for one second,
10 please.

11 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you,
12 Mr. Chairman.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: You got the mic. Then
14 Commissioner Holley.

15 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you,
16 Mr. Chairman.

17 Excellent report. I'm especially pleased
18 with the three new charts that you included.

19 DR. MCCALISTER: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: I thought that
21 was just -- you're responding to a lot of the kind of
22 concerns and questions that we bring to the table --
23 the commissioners -- and also what the community
24 brings to us, and so that is very, very helpful. I
25 especially like the chart that shows the 86 camera --

1 body-camera -- that has got to be very good
2 information to share with the police officers during
3 the academy and beyond, actually. So thank you for
4 that.

5 I do -- I do have just a quick question as
6 it relates to citizens' complaints chart, "Alleged
7 Unit Involved," where you kind of separate them by
8 precincts. And you said of the 40 -- 45 that were
9 unknown command, you identified 20.

10 DR. MCCALISTER: Only 20, but we're still
11 investigating the rest.

12 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Okay. But are
13 those in the numbers along the chart by precinct, or
14 are they still in the 45?

15 DR. MCCALISTER: They're still in the 45.

16 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Will they
17 be placed if you've identified them?

18 DR. MCCALISTER: If we identify them, we
19 can move them over.

20 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Okay. All right.
21 So that was one question.

22 DR. MCCALISTER: But we wanted to give you
23 the full number of the 45 and then tell you that we
24 were only able to identify 20.

25 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: So a little bit

1 less than half.

2 And then with regard to the chart that
3 talks about citizens' complaints closed by seniority
4 and rank -- is there -- and I was surprised to see
5 that there were -- there was an increase in the number
6 20 to 29 and 30 and above. Is there any -- do we have
7 the numbers, like, of officers that are in those age
8 groups? Did they increase? Because we know that our
9 department is retiring. A lot of people are, you
10 know, reaching retirement and leaving, so I'm
11 wondering if that number is increasing and therefore
12 could be a correlation to the increase of the numbers.
13 I was just curious.

14 DR. MCCALISTER: Right now we're really
15 unsure. I know when AC Williams was here, we were
16 trying to figure out why it was consistently high with
17 that group. Based on the research, it shouldn't be
18 that high. So we're just trying to figure out -- I
19 don't know if maybe they're unhappy based on the fact
20 that maybe they feel pushed out. Maybe they're not
21 ready to go. Maybe they feel like they have to go.
22 So -- and at that point how do you increase a person's
23 morale if they've been on the job 30 years or 35 years
24 and they have to go? So those are some things that I
25 would have to sit down with DPD leadership and try to

1 figure that out.

2 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Very good. And I
3 think that if you check on the number as well, that
4 might give you some other perspective as far as the
5 increase there.

6 DR. MCCALISTER: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: But I also want
8 to mention that that October 26th paint day for the
9 academy is through a program that the agency that I
10 work for, SER Metro, does, and it's -- youth build
11 construction. And we were able to partner with the
12 DPD to paint with Sherwin-Williams, who's actually
13 donating all the paint, and our students are going to
14 learn, thanks to the DPD, how to paint. So thank you
15 very much.

16 DR. MCCALISTER: Well, I'll be there
17 painting.

18 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Actually,
19 October 22nd.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: 22nd?

21 Commissioner Holley.

22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I echo the sentiments
23 of the other commissioners about the report, and I
24 appreciate it very much. I think mine is just a
25 matter of -- 'cause I'm new on this -- the unknown. I

1 don't understand when you mention the definition of
2 "unknown." I know what you said, that you got 20
3 known, other -- unknown. But what is the unknown?

4 DR. MCCALISTER: So say that a citizen just
5 gives us a location, and they may say that they were
6 stopped by two white males at 2:00 a.m. We have to be
7 able to take that location, contact the precinct, see
8 if they can identify them; then we move on to pulling
9 body-worn cameras. We pull the activity logs. We
10 pull reports, and what we try to do is narrow it down
11 to determine if these two officers were the ones that
12 the citizen is complaining about. Sometimes we are
13 able to identify them quickly. But these are just
14 officers that get involved with a citizen, that the
15 citizen is unable to give me a name or a badge, a
16 scout car number, a plate number; so. . .

17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: That's good. And,
18 again, it says that the effort that's made in terms of
19 trying to make sure that the citizen complaints are
20 really about, you know, doing everything you can to --

21 DR. MCCALISTER: Yeah. The investigators
22 work extremely hard on unknowns, and it's very time
23 consuming.

24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I can tell.

25 DR. MCCALISTER: And that's a matter that I

1 think the citizens' complaint committee needs to talk
2 about. How do we streamline that process? Maybe we
3 need to meet with DPD and figure out how do we
4 identify it in a simpler form.

5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I commend you for
6 that. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Brown.

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: As always, excellent.
9 Excellent presentation with the information contained.
10 I just had one question, and it was pertaining to the
11 unknowns. And I know we've had some discussion. Do
12 you know how -- approximately how many man-hours that
13 may go into investigating an initial unknown
14 complaint?

15 DR. MCCALISTER: I will start to work on
16 that for you.

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: All right. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I just want to say --
20 echo the sentiments of all the other commissioners --

21 DR. MCCALISTER: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER CARTER: -- and to say that
23 I'm glad to hear that you're going out into the
24 communities because that was something that -- I think
25 when you first got hired, we pointed out the executive

1 leadership, that we wanted you to be more in the
2 communities and attending the community meetings.

3 And I had nothing to do with them being in
4 the 4th Precinct the first time. Nothing.

5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That's right.

6 DR. MCCALISTER: She did not.

7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: But I'm glad to see
8 that it's coming to fruition.

9 DR. MCCALISTER: And then we're attending
10 the graduation October 12th, so we're moving in the
11 right direction.

12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, ma'am.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any other
14 commissioners?

15 Yes, ma'am.

16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: How long when you go
17 to Commissioner Bell's precinct?

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: I can speak to that.

19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: How long is the
20 presentation that you're going to give?

21 DR. MCCALISTER: When -- this is how we do
22 it. So not to put pressures on the precinct -- when
23 they call us, we respond. We go. If they have a
24 meeting and it's not on a Wednesday or a Thursday, we
25 accommodate, and we send a team out. I can't always

1 go, but the evening ones, I will go to. Murphy and
2 Quick -- they attend the ones during the day, and they
3 really focus on the officers. I will be going out to
4 talk about citizen compliance, which will stress
5 people not to speed and that if an officer stops you
6 to immediately stop. And if you have CPL, immediately
7 identify that you have a CPL, and then give the
8 officer the documents that they request. That would
9 cut down on a lot of back-and-forth between the
10 officer and the citizen, which may help with our
11 complaint issues as well. But it really stresses
12 compliance, and they'll talk about prevention. So
13 we're trying to do a complete circle.

14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: See, our precinct
15 meets every second Tuesday, our community relations.
16 So, now, how would that benefit? Because most of the
17 officers aren't there. So if you do it in the
18 daytime, the officers are out doing their duties. So
19 I'm trying to get both in, citizens and the police.

20 Chief Bettison, maybe you can help on this
21 issue. If they can come a particular Tuesday -- if
22 they can come in October, maybe you could make it,
23 like, a -- what do you call that? Not a demand but
24 asking the police officers to be there so the citizens
25 and them can work together. They need to hear this

1 together. How will that -- we'll talk later?

2 DR. MCCALISTER: Well, this is how we
3 normally do it. We give the prevention training for
4 officers either at role call, or we set it aside for
5 their monthly training. Because Quick and Murphy were
6 there for three hours, and they talked for three
7 hours. The officers asked questions the entire time,
8 and they have been asked to come back.

9 So we can do a small prevention for the
10 community, but the officers -- we really want to make
11 sure that we're specifically talking to them. But
12 when we go to No. 4, we're going to have an overall of
13 how not to get in trouble with the police, and then
14 I'll talk about compliance. But we can come, and we
15 can talk to your citizens and then come back and talk
16 to your officers.

17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm going to come to
18 the commissioners' place of business to see how we do
19 it. I'll make sure that I come.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any other --

21 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes.

22 I just want to thank you. That was an
23 excellent report, and I like everything that you're
24 doing. But you know my thoughts -- always with
25 recruiting. So I like your goals; I like your

1 commissioner and investigator working together at the
2 school, and I'd like to be part of that. We can talk
3 about it later.

4 DR. MCCALISTER: And I have to honestly say
5 it's not all me. I meet with my staff two or three
6 times a month, and they have terrific ideas. So even
7 though I present them, a lot of it comes from them.
8 And they come out on their time. They work. They
9 don't ask for anything extra even though I try to push
10 for extra. But a lot of it comes from their thoughts
11 and what they want to do. Murphy and Quick
12 volunteered to go out into the community, and I just
13 told them, "Go ahead. Go for it." So as long as
14 they're energized and ready to go, we'll go.

15 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Thank you all very
16 much.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. I have a couple
18 questions and concerns. When we talk about unknown
19 officers, I think we need to make a distinction
20 between plainclothes and uniform. Plainclothes is a
21 little bit different in terms of identifying on the
22 profile. But I think if the DC will speak to -- an
23 officer in uniform like yourself -- citizens --

24 Could you share with the viewing audience
25 and for those that's here, whether it be your uniform,

1 which is standard -- could you identify what you are
2 wearing and your name tag and your badge and whatever
3 and also talk about the scout car number? Could you
4 elaborate on that? I'm just going to tie that in.

5 DC BETTISON: Through the chair,
6 absolutely, Commissioner Bell. I have on what's
7 considered a Class B uniform, which is a softer, more
8 comfortable uniform. But still it has my name, which
9 is embroidered on my shirt. Something a little bit
10 different -- at the rank of captain and above on the
11 Detroit Police Department -- at that rank you don't
12 have a badge number, but we do have names on our
13 shirts. So sometimes I may run into difficulty if I'm
14 going to a place and they say, "Give me your badge
15 number."

16 "I don't have a badge number." They're,
17 like, "Well, you got to have a badge number."

18 "Oh, no. I don't."

19 (Laughter.)

20 But lieutenants and below -- they all have
21 badge numbers. It's on the badge. And even with the
22 soft uniform, it's on the uniform as well. For a
23 citizen that encounters an officer, of course you're
24 talking -- the badge number, the name -- if you ask
25 the officer about policy, they have to give you that

1 information. Also, officers can be readily identified
2 by the police vehicle. All of our police vehicles,
3 what we call scout cars, have numbers on them, so if
4 you can get the number off the side of the vehicle,
5 that links back to the officer that was assigned that
6 vehicle on that shift at that particular time. So
7 we're able to readily identify the officer. The car
8 vehicle code is very important. If you don't get
9 that, get the license plate number. So those are some
10 things.

11 Now, when it comes to our plainclothes
12 officers, where the officer -- and I'll make the
13 distinction between undercover officers and
14 plainclothes officers because it's a difference. A
15 plainclothes officer is an officer that is not in the
16 standard uniform, per se, so you won't see the badge.
17 You won't see the blue.

18 It may be a situation where we call our
19 special ops. They may have the green pants and a polo
20 shirt on, and they may have their badge oftentimes
21 around their neck. You should be able to see a badge
22 number on that, but sometimes it may be difficult.
23 But still if you ask them for their information, by
24 policy they should -- they're required to give you
25 that. If they don't give you that, once again, all of

1 the cars have numbers on them, so that car is key as
2 far as being able to identify who was at that scene.
3 And, also, once we know the car, we know the in-car
4 video as well.

5 And then for undercover officers, you just
6 won't know them until they identify themselves to you.
7 And at that point, more than likely you're under
8 investigation. So at that point, if you got any
9 questions, you can ask them their name and their badge
10 number as well, and they will give that to you.

11 And if it's a question of whether or not
12 they're undercover, all cars have a license plate that
13 will link back to who was driving it, so even if it's
14 an undercover officer, you would want to get that
15 license plate as well so we can be able to track them
16 down. And I spoke about this uniform being a Class B.
17 The one with the actual badge is considered a Class A
18 uniform for more ceremonial-type purposes, and it's
19 what most folks are accustomed to seeing.

20 And, once again, I just want to thank you
21 for that excellent report. And I'm all in. We're all
22 in to be able to work with you to help get the
23 complaints down, and by educating our officers, going
24 out there just -- to the field with the -- with what
25 Murphy and Quick and Akbar are doing is making a

1 tremendous difference, and it does let the officers
2 know that the board and the office of the chief
3 investigator does care about their career. So I'm
4 very happy with it, and I will definitely step in and
5 do anything that I can to assist you.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. I have a
7 question, but I'm going to --

8 Just pause for one second, please.

9 Commissioner Carter? Then I'll come back
10 to Davis; then I'll finish up my question.

11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the chair, I
12 think, once again, the information that you just gave
13 Deputy Chief Bettison is excellent for a social media
14 platform so that people know what to look for and the
15 marks -- everything that should be --

16 You're going to say something. I'm sorry.

17 DC BETTISON: Because, you know, I can get
18 ahead -- I'm going to get Brian Fountain in the
19 audiovisual team, and we're going to start putting
20 this stuff -- we'll create some videos, and we'll get
21 that on our social media platform.

22 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: And we can work with
24 the board as well, and it can be a joint effort.

25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Right. And maybe we

1 won't have as many unidentified, you know, complaints.

2 DR. MCCALISTER: Teresa Blossom created a
3 pamphlet, and it has all the identifiers on it. We're
4 going to make copies of that and -- when we go out to
5 the community meetings -- and pass those out. I know
6 I've done a few committee meetings and passed them
7 out. But what she has in there really explains to the
8 citizens how to identify officers. Now, do they
9 actually read it? I don't know. But it's our job to
10 kind of, like, get out there and explain it to them.
11 But she did an awesome job with that, and it kind of,
12 like, breaks everything down on how to -- if an
13 officer refuses his badge, write down the car number.

14 We have got a lot of complaints with the
15 black Chargers at night, where they can't see, and
16 then they don't know if it's a black Charger of a
17 citizen or a black Charger of a police officer. And
18 then by the time the car takes off, they don't get the
19 plate number. So in a perfect world, all that would
20 be great, but we're dealing with elements where it's
21 dark. It may be on a side street where the officer
22 pulls off. They're so mad. They don't even get the
23 plate number. So we just have to really do a better
24 job of trying to educate the community.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Davis.

1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I was wondering about
2 body-worn cameras. If a officer doesn't activate or
3 chooses not to utilize it, what's the consequences of
4 that?

5 DR. MCCALISTER: We sustain them 'cause
6 it's policy. You have to wear them. And this is what
7 we talked about the other day. We do have an issue
8 with the precincts where anytime they have citizen
9 contact, they are supposed to have body cameras on,
10 and they're supposed to activate those. We've gotten
11 complaints where a citizen will come in to make a
12 report, and they'll say they got dragged out of the
13 precinct, kicked out, cussed out, and we have no way
14 of proving that because nobody has their body-worn
15 cameras on.

16 So we have talked about that. Hopefully,
17 it can be rectified and we won't have an issue with
18 that. But everybody is supposed to have them, so
19 we're just hoping that everybody is in compliance.
20 Does that answer your question?

21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

23 DC BETTISON: If I could respond to that.
24 Through the chair as well. The push, you know, with
25 implementing all of our body-worn cameras -- our

1 department is a large force. The emphasis was
2 precincts' patrol, getting our special ops on the
3 street. Now that we've got them fully deployed there,
4 officers are wearing them on the street. Now you
5 start to look in and say, "Hey, we're getting
6 complaints at an administrative level" -- folks
7 walking into the precinct behind the desk, a demeanor
8 complaint with the desk.

9 So now we'll -- it'll be a push there as
10 well. So I'll work with the chief investigator,
11 getting that out to our folks to be able to fill that
12 gap. Because at the same time you have body-worn
13 cameras, but you also have cameras in the precinct
14 lobby to make sure that they're working and the
15 microphones there are on there as well but at the same
16 time being able to respect privacy, too. So we will
17 definitely get there, and we'll keep that right in
18 front of us.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, Commissioner
20 Davis took my question but -- which is good, you know.
21 To follow up -- but what I want to know -- what is the
22 outcome of the discipline in terms of the officer's
23 first time, second time, you know? Just a common
24 occurrence with this officer? Whatever that is. So
25 if you can get some monitoring on that in terms of

1 outcome, you know, reviewing a couple cases as well
2 where the camera went out. They cited them, but we
3 want to know are we getting their attention from DPD
4 in terms of outcome and discipline. What is it? You
5 know, written first time? Whatever that is, we need
6 to get an idea of the whole issue. Are we having an
7 impact?

8 DR. MCCALISTER: I think when they do their
9 presentation, I think that's something that we should
10 ask them but also have disciplinary come in and do a
11 presentation as well about -- "What's the level of
12 discipline? Do you not discipline on the first one or
13 the second one?"

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yeah. And, in
15 closing -- which is excellent that Murphy and Quick
16 are speaking, which is needed because when we spoke
17 briefly to the sergeant/lieutenant class, there was a
18 great deal of lack of understanding and misinformation
19 about the role of the board. And so I think -- that's
20 fine, but the next step would be to talk to the
21 first-line supervisor, the sergeant/lieutenants
22 because they lead the troops. If they have these
23 comments and -- you know how that goes --
24 misunderstanding, how can you expect an officer to
25 have a misunderstanding? Because they take in those

1 reports. They have a great deal of impact on these
2 officers, so we need to get to them.

3 And I want to commend you on the effort.

4 And since Commissioner Burch did not lock
5 in a date, I'm locking in a date for November, which
6 is always on the first Wednesday of the month, and
7 that'll be a ten-minute format. I would hope that
8 each precinct -- by district, each precinct have a
9 police/community meeting every month.

10 DR. MCCALISTER: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: And they'll be winding
12 down maybe in December or January. Basically, a
13 commissioner can get on the agenda. You can get a
14 time to OCI if you request that ten minutes, you know,
15 of that process. I think that would be a good way for
16 you to roll out -- 'cause it's one thing for us to
17 just speak, but this is the substance of what the
18 community -- not just prevention but also how we can
19 react in terms of addressing their concerns. But also
20 dealing with -- don't get into confrontation with the
21 officer over their identity, but just try to work with
22 us in trying to deal with that. And on behalf of the
23 board, thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 Any standing and ad hoc committee reports?

1 If not, Mr. Hicks, board secretary.

2 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

3 I've indicated on the agenda -- I wanted to
4 call seven items to your attention. The first five of
5 them you've already referenced in your report, the
6 chairperson's report, and those were the five proposed
7 directives that were transmitted from the chief of
8 police to our office. And as you indicated in your
9 report, that kicks off a 90-day period of time in
10 which we'll be conducting such a review. Then Item 6
11 on the list -- and, again, these are on the agenda,
12 not for action today. I'm really reporting in
13 information. The sixth item is a communication from
14 the Michigan Towers Association.

15 And then the seventh item is communications
16 from the chief of police with reference to a class,
17 recruit class, 2018-G, and that graduation is
18 October 12, 2018, at 10:30 a.m., at Greater Grace
19 Temple. That concludes any information that I wanted
20 to share this evening.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any questions or
22 concerns for the board secretary?

23 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the chair.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I'm sorry.

1 Mr. Secretary, can you check on the status -- there
2 was -- and this has nothing to do with what we're
3 talking about here. I guess it would be old business.
4 There was an officer in the 8th Precinct who got
5 several complaints maybe a year and a half ago, and I
6 know that there was a heavy discussion about when they
7 first got the cameras in the 8th Precinct. But,
8 anyway, I just wanted to follow up to find out the
9 status of -- and I know that there was a grievance
10 filed and -- by the officer with regards to
11 discipline, I believe it was. But, anyway, if you
12 could follow up and find out where we are with that
13 situation.

14 MR. HICKS: Sure.

15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.

16 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. That was --
18 any other old business?

19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I guess it would --
20 I'm sorry. Did I beat somebody?

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: No, no. She just spoke
22 to perhaps that fell on old business.

23 So any other old business?

24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I guess the old
25 business -- I just want to thank the board of

1 commissioners for honoring Chaplain Wyckoff last week.
2 He was very, very surprised and very happy, so I just
3 want to thank the board for honoring him for the
4 heroic thing he did on the Princess boat.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you for bringing
6 that to our attention.

7 Any new business?

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Under old business.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Regarding the
13 September 20th vote on towing, me and my
14 constituents -- bringing to my attention -- one of
15 them did -- the boards violates the Open Meetings Act
16 by -- by voting on towing, by not advising,
17 re-advising, or adding towing to the agenda within --
18 I guess, it was added within less than 24 hours. So,
19 you know -- but the board moved for immediate vote,
20 and we had less than 24 hours. So that's kind of,
21 like, what -- my constituents are reaching out to me
22 wanting to know. Did we violate the Open Meetings
23 Act? We did not approve or advise the agenda on
24 towing when we added it at the last minute or, I
25 guess, when the board added it at the last minute.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Is that a question?

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The question is they
3 want -- my constituents want to know -- did we violate
4 the Open Meetings Act?

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: The answer --

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: 'Cause towing was
7 added to the -- to the agenda --

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. I would say no,
9 and our attorney will respond to you in terms of
10 writing on that issue.

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And, also, can all of
12 the commissioners -- can we all receive the updated
13 bylaws?

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: No problem.

17 Okay. Any other new business -- any new
18 business, I should say? Announcement: Our next
19 meeting will be Thursday, October 11th, at 6:30 p.m.
20 at the 7th Precinct at Hunt Street Station, 2200 Hunt.
21 That's Gratiot and Hunt, historically, in the
22 7th Precinct. The next community meeting in November
23 will be on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.,
24 at the 6th Precinct, Second Grace United Methodist
25 Church, 18700 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan, and you

1 have that information. You can circulate that.

2 And Mr. Hicks already mentioned graduation.
3 That's scheduled for October 12th at Greater Grace.
4 That's a couple of announcements.

5 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Mr. Chairman, if
6 I can --

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

8 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: For the
9 October 11th evening meeting, do we have Mr. Lawrence
10 Garcia coming or someone from his office --

11 MR. HICKS: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: -- to present on
13 the medical marijuana facilities update?

14 MR. HICKS: Through the chair.

15 Yes, we confirmed that, and he is expected
16 to be at the meeting.

17 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you very
18 much.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Moving to
20 oral communication from the public. You should have
21 your card. You have two minutes. We have signs
22 indicating to that effect.

23 Before we move to that with the first
24 speaker and the second speaker, I would like to
25 (inaudible) young man that represents Roy McCalister,

1 Councilman Roy McCalister, District 2.

2 Could you -- I was looking on the minutes
3 for you, but could you identify yourself, sir?

4 MR. MARTIN: Albert Martin, representing
5 council.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: I'll make a note of
7 that. And thank you for your attendance, which is
8 carrying on a tradition from the former Councilman
9 George Cushingberry. He always had a representative
10 in the name of Dr. Dyer, was at the majority of our
11 meetings. So I'm glad the 2nd District is committed
12 to continue that tradition. We appreciate you coming
13 out.

14 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, members of the
15 commission, let me assure you the council is
16 committed, and we will have representation. Thank
17 you.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

19 Mr. Brown.

20 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I currently have
21 four cards. Your first speaker is Ms. Fredia Butler
22 followed by Ms. Bernice Smith followed by Sherry
23 Wells, and your last speaker will be Mr. Eric Blount.

24 MS. BUTLER: Good afternoon.

25 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.

1 MS. BUTLER: I'm Fredia Butler. I'm a
2 community activist. Commissioners, while protesting
3 the used cars and repair places in our community,
4 there are two posters that speak to everyone in our
5 city. One poster says "Wake Up, Detroit," and the
6 other says "Stay Woke," which isn't grammatically
7 correct, but it got the attention of a child, whom I
8 believe to be about six or seven years old. He was
9 with his father and four other siblings. He asked,
10 "What does 'Stay Woke' mean?" An explanation was
11 given to him.

12 Last Thursday, September 20th, I listened
13 to a presentation on identification cards for the city
14 of Detroit. The presentation was disturbing. We
15 already have school IDs, state IDs, and driver's
16 licenses. Not long ago during the 4th of July there
17 was a suggestion of having a curfew for the young
18 people in Detroit. The question was asked, "How were
19 they to identify the young people coming from the
20 suburbs and those who lived in Detroit?"

21 In South Africa not very long ago, Africans
22 had to have identification cards to go to certain
23 areas in their country. We need to be cognizant of
24 what is put before us, the shiny objects of,
25 supposedly, discounts at certain businesses and other

1 amenities are only to draw us in, I believe. As we
2 were told at a community meeting in 2014, which if we
3 don't get involved in our city, we may need a passport
4 to come downtown. Let's not think that it could not
5 happen.

6 I didn't think that I would hear the words
7 "internment camps," but today the man in the White
8 House has established them for people who have and are
9 migrating to this country, and some are United States
10 citizens. They have worked to overturn President
11 Obama's policies on immigration and some prison
12 offenses. We are reliving history of children and
13 even nursing babies being taken from the arms of
14 mothers. Businesses have been created from the
15 president's policy on immigration. Millions of
16 dollars have been taken from FEMA to create more
17 internment camps. Attorney General Sessions said that
18 he was carrying out President Trump's policies.

19 Look at what has happened and is happening
20 today. I told an official at the water department
21 that we have one of the largest bodies of fresh water
22 in the world and yet we are paying the highest cost in
23 the city of Detroit. Why?

24 Wake up, Detroit and "stay woke." Thank
25 you.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

2 MR. BROWN: Ms. Bernice Smith.

3 MS. SMITH: I'm sorry.

4 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, while she's
5 coming -- I got two additional cards.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, we're gonna allow
7 these cards, but in the future we're going to have a
8 cutoff, and we're going to abide by the cutoff. When
9 we make the announcement in the meeting, and most of
10 the meetings you go to, they have a cutoff. They
11 don't entertain last-minute people. So I just want
12 you to know that we will accommodate you today, but,
13 basically, when you walk in, there's a certain time
14 frame that we have to try to abide by because the
15 point is we're going over time, and people are getting
16 frustrated, and they're walking out. So we want to do
17 our meeting in a timely manner, but we want to give
18 you a voice. But we're trying to control the time.
19 Thank you.

20 Ms. Smith.

21 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon.

22 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.

23 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon to the chief and
24 to the commission. I have good news. I had come
25 before the board in regards to the neighborhood on

1 West Grand Boulevard and Warren with all the garbage
2 and the -- whatever -- refrigerators and so forth that
3 they were setting out on the curb. After
4 investigation made by the 10th Precinct and our own
5 investigator here at the board, I am very delighted
6 'cause when I came by Sunday after church, the street
7 and the sidewalk was clear, and I'm very happy.

8 It took a long time for them to get the
9 word. So now they have moved everything behind the
10 buildings there on the corner of Warren, and they got
11 a curtain where you can go behind it. So I'm glad
12 that it's not on the street any longer. Also, we do
13 have abandoned cars that are still there, so I will
14 give him the license number so he can get rid of the
15 abandoned cars. So I'm very happy in that regard.

16 Now, I did have complaints from a couple of
17 the towing people. I wasn't here. Matter of fact, I
18 had an operation, guys, so I'm very happy that my
19 kidney that was operated -- I'm doing well. God's not
20 ready for me yet. They told me that they were having
21 problems and they would like to know what the police
22 department's going to do in regards to their welfare.
23 Because a lot of them depend on the towing that
24 they've been doing all these many years, so I hope
25 that you'll get that straightened out, and we'll come

1 back to the public and let them know what's going to
2 happen with regards to their businesses in towing.

3 'Cause a lot of brothers are involved in
4 the towing, so I know -- and other nationalities. But
5 these two came to me and asked me if I -- if we could
6 investigate and see what's going to happen. So I hope
7 it comes out for the best for everyone involved, and I
8 thank you so much.

9 And, you, Reverend Holley -- I don't know
10 why you're in the paper, the Chronicle. You're --

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Ms. Smith --

12 MS. SMITH: All right. I'm through. I'm
13 through.

14 (Laughter.)

15 I'll talk to you personally about your
16 article in the Chronicle.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

18 MR. BROWN: Ms. Sherry Wells.

19 MS. WILCOXON: Through the chair, I'm

20 D. Etta Wilcoxon. I came with Sherry Wells.
21 She's a colleague of mine, and I'll take her place. I
22 did sign in in ample time. My card somehow was
23 mysteriously lost. In light of the fact that it was,
24 I would just like to address the board for the two
25 minutes that are provided.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

2 MS. WILCOXON: I initially wanted to ask
3 the board what my neighbors and I thought was a very
4 simplistic question, and that was how the board
5 intended to have the hardship provision of the new
6 towing arrangement implemented; however, recent
7 developments have made the situation, in our
8 estimation, complex.

9 There seems to be some disagreement in
10 terms of who's actually responsible for towing in the
11 city of Detroit. The city council seems to think that
12 it's their responsibility, and the department seems to
13 think it's its responsibility, and we're confused,
14 too, because the chief of police is the chief of
15 police and the deputy mayor, who is a part of the
16 mayor's office, and we're looking at now whether or
17 not the Open Meetings Act was violated. So if the
18 board could shed some light in terms of how we got to
19 this point and what it means going forward because
20 there's confusion in the community in terms of the
21 kinds of decisions that are being made downtown and
22 how they're being made.

23 If you look at how Jefferson was blocked
24 off -- and there was some complaining -- and then
25 there was a report which indicated that no one had any

1 permits in order to close it off, and perhaps they
2 should reopen it. So we, the people in the city of
3 Detroit, are confused, and my neighbors decided that I
4 should be the person to come down and ask these
5 questions of the board. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: I just want to respond
7 in this manner. We spoke to that issue earlier, but
8 you can always speak to our board secretary,
9 Mr. Hicks, after the meeting or myself, but basically
10 that is in the reign or authority of the mayor and the
11 chief of police, dealing with towing in the city of
12 Detroit. We have supervision and monitor. I don't
13 know the role of the council. I cannot speak for the
14 council. I can't speak for the mayor or the chief.
15 So that issue will probably be ongoing in terms of
16 clarification.

17 So I don't think we have to say anything
18 else in reference to our towing issue because it's not
19 going to resolve your concern and the community's
20 concern, but there are avenues that they can take with
21 the mayor and with the chief of police. Primarily,
22 it's an executive decision how they're going to deal
23 with that. So any other issue, we can talk about it
24 afterward, but I don't think we're going to go on and
25 on about the towing. I spoke to it earlier. We got a

1 position on it, and you can review our resolution of
2 sector. Thank you.

3 Next speaker.

4 MR. BROWN: Mr. Eric Blount followed by
5 Mr. Marcelus Brice.

6 MR. BLOUNT: Good afternoon, board.

7 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.

8 MR. BLOUNT: My name is Eric Blount,
9 lifelong resident. I have been absent for a while. I
10 had oral surgery. So, as you know, it would pain me
11 to come here and not be able to say anything.

12 (Laughter.)

13 To Dr. McCalister and her great
14 presentation, I just have a few concerns. One is on
15 this unknown command line where there's 45 instances
16 of unknown. It just causes some concern on
17 transparency that perhaps these are the officers that
18 are going out of their way not to be identified. I
19 was recently pulled over by the state police, and just
20 in that instance I think it's typical that you get
21 pulled over by a scout car that's behind you. The
22 scout car stays behind you. The officer comes up --
23 it's hard to identify the officer -- and then you pull
24 off before the officer does, so there's virtually no
25 opportunity to see what the scout car number is, what

1 the license plate number is; so -- and I don't have
2 any solutions.

3 My other point was on -- I like the fact
4 that you monitor the use of the F-word. I'm concerned
5 on recent incidents that perhaps we should monitor the
6 use of the N-word. One of our suburban new recruits
7 referred to Detroiters as "zoo animals." So I think
8 that is something we really have to be concerned
9 about, that it may not be the exact F- or N-word
10 but -- as many have called out federal officials on
11 using what is commonly referred to as "dog whistles."
12 So I think that reference to Detroiters being the zoo
13 animals was a dog whistle for white nationalists and
14 supremacists. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: And thank you,
16 Mr. Blount. As you well know, the chief terminated
17 that officer, because he was a probation officer. He
18 took strong measure, as in the past, dealing with
19 social media issues that's inappropriate. So we dealt
20 with it. We spoke to the issue, had a press
21 conference, and we are satisfied with that approach to
22 it. But we do monitor social media issues, and they
23 do respond right away.

24 The other issue -- we spoke to the unknown
25 officer issue. It's been ongoing. We are dealing

1 with that. We -- that's why the deputy chief spoke in
2 terms of how to approach it. We understand the pros
3 and cons, but it also behooves the citizen not to get
4 angry but to be smart in terms of how to approach that
5 situation. And thank you.

6 Mr. Brown.

7 MR. BROWN: Mr. Marcelus Brice.

8 Mr. Chair, this is your last speaker.

9 MR. BRICE: To this honorable body, staff,
10 Deputy Chief Todd Bettison -- good afternoon.

11 THE BOARD: Good afternoon.

12 MR. BRICE: My name is Marcelus Brice.

13 Many of you here know me for my work that I've done in
14 the community. Some of you know me in my professional
15 capacity as a lobbyist with Capital Strategic Group.
16 But what many of you don't know is that I'm the owner
17 of a company called Alternative Care Choices located
18 at 20041 West Eight Mile, which is licensed by the
19 City of Detroit as a medical marijuana caregiver
20 center.

21 And the issue that I just wanted to bring
22 to your attention today is that, you know, the medical
23 marijuana caregiver centers and provisioning centers
24 in the city of Detroit has very, very strict
25 guidelines set both by the State of Michigan and the

1 by the City of Detroit, and in order to service a
2 patient, they must be prescribed by a medical licensed
3 physician in the state of Michigan with an illness
4 that they believe that medical marijuana can help cure
5 or help with the treatment.

6 And as of the last time I checked it --
7 this might have changed, but I don't think it has --
8 medical marijuana caregiver centers in the city of
9 Detroit are not able to participate in the Green Light
10 program. I think given the fact that many of our
11 patients are ill with some type of illness, and
12 they've been prescribed by a doctor, that is -- and
13 also given the fact that it's a cash business -- so
14 99 percent of the patients -- or -- 100 percent of the
15 patients come in with cash -- that they can become
16 easy targets.

17 So I just wanted to bring that, guys, to
18 your attention. I know that there's a lot of, you
19 know, thoughts on the medical marijuana industry, and
20 they differ from person to person, but it is a
21 licensed legal business in the city of Detroit. And I
22 think as a licensed legal business, especially one
23 that delivers a service to those who are sick, that
24 they should be able to participate in the Green Light
25 program, and I would just like for this board to look

1 into that and see if there's some policy change that
2 we can come about to make that possible.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir. If you
4 would speak to the deputy chief at the end of the
5 meeting and address that, based after the criteria,
6 I'm pretty sure he would have some dialogue with us in
7 reference to that issue that you just brought up. Do
8 they meet the criteria? If not, why not? You know,
9 that type of thing. Thank you.

10 MR. BRICE: Thank you, Chair. I appreciate
11 it.

12 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, that concludes oral
13 communication.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Could you share that
15 information in terms of his issue with the board about
16 the criteria? And I don't know if you know now, you
17 know, but --

18 DC BETTISON: Through the chair, I'll have
19 to take that back and look into it and report back.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Okay.
21 Thank you.

22 Mr. Brown.

23 MR. BROWN: That concludes the oral
24 communications, sir.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: If there's no other

1 business before this body, the chair is going to
2 entertain the motion -- before I do that, thank you.
3 We are not meeting next week. Do not come down here
4 at 3:00 o'clock for the board of police commission
5 meeting. But the building is open, so take care of
6 your business. But we'll see you the week afterwards.
7 Thank you.

8 Motion to adjourn. So moved. Second?
9 Those in favor, aye.

10 THE BOARD: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Motion passed. Thank
12 you.

13 (The meeting was concluded at 4:58 p.m.)
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