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14	Thursday, August 15, 2019
15	Before Sheila D. Rice, CSR-4163, RPR, RMR
16	Notary Public, County of Wayne
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1	APPEARANCES:
2	CHAIRPERSON LISA CARTER, District 6
3	DARRYL D. BROWN, District 1
4	COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH W. BROOKS, At-Large
5	COMMISSIONER SHIRLEY A. BURCH, District 3
6	COMMISSIONER WILLIAM M. DAVIS, District 7
7	COMMISSIONER JIM HOLLEY, At-Large
8	COMMISSIONER WILLIE BURTON, District 5
9	COMMISSIONER ANNIE HOLT, At-Large
10	CHIEF JAMES CRAIG
11	SECRETARY GREGORY HICKS
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- 1 Detroit, Michigan
- 2 Thursday, August 15, 2019
- 3 3:01 p.m.
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- 5 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Good afternoon. I am
- 6 Police Commissioner Lisa Carter, and I represent
- 7 District 6. I serve as the Chair of the board and will
- 8 be conducting our meeting today.
- 9 On behalf of the board, and for those of you
- 10 in attendance, thank you for joining us. For the
- 11 people viewing this meeting on your government cable
- 12 channel, thank you for viewing our meeting.
- Commissioners Eva Dewaelsche, Willie Bell and
- 14 Yvette Griffie have been asked to be excused from
- 15 today's meeting.
- Today we've invited Chaplain Valerie Parks to
- 17 provide invocation.
- 18 Valerie.
- 19 CHAPLAIN HUNT: Hello. My name is Dan Hunt,
- 20 Chaplain Hunt standing in for Valerie Parks.
- 21 Father, we are here. We thank you for this
- 22 day. We ask that you have your way, God. We ask that
- 23 you give us divine insight and vision as it relates to
- 24 how we conduct business for this city. God, we pray
- 25 now for all the commissioners and we pray for our Chief



- of Police and we pray for our department, in Jesus
- 2 name. Amen.
- 3 AUDIENCE: Amen.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, sir.
- 5 At this time we'll have introductions of the
- 6 commissioners beginning to my far right with
- 7 Commissioner Holt.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Good afternoon.
- 9 Commissioner Holt, At-Large.
- 10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon. William
- 11 Davis, District 7.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good afternoon.
- 13 Elizabeth Brooks, At-Large.
- MR. BROWN: Good afternoon. Darryl Brown,
- 15 District 1.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon.
- 17 District 3, Shirley Burch.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you,
- 19 commissioners. It's good to see you today.
- MR. HICKS: Madam Chair, you have a quorum.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. At this time
- 22 we have a couple of business items. At this time we
- 23 have the approval of the agenda.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: So moved.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Support.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: It's been moved and 2 supported we approve the agenda for August 15, 2019.
- 3 Is there any discussion?
- 4 Those in favor?
- 5 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed?
- 7 Motion carries.
- At this time, commissioners, you have before
- 9 you the minutes from August the 8th, 2019.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Support.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: No. Is there a motion
- 12 for approval of the minutes?
- 13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So moved.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: And support?
- 15 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Support.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. It's been
- 17 moved and supported we approve the minutes from August
- 18 8, 2019.
- 19 Is there any discussion?
- Those in favor?
- 21 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed?
- 23 Motion carries.
- 24 At this time, Mr. Hicks, would you introduce
- 25 the rest of the BOPC staff.



- 1 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just
- 2 prior to making those introductions, I do want to
- 3 indicate that Sergeant Quinn is taping the session
- 4 today, Media Services is providing the audiovisual work
- 5 and Sheila Rice is the court reporter for the day. And
- 6 I would indicate that Robert Brown is on vacation and
- 7 will not be joining us today.
- 8 To my immediate right is, of course, board
- 9 attorney, Mr. Wyrick, and Ms. Blossom who will be
- 10 handling responsibilities that are normally handled by
- 11 Mr. Brown.
- Then if we can go to the first row for BOPC
- and OIC members who are present, would you stand and
- 14 introduce yourself.
- MS. JOHNSON: Faye Johnson, board accountant.
- MS. WHITE: Good afternoon, Melanie White,
- 17 executive manager of policies.
- 18 MR. HICKS: And Dr. Polly McCalister is going
- 19 to introduce the balance of -- herself as well as the
- 20 balance of the OIC staff who's here.
- 21 DR. McCALISTER: Good afternoon, board.
- 22 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.
- DR. McCALISTER: I'm Dr. Polly McCalister,
- 24 and attending today's meeting with me is Supervising
- 25 Investigator Akbar, Senior Investigator Sloan,



- 1 Investigator Nichols and Investigator Stewart.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. At this time
- 3 I'd like to introduce Chief James Craig.
- 4 Thank you for joining us, sir.
- 5 CHIEF CRAIG: Good afternoon, Madam Chair,
- 6 and to the board and --
- 7 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.
- 8 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you. Also, having --
- 9 starting with Deputy Chief Bettison, the other ranking
- 10 members?
- 11 CAPTAIN McGINNIS: Mike McGinnis, Captain of
- 12 Homicide.
- MR. GRAVELINE: Christopher Graveline,
- 14 Director of Professional Standards.
- 15 CAPTAIN SEVERY: Ian Severy, Captain of
- 16 Organized Crimes.
- 17 LT. YOUNG: Lieutenant Mark Young, President
- 18 of the Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants
- 19 Association.
- 20 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, sir.
- 22 LT. GUNTZVILLER: Lieutenant Andrew
- 23 Guntzviller, Major Violators.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: At this time if there
- 25 are any elected officials, VIPs, civic leaders or their



- 1 representatives, please stand and give your name for
- 2 the record, please.
- 3 COUNCILMAN McCALISTER: Councilman Roy
- 4 McCalister, Jr., District 2.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, sir.
- 6 Any others?
- 7 MS. SABATINI: Laurie Anne Sabatini, staff
- 8 member for Councilman McCalister.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. All right.
- 10 We will move on to the Chairperson's report.
- On behalf of the board, I want to express our
- 12 concern and support for our fallen officers -- fallen
- 13 and injured officers. Our concerns for officer safety
- 14 and citizen protection is ranked as two of the most
- 15 important priorities of the board. Our board receives
- 16 a weekly report from the department listing injured
- 17 officers. I would ask that the Chief during your
- 18 remarks to provide us with any additional information
- 19 related to injured and fallen officers.
- The Board of Police Commissioners meets every
- 21 two weeks except for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday
- 22 periods. We meet at Police Headquarters three weeks in
- 23 the month on Thursdays at 3 p.m. We also meet in the
- 24 community every second Thursday of the month at 6:30
- 25 p.m.



- 1 Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7,
- 2 Chapter 8, the Board of Police Commissioners is
- 3 empowered to provide civilian oversight and supervisory
- 4 control of the police department. Our citizens are
- 5 justified in asking how does police civilian oversight
- of law enforcement help you as a citizen within our
- 7 community. Our answer is we protect the civil rights
- 8 of our citizens. Oversight organizations like the BOPC
- 9 are at the forefront of investigating, reviewing and
- 10 auditing individual cases of citizen complaints and
- 11 patterns of operations by police agencies to eliminate
- 12 misconduct, discriminatory police practices and
- 13 unnecessary use of force by police.
- Our work is based on developing and
- 15 supporting effective policing. Mutual trust and
- 16 respect between the police and the community is
- 17 critical toward increasing the quality of life for our
- 18 residents and visitors to Detroit.
- 19 The Board of Police Commissioners exists to
- 20 provide civilian oversight for the work of the Detroit
- 21 Police Department. As a board, we receive and
- 22 investigate noncriminal citizen complaints, monitor the
- 23 operations of the department and work with the Mayor
- 24 and the Chief to make or modify police policy.
- I want to point out several items for your



- 1 consideration and information. The Board of Police
- 2 Commissioners received a modified version of the
- 3 Chief's proposed directive on facial recognition, and
- 4 it has been referred to our policy committee. Again,
- 5 copies are posted at our website. The policy committee
- 6 will review and deliberate on the proposed directive.
- 7 After their review, they will propose modifications and
- 8 submit the modifications to the police department. The
- 9 police department will then take a review of the
- 10 modifications and return the proposed directive to the
- 11 full board. It is after this process of exchange and
- 12 evaluation that the full board will schedule the final
- 13 version of the policy for a vote. We will repost the
- 14 modified version of the directive at
- 15 www.detroitmi.gov/bopc as well as notify the public of
- 16 our intent to vote well in advance of a vote.
- 17 We continue to receive feedback on facial
- 18 recognition related issues and encourage our citizens
- 19 to express their concerns directly to the board. We
- 20 can send an E-mail, write a letter -- you can send an
- 21 E-mail, write a letter, talk with us directly or attend
- 22 our meetings to express your concerns.
- 23 Again, I remind the board, we are continuing
- 24 the work with the NACOLE, National Association For
- 25 Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, to host the



- 1 National Conference on September 22nd through the 26th,
- 2 2019 in Detroit. During this time Detroit will be
- 3 celebrating our 45th year as a civilian oversight
- 4 organization.
- 5 The BOPC has secured an exciting keynote
- 6 speaker for our 45th anniversary dinner to be held
- 7 Tuesday, December 24, 2019. Christy E. Lopez is a
- 8 former member of the U.S. Department of Justice in the
- 9 Special Litigation Section as well as a visiting
- 10 professor at Georgetown Law School. Professor Lopez's
- 11 work has centered on criminal justice reform and
- 12 constitutional policing. Professor Lopez led the
- 13 division in conducting pattern-or-practice
- 14 investigations of local police departments and
- 15 negotiated settlement agreements in Ferguson, Chicago,
- 16 New Orleans, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Newark,
- 17 New Jersey and several other important oversight
- 18 initiatives across the country.
- 19 Again, the planning process is well underway
- 20 and we again invite your participation. We also invite
- 21 you to volunteer to help with the conference and
- 22 dinner. Volunteer forms are located on the back table.
- Finally, I want to send out our support to
- 24 the police officers and civilians impacted by the
- 25 Philadelphia barricaded gunman standoff. I understand



- 1 after an eight-hour standoff the suspect involved
- 2 surrendered. I also understand six officers were
- 3 wounded and released from the hospital. We wish them
- 4 and the city a speedy recovery.
- 5 Today we have one presentation scheduled on
- 6 drug enforcement. The presentation will be from
- 7 Lieutenant Guntzviller.
- 8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Guntzviller.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.
- 10 Under the Chief's report, I am requesting an
- 11 update on our crime statistics and any critical issues
- 12 facing the police department. Again, at the end of the
- 13 meeting we will have public comments from the audience.
- 14 Please make sure you print your name on the speaker's
- 15 cards. Cards are located on the back table or you can
- obtain them by seeing Ms. Blossom who's seated up here
- 17 at the front table. She will need your card before the
- 18 end of the Chief's report.
- 19 We will hold each speaker to the allotted two
- 20 minutes, and I ask everyone place their cell phones or
- 21 electronic devices on vibrate to make sure that they
- 22 are not interrupting the meeting.
- 23 Chief Craiq.
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Oh, I'm sorry. Before



- 1 you go, Chief, I'd like to acknowledge the presence of
- 2 Commissioner Willie Burton.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair, I've
- 4 got a question for you.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: At this time we're going
- 6 to the Chief's report. I just wanted to introduce you.
- 7 There's a time on the agenda where you can ask
- 8 questions.
- 9 Chief.
- 10 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you. I'll start off with
- 11 crime. Year-to-date, part 1 violent crime we are down
- 12 one percent. However, in the area of homicide we're up
- 13 ten percent with 14 more homicides as compared to this
- 14 time last year. Sex assaults we're at three percent.
- 15 So we are trending down 19 incidents. Aggravated
- 16 assaults we're up 26 with a zero percent. Nonfatal
- 17 shootings we're up 28, six percent increase. Robberies
- 18 we're down 51 with a four-percent reduction.
- 19 Carjackings we're down 56 with a 29 percent reduction.
- 20 Again, overall violent crime is down one percent. As
- 21 relates to property crime, we're down four percent.
- I wanted to give you an update on our facial
- 23 recognition demonstration tours. They're still
- 24 ongoing. Most notable, last week we had a combined
- 25 group of high school students, which also included a



- 1 few collegiate level students and also seniors from
- 2 different parts of the community. The response of most
- 3 of the groups has been very informative. A lot of
- 4 appreciation for the tour. In fact, many of the young
- 5 people played a role of a facial recognition expert and
- 6 did a great job in identifying a suspect in a real
- 7 scenario. So we appreciate that. We're going to
- 8 continue those.
- 9 Again, to those commissioners who haven't
- 10 been through a demonstration, it's still open and we're
- 11 going to continue to do them and open to any community
- 12 members who are also interested in going through our
- 13 demonstration.
- 14 I yesterday celebrated with Prosecutor Kym
- 15 Worthy ten years of our work together on sexual assault
- 16 kit task force. Again, Michigan was one of seven
- 17 states recognized as a best practice on addressing
- 18 that, and certainly our backlog has been totally
- 19 eliminated.
- 20 And then I want to also -- like the Chair, I
- 21 want to acknowledge Philadelphia, and our prayers going
- 22 out to the Philadelphia Police Department for the
- 23 recent incidents. Then also a tragic shooting death
- 24 out in California, a California Highway Patrol Officer
- 25 Moye who was tragically shot by an active shooter. It



- 1 was during a traffic stop. He actually shot and killed
- 2 that officer, shot a second officer who was critically
- 3 injured, and then a third officer also injured.
- 4 So with that I'm open to any questions you
- 5 might have.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Chief.
- 7 Questions for the Chief?
- 8 Questions, Commissioner Davis?
- 9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Madam Chair.
- 10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: As it so happens, yes.
- 11 Chief, question. I notice that it's been at
- 12 least a couple of the citizen complaints I've read
- indicating there's a problem at the Sixth Precinct with
- 14 the video system. Is it functioning or is there work
- 15 being done on it?
- 16 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. Are you
- 17 talking about the body-worn cameras?
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No. I'm talking about
- 19 the station itself, inside the station.
- 20 CHIEF CRAIG: I've not seen that. I don't
- 21 know if anybody in the audience has any -- I'll have to
- 22 check into it. It's my first time hearing about the
- 23 video. You're talking about the cameras in the
- 24 station?
- 25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: In the station, yes.



- 1 CHIEF CRAIG: Not really.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Could you perhaps give
- 3 us an update on all the precincts? I know I've heard
- 4 it twice about the Sixth Precinct.
- 5 CHIEF CRAIG: Okay. Well, I'll look into it.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Also, question. Do you
- 7 know if a bad credit report with something as simple as
- 8 just a DTE bill is keeping some Detroiters from getting
- 9 on the force?
- 10 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. I have not
- 11 heard that. I know that the department does look at
- 12 credit, but a DTE bill I don't know if that in and of
- 13 itself --
- 14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Someone approached me
- 15 recently. I just thought I would ask.
- 16 CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah, I would have to look into
- 17 that. I'm not -- do you have a name you can share
- 18 privately? We can look into that individual candidate
- 19 and get back to you.
- 20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: You know, he just told
- 21 me about it, but, you know, he didn't give me any
- 22 details. He's supposed to be coming to a meeting soon.
- 23 CHIEF CRAIG: Okay. Is he still in or has he
- 24 been disqualified?
- 25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: He said he was



- 1 disqualified.
- 2 CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah. We would need to know
- 3 more. He may know more. We send a letter out
- 4 detailing why a person's been disqualified.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: And has he filed a
- 6 complaint yet --
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I asked him did he file
- 8 one.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay. Commissioner --
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'll wait.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.
- 12 MR. BROWN: You should have been on that end
- 13 of the table.
- 14 Chief, in the Dearborn/Detroit border area
- 15 I've been doing some work over there, specifically in
- 16 the Wyoming and Tireman area. And I happened to notice
- 17 that there's a large number of Detroit city residents
- 18 being pulled over and possibly profiled by Dearborn
- 19 police officers.
- Now, I understand the rhetoric of you were
- 21 speeding in Dearborn and they pulled you over in
- 22 Detroit. I got that. But my concern is that these
- 23 officers from Dearborn are sitting on the Detroit
- 24 border side watching cars coming back and forth. I
- 25 rarely see them pull someone over going into Dearborn,



- 1 but just on that stretch of Wyoming and all up and down
- 2 Tireman right there. I mean, to me I'm seeing three or
- 3 four of them a day within maybe a five to six-hour
- 4 period.
- 5 So I'm concerned at the fact that they're
- 6 profiling these residents coming back and forth through
- 7 that little area right there. And if you could reach
- 8 out to their Chief, talk to him and find out, okay,
- 9 what is the deal here.
- 10 And then I'm going to FOIA some information,
- 11 because I would like to know the number of Detroit
- 12 residents that they're issuing citations to, because we
- 13 all know that they pay attention to the money grab.
- 14 You know, they'll give you the ticket and then they'll
- 15 throw out the ticket and you pay the fine, you don't
- 16 get the points. Most people will go for that because
- 17 they don't want to mess up their license and jack up
- 18 their insurance. But is it a fair practice are these
- 19 residents being profiled coming back and forth through
- 20 that area? I'm over there almost every day working in
- 21 that area and I see it every day.
- 22 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. I can't
- 23 tell you if they're being profiled. I've heard
- 24 complaints, not just the complaint you're lodging
- 25 referencing Dearborn, but Ferndale, Grosse Pointe. So



- 1 a lot of the -- and they have the authority to issue
- 2 citations and on that border, just like we have the
- 3 authority to go, and we do, on occasion.
- 4 I think that conversation like that certainly
- 5 I can have it that this was raised at this meeting with
- 6 Chief Haddad. But at the end of the day, unless -- and
- 7 if you're going to FOIA the information to see who is
- 8 getting tickets, that in itself may not necessarily
- 9 mean that they're profiling Detroiters. Maybe. I
- 10 don't know. They'll have to be some investigation done
- 11 to take a look at that, particularly if they're
- 12 spending all that time on the border. And, if you're
- on the border, you're going to get a combination of
- 14 both Detroit and probably Dearborn residents. So we
- 15 will follow up with Haddad and express your concerns.
- But I'm going to digress back to -- you're
- 17 talking about background investigations, and I hope I
- 18 can just take a moment. Those who don't know, Deputy
- 19 Chief Bettison just returned from Bangladesh with
- 20 Councilman Benson. And during their trip -- I've had a
- 21 couple of conversations with Chief Bettison, and one of
- 22 the things I posed and he took it back to the ranking
- 23 members of that department is what it would look like
- 24 knowing that we have a significant Bangladesh
- 25 population here in Detroit, primarily in the Eleventh



- 1 Precinct. I know how important the Eleventh Precinct
- 2 is to you.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, Chief.
- 4 CHIEF CRAIG: What would it look like if we
- 5 got -- they have I think two million Bangladesh
- 6 officers if my numbers --
- 7 D.C. BETTISON: 200,000.
- 8 CHIEF CRAIG: Oh, 200,000. Two hundred
- 9 thousand Bangladesh police officers. And in some kind
- 10 of way we work an exchange program where they can get a
- 11 work visa and if they were interested in becoming
- 12 Detroit police officers based on their experience. He
- 13 took that idea back from our conversation, and there
- 14 was tremendous excitement. So I'd like to -- if you
- 15 could talk a little bit about their response to that.
- D.C. BETTISON: Yeah. So it was a great
- 17 trip -- Deputy Chief Bettison, for the record -- great
- 18 trip. The Department of State hosted it. And the
- 19 reason for my going over there, along with Councilman
- 20 Benson, is it's a program that's already in existence
- 21 where American law enforcement goes over to various
- 22 countries and actually train law enforcement.
- So one of the things that they're looking for
- 24 is training, of course, in community relations,
- 25 community policing. And Detroit is a model around the



- 1 nation. So they've been courting Detroit asking that,
- 2 you know, we participate in the program. Other cities
- 3 that have participated, there's been Los Angeles Police
- 4 Department, Seattle, Washington. Hamtramck has sent an
- 5 officer before.
- 6 The concentration of Bangladesh citizens is
- 7 actually denoted as Banglatown now, declared by the
- 8 Governor as well, is in Hamtramck and also in the
- 9 Eleventh Precinct in that border area. So Detroit has
- 10 the third largest Bangladesh population outside of New
- 11 York and LA. So we have a lot of citizens of Detroit
- 12 that are Bangladeshi background.
- So with this trip we learned a lot about it.
- 14 And they're asking for Detroit officers to spend like a
- one-week, two-week staying over there actually
- 16 training. So I looked at the accommodations. The
- 17 accommodations were nice. It was safe. We were
- 18 treated very, very well. Because our primary thing is
- 19 before we send any of our officers anywhere we want to
- 20 ensure safety.
- Well, in looking at that as well, the Chief
- 22 said, hey, with the cultural exchange program it will
- 23 be -- you know, let's put the offer on the table and
- 24 say, hey, how would it look if for our Bangladesh
- 25 community -- because right now we only have I believe



- 1 it's one officer that's of Bengali background that's on
- 2 the department. So we've had a issue as far as being
- 3 able to recruit them to serve in their own community.
- 4 But, if we offer an exchange program where some of them
- 5 to come on a work visa for like a year and actually
- 6 serve in the Eleventh Precinct, that can help bridge
- 7 that community relations between that community and our
- 8 police department, because we're always forward
- 9 thinking.
- I had an opportunity to meet with their Chief
- 11 of Police there who's called the IG. I also met with
- 12 the U.S. ambassador, United States ambassador for
- 13 Bangladesh, presented that idea, and they were
- 14 absolutely supportive of it and said that is thinking
- on a international level. And they just applauded
- 16 Chief Craig's forward thinking.
- 17 So we can work through the details, but just
- 18 happy to report that it was received with overwhelming
- 19 support with that. Councilman Benson is very pleased
- 20 with it. And then it was a Bangladesh citizen from
- 21 Banglatown that was with us as well, and he was like
- 22 this would really be a good thing for that community.
- So, like I said, thanks, Chief Craig, and --
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- D.C. BETTISON: -- just thank our citizens as



- 1 well.
- 2 CHIEF CRAIG: And, through the Chair, we know
- 3 there's some obvious hurdles. You know, when you talk
- 4 about bringing in police officers from another country,
- 5 trying to get certification from MCOLES. You know, we
- 6 know a work visa -- I mean, there's a number of ways we
- 7 could facilitate it, even if it's an ambassador,
- 8 community policing ambassador. We could do that very
- 9 easily on a work visa. But I'm even thinking next
- 10 level that there may be some that want to, you know,
- 11 come to the country, get a work visa and maybe get
- 12 citizenship and then go through our training and then
- 13 get certified by MCOLES.
- So we think it's a great opportunity. I
- don't know of any other department that has done
- 16 something quite like this. There may be, but certainly
- 17 not with that community. So we're looking forward to
- 18 exploring this further, and if you have any other ideas
- 19 as relates to how we can move forward in that we'd
- 20 appreciate it.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Madam Chair.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner -- I just
- 23 want to take a moment to acknowledge Commissioner Jim
- 24 Holley who's been here about ten minutes.
- 25 Thank you for joining us, sir.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: And also to Commissioner
- 3 Brown's point about Chief Haddad who's a retired
- 4 Detroit Police commander, I think, he's been before
- 5 this board before. So if that's something that you
- 6 want to explore we can do that. He brought -- it's
- 7 been a few years since we did that. And I think that
- 8 that might be the place for you to have some of your
- 9 questions answered and as well as your FOIA request.
- 10 So if that's something you wanted the board to consider
- 11 please let me know.
- 12 Commissioner Burch.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: You're welcome.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: To the Chief, I think
- 16 that's a very good idea like you said about the
- 17 Bangladesh, but my question would be the language
- 18 barrier. Are they -- you know, do they know the
- 19 English language very well, and would you be assisting
- 20 that officer with an American officer so it would like
- 21 be two on two to be in our neighborhoods? Have you
- 22 figured that out yet?
- 23 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. We have,
- 24 and I have given some thoughts preliminarily on how
- 25 that would look. It could be a Detroit police officer



- 1 and a Bangladesh officer working together. Maybe they
- 2 work together with a NPO. I mean, there's a lot -- so
- 3 there's a lot for us to do and work through. This idea
- 4 just came about in the last several days so it's fresh.
- 5 They expect a follow-up from us. In fact, they want to
- 6 visit with us, some of the folks there, I think the IG
- 7 or someone from --
- 8 D.C. BETTISON: The IG. And English is their
- 9 second language. So the members of the police
- 10 department spoke English well. It's their second
- 11 language. Their primary language is Bangla.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just want to say
- 13 welcome back. We missed you.
- D.C. BETTISON: Thank you.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Glad you got back safe.
- 16 Madam Chair, may I ask another question --
- 17 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: -- to the Chief?
- 19 Chief, there was four of us as commissioners
- 20 that went to the facial recognition. We were able to
- 21 take pastors from two different locations, Forsythe and
- 22 Brewer, and we took community leaders. And listening
- 23 to Chief White, we did receive a more understanding
- 24 about it. But again, I know this is something that's
- 25 new, but a lot of people are misunderstanding some



- 1 things because when I asked a question of where would
- 2 these cameras be installed then Chief White said it
- 3 would only be installed where there were high crime.
- 4 Now, to me that makes sense. If there's a
- 5 high crime area, we do need to try to capture these
- 6 people that are making it very dangerous for citizens
- 7 like myself. So I live in District 3. So I feel all
- 8 the pressure and the crime that goes on a daily basis.
- And part 2 is with the speeding. I'm so very
- 10 happy to announce that the speed cushions, Madam Chair
- and Chief Craig, will be in District 3. We've had one
- 12 street already that has it, but my understanding is
- 13 that the priority was parks and schools would be first
- 14 to get the street cushions. So I've identified those
- 15 two schools and -- I mean those two parks, and I'm
- 16 hoping that's going to be done as soon as possible.
- 17 I'm very excited about number 11 and District 3,
- 18 because I live there.
- 19 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. I'm glad
- 20 that we're moving forward with your traffic.
- 21 To your initial comments relative to the
- 22 tour, I just want to make it clear, abundantly clear,
- 23 that there is no facial recognition software in any
- 24 camera. So, you know, when you made the statement that
- 25 where would these cameras, that's a different, you



- 1 know, conversation. But one of the misinformation
- 2 that's being placed out is that body-worn cameras even,
- 3 Green Light cameras and traffic cameras, all have the
- 4 software in it or the technology. They do not.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay.
- 6 CHIEF CRAIG: I think that's a very important
- 7 point. I know there's a house bill in California that
- 8 wants to prohibit body-worn cameras from having
- 9 software. I couldn't agree with that more. Body-worn
- 10 cameras on police officers should not have facial
- 11 recognition.
- 12 Imagine an officer coming to a call for
- 13 service and the camera is scanning and identifying.
- 14 There's a great likelihood of misidentification, which
- is the other issue, and as I know you saw in the
- 16 presentation --
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: There were three
- 18 investigators that go through it.
- 19 CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah. They're two that -- two
- 20 analysts, trained analysts, that go through it. There
- 21 has to be concurrence. And in the last leg of that
- 22 concurrence is a supervisor.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Correct. Thank you.
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: And so I just wanted to make
- 25 that point clear.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Any other questions,
- 3 commissioners?
- 4 Commissioner Holt.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair. Back
- 6 to the ambassador program that you just discussed. And
- 7 I understand that it's in exploration. Have you
- 8 identified perhaps the number of Bangladesh officers
- 9 you might approach and -- to see if they're truly
- 10 interested in coming to the United States?
- 11 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Detroit.
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: We haven't gone that far. I
- 14 threw out a very low number, 15 to 20, just to start
- 15 the conversation. But with 200,000 police officers,
- 16 there may be many more than that that are interested.
- 17 And certainly they would have to go through our
- 18 background investigation. The beauty is they're
- 19 already sitting police officers. So expectation is
- 20 that they will be able to pass the background.
- 21 Again, depending on how we bring them in, the
- 22 biggest hurdle is the citizenship piece if, in fact,
- 23 they're full-time sworn police officers or we bring
- them in under a work visa and then we put them in more
- of a civilian capacity doing neighborhood police



- 1 officer type work.
- 2 So there's a lot of ways we can probably do
- 3 it. We just thought this might be a good first step.
- 4 And, you know, we focus on diversity. And when you
- 5 think about that community it's very important to have
- 6 police officers that reflect the community that they're
- 7 serving.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Through the Chair.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Burton.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the Chief, in New
- 13 York a 18-year-old student was wrongfully arrested with
- 14 face recognition software. Just recently we just saw
- 15 26 lawmakers in the state of California was identified
- 16 as criminals. What happens when the City of Detroit
- 17 misidentify a person of color that doesn't have the
- 18 resources for a good legal defense here in the city of
- 19 Detroit?
- 20 It criminalize those that are living in
- 21 poverty. So now we have a coalition, a civil rights
- 22 coalition oppose facial recognition technology, drafted
- 23 a letter to the Board of Police Commissioners to band
- 24 facial recognition. And some of those groups are the
- 25 Arab-American Civil Rights League, the Arab Community



- 1 Center of Economics and Social Services, the ACLU of
- 2 Michigan, CAIR Michigan, Colors of Change, Detroit
- 3 Community Technology Project, Detroit Hispanic
- 4 Development Center, Detroit Justice Center, Michigan
- 5 Immigrant Rights Center, Michigan United and We the
- 6 People, the National Action Network, DRACO.
- 7 Many community leaders have spoken that they
- 8 don't want it in the city of Detroit. Detroit should
- 9 be the last city that we should come in with facial
- 10 recognition of any sort, of any kind. It has not been
- 11 properly tested in a black and brown community that's
- 12 filling up the prisons.
- We see that lawmakers up in Lansing is trying
- 14 to create a five-year ban on facial recognition. Why
- 15 do you support it? Why do you want it?
- 16 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. It's no
- 17 secret that we have certainly our fair share of crime.
- 18 And, like you, I'm absolutely committed that we do not
- 19 misidentify.
- 20 Again, as I stated to you last week,
- 21 Commissioner Burton, I invite you to come in, because I
- 22 think coming in, seeing it, touching it, will give you
- 23 an opportunity to understand why the misidentification
- 24 is minimized to the largest degree.
- So, by way of example, everything you just



- 1 talked about -- I saw the story about the congressman
- 2 who was misidentified. Let me just say this. If we
- 3 relied solely -- and this is part of what I say in the
- 4 presentation -- if we rely solely on the technology,
- 5 the software, to identify a person, probably I'm going
- 6 to give you a pretty good estimate, 98 percent of the
- 7 time that first photograph -- because what happens and
- 8 how it works -- and I hope you will consider coming to
- 9 our Realtime Crime Center. So this real case that we
- 10 worked on and we got a warrant from the Wayne County
- 11 prosecutor, it was a shooting suspect. He was involved
- in a shooting. His photograph was placed into the
- 13 technology. So 173 photographs were generated by the
- 14 computer on this one photograph.
- 15 And so what the computer then does it puts
- 16 each picture on a point scale. They rank it. The
- 17 number one photograph is what the computer is saying
- 18 this is the highest likely person matching this photo.
- 19 Because of the work of the analyst, the rigor that they
- 20 go through -- and it's not just a simple I'm go let the
- 21 computer do the work. When you read that story, what
- 22 they did is they put the photographs in there, and it's
- 23 going to misidentify. I guaranty it. I guaranty it.
- 24 But where the real work comes in is what the
- 25 analysts do who is trained, not the computer. The



- 1 computer is an aid. And here's the other part. So we
- 2 go through this rigorous process in that same case I'm
- 3 talking about, the suspect who was involved in a
- 4 violent crime, a shooting. He came out on Page 4. He
- 5 wasn't ranked at the top. The highest ranking number,
- 6 if my memory serves me, was like 633. That was the
- 7 highest ranked photograph. He was like 608.
- And so part of the demonstration, we bring
- 9 our young people, our seniors, our clergy leaders, they
- 10 come in. They're going through the process saying is
- 11 there anybody on this first row. No, it doesn't look
- 12 like the person. But we don't stop there. So when we
- get to the fourth row, the fourth page, then there's
- 14 the picture of what we believe to be the suspect, but
- 15 the analyst just doesn't go with that. He starts
- 16 drilling down further, look at other photographs for
- 17 that suspect to try to make comparisons. Then he goes
- 18 sometimes into social media.
- But here's the beauty of the whole thing.
- 20 After identification is tentatively made and it's
- 21 concurred to by another trained analyst and it's
- 22 supported by a supervisor, an arrest cannot be made,
- 23 cannot. What does happen, that analyst in our center
- 24 gives their findings to the investigator who's working
- in the field, and now we have a lead only. But we



- 1 cannot and do not solely make an arrest on
- 2 identification from facial recognition. We have not.
- 3 So here's another step, and I hope you'll
- 4 appreciate this, because I don't disagree with the
- 5 misidentification because if we relied on that computer
- 6 and said every number 1 photograph that comes up that's
- 7 our guy or gal, negative. We'd be wrong 97 percent of
- 8 the time.
- 9 So, to give you an example, so we've used
- 10 this software in excess of 500 times. In going through
- 11 that process looking for a probable suspect, 30 percent
- 12 of the time, or numerically 150 times, we took what the
- 13 analyst and the concurrence and supervisor review and
- 14 move that back to the investigation.
- 15 Here's the good news. In that 30 percent,
- 16 not one misidentification. So you might be thinking,
- 17 well, Chief, what about the other 70 percent. We don't
- 18 move that forward, because to move it forward there
- 19 will be a misidentification.
- 20 So again, it's no different than someone
- 21 calling in a tip from a news story with a sketch that
- 22 we put out. We might get a dozen or so tips. Some of
- 23 them frankly are wrong. They'll identify and say that
- 24 sketch looks like James Craiq who lives down the
- 25 street. Investigators do their work, find out it's not



- 1 James Craig.
- 2 And I just want to add this. It's a
- 3 interesting story that was in Wallstreet Journal, and
- 4 it talked about facial recognition, comparing it to
- 5 fingerprint technology from the 1880s. What's
- 6 fascinating is I read the story, there was a lot of
- 7 hysteria over the use of fingerprints in the 1880s, the
- 8 same level hysteria that we talk about facial
- 9 recognition. But now nobody questions fingerprints,
- 10 nobody questions DNA.
- 11 So I just thought I'd make those points. But
- 12 again, in closing, Commissioner Burton, I would just
- 13 ask -- I may not change your mind, but I at least want
- 14 -- and I'll personally give you a personal tour, and
- 15 we'll go through and you can ask me 101 questions,
- 16 maybe 102. And I hope that creates a better
- 17 understanding for you, because the reason why I'm so
- 18 excited over it is because everyone that goes through
- 19 there at least leaves there with a different
- 20 impression.
- 21 And I've had journalists go through there
- 22 that kind of frankly have been anti-facial recognition,
- 23 and one of them wrote a subsequent article. And they
- 24 don't necessarily write favorable articles on the
- 25 department, but it was balanced and I could feel that



- 1 there was an appreciation for how we use it.
- 2 And like the story you talked about in LA
- 3 Times with those congressmen, you're right, I believe
- 4 that. You put it in, the first photo that jumps out
- 5 misidentification. That's a fact.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Chief, you know, we as
- 7 America's blackest, poorest city in America, we cannot
- 8 misidentify a single person. As America's blackest
- 9 city in American we cannot afford to misidentify one
- 10 person.
- And in addition to that, how do we as elected
- 12 officials in the city of Detroit supposed to gain the
- 13 trust of Detroiters when the city of Detroit is
- implementing this project, implementing this
- 15 technology, securing grants without coming before this
- 16 body?
- 17 So the community they looks at it like how do
- 18 you all -- how do you all allow this to go on without
- 19 having any public forums or any discussions, whatever,
- 20 a vote taken on this matter. And here it is I have my
- 21 hands like this like I was not aware.
- 22 So it makes it very hard for us elected
- 23 officials to gain the support and the trust of the
- 24 community when things like this happens. You know, the
- 25 department should have came before the Board of Police



- 1 Commissioners with a plan talking about whatever grants
- 2 that they was trying to secure, funding, whatever,
- 3 should have came before us for authorization. They
- 4 also should have came before us for approval. It
- 5 should have been a public discussion on this matter.
- 6 But facial recognition does not work and it
- 7 has misidentified many people, not only the lawmakers
- 8 in California, but the 18-year-old student in New York.
- 9 We cannot afford to once again misidentify a single
- 10 person, you know. But, more importantly, we have a
- 11 role and responsibility, too, to ensure the trust of
- 12 the people.
- And when we have important decisions that
- 14 come before us we have to turn to our constituents.
- 15 They must be included in the process. When the board
- 16 has different meetings that's going on, where's the
- 17 transparency? When they're having policy discussions
- 18 without the community ever getting any notification
- 19 about when these meetings are taking place, what time
- 20 they are taking place, where's the minutes. When a
- 21 Chair and a Vice Chair meets with the Mayor and the
- 22 Chief, we don't get a update on those meetings.
- 23 So we are all misinformed. None of us knows
- 24 what's really going on, but what we do know is that
- 25 there's a coalition of supporters of leadership in the



- 1 community saying, no, we don't want facial recognition
- 2 in our city. Detroit is the last city that we need to
- 3 be apposing facial recognition. It poses a greater
- 4 threat to those that are living in Detroit.
- 5 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, and I'll be
- 6 brief in my response. Like you, Commissioner Burton, I
- 7 respect this city, this community. I understand
- 8 vividly the importance of trust and transparency.
- 9 Now, to your issue, if I had known that there
- 10 was going to be the kind of response that has -- really
- 11 over the last several months this has been a national
- 12 conversation. We had no way of knowing. We certainly
- 13 have a policy on data sharing, which this technology
- 14 certainly has covered. And we weren't secretive about
- 15 the purchase. A one million-dollar purchase we can't
- 16 be secretive. In fact, we went before council and --
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: But did you go before
- 18 the Board of Police Commissioners?
- 19 MS. SMITH: Please.
- 20 CHIEF CRAIG: Can I finish? I mean, out of
- 21 respect, let me finish. I've listened to your
- 22 response.
- 23 And so we went before the council as we have
- 24 to in purchases. There was a conversation about it.
- 25 Again, when that happened in 2017, facial recognition



- 1 really wasn't a conversation. In fact, as I've said --
- 2 I publicly said, Michigan State Police has been using
- 3 it for probably 17 years. The FBI uses it.
- 4 And one thing that you did say,
- 5 misidentifying one person is not acceptable. I don't
- 6 disagree with you, but I want to remind you in my
- 7 earlier remarks, if we identify someone that we believe
- 8 was involved in a violent crime and we only use it in a
- 9 violent crime, emphasis on that, we cannot go out and
- 10 make that arrest. It's a lead only.
- 11 So let me give you a great example. And this
- is an example I give -- and I think this touches every
- 13 Detroiter. We know recently a little over a month ago
- 14 we had five people shot, three of them died, at a LGBTQ
- 15 party died. The suspect when he fired the shots inside
- 16 the party, inside the house, he was wearing a mask. So
- 17 the witnesses, the surviving victims, could not
- 18 identify him, but here's where this suspect made a
- 19 mistake. This suspect went to a Green Light gas
- 20 station in the company of two of the five victims. So
- 21 as we looked at the footage he resembled the man who
- 22 did the shooting with the mask, but he wasn't wearing a
- 23 mask in the gas station. He was unmasked. He had on
- 24 the same clothing. And so in an effort to develop the
- lead we took a snapshot of his image, we ran through



- 1 facial recognition, we identified the suspect. We went
- 2 through the process I described. That suspect has
- 3 since been arrested and charged with several counts of
- 4 murder by the Wayne County prosecutor.
- 5 We rarely talk about the victims in these
- 6 conversations. We rarely do it. We rarely talk about
- 7 the violent suspects. Well, let's talk about the man
- 8 who was beating a 29-year-old woman in a McDonald's or
- 9 the 52-year-old who was walking home probably from work
- 10 at three o'clock in the morning who was robbed. We
- 11 identified those suspects.
- 12 And, to be candid, when you think about the
- 13 shooting incident, that would have been a whodunit. We
- 14 would never -- because nobody could just -- I mean, how
- 15 are you going to identify man wearing a mask. But
- 16 clearly, when you see him in company, same clothing,
- 17 same body build, that was a good identification.
- 18 So I'm with you. We don't want to
- 19 misidentify one person, but what we do want to do and
- 20 what we need to start talking about is these violent
- 21 predatory criminals that are creating fear in many of
- 22 our neighborhoods. If we can leverage technology
- 23 constitutionally and ethically, we start creating safe
- 24 cities. That's how it works.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Chief. And



- 1 I'm going to end on this --
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Are you listening to --
- 3 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Mr. Burton, you don't
- 4 have the floor right now.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I do have the floor.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: I have the floor. I'm
- 7 the Chair.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We're having a
- 9 conversation. But I just want to say this in closing.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: We've got other agenda.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Chief, are you
- 12 listening to --
- 13 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Burton.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Are you listening to --
- 15 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: We're going to end this
- 16 conversation, Commissioner Burton.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: -- the coalition group
- 18 for the City of Detroit --
- 19 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Burton.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: -- on why they want
- 21 facial recognition banned in the city of Detroit?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Burton.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Why is it important in
- 24 moving forward with it when Detroiters have spoken
- 25 loudly that they don't want it?



1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: You're still asking the

- 2 same question over and over, son.
- 3 MS. SMITH: Thank you.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Burton,
- 5 we're going to move on, but I want to say this about --
- 6 excuse me. I want to say this about the conversation
- 7 that we're having.
- 8 Chief Craig, you said that in 2017 that it
- 9 was no secret that you purchased the software, that you
- 10 went to City Council.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
- 12 Chair, I can't hear you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: I'm sorry.
- 14 Okay. You said it was no secret that you
- 15 were purchasing the software. And I agree with
- 16 Commissioner Burton that it never came to this board.
- 17 It should have been a -- you said it wasn't a
- 18 conversation, but it should have been a conversation.
- 19 And I think that if there had been a conversation I
- 20 don't think that there would be as much distrust in the
- 21 software and the process. So I agree that we should
- 22 have had a conversation. Although, there was no
- 23 conversation.
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. I've
- 25 addressed this.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes.
- 2 CHIEF CRAIG: And I indicated very clearly
- 3 that there was no emotion attached to facial
- 4 recognition. There were no conversations nationally on
- 5 facial recognition. Had I known or could have
- 6 predicted, predicted --
- 7 There's a lot of technology that we
- 8 purchased, whether it's license plate readers. We have
- 9 a data-sharing agreement that has come before this
- 10 board. And so had we known that there was going to be
- 11 a lot of emotion attached, I admit if I had to do it
- 12 all over again how would I do it. I've said it to the
- 13 media, I've said it publicly and I'll say it to you
- 14 again. If I had to do this all over again, I would
- 15 have done it in the manner you've just described. But
- 16 again, I had no way -- the department had no way of
- 17 knowing to predict how --
- 18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: But it shouldn't have
- 19 been a prediction. It should have been --
- 20 CHIEF CRAIG: I'm giving you my response.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: I understand.
- 22 CHIEF CRAIG: And, if that's not good enough,
- 23 I apologize. But the thing is I admit, if I had known
- 24 what I know today, I would have done it that way. But
- 25 there was no discussion two years ago nationally or



- 1 local about the use of facial recognition. Other
- 2 agencies have been using it. There's been no
- 3 discussion. There's discussion now. And that started
- 4 with that Harvard or Georgetown white --
- 5 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Right. Thank you,
- 6 Chief. Now, we're moving on to the presentation from
- 7 the Drug Enforcement Unit. Thank you. Thank you,
- 8 Chief.
- 9 CHIEF CRAIG: You're welcome.
- 10 LT. GUNTZVILLER: Good afternoon, Chief --
- 11 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.
- 12 LT. GUNTZVILLER: -- ladies and gentlemen of
- 13 the commission. Lieutenant Guntzviller. I'm
- 14 commanding officer of the Major Violators Unit. I just
- 15 want to give you a brief presentation on who we are and
- 16 what we do.
- 17 My apologies, because this has been slightly
- 18 amended since the presentation has been prepared, but
- 19 we are presently operating on the enforcement side
- 20 three raid teams, and we also have a DEA task force
- 21 who's charged with the opioid initiative. We have
- 22 officers assigned to the Western Wayne Task Force,
- 23 which operates under the Michigan State Police. The
- 24 Planning and Analysis Unit, the 224-Dope Unit which
- 25 processes called in complaints, our prisoner processing



- 1 unit which processes arrests that initiate from street
- 2 enforcement and also precincts, and the Vice Unit also
- 3 falls under this umbrella.
- 4 Some year-to-date statistics for the Major
- 5 Violators Enforcement Unit. Year-to-date we've
- 6 executed 338 search warrants and conducted 29 street
- 7 enforcement operations. This has resulted in 242
- 8 felony arrests, 306 misdemeanor arrests, the recovery
- 9 of 207 firearms and the seizure of 52 vehicles.
- 10 The narcotics that have been seized in the
- 11 amounts listed here, 10,249 plus grams of cocaine,
- 12 17,683 grams of heroin, 206,046 grams of marijuana and
- just over 2,400 pills have a combined street value of
- 14 approximately \$38,035,000. We've also seized cash in
- 15 the form of narcotic proceeds in excess of a million
- 16 dollars this year.
- 17 Some of the strategies and directions that
- 18 the unit is taking on, the recent decriminalization of
- 19 marijuana has really forced us to revisit the way that
- 20 we operate. As you may well know, marijuana is
- 21 commonly referred to as gateway drug, not only for
- 22 users, but also for us on the enforcement side, because
- 23 it's a way for us to develop search warrants and get
- 24 into houses and also to recover additional narcotics of
- 25 other forms. So we've had to kind of tweak our



- 1 operations in regards to that.
- 2 And our enforcement activities now are really
- 3 driven much more by intelligence that we gather from
- 4 our Ceasefire activity, our crime mapping and overdose
- 5 mapping, which I'll discuss in detail a little bit
- 6 further.
- We're continuing to focus on the most violent
- 8 offenders citywide, specifically those that are
- 9 trafficking opiates. We're working right now to
- 10 improve our preliminary testing procedures not only to
- 11 ensure safety for the members of the unit and the
- 12 department, but also to minimize the potential for any
- 13 error.
- We've begun the process of evaluating
- 15 refreshing our standard operating procedures for the
- 16 Major Violators Unit. That hasn't been done since
- 17 about 2014 when the unit was rebranded, I guess. We're
- 18 continuing our complaint responsive enforcement
- 19 focusing on the 224-Dope complaints that come in as
- 20 well as those that come in from community groups from
- 21 precincts and also from enforcement activity.
- We've also begun tracking narcotic activity
- 23 at the Land Bank-owned properties so that we can move
- 24 forward with proper management of that property, making
- 25 sure that it's closed up or subject to forfeiture



- 1 proceedings.
- 2 So I touched on the opioid epidemic here in
- 3 Detroit, and nationwide it has become just a
- 4 catastrophic problem, and Detroit hasn't gone untouched
- 5 for that. It continues to trend upward. And we're
- 6 seeing that we really had to adjust our strategy and
- 7 kind of come up with a different approach to looking at
- 8 this. We really need to do different things to
- 9 minimize the impact of these drugs in our communities.
- 10 If you look at some of the numbers that are
- 11 posted here, they're pretty staggering. And this is
- 12 nationwide, not specific to Detroit, and this is as of
- 13 January 2019. An estimated 130 people died daily from
- 14 opioid-related overdoses. Approximately 11 and a half
- million people misuse prescription opioids, 886,000
- 16 people use heroin, and last year 81,000 people used
- 17 heroin for the first time.
- So one of the programs that we've started
- 19 quite recently here in 2019 is utilization of the
- 20 overdose maps, or OD maps as we refer to that. This is
- 21 a program that's run through the HIDTA unit, which is
- 22 the federal government's arm, the high intensity drug
- 23 trafficking area.
- So these are numbers that are specific to the
- 25 city of Detroit here. In 2019 year-to-date we've had



- 1 1,321 total incidents of opioid overdose, and that's
- 2 reflected here on the map. So it may be a little bit
- 3 hard to see here, but the green dots are going to be
- 4 just nonspecific overdoses where the red ones are
- 5 fatalities that did not involve the use of Narcan. And
- 6 the other diamond-shaped icons are also going to be
- 7 fatalities.
- 8 Of the 1,321 total incidents, in 1,224 we
- 9 administered Narcan, and that's gotten mixed results as
- 10 indicated by the display there. Sometimes it did
- 11 revive the person, sometimes it did not. But the
- 12 biggest figure that concerns us is the 109 deaths that
- 13 are going to be attributed directly to suspected opiate
- 14 overdoses.
- So one of the biggest concerns with this is
- 16 going to be the lethality of more specifically the
- 17 synthetic opioids. Fentanyl and Carfentanil is an
- 18 example. And, if you look at the dime here for scale,
- 19 these are going to be fatal doses here of heroin on the
- 20 left, Fentanyl and Carfentanil. Fentanyl and
- 21 Carfentanil are quite commonly mixed in with heroin to
- 22 increase the potency. And, as you can see, a fatal
- 23 dose of Carfentanil is no more than a few grains of
- 24 table salt.
- So not only is this something that's out here



- 1 in our community that we really need to work to
- 2 eradicate, it's something that presents a real danger
- 3 to our officers, not only at the Major Violators Unit,
- 4 but even just on the regular patrol side.
- 5 We've been kind of working with our Prisoner
- 6 Processing Unit and trying to come up with better
- 7 solutions to that to increase the safety. One of the
- 8 things that we've come up with, and we're awaiting I
- 9 believe City Council approval is where the stage is
- 10 with that, it's going to be the obtaining of true narc
- 11 testing machines, which are handheld devices where you
- 12 can scan the package and determine the contents of it
- 13 without having to open it and then potentially expose
- 14 yourself to something like this.
- 15 All of our officers currently carry Narcan
- 16 and are trained to administer that, and we're working
- 17 to get that pushed out to all of the precincts so that
- 18 we have all of our members certified and carrying that
- 19 for their safety and also for the safety of the members
- 20 of the community.
- 21 So moving forward, we've kind of developed a
- 22 two-prong approach towards dealing with the opioid
- 23 situation here. Number one, it's going to be our
- 24 targeted enforcement. So the Major Violators Section
- 25 in cooperation with HIDTA, the Detroit Fire Department



- 1 and the Homicide Unit places all of that data on the
- 2 map to track where our overdoses are occurring at as
- 3 they respond to those in realtime.
- 4 So if an EMS unit, for example, arrives on
- 5 the scene and they administer Narcan to somebody that
- 6 they suspected is overdosing on heroin or other
- 7 opiates, that gets placed on the map there so that we
- 8 can track that. And what that allows us to do is
- 9 direct our enforcement activity to those specific areas
- 10 where a bad batch of heroin has popped up. And we need
- 11 to really get out there and get in front of that to
- 12 prevent people from overdosing and potentially dying.
- 13 More recently we've started a meeting with
- 14 members of the Detroit Health Department and also the
- 15 Wayne County Mental Health Authority to partner with
- 16 them as well as some community groups in order to get
- 17 the other resources that they have, which are quite
- 18 frankly very different than what we do, and get that
- 19 out into the community so that we can target the end
- 20 user and eliminate the demand for the product. They'll
- 21 bring out counseling resources, they'll make Narcan
- 22 available and things like that available to the
- 23 community so that we can eliminate the demand for it.
- 24 So we attack it from both sides, supply and demand.
- 25 Also part of the Major Violators Unit is



- 1 going to be our Vice Unit. Their main focus right now
- 2 is really on the human trafficking side of this.
- 3 There's guite a lot of talk about that in the media,
- 4 and it's also a pretty significant problem here in the
- 5 city. And you'll see that when we get into the
- 6 statistics with that unit.
- 7 We presently have six officers that are
- 8 assigned to the SEMTEC task force that works directly
- 9 with the FBI and also agencies here in southeast
- 10 Michigan to combat specifically human trafficking.
- 11 That unit really focuses its investigations on juvenile
- 12 and adult human trafficking. There's organized
- 13 prostitution investigations, whether that be from
- 14 internet sources or from street level.
- 15 Our Vice Unit investigates missing persons
- 16 cases that have potential ties with the human
- 17 trafficking. They also conduct enforcement actions on
- 18 after hours establishments, unlicensed parties that are
- 19 advertised, block parties and things like that that
- 20 aren't sanctioned through the precincts. Vice Unit
- 21 conducts bar and club inspections to make sure that
- they're in compliance with our ordinances here in the
- 23 city as well as the Michigan Liquor Control Commission
- 24 regulations. And also miscellaneous ordinance
- 25 violations, gas stations selling loose cigarettes,



- 1 selling tobacco to minors, things of that nature.
- 2 On the vice side of the unit here,
- 3 year-to-date they've conducted inspections of 250
- 4 liquor stores, which has resulted in 112 ordinance
- 5 violations being issued, inspections at 127 bars
- 6 resulting in 64 ordinances and one felony arrest,
- 7 inspections at 20 hotels and motels with no violations
- 8 noted, seven gas stations with seven ordinance
- 9 violations.
- 10 In reference to the adult entertainment
- 11 businesses, the topless bars, things of that nature,
- 12 there's been 29 of those establishments inspected.
- 13 Many of those have been inspected multiple times,
- 14 especially when violations are identified. They'll
- 15 make it a point to go back there within a reasonable
- 16 time frame. They've issued almost 300 ordinance
- 17 violations, made four felony arrests, 45 misdemeanor
- 18 arrests and recovered four firearms at those specific
- 19 types of businesses.
- 20 With regards to human trafficking
- 21 investigations, our Vice Enforcement and the SEMTEC
- 22 unit have year-to-date conducted 132 human trafficking
- 23 investigations. These also encompass child
- 24 exploitation, possessions of child pornography and
- 25 things like that. The unit's recovered 11 endangered



- 1 missing persons that have been susceptible to human
- 2 trafficking. Ten not-in-custody warrants have been
- 3 obtained through the Wayne County prosecutor's office
- 4 or through the federal government. And there's been 35
- 5 arrests made so far for human trafficking related
- 6 offenses.
- 7 Some of the ways that we do that in addition
- 8 to tips that were received, the Vice Unit conducts
- 9 weekly operations targeting high prostitution areas in
- 10 the city. A lot of those are complaint responsive.
- 11 And we'll either target the prostitutes themselves or
- 12 the clients. The vehicles are going to be seized under
- 13 the nuisance abatement statute and subject to
- 14 forfeiture. And when conducting the reverse stings,
- 15 either the woman or the male sometimes that are
- 16 soliciting when they're arrested they're immediately
- debriefed by our Vice Unit to determine whether they're
- 18 operating on their own or, you know, involuntarily at
- 19 somebody else's direction and, therefore, a victim of
- 20 human trafficking.
- Just as recent as a couple of weeks ago Vice
- 22 was conducting one of these enforcement operations and
- 23 encountered a couple of young ladies. And when they
- 24 were debriefed it led them to a lot of information that
- 25 they were, in fact, victims of human trafficking. And



- 1 they were able to obtain search warrants and later
- 2 arrest warrants that led to, I believe, 21 felony
- 3 charges against two individuals for human trafficking
- 4 related offenses.
- 5 So, in a nutshell, that's pretty much who we
- 6 are and what we do, and I'd like to open the floor to
- 7 any questions.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioners, do you
- 9 have any questions?
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I have a couple. Do
- 11 you mind?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Holley.
- COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you. Thank you
- 14 for the report. It's two or three and I'll go quickly
- 15 through it; okay?
- 16 LT. GUNTZVILLER: Yes.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And I appreciate the
- 18 report. One is is there any reason -- is it the
- 19 proceeds that has been seized, is it permissible for
- 20 you to tell us what you do with those monies that you
- 21 -- do you get more body armor or something? What do we
- 22 do with that money that we seize?
- LT. GUNTZVILLER: Well, for example, the
- 24 funds that we've seized so far this year those are
- 25 going to be deposited into a bank account, and those



- 1 are also going to the subject to court hearings. And
- 2 once there's a disposition on the court case that can
- 3 be directed into a forfeiture account --
- 4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: It can go up and down
- 5 from that, right.
- 6 LT. GUNTZVILLER: Yes. But then those items
- 7 can be delegated for use for equipment purchases,
- 8 things of that nature.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay. The second
- 10 quickly. The op -- the op -- the epidemic in regards
- 11 to the O-P-I-O-I-D --
- 12 LT. GUNTZVILLER: Opioid.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Opioid.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: You've got the national
- 15 piece there. I'd really like to know about each one in
- 16 terms of what's going on in Detroit.
- 17 LT. GUNTZVILLER: Okay.
- COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: You know, if you've got
- 19 some time.
- The other thing quickly, Chief, through the
- 21 Chair, through you and the Chief, I've been watching
- 22 this stuff about human trafficking. I listened to the
- 23 Chief about three or four months ago where he felt like
- 24 it was very, very much important that we understand
- 25 what's going on with this human trafficking piece. I'd



- 1 really like to have a presentation.
- 2 I understand Texas is like -- it's 62 percent
- 3 of human trafficking. It's the largest in terms of
- 4 human trafficking is Texas, but it's hitting all --
- 5 seems like so many other things are going -- being
- 6 distracted, but this right here these are kids. I
- 7 understand that it's very possible when kids are 13
- 8 once they get their -- get through -- they're 13,
- 9 girls, human trafficking, and seven years later they
- 10 can be dead or hooked on drugs.
- I mean, those are the kind of things -- I
- 12 think all this stuff that's going on in the nation that
- it's being distracted a little bit in terms of what's
- 14 going on now. So I'd like to have a presentation if
- it's possible with the Chair's permission to have just
- 16 on human trafficking.
- 17 The other thing, then I'll leave you alone,
- 18 the Chief said that prostitutes are now working girls
- 19 or working -- you changed the name. They're working
- 20 what now?
- 21 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. Sex
- 22 workers.
- COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: They're sex workers.
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: I didn't change the name. It's
- 25 more commonly used because it crosses gender and --



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Gotcha. So if I'm
- 2 changing the name am I also changing the position in
- 3 terms of -- because it seems like to me that's where a
- 4 lot of this stuff can be detected in terms of human
- 5 trafficking, can be depicted in that area. So if you
- 6 -- are we -- even though we're changing the name are we
- 7 still dealing with it as a crime?
- 8 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. That's
- 9 correct.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: You are?
- 11 CHIEF CRAIG: Yes.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So the name is --
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. I mean, I
- 14 didn't personally change the name. I mean --
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: No, you didn't.
- 16 CHIEF CRAIG: But it's commonly referred to
- 17 -- prostitution is still prostitution.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm trying to get my
- 19 sermon points together --
- 20 CHIEF CRAIG: Right.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: -- so I can be up to
- 22 date on that. Thank you, sir.
- LT. GUNTZVILLER: If I may, I think I can
- 24 briefly address that. So some of the enforcement
- 25 activity that does take place at the adult



- 1 entertainment establishments specifically does address
- 2 that. We will send in officers or decoys and quite
- 3 often come out of there with information that they may
- 4 have been solicited by someone.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm just concerned -- I
- 6 hear you loud and clear, but I'm really concerned
- 7 because I've been watching this and I'm trying to do a
- 8 paper on it. And in terms of the young
- 9 African-American poor people that basically are
- 10 vulnerable to this stuff. And we don't -- because
- 11 they're poor nobody really cares. And I just feel like
- 12 -- that's my feeling about it, and I just feel like
- 13 somewhere down the line I feel that we are -- we need
- 14 to have a real concern about this human trafficking
- 15 piece from the bottom to the top.
- 16 CAPTAIN SEVERY: Sir, if I may just briefly
- 17 -- Captain Ian Severy, Organized Crime. As far as the
- 18 sex workers, prostitutes, whichever term you prefer,
- 19 everyone that we encounter we debrief fully to find out
- 20 their voluntariness of their activities.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Gotcha.
- 22 CAPTAIN SEVERY: And, if they are being
- 23 trafficked or they're ready to proceed with services to
- 24 get them out of that lifestyle, we have created
- 25 services that are assisting us with that, including



- 1 safe houses. We're trying to make their life better.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I gotcha. I gotcha.
- 3 Thank you so much. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Brooks.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: We have the Jazz
- 6 Festival coming up. My understanding is that people
- 7 that do the human trafficking part come to Detroit or
- 8 come out of Detroit to events like this to grab people.
- 9 Is that still going on?
- 10 LT. GUNTZVILLER: I wouldn't say necessarily
- 11 to specifically come there and grab people, but with
- 12 what we've seen a lot with the larger events, maybe
- 13 perhaps the Auto Show, the Superbowl, things like that,
- 14 it brings human trafficking with it specifically to
- 15 provide services to potential clients at events like
- 16 that.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: So, in other words, if
- 18 you're attending any of these you need to be careful?
- 19 LT. GUNTZVILLER: I wouldn't necessarily be
- 20 concerned on that end as an attendee, but just be aware
- 21 that something like that is potential for it to be
- 22 available. So with like an event such as the Auto Show
- 23 or Superbowl, like I mentioned, it's -- the hotels
- themselves are actually monitored by a couple of
- 25 different task forces to prevent things like that. At



- 1 airports, points of entry and train stations, things
- 2 like that, that's where they're going to be looking
- 3 for, you know, the man that's traveling with four or
- 4 five young girls or things like that to intervene in
- 5 that immediately and eliminate that.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Holt.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair. Okay.
- 9 Now that marijuana is legal, both medical and
- 10 recreational, has the conviction process changed as
- 11 compared to before marijuana was made legal here in the
- 12 state -- in Michigan?
- 13 LT. GUNTZVILLER: Specifically with regards
- 14 to marijuana?
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes, specific to
- 16 marijuana.
- 17 LT. GUNTZVILLER: Yes, because most of the
- 18 infractions it will encounter on the street level are
- 19 going to be ticketable offenses rather than arrestable
- 20 offenses.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. Thank you.
- LT. GUNTZVILLER: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Burch.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- Thank you so much for your report. My



- 1 concern is regarding the parks and the borderlines that
- 2 -- from the suburbs into Detroit. The example I'm
- 3 speaking about is at the Belmont Shopping Center, Eight
- 4 and Dequindre. We see many times people come across do
- 5 their dealing. So I wanted to know do you keep
- 6 officers alert of that area? Plus, like I said, the
- 7 parks and the gas stations that are not our Green Light
- 8 partners, because it's quite a few that is not. So how
- 9 do you protect us -- or how do you keep track of the
- 10 dealings they do with this opium and all of those
- 11 drugs? How do you do that?
- 12 LT. GUNTZVILLER: So one of the main things
- 13 that we've really been doing using is the opioid
- 14 mapping, the OD maps. And what that helps us do is
- 15 pinpoint the specific areas where that stuff is being
- 16 sold and where, you know, it's really interfering with
- 17 the day-to-day operations in the neighborhood.
- And what we do is when we see clusters of
- 19 overdoses start popping up in specific areas as that
- 20 data is entered by either our homicide unit, us, the
- 21 fire department or HIDTA themselves, we start targeting
- 22 those areas specifically.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. Last point. With
- 24 the marijuana clinics, do you investigate them? They
- 25 could be also dealing. And I heard that on these



- 1 marijuana facilities they are not allowed to have
- 2 crosses -- certain signs on their buildings is illegal.
- 3 Do you know about that, what signs are not supposed to
- 4 be on those marijuana dispensaries?
- 5 LT. GUNTZVILLER: I'm not a hundred percent
- 6 familiar with what signage is permitted.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: If you don't, will you
- 8 find out what that is, because it's illegal.
- 9 LT. GUNTZVILLER: We can do that.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.
- 11 LT. GUNTZVILLER: And that would be probably
- 12 a question better addressed to the Building and Safety
- 13 Department.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Building and Safety?
- 15 LT. GUNTZVILLER: Yes.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. -- is that Rutledge
- 17 or who is that?
- D.C. BETTISON: Dave Bell.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Who?
- D.C. BETTISON: Dave Bell.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'll get with him. You
- 22 remind me.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Any other questions,
- 24 commissioners?
- 25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Madam Chair.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Brown.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Just a comment. But
- 3 thank you for your report. Chief, to both of you, here
- 4 is situation, an opportunity, that when I mentioned on
- 5 early on about a year ago that medical first
- 6 responder's training which would play a part in
- 7 assisting officers in identifying overdose victims. I
- 8 mean, because there are some medical issues that people
- 9 can suffer and conditions they could have that may
- 10 mimic that, but it may not be an overdose. And you
- 11 don't want to give Narcan or someone that has not OD'd.
- 12 They would be very angry with you the next day.
- But the medical first responder training, and
- 14 then along with that was I don't know the depth of the
- 15 HAZMAT training that you guys received as like the fire
- 16 department gets in identifying these labs, because, you
- 17 know, when they're cooking up these drugs they creating
- 18 these dangerous gases, specifically in these meth labs.
- 19 They create those death bags with that -- I think it's
- 20 phosgene gas that's in those bags.
- 21 So how are we going to move forward with the
- 22 training for these officers in your group to protect
- themselves and be able to identify these thing readily
- 24 for the outside, and if they come up on them, you know,
- 25 how are you going to proceed? Obviously you said what



- 1 was that Carfentanil that you had up there that's less
- 2 than 0.2 milligrams. That's not a -- that's a pinch of
- 3 salt that I put in my oatmeal in the morning. But I
- 4 mean something like that minute to cause, you know,
- 5 such a medical emergency on an officer that come in
- 6 contact with it. I think here it is if we went into
- 7 these realms of the medical first responder training
- 8 more in-depth of the HAZMAT training they would better
- 9 aid, you know, your group specifically and more
- 10 officers out there in the field and equip them with
- 11 being able to identify the things to protect
- 12 themselves.
- 13 LT. GUNTZVILLER: So that's one of the very
- 14 specific reasons that we pushed down the Narcan, not
- 15 only to our unit, but also other patrol units because
- 16 of the potential legality of a substance like this.
- 17 The one benefit to Narcan and -- which is one
- 18 of the reasons that you don't need to be necessarily a
- 19 medically licensed person to administer it is that it's
- 20 opioid specific. So that's the only interaction that
- 21 it's going to have is with opioids if they're in the
- 22 system.
- So if, for example, the person is having a
- 24 diabetic reaction or something of that nature that may
- 25 slightly mimic the symptoms of opioid overdose, there's



- 1 no ill effects of Narcan being administered on that
- 2 person. It's just a brief nasal spray. We don't use
- 3 the injectable Narcan here.
- 4 And then to address your question about the
- 5 clandestine labs, I can't really speak to any
- 6 methamphetamine production that we've really
- 7 encountered on a large scale here in the city. It
- 8 would be very occasional possession. And thankfully
- 9 that has not been something that has made it here at
- 10 least -- maybe what, within the last four or five years
- 11 we've I think we've encountered one or two labs.
- 12 CAPTAIN SEVERY: Captain Ian Severy,
- 13 Organized Crime again. I'm aware of one that was kind
- of a mobile lab, but that's the only one. And with our
- 15 partnerships with both Michigan State Police and DEA we
- 16 were able to encounter that. We would just immediately
- 17 back out and call in one of their lab teams.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Madam Chairperson, can
- 19 I -- you're not mad at me, are you?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: No.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Let me ask you this.
- 22 For example, 109 deaths over -- you know, we've got 158
- 23 homicides, 109 deaths, that should really upset us,
- 24 109. That gives us -- you know, it don't mean that
- 25 they're all a crime, but you understand what I'm



- 1 saying. That's the -- and nobody's talking about that.
- 2 Nobody's talking about that. It's just like 109 people
- 3 that just don't care, nobody cares.
- 4 And that's the -- I'm loud. I'm a preacher
- 5 so don't be mad. I'm not trying to get on you, but I'm
- 6 just telling you that should be upsetting all of us.
- 7 This is not national. This is Detroit.
- 8 LT. GUNTZVILLER: Yes.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And I would not have
- 10 known this if you had not brought this report to me
- 11 this morning -- this afternoon.
- 12 Thank you, Madam Chairperson.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I haven't been here in
- 15 a couple weeks so you can understand.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you for your
- 17 report.
- 18 COMMISSIONERS: Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: We're going to move on
- 20 to standing or ad hoc committee reports.
- 21 And now the report from the Board Secretary
- 22 Mr. Hicks, if you could just ...
- MR. HICKS: Thank you, Madam Chair. In the
- 24 interest of being brief given the time, I point your
- 25 attention to five items that have been incoming into



- 1 the board's office. Some of those are requests for
- 2 information. Some of them are comments relative to
- 3 facial recognition. And, of course, I also included in
- 4 the packet detailed information for the board for the
- 5 keynote speaker, Dr. Lopez, for your attention.
- 6 With that, and given the interest of time,
- 7 unless you have a question for me I would -- that would
- 8 be my report.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Mr. Hicks.
- 10 Any questions?
- 11 Thank you.
- 12 Old business, commissioners?
- 13 New business? Old business. Commissioner
- 14 Burton?
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yeah. Under old
- 16 business we talk about subcommittees. I just want to
- 17 know as far as policy subcommittee you said that facial
- 18 recognition would be discussed in the policy. Is the
- 19 policy subcommittee, is it going to be open to the
- 20 public? Will the public know when that meeting is
- 21 taking place and will they be allowed to attend?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: The policy committee --
- 23 right now it's with actually the policy manager who is
- 24 reviewing it along with staff. So there hasn't been
- 25 any meeting scheduled. So we'll let you know when the



- 1 meetings are scheduled.
- 2 Anything else? New business?
- 3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: New business, two
- 4 things. One, insomuch as to be in compliance with the
- 5 Open Meetings Act as possible, have we sent a letter to
- 6 the building management to ask for a waiver so the
- 7 people could at least come up to this floor without
- 8 showing their ID?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: That letter went out on
- 10 my signature August the 1st, I believe, after I had a
- 11 conversation with several of the community members.
- 12 Yes, sir.
- 13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Also, secondly,
- insomuch as we haven't heard from them yet, can we have
- 15 somebody from their office or their -- come here and
- 16 speak before us? I have a number of business --
- 17 suggestions, too.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Mr. Hicks, can you
- 19 arrange that for us, please?
- MR. HICKS: Sure.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Madam Chair, just to
- 23 piggyback on what Commissioner Davis was speaking on, I
- 24 was having a conversation I know I had with you last
- 25 week that you had already talked with them.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: I sent a letter out. I
- 2 didn't talk with them.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: You said you sent a
- 4 letter out to them. But talking to the gentleman
- 5 today, there's been no word or any communication to
- 6 them -- with them talking with their staff as opposed
- 7 to asking people for their ID to come into this
- 8 building. And I think the reply was that they seem to
- 9 think that just on this day that that aids in the
- 10 security of this building.
- 11 So I'm just -- I just wanted to point that
- 12 out that they have not had the conversation with their
- 13 people, and we're asking for it and they're not doing
- 14 it.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Commissioner
- 16 Brown.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I have one more thing.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes, sir.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Also, insomuch that with
- 20 the facial recognition, we probably should schedule a
- 21 public hearing like at the City-County Building on the
- 22 13th floor and invite the public to come before we take
- 23 a formal vote with as many people as possible to come
- 24 and voice the pros and cons of it.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you for that. We



- 1 have scheduled public meetings already.
- 2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I can't hear you.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: We've scheduled several
- 4 public meetings already on facial recognition. So when
- 5 the time comes we'll let the public know. I'm not sure
- 6 if it will be at the City-County Building. I don't
- 7 know where it will be, but we'll let the public know
- 8 well in advance of the meeting that we will take the
- 9 vote.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And, Madam
- 11 Chairperson --
- 12 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I really -- I agree
- 14 with the commissioners. In light of all of this, I
- 15 think we ought to have three of them like we did with
- 16 the -- I wasn't here when you did with the Teser --
- 17 Taser --
- 18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Taser.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Tasers.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Tasers. Electronic.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay. So I think we
- 22 ought to have those -- like east side, west side, you
- 23 know, downriver, so that we can basically -- so that
- 24 the Chief can really hear and we all can hear how the
- 25 community really feels.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: And how many times did
- 2 we do that, Mr. Hicks?
- 3 MR. HICKS: Madam Chair, we've had one public
- 4 hearing that was exclusively devoted to this particular
- 5 issue. And then we've had upward of a hundred and
- 6 maybe ten individuals spread out of -- spread over the
- 7 last five meetings who've come in and testified under
- 8 public comments relative to the same subject.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yeah. I know they
- 10 coming down here. I'm here all day for that.
- 11 MR. HICKS: And some of those have been in
- 12 the community as well as in the building here.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: If you're satisfied
- 14 with that, I'll follow your advice. But I just think
- 15 it ought to be a public hearing so that we can get a
- 16 feel what's going on, what the community feels about
- 17 this as well. This is very important, and I think the
- 18 Chief will agree with me on this. He wants to -- he
- 19 likes to also do what he did today, to defend his
- 20 position.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes, sir.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Madam Chair.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Burch.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: From my position, this
- 25 offer has been open to the public for quite a long



- 1 time. I'm in the Eleventh Precinct. Our Commander
- 2 Slappey came to our meeting and shared with all the
- 3 people that come to the community relations. People
- 4 have to want to know information.
- 5 So you need to not say it's not available,
- 6 Commissioner Holley. It is available. If people want
- 7 to know about it, they can do it. We came down here
- 8 for 12 people last week on one-day notice. So it's
- 9 open. So it's no reason to say we need to keep on
- 10 meeting and meeting and meeting. That's why Detroit
- 11 can't move forward, because we keep on procrastinating
- 12 so much. Just do what's right for the people.
- COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Well, I'm just saying
- 14 to you some of us are at-large. I don't have a -- I
- 15 have a whole -- I have a whole congregation. I have a
- 16 whole city. So I'm at-large. At-large. I'm not the
- 17 11th, 12th, 10, 11. I'm at-large, which means I need
- 18 to have a large community to talk to me and to -- just
- 19 to hear, that's all.
- 20 (Applause.)
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Commissioner --
- 22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm not trying to --
- 23 Madam Chairperson -- I'm sick. I'm sick. Don't be
- 24 unkind.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I won't beat you up.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm just trying to say
- 2 to you -- I've just got a point, and I think we ought
- 3 to vote on it and give you some guidance with this as a
- 4 Chairperson, that's all. If I'm voted down, I'll take
- 5 it. If I'm voted in favor, I'm fine. But I just feel
- 6 like -- I wasn't here when you did the -- what you call
- 7 it?
- 8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Taser.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I need to go back to
- 10 speech class, I know. What I'm just saying to you is
- 11 that I think we ought to do it the same way. I know
- 12 what you're saying, the commissioner's saying. I do
- 13 feel like I want to hear. That's all I'm saying.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Under new business can
- I hand you something else and I'll leave you alone?
- 17 Several weeks ago I expressed the need to
- 18 have a crime summit. The executive of this crime
- 19 summit is to bring together some of the best thinking
- 20 and working with the Chief of Police to evaluate best
- 21 practice how we basically apply them in our situation
- 22 in Detroit.
- 23 As you see from the statistics reporting
- 24 given by the department earlier, the need of this
- 25 assessment in evaluating what we're doing to fight



- 1 crime still exists. And my hope is that we really turn
- 2 to this and have a summit and really deal with what's
- 3 going on in the city of Detroit.
- 4 I think that the Chief of Police should
- 5 provide us, and he has, but like a stripped down
- 6 version of his annual improvement plan so we can use
- 7 this in the summit -- crime summit to discuss the
- 8 answers how citizens and leadership can devise
- 9 meaningful plans to fight crime. I just feel like we
- 10 ought to have --
- 11 Another bit, before this thing really get out
- of hand, one death is too many. We're told a large
- 13 percentage of the people in our jails and prisons
- 14 suffer from mental health, narcotic addiction,
- 15 substance abuse, related disorders. I want to see
- 16 specifically what resources are we addressing in terms
- 17 of the Chief and help him -- this is a community
- 18 thing -- to help him to basically to combat as a
- 19 leadership in a community way of the Chief's annual
- 20 improvement plan, which I have -- I feel like it's
- 21 somewhere around here. I just haven't seen it, but you
- 22 got it around here somewhere; am I right?
- You all right with that, Chief?
- 24 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. Yes, sir.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: This is to the Chief.



- 1 Did I do okay with that?
- 2 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: You're fine, sir.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I think I'll have to
- 4 get me a secretary. I think I'm not doing too good.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Madam Chair. Madam
- 6 Chair. One last thing that is new business.
- 7 Commissioner, I love you. I just want to say
- 8 that, okay.
- 9 Now, I want to say to the public the
- 10 Detroit/Highland Park reservoir, I've spoken to you
- 11 about that for many months now. What happened last
- 12 week was that the pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist
- 13 Church was on Channel 4. And Channel 4 actually showed
- 14 the reservoir, the panels of thus far, the art that is
- 15 up there from the '30s to the '60s. Could you just do
- 16 something that would add to the city of Detroit and
- 17 drive by to encourage those artists that have
- 18 volunteered their service? I'm just asking you that.
- 19 Thank you very much.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: So -- thank you, ma'am.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Burton.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I get the feeling that
- 24 whenever the board is going to take a position on
- 25 voting on facial recognition for some reason we don't



- 1 have -- we don't have -- that something changes
- 2 whenever we come together as a community. So whenever
- 3 we're going to have it on the agenda to vote on it it
- 4 gets changed. We get the public comes down here and
- 5 say we don't want it every time.
- 6 So are the board is going to have -- is going
- 7 to sneak this vote in on facial recognition when the
- 8 public is not in attendance?
- 9 To the community I say stay woke.
- 10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Stay woke.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Stay woke. Because I'm
- 12 with majority of Detroit who has a lot to lose on
- 13 facial recognition. And whenever the vote rolls out
- 14 I'm a no vote. I'm with the people of the citizens of
- 15 Detroit. You are -- put your trust in our hands to
- 16 exercise our fiduciary responsibilities to hold public
- 17 forums and --
- 18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Burton.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: -- also to listen to
- 20 the public.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Burton.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And that's what I
- 23 choose to do is listen to the public when we got to
- 24 make decisions about facial recognition. So once again
- 25 Detroiters stay woke, I'm with you.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: The -- Commissioner
- 2 Burton, we will inform the public well in advance.
- 3 This will not be a secret vote. I don't operate that
- 4 way. We've only taken the item off the agenda one time
- 5 at the Chief's request, not at our doing. So I don't
- 6 operate in secrecy. So I'm not going to put something
- 7 on the ballot so that people are not allowed to
- 8 participate in the process.
- 9 So with that we're going to go into the
- 10 announcements for -- our next meeting will be Thursday,
- 11 August 22, 2019 at 3 p.m. at the Detroit Public Safety
- 12 Headquarters located at 1301 Third Street. We will not
- 13 be voting on facial recognition on that day, not. The
- 14 next community meeting will be Thursday, September 12,
- 15 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fourth Precinct at the Kemeny
- 16 Recreation Center, 2260 South Fort Street. We will not
- 17 be voting on facial recognition on that day. We will
- 18 not be voting on that day.
- 19 At this time we'll have oral communications
- 20 from the audience. Please give your name and limit
- 21 your comments to two minutes, please. Thank you.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Stay woke.
- MS. BLOSSOM: Good afternoon, Madam Chair. I
- 24 currently have 19 cards. I think there are four empty
- 25 chairs in the front row. I'm going to call them in



- 1 groups of five. Thank you for your patience. We're
- 2 going to go to the traditional system. Please honor
- 3 our system. Thank you.
- 4 Bernice -- Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Karen
- 5 Gordon, Ms. Valerie Glenn, Mr. Ralph Simpson, Mr. Eric
- 6 Blount.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm asking everybody to
- 8 be respectful to each speaker, please. I'm making
- 9 myself a sergeant at arms.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Ms. Smith.
- 11 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon --
- 12 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.
- MS. SMITH: -- Chief, and the commissioners.
- 14 Today I'm not going to elaborate or discuss the
- 15 embarrassment display of Commissioner Willie Burton.
- 16 Public behavior is not tolerated in our meetings.
- 17 Commissioners, would you inform these
- 18 ignorant people to shut up.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Ms. Smith.
- 20 MS. SMITH: You show your ignorance by
- 21 resisting the police when they asked you to leave when
- 22 the meeting was in session. We have one example in our
- 23 lifetime, Martin Luther King. He did not do this. He
- 24 did it in a peaceful way, and I suggest you learn that.
- 25 Again, the world truly respected him when he did his --



- 1 being arrested.
- 2 To your supporters, I'm not going to discuss
- 3 your disorderly conduct since they have been attending
- 4 our police meetings. First, this is not the charter
- 5 meeting, but the Detroit Police Commissioners. We
- 6 report about drug houses, squatters and Detroit --
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Come on now. Come on.
- 8 MS. SMITH: -- and crime. Anything else is
- 9 not necessary. Why worry about this facial camera BS.
- 10 If you're not doing anything wrong, why are you
- 11 worrying about it. Crime is in our city on a uproar.
- We have the power to conduct ourselves as
- 13 decent, respectful citizens. I am very disgusted when
- 14 I come to this meeting now. It was a pleasure to used
- 15 to come, but we have some outsiders that have been
- 16 coming in here disarraying our meetings. So I hope
- 17 that it won't happen again.
- 18 And, if they have anything to say to me
- 19 personally, I'll be outside.
- 20 MS. BLOSSOM: The next speaker is Karen
- 21 Gordon followed by Valerie Glenn.
- 22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Stay out.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Come on, Miss. Miss.
- 24 Miss. Miss.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Please. Please. Please



- 1 be respectful, please. People, please be respectful.
- 2 MS. GORDON: Hi. My name is Karen Gordon.
- 3 Again, I --
- 4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Excuse me. Excuse me.
- 5 If you cannot be orderly in this meeting, we will ask
- 6 you to leave.
- 7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Put them out.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: We will ask you -- Ms.
- 9 Hill. Ms. Hill.
- 10 MS. HILL: It will be all good when she
- 11 leaves. See, it's quiet.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Please.
- Go ahead, ma'am. I'm sorry.
- MS. GORDON: My name is Karen Gordon. I
- 15 don't know if I'm understood or misunderstood, but I
- 16 try to be clear as possible. The Michigan Penal Code,
- 17 Act 328 of 1931, 750.411 state if it's a false police
- 18 report put on you that you could charge the person with
- 19 it.
- I have proof that I was lied on to the
- 21 police, and I also have proof that the police lied on
- 22 me. So when am I going to be able to press charges
- 23 against the people that lied on me? And I'm asking to
- 24 use the law that state that that's what I can do. I
- 25 was assaulted. I was arrested. I asked can I -- I



- 1 asked -- I made charges from being assaulted, and still
- 2 and yet the police did not give the prosecutor the
- 3 statement that the police lied in his police report.
- 4 So I've been assaulted, been arrested and
- 5 nothing still have been done. And then this is the
- 6 funny thing, and I don't mean ha-ha. A police officer
- 7 came and then where do you go when the police don't
- 8 know the law. A police officer came out in that
- 9 neighborhood and gave a man a ticket for giving false
- information about somebody, which I don't know how she
- 11 could determine that when he had a witness. But he got
- 12 a ticket on two people word. One said they did -- both
- of them had witness. And he had a rock that the boy
- 14 threw at him, and yet and still all they had to do was
- 15 get the DNA off that rock.
- And so when?
- 17 (Applause.)
- 18 MS. GLENN: Hello. I'm Valerie Glenn,
- 19 citizen of Detroit. Regarding the facial recognition
- 20 technology, that should never have been on the agenda
- 21 in the beginning for city of Detroit, that is 80
- 22 percent African-American in with the technology of the
- 23 state in which it is right now. So that's about all
- 24 that I can add to that.
- 25 The public hearing, Chair Lisa Carter, the



- 1 one public hearing that I attended was at a church, and
- 2 I believe it was in District 1, which would be your
- 3 district, Commissioner Brown, I believe. It was very
- 4 hot in there. You couldn't hear in there. The -- you
- 5 couldn't hear anything in there. I had to go home and
- 6 look at the actual hearing to even understand what was
- 7 going on. The mikes didn't hardly work. There were
- 8 fans going on.
- 9 And it was also promised by this commission
- 10 that we would have another hearing in September prior
- 11 to taking the vote. So I consider that -- I'll have to
- 12 go back and look at all the video to get that exact
- 13 date and remind this commission of that.
- 14 As far as the Bangladeshian -- or
- 15 Bangladeshian exchange program, I'm curious to find out
- 16 the percentage of citizens that we have in the city of
- 17 Detroit. When I worked on a political campaign, or any
- 18 political campaign, most of that communities in
- 19 Hamtramck, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights. I would
- 20 really be interested in finding that out, and I really
- 21 would have to look at the cultural differences, their
- 22 attitudes about women, their attitudes about
- 23 African-Americans.
- In a city that is predominantly Black, and we
- 25 can't seem to find enough African-Americans, let me



- 1 suggest that we consider going to the African continent
- 2 and looking for one of those countries to see what kind
- 3 of exchange program we might be able to come up there,
- 4 because that seems to be the one area that we are
- 5 really missing applicants that can be approved and part
- of the academy. Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, ma'am.
- 8 MS. BLOSSOM: Ralph Simpson, followed by Eric
- 9 Blount who will then be followed by Amanda Hill, Nicole
- 10 Small, Ms. Carter, Mr. Gene Thomas and Ms. Ramone on
- 11 one card and Tawanna Petty.
- 12 Mr. Simpson.
- MR. SIMPSON: Yeah. Hello. I'm Ralph
- 14 Simpson. I'm an attorney. Among other things, I'm a
- 15 former chair of the criminal law section of the State
- 16 Bar and the Civil Liberty Committee of the State Bar.
- 17 A couple of things I wanted to address very
- 18 briefly. One is that I would suggest that the
- 19 procedures that have been developed -- if you were to
- 20 consider adopting of the facial recognition policy are
- 21 completely inadequate and just don't address a wide
- 22 range of issues, including sharing of the technology
- 23 with the public, with law enforcement agencies.
- 24 And one thing that really struck me from a
- 25 criminal justice perspective is this discussion about



- 1 how we might go through and someone might be on Page 5
- 2 of the report, but we find out that that's actually the
- 3 right person. Well, wouldn't any defense attorney be
- 4 interested in who were on those other pages that were
- 5 better subjects according to your technology? It seems
- 6 like it might actually be counterproductive.
- 7 The second issue I wanted to address was with
- 8 regard to the Open Meetings Act. I was the person who
- 9 had brought it to the attention of the commission that
- 10 there was a -- what I can see as a clear violation of
- 11 the Open Meetings Act. I offered to speak with your
- 12 attorney, and that offer was met with a fair amount of
- 13 condescension from the former Chair, but I'm still
- 14 willing to discuss it. If you have legal analysis or
- 15 opinions that would change my view or prevent
- 16 litigation, I might be willing to discuss it, but I
- 17 think the time is running out otherwise. Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: I don't see any problem
- 19 with you speaking to our -- Mr. Wyrick.
- MR. SIMPSON: Thank you.
- MR. BLOUNT: Good afternoon, board and Chief.
- 22 For the record, my name is Eric Blount, a lifelong
- 23 Detroiter.
- As you can tell from my T-shirt, I'm not
- 25 giving up. I appreciate the fact that you sometimes



- 1 list in detail the fallen and injured officers, but we
- 2 also need to know the suspended officers in detail, and
- 3 specifically for Corporal Jones who viciously beat a
- 4 naked woman in the hospital.
- 5 Commissioner Holley, you talked about the
- 6 opioid addiction, and no one seems to really care
- 7 because they're poor. I think that woman that was
- 8 viciously beaten in the hospital no one cared because
- 9 she's poor and she's Black here in the city of Detroit.
- 10 Former Chairperson Commissioner Bell even
- 11 went on TV and apologized for this board saying that
- 12 this board got the discipline of Corporal Bell wrong,
- and he apologized for all of you for it. So if there's
- 14 an apology at least follow up and see what other type
- of discipline can happen in this very serious issue.
- 16 My other concern is on facial recognition.
- 17 Chief Craig, in these meetings not that long ago you
- 18 mentioned the fact that you didn't know why other
- 19 cities had banned facial recognition, and there was no
- 20 really attempt to find out why. On Page 2 of the
- 21 presentation today the drug enforcement team seemed to
- 22 have it right when they say, hey, we looked at standard
- 23 operating procedures, we understand the best practices.
- 24 Let's at least do this for facial recognition. So your
- 25 support is still bewildering. Thank you.



- 1 (Applause.)
- 2 MS. BLOSSOM: Amanda Hill followed by Nicole
- 3 Small.
- 4 Ms. Hill.
- 5 MS. HILL: Hello. Amanda with Force Detroit
- 6 and BYP 100 Detroit. I am again speaking on my
- 7 opposition to facial recognition technology and Project
- 8 Green Light. These reactionary measures are a reaction
- 9 to crime, and I don't believe that they prevent crime.
- 10 As we get the numbers on crimes that are perpetuated,
- 11 we see that they're still high, and that is because
- 12 these reactionary measures that lock people away do not
- 13 get to the root of why crime exists in the first place.
- 14 And I can't beat this enough, when people don't have
- 15 what they need, when we have such exorbitant poverty
- 16 rates in the city, people have to resort to crime to
- 17 live, because no one's just going to lay down and die.
- 18 They're going to do what they need to do to feed their
- 19 families.
- 20 So it would be really great if instead of --
- 21 before like investing millions of dollars in facial
- 22 recognition technology without consulting the public we
- 23 ask the public, hey, what could you use to better your
- lives, what would you need to not commit a quality of
- 25 life crime like theft and those things. Because BYP



- 1 100 recently had a community meeting on the subject
- 2 asking community members what they think could solve
- 3 these issues, and those things include moratorium on
- 4 water shut-offs, making sure that people are not
- 5 illegally foreclosed upon and getting those who have
- 6 been illegally foreclosed upon back into their homes,
- 7 restitution, and then also making sure that we have
- 8 investment in community centers, proper investment in
- 9 schools.
- 10 So all these millions of dollars that we keep
- 11 throwing at policing could be better spent on community
- 12 resourcing, which actually prevents crime.
- 13 (Applause.)
- MS. SMALL: Hello to the Board of Police
- 15 Commissioners. A few things I want to speak about.
- 16 The former Chair of this commission discussed, I
- 17 believe it was in your first meeting in June, that you
- 18 were going to have a retreat, and during that retreat
- 19 you would talk about some of the provisions that you
- 20 may want to see within the Detroit Charter. I don't
- 21 know if that retreat has actually happened, but if so
- 22 again I would ask that you share that publicly because
- 23 we do have a citizen focus group that is working on
- 24 some revisions to present to the community as a whole
- 25 for the Detroit Charter Commission regarding civilian



- 1 oversight.
- 2 Two. I, too, am opposed to facial
- 3 recognition for a couple of reasons. One is that I
- 4 really question the level of accuracy that comes along
- 5 with this application that's being proposed. And it
- 6 seems that there's precedence that continues in the
- 7 city of Detroit that it's okay just to give us
- 8 something that's less than. I don't think that this
- 9 would be proposed in a predominantly White suburban
- 10 community where you know that there was such a low
- 11 accuracy rate amongst White people. I don't think that
- 12 they would take it.
- So I also think that we should truly consider
- if there is some other technology out there why we
- 15 couldn't get a better version that would make sure that
- 16 we have a higher rate of accuracy to identify our
- 17 people.
- In addition to that I, too, believe that this
- 19 is reactionary. And there's a false narrative out in
- 20 the community. People really think this is going to
- 21 lessen crime. Now, while I do believe it could, in
- 22 fact, maybe help to solve a lot of unsolved crimes and
- 23 to reduce the number of cold cases that we have, what
- 24 we really need to be talking about and what I would
- 25 like to see this board come together and propose is a



- 1 solution to how we can get more police officers and
- 2 actually increase their pay.
- 3 We have so much development in this city and
- 4 we talk about community benefits. Why is it that if
- 5 you come into District 1, you come into District 2, 3,
- 6 4, 5, 6 and 7, if Dan Gilbert is going to come in there
- 7 then you know what he needs to do? He needs to make
- 8 sure a part of the community benefits agreement needs
- 9 to be that he hire some more police officers.
- 10 Something needs to be done about that.
- 11 (Applause.)
- 12 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, ma'am.
- And, Mr. Hicks, during the retreat we talked
- 14 about it. So we'll get that information to you. Thank
- 15 you.
- MS. BLOSSOM: Lakinia Carter (ph) followed by
- 17 two people who are on the same card, Gene Thomas and
- 18 Kimberly Raymond and then followed by Tawanna Petty.
- 19 MS. CARTER: Hello. Well, my mother is not
- 20 coming up. I'm Lakita Carter (ph). I'm Paris
- 21 Cameron's sister. And I just want to speak about the
- 22 whole situation, like the face recognition thing. I
- 23 feel like half and half. I feel like I like it,
- 24 because they caught the person that did the things to
- 25 my brother, and Tay and Tim. You know, like so I feel



- 1 like I like it. And I just want this to keep going,
- 2 because I want him to get exactly what he did to them.
- 3 Like I ain't even going to tell y'all what I want him
- 4 to get, but at the end of the day I feel like I like
- 5 that because we would have never knew. If y'all
- 6 wouldn't have had that at that gas station when that
- 7 guy walked in, they'll still be trying to find out who
- 8 their killers was.
- 9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's just the video.
- 10 MS. CARTER: Or the video, whatever.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: You can talk to me,
- 12 ma'am. Just talk to me.
- MS. CARTER: Oh. Because they talking to me.
- 14 You say what?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Talk through the Chair.
- MS. CARTER: Well, the video, whatever it
- 17 was. I'm happy that they did that, you know. And I
- 18 just want y'all to keep them -- like I want this to be
- 19 updated so much, you know. So they can get down to
- 20 wherever they got to get down to and it won't be no
- 21 holdup about anything with this whole situation,
- 22 because three young men lost their life all because of
- 23 who they was. That's not right to me.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, ma'am.
- 25 (Applause.)



- 1 MS. PAYNE: My name is Kimberly Payne. I'm
- 2 Kimberly Blancher's mother. And Paris and Alunte was
- 3 just like a son to me, because they always was
- 4 together. And I just want justice. And they need to
- 5 keep on using that. However y'all did it, y'all caught
- 6 him quick. And when I go to court and I want to know
- 7 that I just want to know why. Whoever they was, gay,
- 8 whatever, they still shouldn't have did it like that.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: We are truly sorry for
- 10 your loss, ma'am. Thank you for coming out.
- MS. BLOSSOM: Tawanna Petty followed by Rodd
- 12 Monts, followed by Thomas Kollash -- Kalish (ph), Kay
- 13 Hearn, Scotty Boman, and the final speaker will be
- 14 Shermone Freeman (ph).
- MS. PETTY: First of all, I want to give my
- 16 condolences to you and your family. No community
- 17 member that's resisting facial recognition wants our
- 18 communities unsafe or anyone harm. I've been a victim,
- 19 a survivor. I'm a survivor of crime several times, and
- 20 I've had lost relatives to murder. So this is not
- 21 about not wanting crime solved, and I'm very
- 22 sympathetic to anyone who loses a loved one.
- I've voiced my opinion on many scenarios
- 24 around facial recognition over the last several months,
- 25 but I want to change the scenario today. Let's pretend



- 1 that we are not interested in the impact that facial
- 2 recognition is going to have on Black Detroiters,
- 3 children and women in general, and let us put something
- 4 else up for law enforcement and board of Police
- 5 Commissioner consideration. If this technology is not
- 6 banned in the state of Michigan and voted down here, it
- 7 will end up on the streets.
- 8 Amazon and other tech companies do not care
- 9 about anything but money. They will market this to
- 10 whoever wants to buy it. What happens when they fix
- 11 their inaccuracies, because they will, and someone
- 12 walks up on one of your undercover officers because
- 13 they're wearing facial recognition goggles, a vest, or
- 14 have installed a ring doorbell? What happens to the
- 15 safety of your officers? What about the people in
- 16 witness protection or those running from abusers?
- 17 If you cannot see the dangers of this
- 18 technology for us, then see it for yourselves. In Hong
- 19 Kong this is already the scenario. Regular everyday
- 20 people have access to this technology. They are able
- 21 to identify whomever they want. If you don't believe
- 22 me, look it up.
- Do not turn Detroit into Minority Report. We
- 24 see the future. We see China. We see London, we see
- 25 Hong Kong, we see the expenses in the court cases, we



- 1 see the misidentifications, we see the lawmakers, the
- 2 congressional candidates, all the children who have
- 3 been misidentified. We have a opportunity to not only
- 4 carve out history, but be on the right side of it.
- 5 Please vote this technology down. Thank you.
- 6 (Applause.)
- 7 MR. MONTS: Good afternoon. My name is Rodd
- 8 Motts. I am the campaign outreach coordinator for the
- 9 ACLU of Michigan. I work downtown here with about 30
- 10 of my colleagues.
- 11 Last week the ACLU and a group of 12 other
- 12 organizations from the civil rights community, from the
- 13 faith-based community, from the immigrants rights
- 14 community and grass roots advocate sent the commission
- 15 a letter stating our opposition to the use of facial
- 16 recognition technology here in the city of Detroit.
- 17 And my colleague, Phil Mayer, was here last week
- 18 outlining some of the highlights of that letter.
- 19 You should know that a number of other
- 20 organizations have approached us since we sent that
- 21 letter, because they perceive the facial recognition
- 22 technology as a threat to their constituencies.
- You're aware of the privacy concerns,
- 24 particularly in our immigrant communities that are
- 25 already feeling harassed by ICE patrolling their



- 1 neighborhoods.
- 2 The Chief talked earlier today about our --
- 3 or Deputy Chief talked about our growing Bangladeshi
- 4 population right here in the city of Detroit. I think
- 5 that's a further testament to the potential concerns
- 6 that this flawed technology has.
- 7 I question how you can ever conclude that
- 8 subjecting a city made up mostly of black and brown
- 9 people to this type of technology as being responsible.
- 10 We oppose the use of facial recognition technology, and
- 11 we have fault with other allies across the country from
- 12 Massachusetts to California, with city leaders who want
- 13 to ban this type of technology. And I come here today
- 14 to ask you to consider doing that as well, or at least
- 15 putting pause on this project until you have some
- 16 additional time to truly consider the long-term
- 17 ramifications.
- 18 I'd also like to touch on the fact that
- 19 facial recognition technology and surveillance
- 20 technology have been sold as crime-fighting tools when
- 21 that is not exactly the case. The Chief did a great
- 22 job of outlining how this works as an investigative
- 23 tool, but that's a lot different than preventing crime.
- One of the speakers came up here previously
- 25 and did a really good job of talking about what we



- 1 could spend our resources on. Our tax dollars support
- 2 the purchase of this technology and the -- pay for the
- 3 salaries of the people who use it.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Your time is up.
- 5 MR. MONTS: And we just simply ask that you
- 6 consider what other investment these dollars can be put
- 7 into to truly address some of the things that lead
- 8 people into crime in the first place so that we're
- 9 getting in front of crime in a truly preventative way
- 10 that makes our neighborhoods stronger and the people in
- 11 those neighborhoods stronger. Thank you.
- 12 (Applause.)
- 13 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.
- 14 MS. BLOSSOM: Madam Chair, I misspoke
- 15 earlier. I missed my other stack of four. So the next
- 16 speakers, and they're eight of them, Thomas Kalish, Kay
- 17 Hearn (ph), Scotty Boman, Shermone Freeman (ph),
- 18 Marilyn Jordan, Cindy Darrah (ph), Joanne Warwick and
- 19 the final speaker would be Gregg Newsom.
- 20 Thomas Kalish?
- 21 Kay Hearn?
- 22 MS. HEARN: Good afternoon. I'm here today
- 23 again to reiterate that facial recognition technology
- 24 has much larger implications than what we are
- 25 discussing today. Facial recognition technology has



- 1 much larger implications than what we are discussing
- 2 today. Also I have to note it's really not acceptable
- 3 to tell us if there is no national conversation about
- 4 the harms and future state potentials of facial
- 5 recognition technology simply because you didn't think
- 6 to research it first.
- 7 Through simple Google search for facial
- 8 recognition technology in the year 2017 yields results
- 9 such as how White engineers built racist code and why
- 10 it's now being used by law enforcement.
- 11 Also, I think it's important to note that
- 12 this was critical funding again that was dedicated to
- 13 flawed technology. So before signing a contract you
- 14 better make sure that they have their facts straight on
- 15 what they are selling you.
- Additionally, I hear the numbers from the 500
- 17 plus use cases, and I think initially we were told that
- 18 the technology wasn't being used. So maybe that has
- 19 biased how I hear that information of the 30 instances
- 20 that came back as successes, but I'm classifying those
- 21 immediately as exceptions to what's happening when this
- 22 technology is used, not the desired result.
- While I appreciate the department's renewed
- tone of tolerance in regards to hearing our community
- 25 concerns, it's still apparent that the issue is being



- 1 simplified, minimized and segmented. Let's see.
- Oh. Additionally, just hearing the comments
- 3 earlier in our previous meetings, my impression remains
- 4 it doesn't seem as though those in positions of
- 5 decision-making implementation and oversight do have a
- 6 clear understanding of the scope of this issue. So to
- 7 reiterate Mr. Motts' comments, the responsible thing to
- 8 do in this situation would be to hit pause and really
- 9 take stock of what's really at stake. I say that not
- 10 to insult, but to caution. If the research and risks
- 11 had been totally digested, the public response would be
- 12 much less surprising today.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Your time is up, ma'am.
- 14 Thank you.
- 15 (Applause.)
- MR. BOWMAN: A low tech solution to a high
- 17 tech problem. I did see some amendments to the idea of
- 18 the facial recognition policy and they are inadequate.
- 19 First of all, regarding realtime, this whole issue is
- 20 not addressed accurately. In "Wired" magazine in May
- 21 17, 2018 it says, "According to a report, Detroit first
- 22 purchased facial recognition system capable of realtime
- 23 analysis in 2017 as part of a three-year contract."
- Okay. Now, I know there's statements that it
- 25 will not be used, but the fact is the capability



- 1 exists. It's not in the cameras, it's in the system
- 2 that includes the cameras.
- 3 The other thing about the -- while we can,
- 4 you know, just have the still images, the problem on
- 5 that is a separate problem, but it's still a problem
- 6 which is the misidentification matter. That does not
- 7 go away with still images, and that was already
- 8 addressed here.
- 9 And then, of course, there's the whole thing
- 10 about, well, we just need sound policies to prevent
- 11 abuse. Well, we have a board here that is still
- 12 disobeying the law. I was carded downstairs, and it
- 13 was not optional that I show ID as a condition of
- entry, which is direct violation of the Open Meetings
- 15 Act.
- The Open Meetings Act is a law, and violation
- 17 of it is a misdemeanor. I am still pursuing avenues of
- 18 legal action to see that justice is done. I'd rather
- 19 do it right than early. And so I'm still working on
- 20 this, but it will happen.
- 21 The person downstairs now has a little sign,
- 22 or a little sticker there, citing the Patriot Act. The
- 23 problem with that is it doesn't say where in the
- 24 Patriot Act it says this. I'd sure like to see the
- 25 actual wording in the Patriot Act. It does



- 1 specifically cite the part of the Michigan Open
- 2 Meetings Act, which they are violating, however.
- Finally, it doesn't matter, because if you
- 4 can't legally have the meeting in this building then
- 5 you need to go to another building where you can do it
- 6 legally.
- 7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's right.
- 8 (Applause.)
- 9 MS. BLOSSOM: Shermine Freeman (ph). I
- 10 apologize if I'm mispronouncing the name.
- MS. FREEMAN: No, you didn't. That was
- 12 right. Thank you.
- MS. BLOSSOM: Followed by Ms. Jordan,
- 14 followed by Ms. Darrah, Ms. Warwick and Gregg Newsom.
- MS. FREEMAN: I'm Shermone Freeman, part of
- 16 the Detroit People's Task Force. I was born in
- 17 Detroit, raised in California. I live -- I'm a snow
- 18 bird. So I live in Detroit in the summertime and I go
- 19 back to Vegas in the wintertime, okay.
- 20 By way of California so I went to school a
- 21 typist, clerical. After clerical they send you to
- 22 different places to work volunteer. So I worked at a
- 23 police station. Okay. When I went to the police
- 24 station, it was so strange how I got there. I just
- 25 opened the door and walked in. Afterwards I worked,



- 1 did my volunteer work, I opened the door, I left.
- 2 At that time I was there a few years, a few
- 3 officers passed away, line of duty. Randy Simmons, one
- 4 got shot, Sam Ward in the back paralyzed from the waist
- 5 down. All these people they had benefits after
- 6 policemen paid for the burial, the benefits of them.
- 7 So I just want to know when I come back here
- 8 I go to the police station I can't get in, the door is
- 9 locked. "What are you here for?"
- 10 "Can you open the door so I can come in so I
- 11 can tell you what I'm here for?"
- 12 You know, so I just want to know why the
- door's locked, and I want to know does the police get
- 14 compensation for -- who pays for they death? Do the
- 15 police pay for it or do they have to pay for it they
- 16 own self? So that's the thing I'm here for. I want to
- 17 know those questions. Thank you.
- 18 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. The City
- 19 does pay for the loss. Appreciate the fact that you
- 20 mentioned my friend, Randy Simmons, best friend,
- 21 spending 28 years in California. And so the City does
- 22 pay for that.
- There was one other issue you brought up that
- 24 I want to mention.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: There's also a MCOLES --



- 1 CHIEF CRAIG: MCOLES is a national --
- 2 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Law enforcement
- 3 endowment.
- 4 CHIEF CRAIG: There's funding for that.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Trying to get in and
- 6 the door is locked.
- 7 CHIEF CRAIG: Oh, and the door. Well, I'm
- 8 glad you brought that up, because there should be no
- 9 precinct with locked doors. I know when I arrived here
- 10 six years ago precincts across this city were closed at
- 11 five o'clock like it was Beverly Hills, California.
- 12 Okay. We know when you talk about safe havens, we talk
- 13 about Green Light, you talk about safe havens, if you
- 14 can't get into a neighborhood police station after five
- 15 o'clock that's a problem.
- So one of the first things that we did was
- open the doors, number one. And then, two, get out of
- 18 that madness that was called districts, because
- 19 neighborhood police stations were closed, shut down.
- 20 And even on the west side of the city, the heaviest
- 21 populated area of the city, didn't have its own police
- 22 station. That's since been changed. We have
- 23 neighborhood police stations across the city and the
- 24 doors are open. This facility is not only because it's
- 25 not a 24-hour accessible facility. It is by people who



- 1 work here, but the neighborhood police stations are
- 2 open.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.
- 4 MS. FREEMAN: It was locked when I went
- 5 there.
- 6 CHIEF CRAIG: I beg your pardon?
- 7 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes, ma'am.
- 8 MS. FREEMAN: It was locked when I went there
- 9 and --
- 10 CHIEF CRAIG: What station are we talking
- 11 about?
- 12 MS. FREEMAN: It's on Chal -- Conner.
- 13 CHIEF CRAIG: Conner and --
- 14 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: The fifth Precinct.
- 15 CHIEF CRAIG: Can we look into that, Deputy
- 16 --
- D.C. BETTISON: I think they're talking the
- 18 man traps, you know, so that we --
- 19 CHIEF CRAIG: Oh, yeah. So when you go there
- 20 -- yeah. They have the traps that assess for weapons,
- 21 but the precinct is physically open. It's just that
- 22 when you come up they see you, they buzz you in and you
- 23 go in, you can't get through the second door because
- 24 they're scanning for weapons. Because, as you may or
- 25 may not know, there's been shootings, one in particular



- 1 at the Sixth Precinct. That's why when the
- 2 commissioner brought up the video issue I'm very
- 3 concerned, but police stations are open.
- 4 MS. FREEMAN: Yeah, but when they were
- 5 getting killed and everything you had left the 77th
- 6 Precinct at that time. So you --
- 7 CHIEF CRAIG: I was working 77th Precinct and
- 8 I was working southwest.
- 9 MS. FREEMAN: Yeah, you had left then.
- 10 CHIEF CRAIG: Okay.
- 11 MS. JORDAN: Marilyn Jordan, Detroit People's
- 12 Task Force. I brought a concern to -- well, actually
- 13 my granddaughter did a couple of weeks ago when she ran
- into an altercation that was going on on Seven Mile.
- 15 She's 17 years old, and she turned the corner and the
- 16 police was investigating people for some shootings that
- 17 had happened and they pulled her over. And they
- 18 searched her vehicle. They didn't find any drugs, guns
- 19 or anything illegal. They also searched her as well
- 20 and handcuffed her. They also impound the car, which
- 21 cost us 200 and some dollars.
- Now, I brought that concern to the
- 23 commissioners meeting. We did receive some
- information, but there has not been any follow-up from
- 25 those phone numbers whatsoever. And she needs her



- 1 money, because she's getting ready to go to college.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay.
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. Is OCI
- 4 investigating that or what?
- 5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.
- 6 CHIEF CRAIG: Okay.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: OCI is still -- it's
- 8 still under investigation, ma'am. And once we get a
- 9 final -- I mean, once the investigation is done, you
- 10 should hear from the OCI -- Office of the Chief
- 11 Investigator.
- MS. JORDAN: Okay. And, Reverend Holley,
- 13 thank you for your concerns and for the community, the
- 14 Black community of the city as a whole. Now, awhile
- 15 ago, maybe almost a year ago, you addressed this -- you
- 16 brought this concern to the meeting as well about the
- 17 towing, about the cars that were being towed. You
- 18 wanted to know how many vehicles were -- that were
- 19 being returned to the citizens. Did they ever give you
- 20 any update on that?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Is that all the
- 22 questions that you have, because your time is -- is the
- 23 time up?
- 24 MS. BLOSSOM: I have one minute.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Any other questions that



- 1 you have, ma'am?
- MS. JORDAN: No.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: OCI, if I can help with
- 5 the towing piece, let me know. Just let me know that.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: She has a question did
- 7 you have any update, did you get an update.
- 8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We can't hear you.
- 9 MS. JORDAN: Did you get an update on the
- 10 vehicles that were being returned to these citizens
- 11 that are --
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I don't remember. I
- 13 can find out.
- MS. JORDAN: Yeah. Okay. Yeah. Because
- 15 they're taking those vehicles and people need their
- 16 cars. All right. Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: If I can help, you let
- 19 me know.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Was that the last
- 21 speaker?
- 22 MS. BLOSSOM: Cindy Darrah followed by Joanne
- 23 Warwick, and the last speaker is Gregg Newsom.
- 24 MS. WARWICK: Ms. Darrah's not here, so let's
- 25 start here. First of all, in the minutes from August



- 1 1st on Page 7 there's a blank. It said I don't approve
- 2 of -- it seems like facial recognition technology is
- 3 co-intel pro 2019. So that's what was missing from the
- 4 notes.
- I heard you say you were sorry that, you
- 6 know, that the person that had the issue with their son
- 7 and, you know, that's great. But, gee, I kind of came
- 8 up and told how I got thrown down by a police officer
- 9 and forcibly stripped in jail and nobody said sorry to
- 10 me.
- 11 So, you know, I'd like to talk with Police
- 12 Chief Craig about some of integrity insufficiencies on
- 13 the force, because one of the last times I got
- 14 manhandled by some police officers I was told there
- 15 were no videos. Now, this last assault and battery by
- 16 a police officer I'm being told by Mr. Graveline that
- 17 he doesn't have a video.
- 18 Okay. So what does that mean, folks? It's
- 19 just like let's look at the facial recognition
- 20 technology. Just because you have a policy doesn't
- 21 mean that people are going to follow it. Now, there is
- 22 a policy that when police officers have contact with
- 23 citizens they're supposed to have a camera on, but I've
- 24 had several contacts with police officers, illegal on
- 25 their behalf, and they don't have a camera on. They



- 1 don't have a video recording. That's obstruction of
- 2 justice. That's criminal. So again, we need to think
- 3 about this.
- 4 Now, let's talk about -- I do appreciate what
- 5 Commissioner Holley said in terms of in the jails.
- 6 That's where I think we should have some very
- 7 well-trained health professionals and that they can
- 8 talk to people when they get in the jail. Instead of
- 9 forcibly stripping me due to an order they can't even
- 10 cite, a health care professional should have come to me
- 11 to talk to me.
- 12 Anyway, your marijuana policy, you're not
- 13 respecting the law -- the will of the voters. And so
- 14 many times I see the officers don't even know their
- 15 job. If they can't cite some authority, they look like
- 16 they're acting arbitrarily, and that creates great
- 17 disrespect for the police officers and in turn makes
- 18 the society less safe and secure.
- 19 So we've got a problem with these videos and
- 20 people not having their videos on when they're supposed
- 21 to, and you should really take a look at that. Thank
- 22 you.
- 23 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the --
- 24 MS. WARWICK: And this is my leg that is
- 25 still -- I'm still growing skin. And I'm really -- you



- 1 know, this has been -- my back is injured. So I like
- 2 to swim, and I can't swim while I'm still growing back
- 3 all this skin.
- 4 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. I know that
- 5 Director Graveline has an open investigation concerning
- 6 this matter.
- 7 And I don't know if you want to give an
- 8 update, Director Graveline, outside or to the rear.
- 9 MS. WARWICK: How about the other missing
- 10 evidence? When they took my medical marijuana, they
- 11 took a bottle. That was evidence. So that's another
- 12 obstruction of justice maneuver here.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: You're going to talk to
- 14 her outside?
- MS. WARWICK: Where is the property?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.
- 17 MR. GRAVELINE: Ms. Warwick and I we spoke
- 18 yesterday. There is an open investigation. We do have
- 19 -- the officer who arrested Ms. Warwick did not have
- 20 his body camera on. The other officer who was
- 21 assisting did. We also have the videos from CAYMC as
- 22 well. So there are videos.
- MS. WARWICK: You have all of them?
- 24 MR. GRAVELINE: We have at least two of them.
- MS. WARWICK: There should be five videos.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay. So that's --
- 2 MS. WARWICK: They're five cameras. There
- 3 should be five videos. We're already missing videos.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Ms. Warwick, thank you.
- 5 Sir.
- 6 MR. NEWSOM: Good afternoon. Gregg Newsom.
- 7 I'm here -- I'm going to break this up into a personal
- 8 statement into a statement based -- or for my
- 9 organization. I'm here representing today Detroit
- 10 People's Platform. We have members throughout the
- 11 city. And we have resisted Project Green Light since
- 12 it was implemented. In fact, we have a policy not to
- 13 meet in any areas where Project Green Light is
- 14 implemented and have been very vocal about resisting
- 15 the facial recognition technology added into any of
- 16 these systems. We believe the technology has a high
- 17 potential for what we refer to as remote racial
- 18 profiling. And we believe based upon the low accuracy
- 19 rates for black and brown faces that in the city that
- 20 is majority black that this is an unfair and biased --
- 21 or could lead to bias practice.
- 22 Putting a brake there and speaking as a
- 23 resident on the east side, I've lived on the east side
- 24 of the Detroit in the neighborhood since 2012. I have
- 25 three children who are under ten. And I feel that



- 1 where money and importance needs to be put on is on
- 2 addressing root causes here in our neighborhood and
- 3 helping out people with housing, putting money into
- 4 infrastructure concerns. We're giving all of this
- 5 money away to large corporations who are coming in and
- 6 actually doing more damage and increasing crime in my
- 7 opinion in my neighborhood.
- 8 So what we need to do is, please, we need to
- 9 focus away from the surveillance and really get into
- 10 good traditional crime fighting and really engaging in
- 11 practices and policies that engage community and
- 12 address these root causes. That as a parent and as a
- 13 citizen in a neighborhood is extremely important to me.
- 14 So I want to register both of those, and we'll be back.
- I will say just very quickly, I am the only
- 16 person on my team here who is willing to come down here
- 17 today, because we heard that we had to put out our IDs
- 18 in to get into the building. So I really would like to
- 19 recommend a hearing that's open following the Open
- 20 Meetings Act and making it so that all the folks who we
- 21 work with feel comfortable to come here and make a
- 22 comment about this. Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Well, thank you.
- 24 MS. BLOSSOM: That was your last chair, Madam
- 25 speaker -- Madam Chair.



1	CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, ma'am. If
2	there's no other business before this body, I'll
3	entertain a motion to adjourn.
4	COMMISSIONER BROWN: So moved.
5	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.
6	COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Second.
7	CHAIRPERSON CARTER: It's been moved and
8	supported that we adjourn.
9	Those in favor?
10	COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
11	CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Meeting is adjourned.
12	Thank you all for coming out this evening. Thank you.
13	(The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.)
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