



## Board of Police Commissioners

*Accountability through Civilian Oversight*

### Board of Police Commissioners Public Comments during July 28, 2022 Meeting

8 members of the public spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting. See transcript of the meeting posted on the Board's website, for a complete report of each speaker's remarks.

The Board of Police determined that the remarks made by the other speakers did not require a response in addition to that provided in the meeting.

#### Thursday July 28, 2022 Meeting - Public Comments

**Ms. Smith** stated she was approached by one of the four police officers in green uniforms while in Greektown. He told her that she had to move her car, and she did not like his tone of voice. After she made a phone call the officer came back to apologize. She stated this is the first time encountering racism from DPD.

This was referred to the Chief of Police office and the Board is waiting on a response.

**Ms. Taylor** expressed concern about an incident involving a neighbor who was assaulted on August 14, 2021 at a party. The partygoers was doing donuts and racing while children was outside playing. The alleged suspects exited a vehicle and threw an object at her neighbors face. The neighbor passed away 8 months because of his injuries.

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**Minister Blount** states someone needed to call out the police department and the false narrative about the Black Lives Matter movement. Also, mentioned Nakia Wallace who was placed in a chokehold by a DPD officer. Minister Blount also stated DPD and BOPC have not established effective procedures for ensuring police accountability.

No action needed.

**Mr. Rhoades** is a police analyst with the office of Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway. Mr. Rhoades also felt that the Law Department along with City Council did the right thing in improving the offer.

No action needed.

**Mr. Davis** stated that was a good article in the Detroit Free Press regarding outstanding citizen complaints. He mentioned that the police department and the board must do better when handling citizen concerns at these meetings.

No action needed.

**Mr. Bowman** felt a lesson that should be learned by this board and get rid of any loopholes so any issues do not happen again.

No action needed.

**Dr. Anderson** was visiting Watsonville, Missouri when a 19-year-old was shot and killed July 3, 2022 in downtown Detroit. To her knowledge, no investigation has occurred. The two accomplices is still roaming the streets. Family is seeking help to start an investigation into the murder. Also stated homicide sergeant has an unprofessional attitude.

This was referred to the Chief of Police office and the Board is waiting on a response.

**Ask the OCI Staff for the truth** stated if this body really wants to know the truth about OCI matters and culture, they should ask the staff.

No action needed.