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- 3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Marathon Oil. Oh, okay.
- 4 Well, we're here at Marathon Oil Headquarters. No. Oh,
- 5 I'm sorry. That's what it says on my agenda. I apologize.
- 6 Marathon Petroleum. Okay. Thank you. Well, would you like
- 7 to just tell us really quickly about where we're at and
- 8 the difference, and so we can get it right? Okay, that's
- 9 fine. Oh, okay. Alright. Thank you for explaining that. I
- 10 appreciate it. And we just got a quorum. So we're going
- 11 to go ahead and I'm going to call the meeting to order.
- 12 It's our Thursday, September 11, 6:30 meeting in the
- 13 community. And we have an invocation that will be given
- 14 by Chaplain Jeremiah Baker, and I believe they're in
- 15 person. Great. Thank you.
- 16 CHAPLAIN BAKER: Let us pray. Eternal God, our
- 17 Father, God, we say thank you for another day of life,
- 18 health, and strength. God, even right now, we say thank
- 19 you for this meeting. Lord, we pray that the agenda is
- 20 met. Even now, Lord, all of these commissioners, this
- 21 great department, Lord God, we ask that you bless them,
- 22 you keep them. But more importantly, Lord, we ask that
- 23 you cover this city, cover this community, every
- 24 community that's impacted by the representatives that are
- 25 underneath the sound of my voice. We ask that you bless



- 1 them, you stay with them. It is in Jesus Christ's name
- 2 that I pray, Amen.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Amen. Thank you, chaplain.
- 4 Next we're going to go to the Secretary who will do the
- 5 roll call for us, please.
- 6 MS. GARNIER: Madam Chair. Commissioner Dewaelsche -
- 7 Present.
- 8 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard Attorney Linda
- 9 Bernard, District 2, present.
- 10 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods Present.
- 11 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks Present.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell is excused.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton is excused.
- 14 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter Here.
- 15 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Jones Present.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore Present.
- 17 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith Present.
- 18 MS. GARNIER: Seven present, madam.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next I'd like to
- 20 ask for approval of the September 11th agenda.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So moved.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by
- 24 Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Any
- 25 discussion? All those in favor indicate by saying, Aye.



- 1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion carries.
- 3 Thank you. If I could get a motion to approve the
- 4 September 11, I'm sorry, the August 28th minutes. August
- 5 20.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by
- 9 Commissioner Bernard, supported by Commissioner Moore.
- 10 All those in favor? I'm sorry. Any discussion? All those
- 11 in favor indicate by saying, Aye.
- 12 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Motion carries. We
- 14 have a second set of minutes, and those are for September
- 15 4th, 2025. Is there a motion to approve?
- 16 COMMISSIONER JONES: so moved, Madam Chair, Robert
- 17 Jones.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by
- 19 Commissioner Jones.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: And seconded by Commissioner
- 22 Bernard. Any discussion? All those in favor indicate by
- 23 saying, Aye.
- 24 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion carries.



- 1 Thank you. And now we have motion to approve the Closed
- 2 Session meeting minutes of September 4th. Is there a
- 3 motion to approve?
- 4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So moved.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by
- 7 Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Any
- 8 discussion? All those in favor indicate by saying, Aye.
- 9 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion carries.
- 11 Madam Secretary, could we have an introduction of the
- 12 BOPC Staff, Chief, Elected Officials, Representatives,
- 13 and Community Leaders?
- MS. GARNIER: Madam Chair, registered at this time,
- 15 BOPC staff, as well as OCI are as follows. And the paper
- 16 escapes me, I'm sorry. Mary Barber, Teresa Blossom, Drew
- 17 Fries, Artemisia Joshua, Candace Hayes, Dior Mathis,
- 18 Felicia Tyson, Jonya Underwood. We also have Corporation
- 19 Counsel Mallett, Chief Investigator Warfield. And we also
- 20 have Investigator Justin St. Clair from OCI.
- 21 Representatives registered at this time are members and
- 22 officers of the 4th Precinct, as I understand, will be
- 23 introducing themselves a bit later, as well as the
- 24 commander and the captain from the 4th Precinct. We also
- 25 have former Commissioner William Davis and the President



- 1 of the 4th Precinct. Community Relations is Armenia
- 2 Ramirez. And those are all that I have registered at this
- 3 time, Madam.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: And Ms. Ramirez is a former
- 5 police commissioner as well. Thank you for being here,
- 6 both of you. Can the record reflect that Commissioner
- 7 Banks is the present. There's no BOPC officers report,
- 8 but we have several resolutions that we're going to be
- 9 presenting today. And the first one is going to be
- 10 presented by Commissioner Moore. It's a resolution ---
- 11 well, I'll let him read the resolution.
- 12 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Madam Chair. This is
- 13 a resolution honoring the Hispanic Police Officers
- 14 Association of Michigan.
- 15 WHEREAS the Hispanic Police Officers Association of
- 16 Michigan has proudly served as a bridge between law
- 17 enforcement and the community for more than three
- 18 decades. Originally founded by Police Officers Manuel
- 19 Pompa and Robba Ayala. It was revitalized in 1994 by
- 20 Officer Javier Choppa and then Sergeant John Serta of the
- 21 Detroit Police Department. The association was built on
- 22 the values of cultural pride, representation, and
- 23 service; and.
- 24 WHEREAS the association's founding mission was
- 25 simple but powerful to serve with integrity, build trust,



- 1 and create opportunities for the next generation of
- 2 leaders. It continues that mission under the current
- 3 leadership of President David Vasquez, who has
- 4 strengthened the organization's role as a voice for both
- 5 officers and the communities they serve. It is a mission
- 6 that resonates powerfully in Detroit, a city built on the
- 7 strength of immigrants and diverse cultures; and
- 8 WHEREAS through community outreach, mentorship, and
- 9 scholarship programs, the Hispanic Police Officers
- 10 Association of Michigan is not only supporting officers
- 11 today, but also inspiring the officers of tomorrow. Its
- 12 commitment extends to fostering a sense of unity and
- 13 belonging by hosting events that bring people together.
- 14 Its programs also strive to make a positive and lasting
- 15 impact on the lives of those served by its police
- 16 officers; and WHEREAS the association believes that
- 17 diversity and policing is not just representation, it is
- 18 strength. By celebrating heritage, engaging with
- 19 residents, and investing in youth, the Hispanic Police
- 20 Officers Association of Michigan proudly helps build a
- 21 stronger, safer, and more united Detroit; and.
- 22 WHEREAS each year, the United States of America
- 23 recognizes September 15th to October 15th as a National
- 24 Hispanic Heritage Month; as the Hispanic Police Officers
- 25 Association of Michigan and its members diligently



- 1 fulfill its mission every day, the annual observance is a
- 2 fitting time to honor the association and the diaspora of
- 3 the Hispanic community as a whole for its important
- 4 history and role in the community, the police department
- 5 and the city of Detroit.
- 6 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED.
- 7 The Board of Police Commissioners recognizes the
- 8 Hispanic Police Officers Association of Michigan, and its
- 9 important history and impactful role. The community
- 10 police department, and the City of Detroit have benefited
- 11 greatly for 30 years from the association's
- 12 revitalization and commitment to professional excellence,
- 13 community service, and strong police community relations.
- 14 Move to adopt Madam Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: There's a motion on the
- 16 floor to adopt the resolution just read, is there a
- 17 second? COMMISSIONER JONES: Second.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It has been seconded by
- 19 Commissioner Jones. Is there any discussion? All those in
- 20 favor indicate by saying, Aye.
- 21 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Motion carries.
- 23 Thank you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Can President Vasquez come to
- 25 the front please?



- 1 PRESIDENT VASQUEZ: Well, good evening everyone. I
- 2 just want to say thank you to the Chair and everybody
- 3 here today. This is an honor to receive this award here.
- 4 And I'm lucky, this organization is lucky because you
- 5 know, we're able to see strong leadership in our
- 6 community and to be supported by strong leaders such as
- 7 our board here. I mean, we have Ricardo Moore, Eva
- 8 Dewaelsche, our chief here, a strong supporter. My
- 9 members here, Minnie Ramirez, and our captain and
- 10 commander is here. They're always supporting the
- 11 organization. So this means a lot to me, and it means a
- 12 lot to the organization that I'm able to receive this
- 13 award on their behalf and to be surrounded by great
- 14 leaders. So we're going to continue doing what we do in
- 15 the community, which is support. And man, it feels good
- 16 to be Latino. So thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you so much. We have
- 18 another resolution, and I'm going to ask Commissioner
- 19 Carter if she would read that resolution.
- 20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, Madam Chair. This
- 21 was a resolution brought forth by Commissioner Burton
- 22 because the team is a part of his District. This is a
- 23 resolution supporting restoration of the Eastside Colts
- 24 2025 season.
- 25 WHEREAS youth sports are vital to ensuring children



- 1 learn social and life skills that help make them
- 2 productive and thriving members of society. Organized
- 3 sports offer positive ways for youth to spend time and
- 4 energy as they grow up. Competition provides a healthy
- 5 and structured activities, while allowing youth to learn
- 6 important lessons about fairness, personal
- 7 responsibility, group dynamics, and sportsmanship, as
- 8 well as how to handle defeat and victory; and
- 9 WHEREAS the Detroit Police Athletic Lead and
- 10 partnership with the Detroit Police Department was
- 11 founded to provide recreational educational and mentoring
- 12 opportunities for youth achievement. PAL deserves
- 13 accolades for its organized sports leagues that have
- 14 benefited generations of Detroit youth and their
- 15 families, including the sports and cheer teams for the
- 16 Eastside Colts; and
- 17 WHEREAS the Eastside Colts and their cheer team
- 18 recently saw their 2025 season suspended by PAL. The
- 19 teams which are youth ages 12 and under were looking
- 20 forward to playing with their friends and their
- 21 teammates, and having a great season. Sadly, the Colts
- 22 season was canceled due to the appalling behavior and
- 23 actions of adults who rightly have been suspended.
- 24 However, the children did nothing wrong and are suffering
- 25 unjust punishment. The cancellation of the season is



- 1 unfair to the youth. It also teaches the wrong lesson
- 2 about standards of personal behavior and responsibility;
- 3 and.
- 4 WHEREAS research shows youth participation in
- 5 organized play and learning activities, lessens the risk
- 6 associated with crime, especially the gun violence that
- 7 is now a major public health threat in Detroit and
- 8 throughout the United States. Restoration of the Colts
- 9 season after the installation of new coaches is in the
- 10 public interest, as well as in the best interest of the
- 11 impressionable youth and their families. It also is
- 12 aligned with the long-held mission of PAL in serving and
- 13 uplifting community youth.
- 14 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
- 15 The Board of Police Commissioners calls upon the
- 16 Police Athletic Lead to work with the Eastside Colts on
- 17 an equitable resolution to restore the 2025 season for
- 18 the team by ensuring the Colts have new coaches committed
- 19 to PAL values for youth sports. Madam Chair, I move for
- 20 the adoption of the resolution.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: The motion has been made to
- 23 adopt the resolution by Commissioner Carter, supported by
- 24 Commissioner Moore. Is there any discussion? Go ahead,
- 25 sir.



- 1 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes, Madam Chair. I would like
- 2 to know if any conversation had been had with PAL in
- 3 terms of discussing this issue and finding out, finding
- 4 out the dynamics in terms of what were the results of the
- 5 investigation on what happened instead of you know, I
- 6 agree with it in concept, but we don't know exactly what
- 7 happened. So, you know that's very, very important to
- 8 know.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner.
- 10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: So Commissioner Burton is not
- 11 here. Based on what I know personally, there have been
- 12 conversations with the, I think he's the executive
- 13 director of PAL. However many of the team members have
- 14 gone on to other leagues. So I think that this is just
- 15 support for the organization to do something better next
- 16 time, to think about what they can do differently to
- 17 support those kids that don't have the football team or
- 18 the cheerleading team this fall.
- 19 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Absolutely.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Any other
- 21 comments? Go ahead, Commissioner Banks.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. Did I hear
- 23 that --- I want to make sure. I'm not saying I heard
- 24 this, but did I hear correctly that Commissioner Burton
- 25 is the director of PAL or something?



- 1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: No.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Alright. I just ---
- 3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's just that he spoke with
- 4 the executive director.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Who is the director of PAL that
- 6 you just mentioned? As Commissioner Carter read the
- 7 resolution, she was saying somebody is what? Director of
- 8 PAL or something like that?
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: There is a director of PAL and
- 10 there's a foundation for it.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: We'll just forget about that.
- 12 But anyway, we are going to move on. But I was inspired
- 13 by how our youth are being taught on how to deal with
- 14 victory and defeat. I thought that was very powerful.
- 15 That was spoken on how to deal with victory and defeat.
- 16 Our youth are being taught how to deal with victory and
- 17 defeat because, you know, when you know how to deal with
- 18 victory and defeat, that'll take you a long way in life,
- 19 especially that being instilled in our youth today.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Commissioner. Any
- 21 other comments or questions? Hearing none, there is a
- 22 motion; it's been seconded. Is there any further
- 23 discussion? If not, all those in favor indicate by
- 24 saying, Aye.
- 25 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed?
- 2 COMMISSIONER WOODS: No.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: The motion carries. Thank
- 4 you. We have another resolution and Commissioner Carter
- 5 will be reading that, please.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes. Thank you Madam Chair.
- 7 This is a resolution to honor Ann Byrne.
- 8 WHEREAS Ann Byrne is a dedicated community leader
- 9 who has selflessly shared her time, resources, and
- 10 expertise with neighbors and stakeholders for decades as
- 11 a part of her mission to uplift the city of Detroit in
- 12 her beloved southwest region. She is a tireless advocate
- 13 for neighborhoods in every community and for every
- 14 family; and.
- WHEREAS for nearly 50 years, many of her outstanding
- 16 contributions have been made in improving public safety
- 17 and building bridges between residents and the Detroit
- 18 Police Department. In 1976, Ms. Byrne joined the
- 19 Southwest Hope Radio Patrol, a program supported by the
- 20 police department. She has been an active dispatcher and
- 21 officer ever since she joined, and she never has been
- 22 deterred by the hour of the day, the weather conditions
- 23 or any challenge, including the heydays of the arson
- 24 fires during the Halloween period.
- Over the years, she has also served as the West Side



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- 1 Vice President for all radio patrols and a citywide
- 2 trainer who educated countless others in serving their
- 3 neighborhoods; and.
- 4 WHEREAS Ms. Byrne is a graduate of the prestigious
- 5 Detroit Police Citizen Academy, she also has participated
- 6 in other community preparedness programs and has
- 7 extensive training in emergency response, active shooter
- 8 training, and first aid, including CPR. Her skills and
- 9 knowledge including her expertise in environmental safety
- 10 and her professional experience in the environmental
- 11 industry at the Fermi 2 Power Plant and other companies
- 12 have been tremendous assets for the entire community;
- 13 and.
- 14 WHEREAS she is currently the president of the
- 15 Springdale-Woodmere Block Club, the treasurer of the
- 16 Southwest Hope Radio Patrol, and a member of the 4th
- 17 Precinct Police Community Relations Council. In addition,
- 18 she is the president of Friends of Patton Park and
- 19 represents the group on the Detroit Parks Coalition,
- 20 where she also serves on the subcommittee working for
- 21 Park and Greenway Safety in partnership with the Detroit
- 22 Police Department.
- 23 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
- The Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on
- 25 behalf of the residents of the great City of Detroit,



- 1 recognizes Ann Byrne for her tireless contributions for
- 2 strengthening public safety and police community
- 3 relations. Our city is forever indebted to her as a
- 4 backbone of the community, and for her invaluable
- 5 contributions to the 4th Precinct, the Detroit Police
- 6 Department and Southwest Detroit. Madam Chair, I move for
- 7 adoption of the resolution.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: There's a motion to adapt
- 9 the resolution by Commissioner Carter.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNAD: Second.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Seconded by Commissioner
- 12 Bernard. Is there any discussion? All those in favor
- 13 indicate by saying, Aye.
- 14 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion carries.
- 16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, Madam Chair. At this
- 17 time, can I ask Ms. Byrne and her family to come up so I
- 18 can present?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Absolutely.
- 20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you,
- 21 MS. BYRNE: First of all, just thank you to everyone
- 22 who actually made this possible. If we didn't have a city
- 23 committed to having a board of police commissioners to
- 24 having police community relations in a radio patrol
- 25 program, this wouldn't happen. This award for my service



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- 1 wouldn't exist. So thank all of those people. Thank our
- 2 beautiful 4th Precinct community relations team. You're
- 3 my 3rd Precinct. Started in number 16, went to 8th, and
- 4 25 years in number 4. And when they threw that 1976
- 5 number out, you know, now I'm dated. But I just want to
- 6 say it's very important to note that number right after
- 7 the previous resolution because we also have a member of
- 8 the BOPC Youth Advisory Team here. And it's just as
- 9 important to be teaching students, young people conflict
- 10 resolution. And I know from my generation on down that's
- 11 been lost, but it's also equally important, like in the
- 12 Explorer programs to involve youth from the beginning. We
- 13 don't need to lose them. The Radio Patrol program used to
- 14 allow you to be a dispatcher at the age of 14, which is
- 15 how that 1976 got in there, and at 16, you could be on
- 16 the road with parental permission and a relative. Keep
- 17 the youth involved, engage them, and never lose them. And
- 18 you'll have your next generation of public servants. So I
- 19 thank you for all those programs that make that happen
- 20 and all the people in my life who allowed me to do this.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Congratulations. Thank you.
- 23 And we have another resolution honoring Ms. Emma Mullens.
- 24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 25 Resolution honoring Mrs. Emma Mullens.



- 1 WHEREAS Emma Mullens is a lifelong resident of
- 2 Southwest Detroit. She grew up in Delray, the melting pot
- 3 neighborhood, nestled by the interstate, the river, and
- 4 the thriving industrial sector that made Detroit a global
- 5 economic giant. A proud alumnus of Southwestern High
- 6 School. Mrs. Mullens has dedicated herself to
- 7 organizations and projects that restore or enhance the
- 8 beauty and safety of the Southwest area neighborhoods and
- 9 parks; and.
- 10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mullens is very active in the
- 11 community where she and her husband, Reverend Leon
- 12 Mullens made their home and raised their family. She is a
- 13 part of the original United Citizens of Southwest Detroit
- 14 and a regular at its monthly meetings. She is an active
- 15 supporter and participant with the 4th Precinct, the
- 16 Police Community Relations Council, and the many
- 17 successful beautification and outreach projects done
- 18 through the strong partnership between the police
- 19 officers and the residents.
- 20 Because Ms. Mullens rarely says no when she can help
- 21 people. The recent 4th Precinct backpack giveaway saw her
- 22 distributing items with their great grandson at her side;
- 23 and.
- 24 WHEREAS Mrs. Mullens prefers to be a part of the
- 25 solution and never a part of the problem, a retired



- 1 daycare provider, she is a mentor to youth, chaperones
- 2 school field trips, and welcomes new families to the
- 3 neighborhood. She is a great resource to all for
- 4 information about the community and city ordinances, and
- 5 also leads by example. Ms. Mullen purchased a lot next to
- 6 her home and turned it into a lovely flower garden. When
- 7 the city sidewalk fell into disrepair, the city crews
- 8 never fulfilled years of promises to fix it. Mrs. Mullens
- 9 hired a contractor and had the sidewalk repaired at her
- 10 own expense. Her many acts of kindness and service to her
- 11 neighbors and the 4th Precinct have made Mrs. Mullens a
- 12 loved and respected pillar of the community.
- 13 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
- 14 The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking
- 15 on behalf of the residents of the great City of Detroit,
- 16 recognizes Mrs. Emma Mullens for her tireless
- 17 contributions to strengthening public safety and public
- 18 police community relations. Our city is forever indebted
- 19 to her as a backbone to the community, and for her
- 20 invaluable contributions to the 4th Precinct, the Detroit
- 21 Police Department and Southwest Detroit. Madam Chair, I
- 22 move for adoption of the resolution.
- 23 COMMISSIONER JONES: So move, Madam Chair Robert
- 24 Jones.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: The motion has been made by



- 1 Commissioner Carter and seconded by Commissioner Jones.
- 2 Is there any discussion? All those in favor indicate by
- 3 saying, Aye.
- 4 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion carries.
- 6 Thank you. And we ask Mrs. Mullens, if she's here to come
- 7 forward.
- 8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: And her family. I'm sorry.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: And her family.
- 10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you. And this is Tyrone's
- 11 pastor, many of you know state representative. He's been
- 12 a part of, I think, since he was a kid. And since his mom
- 13 was, yes. So he's definitely a neighborhood person and
- 14 part of his family.
- 15 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Beautiful. Yes.
- MRS. MULLENS: We just want to say thank you for all
- 17 the help that I've had in the community and help with me
- 18 being able to do things that the city did not see fit to
- 19 do. Because I want our community to be strong. I want to
- 20 be safe. I want us to have a quality of life there. So as
- 21 long as I'm able, I better keep trying. Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Congratulations.
- 23 At this time Commissioner, Vice Chair Woods is going to
- 24 be providing a scholarship presentation.
- 25 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I want to ask Amulen to step up,



- 1 stand up. Amulen is a first year in YAP, and he's co-lead
- 2 advocate of the Youth Advisory Panel. Phenomenal young
- 3 man. I've heard him speak, I saw him engage and the board
- 4 of police Commissioners, we have a youth advisory
- 5 council. And under my Chairmanship, I thought it was
- 6 fitting to be able to at least start investing in our
- 7 young people. And so I wanted to come up with a
- 8 scholarship for our youth who are in our Youth Advisory
- 9 Council. And we asked them to submit a letter, you know,
- 10 and requests for the scholarship. And he was selected by
- 11 his peers. I didn't select him. No one on this board
- 12 selected him, but his peers; it was peer-led all the way
- 13 through. But we saw fit to make this investment. He had
- 14 spoken to the board several times, so most of us should
- 15 know him. He's a remarkable young man. He submitted the
- 16 application for the scholarship, and I'm pleased to award
- 17 this fresh \$1,000 scholarship to Amulen.
- 18 Have his YAP members come up as well. All of them.
- 19 These are YAP members. Ask the board. We want to circle
- 20 around this young man. Let's circle around this young man
- 21 and our young people. This is why we do the work that we
- 22 do. And our young people. We love you. We support you.
- 23 (No Mic). While you make your remarks. I would like to
- 24 make a motion. I don't have to make a motion. We just
- 25 made the presentation. We don't have any motions to make.



- 1 The money is there.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.
- 3 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes.
- 4 MR. ROZMUS: Well, good evening everybody. Honorable
- 5 Chairs, commissioners. Now, Chief Bettison. Good evening
- 6 everybody, and members of the community. My name is
- 7 Amulen Rozmus. I'm a business student as the commissioner
- 8 mentioned at Wayne State University and the executive
- 9 director of the nonprofit NextGen Detroit. I want to
- 10 invoke here the late Robert F. Kennedy. When he was
- 11 running for his campaign in 1968, he often remarked on
- 12 the Irish poet s words. "Some see the world as it is and
- 13 ask why? Others dream of what could be, and ask why not?"
- 14 This came at a time when the nation was engulfed in
- 15 political and social unrest and mirrors some of the
- 16 things we're witnessing today. Yet, those words provided
- 17 a nation, countless Americans, and specifically young
- 18 people, the vision and the hope to envision new
- 19 possibilities and to try to center hope and justice as
- 20 they try to rebuild existing systems. The establishment
- 21 of this board some 51 years ago, is a testament to what's
- 22 possible when a people, the people of Detroit, I might
- 23 say, worked relentlessly to not only dream, but to turn
- 24 that vision into reality.
- In doing so, they reimagined what public safety



- 1 could look like in this city. And in establishing the
- 2 Youth Advisory Panel three years ago, empowered a new
- 3 generation and a critical one to participate in both the
- 4 prosperity and the safety of this great city. I'm honored
- 5 to receive this scholarship from Vice Chair Woods and
- 6 humbled by the whole board's commitment to the next
- 7 generation. My time on the Youth Advisory Panel has been
- 8 filled with great learning and the opportunity to
- 9 collaborate, not only with you all, but various
- 10 stakeholders as we work to advance public safety, and
- 11 importantly youth engagement in that process. Now, as we
- 12 work to reduce related crime. Somebody mentioned earlier
- 13 that it's an epidemic. That is true. I'm convinced and
- 14 I'm hopeful that this model of direct youth engagement
- 15 will continue to yield innovative strategies that
- 16 directly address the core root issues and inspire all of
- 17 us to partake in building that brighter future. Turning
- 18 this vision into reality is going to require all of us to
- 19 seek proximity to youth at the emergence. Those who are
- 20 not going to be here, but are going to be far away in
- 21 distant parts of this city, and inspire them to envision
- 22 what could be and actively participate in that shared
- 23 future. Together, I'm convinced that we can work with the
- 24 next generation, inspire them to be part of the solution,
- 25 and in doing so, advance that bold vision of creating a



- 1 city that is both safe and prosperous. Thank you very
- 2 much.
- 3 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Wow!
- 4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.
- 5 Rozmus Congratulations. And I would say we have a future
- 6 politician or you should consider joining the police
- 7 department. Thank you. And thank you to Commissioner Vice
- 8 Chair Woods for spearheading this initiative. Great idea.
- 9 Everybody agrees. And we also want to thank Ms. Blossom
- 10 who works with the youth advisory group. So thank you to
- 11 everyone involved. We are preparing our future; our
- 12 future leaders, our future Detroit Police Department
- 13 leaders. And so congratulations again. Next on the
- 14 agenda, we have the Chief of Police report. Hello, Chief
- 15 Bettison. Thank you.
- 16 CHIEF BETTISON: Buenas tardes.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Buenas tardes.
- 18 CHIEF BETTISON: So it feels good to be on the
- 19 Southwest side and at the 4th Precinct. I used to
- 20 actually be the commander at one time when it was the
- 21 Southwest District, and so I enjoyed my time here. And
- 22 oftentimes when folks asked me, they asked me a very
- 23 tough question. And I have a tough time with really
- 24 giving a good answer. But I'm going to tell you what the
- 25 question is and I'll be able to give you a good answer



- 1 and then I'll get into my report. So folks will say,
- 2 chief, what is your hobby? I'm like hmm. Well, guess
- 3 what? Guess what my hobby is, my new hobby, learning
- 4 Spanish. So I plan on joining the Hispanic Police
- 5 Officers Association of Michigan with the president
- 6 sitting over there, Mr. David Vasquez, and some others. I
- 7 will be fluent next year. I will.
- 8 It's a good time to be the chief of police in the
- 9 City of Detroit. Just what we've heard today with the
- 10 young man, Mr. Rozmus, with his report. And I was so
- 11 happy. I actually met him when he was in the mayor's
- 12 office, and I knew that he was going places. So when he
- 13 asked for a reference to be a part of the police
- 14 commissioner's Youth Advisory board without reservation,
- 15 I gave him that reference. And so he has not let us down.
- 16 Very, very proud of you, young man. To Ms. Ann and Ms.
- 17 Mullens, I thank you. I thank you both because this is
- 18 what it's really about. And I'm going to jump to some
- 19 statistics really quickly, because I want to talk about
- 20 the 4th Precinct and it will be a presentation as well.
- 21 But when the community does what they need to do in
- 22 being actively involved, the best crime deterrent is a
- 23 nosy neighbor. It doesn't get better than that. So with
- 24 radio patrol, eyes and ears in those strong block clubs
- 25 in that community engagement and wraparound, you make it



- 1 to the point that you don't even need a CVI in your area
- 2 because over in this area, they don't have a CVI but they
- 3 got some of the lowest crime around the 4th Precinct
- 4 year-to-date, criminal homicide rate, you are down 66.7%.
- 5 Last year you had 12; this year you had 4 in every
- 6 category of violent crime. In the 4th Precinct, you're
- 7 down double digits. If you go to sexual assaults, you're
- 8 down 30%. You go to aggravated assaults, 20% non-fatal
- 9 shootings, 19% robberies, 30%, carjackings, 20%,
- 10 burglary, 13, well, 14% larceny, 20%, motor vehicle
- 11 theft, 23%. Some of the lowest crime, rape in the city is
- 12 right here. And so I give it up to the hardworking men
- 13 and women of the Detroit Police Department in this
- 14 community.
- Muchas gracias. Continuing on. I'll talk a little
- 16 bit about some of the recent activities. We continue on
- 17 with narcotics enforcement. On September the 4th,
- 18 following an investigation of the Detroit Police
- 19 Narcotics Unit. Officers executed a search warrant in the
- 20 10,300 block of Crocuslawn, and also the 1400 block of
- 21 Pinewood. Officers made felony arrest, confiscated items,
- 22 cocaine, fentanyl, methamphetamines, white powder, 3
- 23 firearms, 1 rifle, 2 handguns, approximately \$1,500 in
- 24 cash. Also, quite frequently what we've recently been
- 25 seeing on the news is horrific accidents on Gratiot. And



- 1 so Gratiot is a state road, it's a wide road. And as a
- 2 result, people, when you have those large roads like
- 3 that, multiple, multiple lanes, they tend to speed and go
- 4 very fast. On some of the city roads that we've owned,
- 5 such as Livernois, we were actually able to get grants
- 6 and put in traffic calming mechanisms.
- 7 On a state road is a little bit difficult, but
- 8 however, I will be putting in requests and working with
- 9 the state to see what we can do to put in some
- 10 infrastructure that can deal with it as well. But in the
- 11 interim, I've stepped up traffic enforcement on Gratiot
- 12 tremendously. We'll have an operation. So I'm having one
- 13 this weekend during the nighttime hours, but has been
- 14 doing it, but just wanted to let you all know that that's
- 15 been an issue over on Gratiot. So I'm warning, anybody,
- 16 if you're going to be going down Gratiot this weekend,
- 17 I'm giving you all an open book test. Cops are going to
- 18 be out there and they'll be doing a lot of traffic
- 19 enforcement. Over the past two days, the Traffic
- 20 Enforcement Unit have written 242 speeding tickets.
- 21 They've investigated 277 vehicles. Unfortunately, we
- 22 still had a fatal accident on Gratiot on Tuesday, hours
- 23 after our enforcement effort.
- So we're going to be doubling down and we will come
- 25 up with long-term solutions to address the issues on



- 1 Gratiot. And we're just stepping up enforcement when it
- 2 comes to traffic because that's a number one community
- 3 concern right there. So we have our violent crime, which
- 4 we're constantly addressing, but I am a person who
- 5 believes we have to do it all. So with this violent
- 6 crime, we also have quality of life and the citizens of
- 7 the City of Detroit, deserve to have the same quality of
- 8 life and standard as our suburban counterparts as well.
- 9 We did have one case that got quite a bit of media
- 10 attention last week, and it was the porta-potty criminal
- 11 sexual assault case. And so on Tuesday, September the
- 12 9th, the Wayne County prosecutor's office denied charges
- 13 for sexual assault in the Porta John incident that
- 14 happened at Van Antwerp Park. Unfortunately, there were
- 15 circumstances inconsistent with the evidence and
- 16 circumstances provided by the victim. The incident
- 17 remains under investigation as we have learned that the
- 18 suspect --- yep, they knew each other and it was an
- 19 agreed upon incident and she was upset because the
- 20 suspect didn't pay. So we continue to investigate that
- 21 right there and if we get the appropriate information we
- 22 possibly will submit charges for the alleged victim,
- 23 making a false felony police report. Today was a good day
- 24 and a solemn day as today is 911. And we all can remember
- 25 exactly what we were doing 24 years ago when those planes



- 1 struck the buildings. And so we lost a lot of Americans.
- 2 We lost a lot of first responders. And our thing is, we
- 3 will never forget. We have lived through that history and
- 4 in perpetuity from now on, in the United States of
- 5 America, we will, on 9/11, continue to come together and
- 6 pay our respects to the ones who lost their lives for our
- 7 freedom in this country. Tomorrow is a good day. One of
- 8 my favorite parts about being police chief is we have the
- 9 graduation for Class 2025 H. And so we're going to have a
- 10 brand new 20 student police officers that will become
- 11 police officers.
- 12 They'll take the oath and they will start working on
- 13 the streets of Detroit. I did speak to the class and I
- 14 asked, I said, what does that H means to you? What does
- 15 the H stand for? You know what they said? Hardworking.
- 16 They say it Chief; it stands for hardworking. And so
- 17 we're going to get out there and we're going to work hard
- 18 for you. So community, I know you're going to hold them
- 19 accountable. And this board of police commissioners will
- 20 hold them accountable. And tomorrow, I know that the
- 21 Chair, the vice chair, will be there with me up on stage
- 22 as we celebrate those new police officers. And it's
- 23 Suicide Awareness Month. September is Suicide Awareness
- 24 Month. We want the communities to know that we are here
- 25 to help anyone who may need help. If you or your loved



- 1 one has any feelings or sometimes contemplations of
- 2 hurting yourself or themselves, you can always reach out
- 3 and call 911. We do have behavioral health specialists
- 4 embedded in our 911 call center that can get you the help
- 5 that you need; or you can call 988 if you're feeling
- 6 suicidal, and in crisis. I will tell you, there are a lot
- 7 of folks out there that are suffering, and as a result,
- 8 we have far too many people that have access to guns and
- 9 that do take their own lives as a result of gun violence.
- 10 And that right there concludes my report.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Thank you, Chief,
- 12 and thank you for reminding us about the importance of
- 13 today. I think it would be appropriate if we just add a
- 14 minute of silence for those who perished on 9.11. Thank
- 15 you very much. At this time, I think, are there any
- 16 questions or comments? Commissioner Bernard.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: First of all, Madam Chair, I
- 18 want to thank you and the chief obviously for recognizing
- 19 911 today. It's been heavy, if you will, on my heart, all
- 20 day, because of course, they have many, many videos and
- 21 everything about the Towers going down. And then of
- 22 course, the Pentagon situation and the people that died
- 23 on the open land there in Pennsylvania. And I think that
- 24 one of the things that our community should be
- 25 particularly proud of is that the man who designed the



- 1 World Trade Center is a Detroiter. He was actually a
- 2 friend of my father's. His name is Minoru Yamasaki. He's
- 3 Japanese; a wonderful man, a very small man, a very
- 4 gracious man, a very talented man. And I remember him
- 5 telling me that when he was pitched as the designer for
- 6 the World Trade Center, they told him he had 17 square
- 7 blocks in New York City, in Manhattan, down near the
- 8 waterfront, and said, do with it what you will.
- 9 As an Asian person, water is very important to him.
- 10 So he built the Towers with ponds and things like that
- 11 around it, because Asian people believe that water is
- 12 also spiritual in many respects, and they want to be
- 13 around it, soothing, et cetera. But what we didn't know,
- 14 chief, is that there were so many inventions as a result
- 15 of the World Trade Center. It was just a phenomenal feat
- 16 that had never been done in America before. And this
- 17 little man from the City of Detroit took 3 years to
- 18 design an elevator system that would take people 115
- 19 floors in less than 3-minutes. He did that. And then he
- 20 had to design a construction of a building that could
- 21 move with the wind, so that it would not ever fall over.
- 22 We were talking about it.
- He was obsessed with the fact that, one, that the
- 24 building could bend, but not break. And two, that there
- 25 was not a single leak in a single panel of glass in the



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- l building because of the precision of the engineering.
- 2 Now, I say this because obviously he's an American hero.
- 3 He has been on the cover of Time magazine a bunch of
- 4 times and all that kind of stuff. But he's a Detroit
- 5 hero, and he also built what used to be called the gas
- 6 company downtown. That beautiful building across the
- 7 street from City Hall and the McGregor Center at Wayne
- 8 State and Buildings all over the world. So it's personal
- 9 for many of us here in Detroit who knew Yama and because
- 10 of his humility and his kindness and his gentleness and
- 11 his willingness to just give to the community, and give
- 12 to the world. So it's a sad day for the 3000 people,
- 13 obviously, and I've been following it all day. I do it
- 14 every year, just as a matter of habit. And it's a sad day
- 15 that we lost the most preeminent architect in the history
- 16 of America who was a Detroiter and lived right here in
- 17 Bloomfield Hills in Detroit at first, and then in
- 18 Bloomfield Hills. So I thought I'd just use that as a
- 19 footnote to your statement.
- 20 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you for that educational
- 21 moment. Thank you.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We need to know.
- 23 CHIEF BETTISON: No. I'm very serious. Thank you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We need to know.
- 25 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Great information for us.
- 2 Any other comments? Go ahead, Commissioner Banks.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. I held a
- 4 community event about 3 weeks ago, and I just want to
- 5 thank the Chief for showing up and coming out being a
- 6 blessing to my family, the community and District 3,
- 7 Chair Woods and Commissioner Moore for coming out, and
- 8 being a blessing to that District 3 community. They
- 9 really bless the people, bless myself, and I thank them
- 10 for coming out. I just want to let them know openly.
- 11 Chief, bless you, man. I really appreciate you so much,
- 12 man. I really do. Thank you so much. And you spoke very
- 13 well too. You blessed the people, right at my home, you
- 14 know, you blessed the people greatly, okay. Just want to
- 15 let you know that.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, commissioner. Go
- 17 ahead, Commissioner Bernard.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And I want to thank the Chief,
- 19 and particularly this community for forging such a great
- 20 relationship with Marathon Oil. They've given the police
- 21 department nearly \$300,000 for our various initiatives
- 22 and scholarship programs and award ceremonies, et cetera,
- 23 and this community is responsible for that. We didn't do
- 24 it. Nobody from downtown did this. This community built
- 25 that relationship. And it's a pleasure. God knows it's a



- 1 pleasure for me to be in a room where I can hear because
- 2 of an excellent sound system, what's going on, as opposed
- 3 to ours. It's disgraceful what we have downtown. But it's
- 4 wonderful to be in a room that has real sound that's not
- 5 distorted in any way. And then finally, Madam Chair,
- 6 thank you for indulging me with this.
- 7 COMMISSIONER JONES: Madam Chair.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD But this is important and this
- 9 is to you Chief. I think all of America right now is
- 10 concerned, and I'd ask permission to have a moment of
- 11 silence for Charlie Kirk, for what happened. You and law
- 12 enforcement are at the head of this investigation. And in
- 13 terms of addressing this issue of political violence and
- 14 violence in general within our community. I know that
- 15 you've already probably talked to your brother, you know,
- 16 in other cities, and certainly the FBI here in Detroit
- 17 and everything; because this is a nationwide issue right
- 18 now. What happened to a man of peace, a man of God who
- 19 only talked about his faith, talked about his children,
- 20 talked about his wife, talked about the fact that we have
- 21 to talk to each other. We cannot continue to settle
- 22 disputes with guns or angry words, or hollering and
- 23 screaming at people and acting ridiculous, which leads to
- 24 the violence that you try to address every day. So for
- 25 you and for all of law enforcement, particularly who are



- 1 involved in this issue, certainly you have my prayers,
- 2 you have my thoughts, as does Charlie Kirk's family. And
- 3 with your permission, Madam Chair, I would ask for a
- 4 moment of silence for a great American. And thank you.
- 5 COMMISSIONER JONES: Madam Chair.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, go ahead, Commissioner
- 7 Jones.
- 8 COMMISSIONER JONES: moment, please. I would also
- 9 like to thank Chief Bettison and his executive team. Most
- 10 of us in this room are too young to remember Commander
- 11 Charles Jackson, who passed away a couple weeks ago and
- 12 was funeralized last Saturday. I had the Chief's office
- 13 provide the US American flag for him. And they also had
- 14 an honor guard detail that came out in his memory. So I
- 15 would like to thank Chief Bettison and the whole
- 16 executive team for what they did. Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, commissioner. Any
- 18 other comments? Commissioner Moore.
- 19 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Just very briefly. And I'm going
- 20 to ask the question, actually, offline, Chief, but I just
- 21 want to bring to your attention, have a conversation
- 22 about executive protection in the City of Detroit. Thank
- 23 you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay.
- 25 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, sir.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any other comments by the
- 2 commissioners? Just one really quick question, Chief. And
- 3 I know you probably have the 4th Precinct presenting.
- 4 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. So this'll be quick.
- 6 We had a department-wide phone system blackout, or if you
- 7 could speak to that. Is it still occurring? Has it been
- 8 resolved?
- 9 CHIEF BETTISON: Everything is good at this moment.
- 10 And it didn't affect 911 whatsoever. Otherwise everybody
- 11 would know about it. And so when I got notified of a
- 12 phone issue, my first question is; is 911 up? They were
- 13 like, yes. Okay. So the level of my anxiety went way
- 14 down. It was the landlines of all of our precincts, and
- 15 it affected fire as well. And I immediately got on the
- 16 phone and I called the CEO of AT&T. He answered the phone
- 17 because I have a cell phone number. And as always David
- 18 jumped right on it. And Art Thompson from the City IT was
- 19 on it. And the root cause of what happened is, it was
- 20 AT&T mainline and it was underground. And if one of the
- 21 manhole covers or underground water was there, the line
- 22 was saturated.
- 23 And as a result, it had been that way for a while,
- 24 and water had got into it. And so when the water got into
- 25 it caused that main line to short circuit. And so as a



- 1 result, AT&T had to drain that, dry it out, repair it,
- 2 and within about 4 hours got everything back up and
- 3 going. And so in the interim, we do have backups where we
- 4 put out a department-wide administrative message to let
- 5 all of our precinct stations know, pull out the cell
- 6 phones because we have cell phone backups, and we pushed
- 7 that information out via the media so the citizens could
- 8 still be able to call their local precincts, and that our
- 9 officers could be able to communicate with each other as
- 10 well. So the issue is resolved, and thank you for
- 11 bringing that up.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. You can continue
- 13 with your report. I'm sorry we took a while with the
- 14 questions.
- 15 CHIEF BETTISON: Not a problem. So at this time, I'll
- 16 ask the command officer, your commander and captain of
- 17 the Great 4th Precinct to come forth, and they're going
- 18 to give a presentation and they'll introduce their
- 19 Neighborhood Police Officers, but they are doing a
- 20 phenomenal job.
- 21 CMDR. HOLDERBAUM: Hello. I am Commander Shelley
- 22 Holderbaum of the 4th Precinct, and I have my partner,
- 23 Captain Star Gonzalez. And I would like to thank the
- 24 honorable board for allowing us to come and present to
- 25 you. And of course, my great chief who leads the best



- 1 police department in the nation. And my deputy chief
- 2 Jacqueline Pritchett back there too as well. And my NPOs,
- 3 I got Garrett Taylor and Iran Mitchell, who's my
- 4 sergeant. And Monica Luna is around here somewhere too.
- 5 And I also have the best community, [Spanish] and I'm
- 6 also going to teach my chief to help him learn Spanish.
- 7 But I'm not going to go into the crime because the
- 8 chief already did that for me. But we are showing records
- 9 again this year, and we're very proud of that. We have a
- 10 great strategy. In July of 2024, the 4th Precinct started
- 11 to increase in burglary and larcenies. Based on that
- 12 data, we implemented what we call the neighborhood
- 13 engagement team. We referred to it as Fortnet. Fortnet is
- 14 an intervention aspect, dealing with addicted and
- 15 unsheltered individuals, specialty court programs and
- 16 resources through Judge Shannon Holmes. The goal is to
- 17 learn how to best leverage the specialty court as a
- 18 resource and provide this population with the best
- 19 opportunities for rehabilitation. Fortnet is only staffed
- 20 by one sergeant and four police officers. Some of the
- 21 duties that they do provide, but not limited to, is they
- 22 assist detectives in identifying people wanted for retail
- 23 fraud and larceny, and help and apprehension. Their
- 24 primary response and mental health runs.
- 25 They are also CIT trained. They identify and monitor



- 1 drug dents and fencing networks. Address unsheltered
- 2 encampments, provide wraparound service, engage community
- 3 outreach service, work directly with specialty courts,
- 4 keep measurable data and service in-service overlap car.
- 5 Our Fortnet stats since we implemented them in August of
- 6 2024, have done 225 referrals to specialty courts. 23
- 7 narcotic related house closures, 121 felony arrests, 65
- 8 misdemeanor arrests, 2,166, tickets 1061 traffic stop.
- 9 3,428 persons investigated, 1,276 police run respondents.
- 10 We've taken off in the 4th Precinct, 170 guns off the
- 11 street, year-to-date; target enforcement with 639 arrests
- 12 to date. We do restore orders once a week, on a weekly
- 13 basis. We shut down illegal non-permitted unapproved
- 14 parties, and after hours. We're working with our federal
- 15 partners, which we meet weekly, with a focus on non-fatal
- 16 shootings and gun related. Our federal partners to date
- 17 have adopted, since August of 2023, 22 cases related to
- 18 violent felons, our community engagement, which is really
- 19 important to us; our Youth Explorer brotherhood and
- 20 sisterhood program that the great captain here has
- 21 implemented and got us rolling with; our gunlock
- 22 distribution continuous monthly meeting with our great
- 23 community group that we're so proud of always. We just
- 24 met on Tuesday. We also have a victim's advocate who
- 25 assists citizens with PPOs translation and U visas. Ms.



- 1 Ramirez, please stand up. This is Ms. Minnie. She's
- 2 great. Our NPOs are conducting programs, which include
- 3 anti-bullying classes, conflict resolution, gun safety,
- 4 police encounters, SeeClickFix Education, which we
- 5 actually took the ordinance for the abandoned vehicles
- 6 and had it translated in Spanish and Arabic for our
- 7 community. Upcoming community events in the precinct. The
- 8 Detroit Lions have an event on Friday, September 12th, in
- 9 the center of the neighborhood. We can't announce where
- 10 it's going to be at because it's a ticketed event. We
- 11 have a trunk or treat at the 4th Precinct, which is going
- 12 to be October 31st. We have a monthly senior movie night
- 13 where our NPOs go up and pick the seniors up and bring
- 14 them to the precinct for movie night. Faith in Blue,
- 15 which is October 11th through October 13th, we have the
- 16 drug take back on October 25th. And our NPOs have weekly
- 17 middle school and high school functions. And that's all I
- 18 have for the 4th Precinct.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Are there any
- 20 questions? Commissioner Moore.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Not a question, but mainly a
- 22 comment. I just want to thank Commander Holderbaum and
- 23 the captain for your organic presentation as well as the
- 24 chief. You know, your commander was a hostage negotiator.
- 25 A lot of people don't know that. That's how I met her,



- 1 working midnights, you know, being recalled after hours
- 2 to negotiate scenes as a part of the Metropolitan
- 3 Division, which handles high risk situations. So I just
- 4 appreciate you, Shelly. I mean, to the hilt. I mean, you
- 5 all make it happen here in Southwest. And thank you so
- 6 much.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Bernard, and
- 8 then Commissioner Woods.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly, all these lovely
- 10 women on the first row have on a really, really sharp T-
- 11 Shirt. And I want to know what it stands for. And how do
- 12 I get one?
- 13 CMDR. HOLDERBAUM: Well, Commissioner Bernard, they
- 14 won't even give one to me.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: They're not for sale? Okay.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Could we ask them to stand
- 17 up and turn around so the audience can see your T-shirts.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Can you go to the microphone
- 19 so everybody can hear, if you don't mind? Thank you.
- 20 MS. RAMIREZ: Actually, I am the president of 4th
- 21 Precinct Community Relations, and I have my whole board
- 22 here. So we have Nicole Fisher, who is our secretary. Our
- 23 recorder secretary is Norma Galvan. Our treasurer is
- 24 Felicita Lugo. And our vice president, the one that hits
- 25 me in the back when I do something wrong is Marie



- 1 Overall. So she checks me all the time. So, she was not
- 2 feeling good today, but she is on the air, she can hear
- 3 us. And we miss you, Marie. Oh, and the shirts, only the
- 4 board wears those shirts.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So, what do you do through
- 6 your association? Can you tell us, if you don't mind?
- 7 Thank you.
- 8 MS. RAMIREZ: Actually, we have monthly meetings. We
- 9 are the best 4th Precinct, community relations, I'm sorry
- 10 to say, the 4th Precinct is the best. We have awesome
- 11 speakers monthly. We have refreshments, but our speakers
- 12 are the main things why our community comes out. They
- 13 tell me what they want and I bring them in. So it can be
- 14 a city ombudsman. This Tuesday we had 911 to talk about
- 15 the senior citizens. And you know, I don't know what else
- 16 to say.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: The Red Cross.
- 18 MS. RAMIREZ: We were brought in awesome. Oh, we are
- 19 having a blood draw. Please come out to the Marathon,
- 20 bring your employees. It's on September the 25th, from
- 21 what time Sarge? 12 to 6. And they're going to give you
- 22 cookies and juice. You guys are going to love it.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Thank you,
- 24 Armenia.
- MS. RAMIREZ: I would like to also say too, that



- 1 there's going to be dinner served. I told Ms. Walton I
- 2 would do this. There's going to be dinner served after
- 3 the meeting. It's going to be catered by the Roman
- 4 Village. So what should be right outside here.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Commissioner
- 6 Woods.
- 7 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes. I just want to uplift the
- 8 great work that the commander and the captain are doing
- 9 over here. Anytime I get on the phone and call them when
- 10 citizens are calling me about some violence or some
- 11 issues, they are always picking up the phone and
- 12 responding rapidly to those issues. And it was also a
- 13 pleasure to work with you guys on the Whippet campaign.
- 14 And that's a vitally important initiative to be able to
- 15 make sure that businesses are not poisoning our citizens
- 16 with that garbage. And so we definitely appreciate and
- 17 applaud you guys and continue to be the Chief's tutor
- 18 because I want to see how far he get with this. He said
- 19 in a year, he is going to be fully bilingual. I'm looking
- 20 forward to that.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Any other
- 22 comments or questions?
- 23 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You ladies are also pretty.
- 25 That's amazing.



- 1 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes. Commissioner Carter.
- 3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I do have a question, and it's
- 4 regarding the misinformation that's out there about INS
- 5 and we're in the 4th Precinct. I'd like for you,
- 6 commander, captain, to speak on what's happening, what's
- 7 really happening? Because there is a lot of
- 8 misinformation about the Detroit Police Department
- 9 participating in the arrest of individuals and things
- 10 like that. So can you speak on that, please?
- MS. RAMIREZ: Well, it's the policy of the Detroit
- 12 Police Department. It's actually an ordinance. We do not
- 13 work with the federal entities. We do not ask anybody
- 14 what their status is. Ms. Ramirez will be the first one
- 15 we helped in the process of helping our community with U
- 16 visas. Ms. Minnie gets them done, and I process them and
- 17 get them over to the Chief for signing. We've had several
- 18 community events where we've actually shown our community
- 19 this is what we wear. We even showed our uniforms; we
- 20 showed the CIT uniforms and we showed them our different
- 21 cars. We want them to understand this is not the Detroit
- 22 Police Department. I have even pulled in at six o'clock
- 23 in the morning and had them getting ready to go do an
- 24 operation and have asked them, please don't come here.
- 25 It's so important that we build our community trust and



- 1 with you in my parking lot, that makes it very difficult.
- 2 And they agreed and they did not come back. So you know,
- 3 we don't work with them; we don't help them. And we
- 4 respect them. And if they call for help and it comes over
- 5 the radio that they need assistance, then we will go,
- 6 we'll stand by until they are safe, and then we're out
- 7 again.
- 8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 9 CHIEF BETTISON: And I just wanted to add a little
- 10 bit of additional clarity. And so Detroit is a welcoming
- 11 city but we're not a sanctuary city. And so for folks to
- 12 really understand the difference; the FBI, if they're
- 13 driving down the street and somebody runs a red light,
- 14 the FBI is not going to pull them over and write a
- 15 traffic citation. That's not their lane. When it comes to
- 16 immigration enforcement, naturalization enforcement, the
- 17 Detroit Police, that's not our lane. We do not do that.
- 18 However, we're not going to interfere or impede ICE, the
- 19 federal government from doing their job. We are just not
- 20 going to do it. Where sanctuary cities, they will
- 21 actually stop getting involved and not cooperate. And so
- 22 that's the biggest difference. When it comes to
- 23 detainers, for example, if we make an arrest, just like
- 24 we do of anybody, if you're breaking the law in the City
- 25 of Detroit, the Detroit Police Department is going to



- 1 enforce that regardless of what your status is, we don't
- 2 know, but you'll be arrested. And when you go to the
- 3 Detroit Detention Center, we enter everybody's
- 4 fingerprints into our LEIN. At that point, if you're an
- 5 American citizen and it comes back that, say for example,
- 6 you're wanted in Atlanta, Georgia; after we get done
- 7 processing you in Michigan, we will notify Atlanta and
- 8 see based off of their warrant that's in the system, they
- 9 have the option to come pick you up, et cetera. And if
- 10 they choose to, we'll turn you over to them, but they
- 11 have to come get you. We're not going to take them to,
- 12 you know, Atlanta. And if it's an individual that has a
- 13 detainer and it's in the system, then at that point, and
- 14 ICE contacts us, and it's a detainer, we would turn them
- 15 over at that point, but we're not calling them. They
- 16 would only be able to see it if it's already in the
- 17 system. So that's the extent of how we cooperate. But I
- 18 just want it to be very, very clear when it comes to the
- 19 difference between a welcoming city and a sanctuary city.
- 20 Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. I have a --- oh,
- 22 I'm sorry. Go ahead. Commissioner Moore.
- COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Madam Chair. The
- 24 Chief mentioned LEIN. I don't know if a lot of citizens
- 25 know what LEIN is.



- 1 CHIEF BETTISON: Yeah. Thank you so much. We get to
- 2 talking sometimes in the police world with these
- 3 acronyms, and I'm looking at the audience like, yeah,
- 4 LEIN. That's our Law Enforcement Information Network. And
- 5 so every police entity in Michigan utilizes that. And
- 6 they have national crime databases, and that's one of
- 7 them right there. Another acronym that you'll hear us use
- 8 all the time is NIBIN. And so that's our national
- 9 ballistic system where if we find a shell casing, we'll
- 10 put the shell casing in there, and if it's already
- 11 entered another shell casing from that same gun. That's
- 12 how you can tell that these bullets came from the same
- 13 gun. And how we are able to tell if the gun was involved
- 14 in another crime. And so we utilize our various
- 15 technologies, put it in there, but thank you so much. And
- 16 so LEIN, we enter our, our, our, our fingerprints. They
- 17 go to that system, and that helps us identify who an
- 18 individual is, if you already have a criminal record
- 19 that's in the system. If you've never been arrested, your
- 20 fingerprints are not in there. And so it wouldn't come
- 21 back to you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I have just a real quick
- 23 question. Are you noticing commander or captain, are you
- 24 noticing, is less calls for assistance or people coming
- 25 into the precinct as a result of, you know, ICE being in



- 1 the area? Are there less people coming? Because we're
- 2 hearing some of the leaders in the community are hearing
- 3 that people in our community are not calling the police.
- 4 They're afraid, you know, that they're going to take
- 5 their information and use it to get ICE, you know, to
- 6 deport them or somebody in their family. So are you
- 7 seeing numbers decreasing? I would be very concerned if
- 8 people are not calling the police when they need you,
- 9 when they need help.
- 10 CMDR. HOLDERBAUM: I believe historically in the
- 11 area, that has always been a concern. But I have not seen
- 12 a drop in the numbers for the cause of service as well as
- 13 the citizens coming in and making police reports too as
- 14 well. I think in the beginning that possibility was
- 15 there, probably in like late January and February, but we
- 16 have not seen that.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Thank you. Any
- 18 other questions or comments? Thank you for the very
- 19 informative reports. We appreciate it.
- 20 CMDR. HOLDERBAUM: Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: At this time, we're going to
- 22 have oral communications, the public comment, and please
- 23 remember the two-minute limit for your comments and
- 24 inappropriate language and comments may delay TV
- 25 broadcast and video posts. Do we have our first speaker,



- 1 please?
- 2 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our first speaker will be Ms.
- 3 Ramirez, then former Commissioner William Davis. Please
- 4 state your name for the record.
- 5 MS. RAMIREZ: My name is Armenia Ramirez. They call
- 6 me Minnie. I am the president of the 4th Precinct
- 7 Community Relations Council, and also a member of HPOA. I
- 8 wanted to mention that first of all, thank you for coming
- 9 with the Chair, the whole board, thank you for coming.
- 10 And we were the ones that picked Marathon. I also
- 11 enclosed, I believe in your package, you have everything
- 12 that Marathon has done for our community and the reason
- 13 why we picked Marathon. If you can see it, it's in your
- 14 package. They have gone beyond. They also provided HPOA
- 15 scholarship monies, as well as our backpack that we just
- 16 recently did. Family Fun Day, Kidcadia Center. So I just
- 17 wanted to add those, but I just wanted to make sure you
- 18 received that in your package, what Marathon has done for
- 19 us. So we're very proud. And I'd like to thank my friend
- 20 personally. I mean Whitney Walton, where are you?
- 21 MS. RAMIREZ: She has helped us so much. So I just
- 22 wanted to say that. And that's all I wanted to say.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Minnie. Wait, I'm



- 1 sorry. Wait. First, let me just say Ms. Garcia's here, a
- 2 friend of mine, and she's one of the leaders in Southwest
- 3 Detroit. You do have to submit a card to our secretary
- 4 here if you want to speak, Jane. Yeah, just submit your
- 5 card to her and she'll put you on the list. And I'm
- 6 sorry, you wanted to say something else?
- 7 MS. GARCIA: Yes. Also, I am the YWCA victim advocate
- 8 that is housed inside the 4th Precinct. I'm the one that
- 9 connects the --- you had mentioned, you know, what else
- 10 have we done? I'm the one that connects them to their
- 11 detectives. I'm the one that translates if they need me.
- 12 I am the one that does the Personal Protection Orders,
- 13 works well with Wayne County, as well as the judicial
- 14 process. So I am housed there. I'm not a city worker. I'm
- 15 with the YWSAA, but I am housed there. And I love our
- 16 commander and our captain. They have done a lot in our
- 17 community, and I'm so proud that --- actually, Commander
- 18 Holderbaum speaks real good Spanish, Chief, really good.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yeah. Thank you.
- 20 Commissioner Woods.
- 21 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah. Yes, Through the Chair. My
- 22 position in terms of being at Marathon is based upon the
- 23 fact that I don't believe that we as commissioners should
- 24 be in any corporate entity. You know, I think that we
- 25 should be in public spaces and, you know, so when I made



- 1 that statement, it was not a disparaging thing on
- 2 Marathon. Whatever they are doing for the community, is
- 3 what they are doing for the community. But we're not in
- 4 the business of promoting any corporation through this
- 5 entity, you know? And so that was my position, you know,
- 6 and then I know there has been a lot of issues throughout
- 7 the years, and I've talked to commissioners and they had
- 8 told me about some of the things that has changed, which
- 9 is, you know, I really, really appreciate that, because I
- 10 focus on the quality of life of folks, you know in my
- 11 community, and the City of Detroit, you know, but I just
- 12 don't feel that we should be in any corporate space. I
- 13 believe that we should be in public spaces. And so that's
- 14 why I made that statement the other week.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any other comments? Next
- 16 speaker, please. Commissioner Davis.
- 17 MR. DAVIS: Hello everyone.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Hello.
- 19 MR. DAVIS: William Davis here. I know where I was 24
- 20 years ago. I was right at the wastewater treatment plan
- 21 in 9,300 West Jefferson. In fact, a lot of people don't
- 22 realize that, but the wastewater treatment plant already
- 23 had Homeland Security visiting us in the case of an
- 24 event, any type of event, because over there, we had tank
- 25 cars of chlorine. I quess they still do. I've been



- 1 retired for a while. But, you know, that was a natural
- 2 target, especially in so much that this area didn't get
- 3 the attention I thought they should have gotten, you
- 4 know, should have been getting. Anyway, this is where I
- 5 was, right up at 9,300 West Jefferson, you know, and we
- 6 had a whole lot of stuff that we were going through
- 7 because it was a high alert already. Also, I started out
- 8 here in 1978.
- 9 I know I look young, but I was a poor college
- 10 student. You know, I already had the degree in law
- 11 enforcement. I was working on a Bachelor of Science in
- 12 Criminal Justice at that time. And one of the things, a
- 13 lot of my career, I was a union steward and UAW
- 14 supervisors. Part of my duties was to make sure and bring
- 15 up the fact that Marathon was not always a good partner.
- 16 Because at one time, the Rouge River was catching on
- 17 fire. There was a lot of pollution in this area, and some
- 18 of it was coming from here. Some of it was coming from
- 19 other entities in this area. And also, at one time, the
- 20 city used to do bunk exercises to be prepared for a
- 21 number of incidents. I think that we should be doing that
- 22 more so with what is going on. In fact, during the course
- 23 of time I was there, I became a FEMA incident commander.
- 24 I was one of the few people who actually had that status.
- 25 But I think we need to make sure that this area is safer.



- 1 Because I figured I had to come out here because I know
- 2 where I was 24 years ago. And I think we all need to
- 3 recognize that some corporations might start being
- 4 better, but you always have to keep an eye on them. Have
- 5 a good day.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, commissioner.
- 7 Miss Underwood, would you be keeping track of the two
- 8 minutes? I'm sorry.
- 9 MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Thank you. Next
- 11 speaker.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next speaker will be Jane C.
- 13 Garcia, chair of Lased board. And then after Ms. Garcia,
- 14 we'll have Jaden Allen.
- MS. GARCIA: Buenas tardes. I am so happy to be here.
- 16 And also, I want to commend the commissioners. I want you
- 17 to know that it's so important to have your meetings in
- 18 the community. And this is a great example of people
- 19 coming out to support. I've gone to some meetings where
- 20 it's just me and a couple of other people. So this is so
- 21 wonderful. I think it's important. Something you
- 22 duplicate, Mr. Chief on the Eastside where they need so
- 23 much help. Samaritan would be open to you to have a
- 24 community meeting. And I hope you join us there because I
- 25 think it's very important that we do that. You know, this



- 1 is 4217 Hallelujah; and you got a great representative in
- 2 Tyrone Carter, who called me up and said, don't forget to
- 3 show up. Jane. I want you to know that we have so many
- 4 people involved, your commander, your volunteers. You
- 5 just need to duplicate what we have here across the city,
- 6 Mr. Chief. And I hope that you look at it and seriously
- 7 consider doing that, what they're doing here because I
- 8 think it's very important. Gracias.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Thank you, Jane.
- 10 Our next speaker, please.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: He's coming.
- MR. ALLEN: Good evening, everyone. I am Jay Allen. I
- 13 just wanted to share my appreciation for the Youth
- 14 Advisory Panel. I'm a fairly new member. I've only been
- 15 there for about only one year, but we have a lot of
- 16 events that help the youth and the police get closer
- 17 connected, such as the peacenik where we gave out job
- 18 opportunities to the youth and as well as having games.
- 19 And teaching the importance of police safety. We've also
- 20 had a panel at Wayne State school; I currently go to. The
- 21 youth panel has really helped me a lot. I've gotten to
- 22 make a lot of connections there. With my connections,
- 23 I've participated in the Detroit Shadow Program where
- 24 I've gotten to personally meet Mayor Mike Duggan.
- I was interviewed and I've got to shadow and see how



- 1 they renovate the neighborhoods under the department of
- 2 neighborhoods. I've also interviewed former police
- 3 commissioner Charles Anderson. We've talked about the use
- 4 of AI in the police force, as well as the current state
- 5 of the city. Upcoming, we have a video of us talking
- 6 about current issues and the applications are currently
- 7 open for 2026. That's it. Thank you to the youth panel.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you very much.
- 11 Commissioner Woods.
- 12 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Man, you guys are absolutely
- 13 amazing. You guys touch my heart and I'm sure you touch
- 14 everybody's heart in here. We really, really thank God
- 15 for you young men and all of the Youth Advisory Panel.
- 16 Again, a shout out to Teresa Blossom. And I know that
- 17 Commissioner Carter has been actively involved with this
- 18 group as well. You know, so we really, really appreciate
- 19 your leadership.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you all for being
- 21 here. Next speaker.
- 22 MS. UNDERWOOD: I'm sorry, Madam Chair. That's our
- 23 last speaker. Oh, no, we're on Zoom.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: We're on Zoom, yes. I
- 25 thought so. We have one more that wants to speak? Okay.



- 1 Just go to the microphone
- MS. UNDERWOOD: And state your name for the record.
- 3 MR. PERKINS: Greetings everyone. I'm William
- 4 Perkins. I have been a part of the Youth Advisory Panel,
- 5 excuse me, for going on three years now. This panel has
- 6 been nothing less than amazing. I've grown as a person;
- 7 I've grown as a leader and a mentor. This group is needed
- 8 so much within Detroit communities because it supports
- 9 young adults and it helps them find their way and
- 10 understand where they live and what's happening around
- 11 them. You know what I mean? We support BPOC, not only
- 12 providing support with younger knowledge and
- 13 understanding. We also do so much more. Detroit needs
- 14 more youth minds to get them to understand why youth
- 15 people are getting lost. YAP and BPOC help Detroit find
- 16 those lost souls and bring them back to greatness. So if
- 17 you have any young adults who are in the age of 15 to 24,
- 18 tell them to apply, because I promise you, you won't be
- 19 disappointed. The work that we do in our panel is
- 20 revolutionary. Excuse me. If we're making a difference in
- 21 the words of former Vice President Kamala Harris, we
- 22 won't go back. Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes. Alright. Thank you. And
- 24 Commissioner Woods has applications here if there's
- 25 anybody interested. Any other speakers?



- 1 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair. I'm sorry.
- 2 If I could say it really quickly.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, commissioner.
- 4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: We'd like to have
- 5 representation from every precinct, every corner of the
- 6 City of Detroit on the Youth Advisory Panel. So if you
- 7 know anybody, like they said, please tell them to apply.
- 8 It's worth it. Thank you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER WOODS: And through the Chair. Is there
- 10 a stipend there?
- 11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: So the stipend is through a
- 12 grant from the Skillman Foundation. We are looking for
- 13 other funders. Everything that they do costs money. So we
- 14 do need to keep that in mind going forward, that we need
- 15 funding to support these young people. Thank you.
- 16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Madam Chair.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, Commissioner Moore.
- 18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Do you think that we can get it
- 19 scanned in, the application scanned in. We can send it
- 20 out to the precinct commanders who can give it out to
- 21 their black clubs?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I think that's an excellent
- 23 idea. Yes. Can we make a note of that, secretary? Thank
- 24 you.
- 25 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Through the Chair.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes. Commissioner Smith.
- 2 COMMISSIONER SMITH: You know, you all make me feel
- 3 like a proud mother. You are so impressive. I am so proud
- 4 of you all. The children that I interact with almost on a
- 5 daily basis, it's so disheartening. But to see you all
- 6 and what you all choose to do is so impressive, and I'm
- 7 so proud of you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: And I would just say that
- 9 you really need to know, Commissioner Smith, because
- 10 she's so involved in the community. You're still involved
- 11 with Ceasefire? Ceasefire is an excellent program that
- 12 you know, they intervene with gangs. Go ahead.
- COMMISSIONER SMITH: We're a community violence
- 14 intervention and gang violence intervention.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: And they do a great, great
- 16 job. So, you know.
- 17 Any other Zoom callers?.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, Madam Chair. We have on Zoom,
- 19 one caller, Mr. Roo.
- 20 MR. ROO: Good evening. Chief Bettison. You're doing
- 21 a great job. I hope everybody can hear me clearly. I want
- 22 to send out my appreciation again, public
- 23 acknowledgement. You're doing a wonderful job and I know
- 24 the DPD Detroit Police Department is in great hands with
- 25 your leadership. Now, it brings me to the hard task of



- 1 Eva Dewaelsche. Your vice chairperson. Now, since
- 2 Kaneisha Coleman was murdered, I went through Willie
- 3 Bell, Jim Holley, Brian Sloppy, Toppy Ferguson, QuanTez
- 4 Pressley, and Darryl "Fake A\$\$" Woods, Fraud Woods.
- 5 Kaneisha did not shoot herself. Charmaine McLeod did it.
- 6 The evidence is conclusive, irrefutable, concrete, still
- 7 to bear, trap proof. Charmaine is unable to articulate
- 8 who informed her that Kaneisha had been shot. They are
- 9 leading pathologists across this country who are in total
- 10 agreement, total agreement with the conclusion. There's
- 11 also an aggravated assault complaint filed by the 8th
- 12 Precinct, Officer Detrich Mott. You need to bring him
- 13 forward in front of the board so he can explain to you
- 14 what he witnessed and what he saw on that day, July 16th,
- 15 2020, when he arrived on the scene where Kaneisha was
- 16 murdered by Charmaine McLeod.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Madam Chair, that was your last
- 18 speaker.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. At this time the
- 20 board secretary's report, please,
- 21 MS. GARNIER: Madam Chair, through the Chair. There
- 22 are a number of items for information in your packet
- 23 today. I don't think we can express enough about, there
- 24 are Youth Advisory Panel openings and it is out on gov
- 25 delivery. I do believe that we have information out in



- 1 the precincts, but we will double check and make sure
- 2 that it's widely announced. The deadline is coming up
- 3 quickly, September 30th. There's also notice of public
- 4 budget meetings on September 22nd and 29th in your
- 5 packets as well. Directly related is the DPD budget
- 6 presentation during that time. Also, your weekly reports
- 7 are in your binder under tab six, facial recognition and
- 8 shot spotter. And there's another piece of incoming
- 9 correspondence from the chief's office and Chair
- 10 Dewaelsche has forwarded that to HR for the appropriate
- 11 analysis. And I believe that is all under the report at
- 12 this time, Madam Chair,
- 13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: The next meetings.
- MS. GARNIER: Thank you. Next week, 3:00 PM at
- 15 headquarters is the next weekly board meeting, which will
- 16 be Thursday, September 18th at 3:00 PM. The next
- 17 community meeting will be in the 3rd Precinct at
- 18 Considine Little Rock Recreation Center, located at 8904
- 19 Woodward Avenue. That's October 9th, 6:30 PM in the 3rd
- 20 Precinct. Committee meetings upcoming are as follows:
- 21 Policy, Tuesday, September 16th at 5:00 PM and Policy
- 22 again on Tuesday, September 30th at 5:00 PM. And also the
- 23 Budget Committee will be meeting Tuesday, September 30th
- 24 at 4 PM. Thank you, Madam Chair for the reminder.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Is there any



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unfinished business? Any new business? I'll entertain a
    motion to adjourn.
         COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.
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         COMMISSIONER WOODS: Second.
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         CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved and
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    supported. All those in favor indicate by saying, Aye.
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         COMMISSIONERS Aye.
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         CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Motion carries.
    Thank you everyone for being here tonight.
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