

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: April 6, 2017 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit MI 48226

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (April 6, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Ricardo R. Moore, Vice Chair	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (3:20)	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Excused	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann (3:24)	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for April 6, 2017.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, March 30, 2017**

BOPC Officers Reports(s): After welcome, opening remarks and invocation **Chairman Bell** asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Other elected officials, representatives and VIP's were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliations. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Chairman Bell inquired as to the conditions of POs Benjamin Akinson and James Kisselburg. Additionally, Chairman Bell read the following items into the record, (1) BOPC Meeting Broadcast schedule. City of Detroit Media Services has alerted the Commission of a change in the broadcast time and channel starting next week. Currently, BOPC meeting air on local cable Channel #10, three times on Friday, Saturday and Sunday following our Thursday meeting. The changes are, we will no longer air on Channel #10, but be moved to # Channel 21. The new times will be 6 AM, 3 PM and 7 PM. (2) Several months ago, the Commission was polled about potential dates for BOPC Board training. Based on the poll and the availability of others who will participate in the Board training, May 19 and 20, 2017 is set for the training. May 19, 2017 (FRIDAY), we will start at 12:00 Noon and go to 5:00 PM. May 20, 2017 (SATURDAY), we will start at 8:30 AM and conclude at 6:00 PM. Please mark your calendars accordingly.(3) Late yesterday, BOPC received a new promotional list from the Chief. BOPC staff will conduct its normal review and I hope to have this item on the agenda at our April 13, 2017 Board Meeting. (4) We also received a suspension without pay request from the Chief. Typically, we go into closed session to hear personnel matters. Given that the next meeting is a community meeting, I am requesting your input into if this item should be taken up at the April 13th meeting or the April 20th meeting? The Board agreed to adjust the meeting date of our April 13, 2017 meeting to 6:00 PM to handle the personnel matter listed above.

Motion: Motion to Adjust the April 13, 2017 meeting from 6:30 PM to 6:00 PM. **(Commissioner Moore)**

Second: (Sanders)

Vote: Yes = 7 No = 0 Abst = 2 (Excused = 2) **Action: Approved**

Three resolutions were presented to the Board for action. Resolution read into the record for former **Assistant Chief Steven G. Dolunt** by **Commissioner Richard Shelby**,

RESOLUTION HONORING, ASSISTANT CHIEF STEVEN G. DOLUNT

- WHEREAS** Steven G. Dolunt, was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on October 28, 1985, upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy he was assigned to the Third Precinct; and
- WHEREAS** Officer Dolunt showed tremendous knowledge and dedication and was appointed to the rank of Investigator on December 30, 1994, he was assigned to Homicide. Promoted to Sergeant on October 3, 1995, he was assigned to the Eighth Precinct. On January 22, 1999, Sergeant Dolunt was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant where his assignments included the Twelfth Precinct, Disciplinary Administration Unit and Homicide. November 15, 2002, he was promoted to Inspector, reassigned to Disciplinary Administration Unit, First Precinct, Professional Accountability Bureau, Internal Affairs, Narcotic SE, Narcotics NW, reassigned to Twelfth Precinct, Office of the Field Duty Officer, Thirteenth Precinct, and Western District; and
- WHEREAS** Inspector Dolunt continued to progress in his career and was promoted to the rank of Commander on December 3, 2007, where his assignments included Southwestern District, Eastern District, Criminal Investigation Bureau, reassigned to Eastern District, Office of the Assistant Chief of Police, Enforcement Operations, and the Commanding Officer of Northwestern District; and
- WHEREAS** Commander Dolunt was appointed to the rank of Deputy Chief over Criminal Investigations Bureau on April 21, 2014, and later to Assistant Chief in charge of the Office of Neighborhood Policing where he remained until his retirement on April 24, 2017; and
- WHEREAS** Assistant Chief Dolunt dutifully served the citizens of Detroit for more than 31 years. During his profound career, he was the deserving recipient of a Lifesaving Citation and Medal, a Chief's Merit Award, an Educational Achievement Award with a Master Degree designation, the Major League Baseball All-Star Baseball Recognition Award, The National Football League Superbowl XL Recognition Award, a Ford Fireworks Celebration Ribbon, several Perfect Attendance Awards, a Department Award for Accident-Free Driving, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the Conclusion of the Conditions of Confinement Consent Judgement Award, the Conclusion of the Use of Force Arrest and Witness Detention Consent Judgement Recognition Award, several Departmental Citations, and numerous letters of commendations from citizens and superiors; and
- WHEREAS** Assistant Chief Dolunt has made public service his life's mission and has devotedly served the citizens of Detroit with loyalty, professionalism, and integrity. He is highly respected throughout the law enforcement community as the consummate professional.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department recognize the commitment and life's work of Assistant Chief Steven G. Dolunt. Your commitment to public service and improving the quality of life for the citizens of the City of Detroit merits our highest regards.

We thank you for your leadership and congratulate you, Assistant Chief Steven G. Dolunt.

Motion: Motion to Honor **Assistant Chief Steven G. Dolunt, Commissioner Shelby**

Second: (Moore)

Vote: Yes = 9 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 2) **Action: Approved**

Former Assistant Chief Steven Dolunt addressed the Board and thanked the Board and the Department for supporting his 31 years engagement with the Detroit Police Department.

Resolution read into the record for Police Officer Frank Gregory by **Commissioner Ricardo Moore**.

**BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING, POLICE OFFICER FRANK GREGORY II
(Posthumously)**

WHEREAS Frank Gregory was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on October 13, 1997. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Gregory began his career at the Eleventh Precinct; and

WHEREAS Officer Gregory dutifully served the Police Reserves Unit, Western District, and Twelfth Precinct in various capacities. On Tuesday, March 21, 2017, after nineteen (19) years of service, Police Officer Frank Gregory, II badge 4663 passed away; and

WHEREAS During his law enforcement career, Officer Gregory was the deserving recipient of one (1) Chief's Unit Award, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, and received numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

WHEREAS Officer Gregory tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit, and its neighboring communities for nineteen years. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication were a credit to the Detroit Police Department. He was highly respected as a consummate professional throughout the law enforcement community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, award this resolution posthumously in recognition of Police Officer Frank Gregory II, 19 years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

We salute you Officer Frank Gregory II for a job well done.

Motion: Motion to Honor Police Officer Frank Gregory, Commissioner Moore.

Second: (Moore)

Vote: Yes = 9 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 2) **Action: Approved**

Resolution read into the record for Kerry Sanders, by Commissioner Ricardo Sanders,

RESOLUTION HONORING, MR. KERRY SANDERS, (Posthumously)

WHEREAS Mr. Kerry Sanders was born on January 20, 1962 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Pearl and Oliver Sanders, Sr. He was the youngest of four sons. He was raised in a Christian home and accepted Christ at an early age. Kerry met Diane, the love of his life in 1983. To this union four daughters were born, Marian Denise, Michele Diane, Mallory Pearl, and Marie DeNae; and

WHEREAS Mr. Sanders was educated in the Detroit Public Schools System. He attended Cass Technical High School where he played football, and graduated in 1980. He attended Eastern Michigan University (where he pledged Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. in Fall 1981), Cleary College, University of Michigan, and Western Michigan University holding multiple degrees in Business, Technology and Education. He completed his Ph.D. at North Central University in Education and E-Learning; and

WHEREAS He was a lifelong educator and leader. Mr. Sanders was a professor at Iowa State University, Wayne State University, Cleary University, Davenport University, and Lawrence Technological University. In 2001, he founded Sanders Consulting, providing quality IT Solutions, Services and Consulting to its clients; and

WHEREAS Mr. Sanders was very vocal and active in his community. He served as the President of Barton McFarland Neighborhood Association for many years. He was instrumental in community clean-ups and beautification, securing grants for the community, and promoting education for young children. He was active in politics, he was a precinct delegate, and ran for office as a Detroit Public School Board member. He was a strong advocate for education and had a love for computer technology and science; and

WHEREAS He was known affectionately as "Kas", Kerry made his transition on January 27, 2017. He will always be remembered, loved and respected by the many lives he touched.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department acknowledge the dedicated, humble, giving support of Mr. Kerry Sanders. His generous spirit and commitment to improving the quality of life for all citizens in the Second Precinct and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

Motion: Motion to Honor, **MR. KERRY SANDERS**, (Posthumously), **Commissioner Moore**.

Second: (Vann)

Vote: Yes = 9 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 2) **Action: Approved**

Chief of Police Report: Detroit Police Chief, James Craig introduced members of the Department and summarized DPD CompStat data for April 2, 2017, discussed the Year to Date Comps for Homicide (16% increase), Non-Fatal Shootings (9% increase), Sexual Assault (-16% decrease), Carjacking (-1% decrease). Chief Craig also reported increases in crime are in part related to narcotics related and gang activity. Chief Craig applauded the Homicide section with having a 72% clearance rate, year-to-date. The Chief also indicated he was committed to working with Innocent Project who had contacted him on a case. Craig indicated that the Department had an obligation and duty when new evidence is uncovered or when it appears that evidence has been altered to correct the injustice. The Chief also discussed DPD-TV's recent engagement with the LGBTQ community. Chief Craig also indicated the Department has 15 internal cases under investigation sitting at the Wayne County Prosecutors Office for resolution. **Commissioner Moore** inquired about the health benefits for officers injured in the line of duty. **Commissioner Brooks** added information about recent police recruiting events and acknowledged the hard work of the Department including the partnership with the recruitment efforts of the Wayne County Sheriff.

Presentations to the BOPC Board: (A) Human Resources, Director Gail Oxendine (B) Presentation by Kalimah Johnson, LMSW, Executive Director SASHA, re: Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

(A) Human Resources, Director Gail Oxendine reported the total positions in the Department is 3123 employees (sworn, 2562 and civilian 561). Of the 3123 individuals Detroiters represent 631 sworn and 1773 non-Detroiters, of the civilians 310 are Detroiters and 198 non-Detroiters. The report also included information on recruitment, MCOLES Testing, attrition, leave of absence / restricted duty and special projects. **Commissioner Vann** inquired the impact of separations in the Department and if the Department conducted exit interviews to determine potential reasons for the separations.

(B) Presentation by Kalimah Johnson, LMSW, Executive Director (Sexual Assault Services for Holistic Healing and Awareness) SASHA, re: Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Commissioner Ricardo Moore introduced Kalimah Johnson, LMSW. **Ms. Johnson** indicated the mission at the **SASHA Center** is to increase awareness, provide resources and educate the public about sexual assault, provide culturally specific peer support groups to self identified survivors of rape and to increase justice and visibility for survivors in Southeast Michigan. Ms. Johnson also discussed several programs and initiatives associated with SASHA (1) **DETROIT VS. EVERYBODY, LLC** have joined together to raise awareness and funds to assist sexual assault survivors during April which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. A special addition **DETROIT VS. EVERYBODY, LLC** t-shirts in the color of **TEAL** will be sold for the entire month of April with a portion of the proceeds going directly to the **SASHA Center**, (2) **On Friday, April 21, 2017 from 6-9pm at Marygrove College** in Alumni Hall of the Madame Cadillac Building the **9th Annual Take Back the Night-Detroit** will take occur. The event acknowledging the strength of survivors of sexual assault. Admission is FREE! Ms. Johnson also said, "Together we would like to eradicate all forms of sexual assault and SASHA Center invites the public to join the conversation and be a part of a movement to assist survivors during Sexual Assault Awareness Month!" **Commissioner Crawford** inquired about the Free Public Talk every 4th Wednesday. **Commissioner Moore** inquired about contact information for SASHA and tips for preventions against sexual assault. Ms. Johnson in responding indicated it was important to take away the guilt and shame associated with the victims by talking about sexual assault.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: No reports.

Board Secretary Report: Mr. Hicks reported on several correspondence received by the Board. In addition to the two communications discussed during the Chair's report, please note the following,

- (A) Commissioner Ricardo Moore, April Sexual Assault Awareness Month, resulting in the invitation of speaker Kalimah Johnson, LMSW
- (B) DPD 18th Annual Interfaith Candlelight Vigil Service/ 44 Annual Interfaith Memorial Services, distributed to Board via e-mail.
- (C) Several e-mail/correspondences, referred to OCI.
- (D) Update on DPD Green Light locations, distributed to Board via e-mail.
- (E) CeaseFire notification. Distributed to Board via e-mail.
- (F) Letter from Tully Family RE: Towing, referred to DPD for investigation.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcement:

Next Meeting, April 13, 2017, 6:00 PM (COMMUNITY MEETING) at New Greater Zion Hill Church, 18891 St. Louis, Detroit MI. 48234 / 11th Precinct.

Next Community Meeting: May 11, 2017, @ 6:30 PM location forthcoming / 8th Precinct.

Oral Communications: **Bernice Smith** asked about cross training between the DPD and Fire Department. Smith also shared some information about a drug house. Smith was referred to OCI Chief Drake and DPD. **Frances Whiter** expressed concerns about the two recently injured officers and inquired how long officers like Mark Diaz would remain paid while suspended as other officers are forced to pay-out of pocket related to their injuries. **Fredia Butler** discussed her concerns United State Attorney General Sessions who recently announced his review of all DOJ consent judgements and agreements. Butler also applauded a recent workshop and initiative by the Department on Diversity Training conducted by Victor Green. **Sandra Hines** inquired about the deployment of body worn camera. COP Craig provided an update indicating that cameras had been deployed in the four precincts. Commissioner Crawford added that the expected deployment time for the entire city is the end of the year.

Chairman Bell accepted a Motion to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned 4:50 PM.