

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: February 23, 2017 – 3:00 PM
 Location: Detroit Public safety Headquarters. 1301 Third Ave., Detroit MI 48226

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (February 23, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Ricardo R. Moore, Vice Chair	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Excused	
Willie E. Burton	Excused	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Excused	
Conrad Mallett	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Excused	
Quorum (Yes)	7	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for February 23, 2017.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
 Thursday, February 16, 2017**

BOPC Officers Reports(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked **Commissioner Richard Shelby** to provide the 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.

Chief of Police Report: **Chief James Craig** introduced members of the Department and summarized DPD CompStat data for February 19, 2017. Craig discussed the Year to Date Comps for Homicide (20% increase), Non-Fatal Shootings (44% increase), Sexual Assault (4% increase), Carjacking (-10% decrease). Chief Craig also reported to the Board the retirement of Assistant Chief Steven Dolunt, effective February 24, 2017. **Chairman Bell and other Commissioners including Moore, Shelby and Crawford** acknowledged the work of Dolunt and thanked him for his longstanding service to the people of Detroit and the Department. Chief Craig also summarized an incident involving a recent barricaded gunman. **Commissioner Moore** asked about a 400% increase in Non-fatal shooting in southwest Detroit. The Chief responded by indicating first quarter figures are a bit misleading, however the non-fatal shooting in the areas were at 2 and has increased to 10 causing the large statistical increase.

Resolutions and Memorials: None.

Presentations to the BOPC Board: (A) OCI Report, (B) Law Department, DPD Lawsuits, (C), John Bennett, Former Detroit Police Officer: re CORE Report (August 2016).

(A) Chief Investigator Pamela Drake (February 23, 2017) reported a 7% decrease in year-to-date complaints over 2016, Drake reported 2016 – monthly complaint count of 91 complaints. No complaints were over 90 days, 171 open investigations, 85 cases filed and 88 cases closed in the period. Closed complaints for January 2017 (88 CCR's) 45% of the cases were not sustained, 17% unfounded, 11% sustained and 9% exonerated.

(B) Corporation Counsel Melvin B. Hollowell and Deputy Corporation Counsel Jerry Ashford, Head of Litigation described the role and mission of the Law Department. Hollowell also discussed new DPD protocols leading to reduced litigation (1) 40 hours annual in-service training of DPD officers, (2) Early Intervention System (MAS), (3) Compliance Accountability Unit

staffed by civilian auditors and (4) Civil Rights Integrity Bureau. Hollowell reported on a 31.9% decrease in DPD payouts (\$7,330,654.57 to \$4,989,218.84, between 2015 and 2016). Mr. Hollowell also gave a general comparison of city lawsuits between various City Departments for the same period. **Commissioner Moore** inquired if the information shared with the Board as settlements also included judgments? **Commissioner Mallet** asked about repeat offenders and the impact such information might have on litigation strategy. **Corporation Counsel Hollowell** committed to providing the Board with quarterly updates on settlements. Hollowell also indicated the law Department uses an internal tracking system to identify problems and concerns and also offered training to the Department around various compliance issues.

(C) John Bennett, former Detroit Police Officer, re: CORE Report of August 2016. John Bennet provide a history of the CORE Committee and the events leading up to the issuance of the August 2017 CORE Report. Bennett indicated upon receiving a call from the Chief on CORE's engagement, he discussed three issues associated with the committee (1) No media rollout, (2) serious consideration of CORE recommendations and (3) specific assignment of a co-chair of the committee. Bennett indicated the committee met bi-weekly and attended some 47 rollcalls discussing a wide range of topics with rank-and-file officers. Bennett also indicated the committee met regularly with the Chief to apprise him of their progress. Bennet also indicated that as of August 23, 2016 he retired from the police force and did not hear about the CORE activity until it appear in the press. Bennet indicated that the report and the results associated with the report should in spirit of transparency should belong to the people. **Commissioner Moore** asked about the recommendations associated with the report? **Chief Craig** indicated while the report was information his office had been working on several changes in the department, some of them included in the report and other that were not. Craig also provided a general review of the difference between the old CORE committee and the new CORE committee. Craig also indicated he has shared with the Board his charge to the committee and invited feedback from the Board. **Commissioner Carter** asked for more specific detail on the timelines associated with CORE's work and the actual report?

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: None.

Board Secretary Report: No Report.

Old Business: None.

Announcement: Next Meetings: Thursday, March 2, 2017, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Avenue, Detroit MI. 48226

Next Community Meeting: March 9, 2017 @ 6:30 PM @ Wayne County Community College
Downtown Campus, 801 W. Fort Street.

Oral Communications: Bernice Smith, discussed a private towing issues with the Board.

Board Procedural Issue: Chairman Bell relinquished the Chairmanship of the meeting to Commissioner Moore to discuss the private towing issues. **Commissioner Bell** indicated the Non-profit housing organization, owners of the property wherein the private tows have occurred had posted additional signs warning violators that the parking was for residents of the apartment structure. Bell also indicated the apartment leadership has been working with the DMC and others to resolve any outstanding issues. **Commissioner Crawford** indicated this matter involves private tow and not the Police Authorized Towing. **Commissioner Mallett** discussed the work of the not-for-profit housing organization and its efforts to resolve the issues as well as his work at the DMC to modify and respond to concerns of people visiting the DMC. **Chairman Moore**, indicated as Chair the subject of the private towing was outside of the authority of the Police Commission and moved the agenda.

Return to normal Order – Oral Communications. Freda Butler reported on a scam involving property assessment and callers who are victimizing seniors. Ms. Butler recommended a more aggressive public outreach campaign to highlight the problem. Ms. Butler was also referred to Commander Todd Bettison to discuss the issues and help initiate any criminal complaints.

Chairman Moore, upon a motion adjourned the meeting at 4:41 PM