

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: December 7, 2017 – 3:00 PM**  
 Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

**Chair Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (December 7, 2017)**

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Excused	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Excused	
Willie Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Excused	
Willie E. Burton	Excused	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Excused	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (No)	4	

**The Board in accordance with its rules did not have a quorum and therefore moved all action items to the December 14, 2017 Agenda**

**The Board in accordance with its rules the Board moved approval of the following Board Minutes to the next meeting due to a lack of a quorum: Thursday, October 26, 2017.**

**BOPC Officers Report(s):** After welcome and opening remarks **Chair Willie Bell gave the invocation.** Bell asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Other elected officials, representatives and VIPs were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliations. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Bell also welcomed to the meeting, Chief of Police James E. Craig., who introduced DPD staff.

**Chair Report: Bell** said “Welcome: Good Afternoon. I am Police Commissioner Willie Bell, representing District # 4. On behalf of the Board, thank you for attending today’s Board meeting. Board Chair Lisa Carter, Vice-Chair Eva Dewaelsche and Commissioner Edgar Vann have asked to be excused.

Today is also a very special day. On Dec. 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy led a surprise attack against the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, U.S. I would ask each of us to reflect on the important contributions made by our armed forces. In the case of Pearl Harbor, these men and women fought and died to stop senseless aggression and to protect our democratic way of life. With the special importance of this day, On behalf of the Board, we continue to express our support and concerns for fallen officers and their Families. The Chief’s Office may want to add some specific information about the recent conditions of some of our injured officers.

To encourage dialogue and exchange between the community and the Department, our Board meets weekly. Please note that after this meeting we will have one remaining meeting this calendar year. We are scheduled to go on recess for the weeks of December 18<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup>. Next year, our first meeting is scheduled for January 4<sup>th</sup> and we will be joined by several new Commissioners from the November election. Official Swearing in Ceremonies for the 2018-2021 Board will take place at our first meeting in January.

I also want to congratulate Commissioner Reginald Crawford for his recent election to the office of President of the Wayne County Deputy Sheriff's Association. We are looking toward to you being as vocal for your union membership as you have been here at the table on behalf of the citizens of Detroit and the profession of law enforcement.

I would also ask for the Chief's office to provide us with an update on the investigations into the Noel Night shootings in addition to reporting on the regular crime statistics for the period.

Today, we have one presentation from the Director of Human Resources, Gail Oxendine. I would note that Gail will be leaving the Department in January and moving to the Retirement Board. I would like to go on record to indicate that Gail has worked hard to modernize the human resources section. Under her leadership, we have done an outstanding job in recruitment, as well as service to our sworn and civilian employees. Thank you for a job well done.

Toward the end of the meeting, we will have oral communications from the audience, so if you would like to speak to the Commission, please make sure you print your name on a speaker's card. Cards are located in the back on the table or can be obtained by seeing Mr. Robert Brown."

**COP Police Report: James E. Craig** reported on crime continuing to trend downward. Craig reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending December 3, 2017. Craig reported Homicides percentage change between 2015 and 2016 of -11% decrease, Sexual Assaults -3% decrease, Robbery -15% decrease, Carjacking -17% decrease, Aggravated Assaults, -5% decrease, Non-fatal shooting, -11% decrease for an overall total of -7% decrease, and overall violent crime of -7% and property offenses -7%. Craig attributed the reductions in crime to the Ceasefire Project, 230 Greenlight locations and the work of the Department.

#### **Presentations to the Board: (A) Human Resources Report:**

**Director Gail Oxendine** gave her monthly human resources report for DPD employment and recruitment for the December statistical period (2017). HR **Director Gail Oxendine** highlighted the personnel associated with DPD as 3180 total positions, 2550 sworn positions filled, and 630 civilian positions. She also indicated last month period the Department has made 8 hires, 0 (POs) and 6 (civilians) and 2 Police Assistant. Director Oxendine also gave demographic statistics descriptive of the force as of December, 2017. Detroit residency information as of 11/30/2017 as reported is for sworn officers 628 Detroiters and 1854 Non-Detroiters and for Civilian 351 Detroiters and Non-Detroiters 229. Sworn recruitment for 7/1/2017 – 11/30/2017 total is 2038 with 52 in process and 151 hired.

**Announcements:** The next Community Meeting of the BOPC is December 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the St. John the Great Baptist Church, 16101 Schaefer (at Puritan). The next regular meeting of the BOPC is scheduled for January 4, 2018, at 3:00 PM, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48202.

#### **Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:**

**Ms. Sharon Harper-Lee** indicated that things have gotten better in her neighborhood with the help of Commander Syms. She also indicated a problem with speeding on Parkside Street. **Ms. Bernice Smith** applauded the Department for a series of items including the Noel Night. She also was critical of the Mayor's silence on what was happening in Detroit. **William Davis** (Commissioner-elect) expressed his concerns about the national problem with sexual allegations. **Ed Gerrow** of Towbook Software Company indicated that his company had software that it wanted to share with the Department in connection with towing. **Commissioners Shelby and Crawford** indicated they appreciated the work and people associated with the Department and BOPC. **Commissioner Bell** asked that we pray for former U. S. Congressman John Conyers speedy recovery.

**Adjourned at 3:58 PM.**