

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: March 9, 2017 – 6:30 PM

Location: Wayne County Community College District, 801 W. Fort Street, Detroit MI 48226

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 6:30 PM (March 9, 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	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Excused	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for March 9, 2017.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, March 2, 2017**

BOPC Officers Reports(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked **Commissioner Edger Vann** to provide the invocation. Bell also requested officials of Wayne County Community College District to address the Board and bring any welcoming remarks as host of the community meeting. **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.

Bell also reported out on the recent City of Detroit Budget Hearing before the Detroit City Council. Bell also congratulated member Conrad Mallett on his recent appointment as interim CEO of the Detroit Medical Center Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (effective March 13, 2017). Bell also discussed the bipartisan National Criminal Justice Commission reintroduced by U.S. Senators Gary Peters (D-MI), Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and John Cornyn (R-TX). The bill would create a 14 member Criminal Justice Commission who would conduct an 18 month comprehensive national review of the criminal justice system looking at federal, state and local jurisdictions on issues ranging from oversight to crime reduction. Bell requested a letter of support for the above (staff will research and draft such a letter for future consideration). Bell also introduced **Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche** who summarized a recent discussion of the Board around issues of immigration and fear within southwest Detroit, Dewaelsche introduced a motion to change the time and location of the BOPC March 30th meeting to 6:30 PM to be held at the LA SED Youth Center, located at 7150 W. Vernor Hwy (48209). Commissioner Dewaelsche also indicated, if the Board would accept her motion, she had envisioned a panel discussion on immigrations issue of interest to the residents of southwest Detroit. Individuals to be invited to the panel would include Dr. Agustin Arbulu (Michigan Department of Civil Rights), Adonis Flores (Michigan United) and Councilwomen Casteneda-Lopez.

Motion: Motion to change the time and location of the BOPC March 30th meeting to 6:30 PM to be held at the LA SED Youth Center, located at 7150 W. Vernor Hwy (48209). (Dewaelsche)

Second: (Carter)

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

Chief of Police Report: Chief James Craig introduced members of the Department and summarized DPD CompStat data for March 5, 2017. Craig discussed the Year to Date Comps for Homicide (4% increase), Non-Fatal Shootings (9% increase), Sexual Assault (6% increase), Carjacking (-10% decrease).

Presentations to the BOPC Board: (A) BOPC, Office of the Chief Investigator, (B) DPD Downtown Services.

(A) OCI Chief Pamela Drake provided an overview of the mission, methods and procedures associated with the Office of the Chief Investigator. The focus of Ms. Drakes remarks was to give the audience in attendance working knowledge of how they could access the services of OCI and what they might expect following from the work of OCI.

(B) Detroit Police Department – Downtown Services. Lt. Sonia Russell representing Downtown Services gave a comprehensive review of the work of Downtown Services. Downtown Services is largely responsible for DPD law enforcement in the downtown Detroit area including support to the Detroit Winsor Tunnel, three professional sports arenas, three Casino locations, the Detroit River Walk, and the balance of the commercial and business district in the heart of the downtown area. The personnel of Downtown Services is divided into Planning, Traffic Enforcement, Gaming, Motor Enforcement and Neighborhood Patrolling with NPO's. Lt Russell also discussed several initiatives for 2017 including proactive enforcement, warrant enforcement, enhanced narcotics enforcement, liquor and vice inspections, curfew enforcement in the Greektown area, a panhandling blitz and efforts to address the large number of homeless people in the downtown area. Additionally, Russell discussed enhanced enforcement on downtown parking. Russell indicated the Department had reached out to parking owner and parking facilities owners for seek more compliance with Chapter 39 parking laws including parking attendants during all posted hours of operation, unlawful loitering, required barrier around parking facilities, and lighting. **Commissioner Vann and Carter** inquired about the relocation of Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO) current service demands in the downtown and Cass/2nd Avenue area and the impact of relocation of NSO services into another geographic area. **Commissioner Moore** inquired about M1 Rail service demands. **Commissioner Brooks** inquired about increased drug use in the downtown area. **Commissioner Crawford** inquired about the added security and service demands associated with Opening Day – Detroit Tiger Baseball. **Deputy Chief Renee Hall** responded explaining the efforts to have multi-jurisdictional enforcement under the command of DPD to help with several of the sporting and entertainment events in the downtown area. Hall also indicated the manpower of these events are paid for by the associated companies. **Commissioner Burton** inquired about the complications of the biking event "Slow Roll". Hall indicated DPD and Slow Roll have a working relationship wherein the Department impacts the routes in an effort to reduce traffic problems for area residents and the flow of traffic.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: (A) Recruitment (B) Budget.

(A) Recruitment. Commissioners Brooks and Dewaelsche updated the Board on several initiatives associated with recruitment and challenged members of the Wayne County Community College Criminal Justice Program in attendance to consider employment with the Detroit Police Department.

(B) Budget. Commissioner Sanders summarized the budget activity and level of cooperation for the 2017-2018 budget cycle and reported on the recent Budget Hearing before the Detroit City Council.

Board Secretary Report: No report

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcement: Next Meetings: Thursday, March 16, 2017, @ 3:00 PM @ Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit MI. 48226

Next Community Meeting: March 30, 2017, @ 6:30 PM to be held at the LA SED Youth Center, located at 7150 W. Vernor Hwy (48209).

Oral Communications: Shea Campbell complained about the 12th Precinct and indicated she had a tape recording of officers disrespecting her and wanted to share the tape with the Chief. Ms. Campbell was referred to OCI Drake and the Chief's Office.

Vivian Simpson, Pamela DeJarnette, Darryl Stone and Keshia Binns all complained about the unprofessional behavior and disrespect of Officer Derrick Knox during a Valentine's Day incident wherein Officer Knox disrespectfully order to immediately remove their merchandise. The COP responded and referred the speakers to discuss with Deputy Chief Hall the circumstances as well instructed them that an investigation into the occurrence would follow. **Ms. Theo Broughton** expressed her support for body worn camera and inquired about the deployment schedule. Ms Broughton also expressed her lack of support for Tazers and her concern about the racial and sexual mix of DPD recruits. **Ms. Joselyn Jackson** complained about the lack of communication and progress associated with the murder of her son. Ms. Jackson was referred to Commander Wilson, Homicide. **Sandra Kindle** expressed frustration with the Department on investigating a complaint against a co-worker who had stolen from her. She also complained about the work of several internal investigations by the Department and OCI which she expressed as little effect toward the resolution of her concerns. She also complained about a 911 call wherein after 1 and ½ hours, no police response. Ms. Kindle was also referred to Deputy Chief Hall for follow-up.

Commissioner Crawford had a statement for the record on the Diaz vote (*statement will be supplied by Commissioner Crawford*). **Commissioner Burton** also stated his belief in the presumption of innocents and the difference situation of Mr. Diaz as union president.

Chairman Bell accepted a Motion to adjourn at 8:04 PM. Meeting Adjourned.