

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: January 19, 2017 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Ave., Detroit Michigan, 48226

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (January 19, 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	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Excused	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Excused	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for January 19, 2017.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, January 12, 2017**

BOPC Officers Reports(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked Commissioner Vann to do 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.

Chairman Bell addressed the Board summarizing his years of service with the Department, "My Career started in 1971, it was one of the largest classes in the history of the Department and there were 20 Black Officers. Most of us had lifetime experience, in civilian jobs or military. We (recruits) were not 18 years old, we were veterans. I started my career at Mack & Gratiot in the 7th Precinct. I remember meetings about the STRESS Unit at New Bethel Church and a City Council Meeting held at Ford Auditorium protesting the STRESS Unit. Several people shaped my awareness including the Reverend Charles Butler and Ken Cockrel Sr. as well as others. I witness the Big Four and racism, we started the Concerned Police Officers for Equal Justice CPOEJ and later I got involved with the Guardian Police Association and became President."

"My first conference was in Boston, Massachusetts at that time bussing (court mandated bussing) and the World Series was going on. Black officers from all over the country were attending. On the first day of the conference Mayor Kevin White indicated he was aware we were Police Officers, but gave us a full warning not to go to South Boston, it will not be a good experience." At that time statements were made to "bus your son" elsewhere.

I've seen racism up front in the Detroit Police Department coming out of the South. I met with Chief Craig this week it was a very rewarding meeting. I understand DPOA's position, filing grievance. But, I think it is going to take dialogue and interaction. BOPC will be included in this process. CORE will be suspended for a period of time.

This department is 67% Black. This was not the case in the 70's and 80's. When Mayor Young initiated Affirmative Action he wanted a balance. Every black (police officer) that was promoted, whites, females and others were promoted. It was a balance effort over the years.

The Personnel Director Gail Oxendine gives us a breakdown of the department every month. Do not be silent, please come forth (officers of the Department). You can talk and interact with the Chief, but more important there are 11 Commissioners, and a Board Secretary you can contact, 24/7, we need facts.

We (the Board) take these concerns seriously, however, let's not blow them out of portion. The reality, Racism (in this Department) is not like the old days in the Department, from my experience.

Resolutions: Resolution read by **Commissioner Mallett** for the **Michael Bruggeman**.

**RESOLUTION HONORING
MR. MIKE BRUGGEMAN**

WHEREAS Mr. Mike Bruggeman Senior Vice President of Security for Rock Security Command Center on January 20, 2017 will retire after more than five (5) years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS Mr. Bruggeman serves on the Board of Commissioners for the Detroit Crime Commission, he was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to the Michigan Intelligence Operations Center (MIOC) for Homeland Security, Board Member of the Detroit Public Safety Foundation, Co-founder and Chair of Project Lighthouse Detroit (recognized as the Best Public/Private Partnership in 2014 by Department of Homeland Security), previous Board Member of Crime Stoppers of Southwest Michigan, and he received the "Chairman's Rookie of the Year Award" in 2011 from Rock Ventures; and

WHEREAS Mr. Bruggeman also served on Mayor Mike Duggan's Public Safety Transition Team, Detroit Public Schools Transition Team for Safety and Security, and worked with gun buy-back programs in the Detroit area; and

WHEREAS Mr. Bruggeman is a Police Reservist with the City of Detroit's Police Department. He has a master's degree in Security Administration from the University of Detroit Mercy and a bachelor's in Management of Human Resources from Spring Arbor University. He is a Board Certified Protection Professional of the America Society for Industrial Security; and

WHEREAS In recognition of his years of dedicated service and contributions to the overall safety of the city of Detroit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, award this resolution to Mike Bruggeman in recognition of years of committed service. We salute and congratulate you, for your significant impact to the overall safety within the Downtown Services, and the Third Precinct. His professionalism and dedication to law enforcement throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

Motion: Motion to honor Mike Bruggeman (Dewaelsche)

Second: (Vann)

Vote: Yes = 8 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 3) **Action: Approved**

Chief of Police Report: Chief James Craig introduced his staff and gave a brief overview of crime data. The Chief also agreed with Chairman Bell's review of the Department and added his personal experiences in Detroit and in Los Angeles. The Chief also re-stated the reasons for the CORE committee and his future plans for CORE. The Chief also indicated that his office would draft a set of procedures and protocols for CORE and share them with the Board of Police Commissioners. Commissioner **Crawford**, encouraged an investigation into the circumstances associated with the CORE report. Crawford also suggested that the Commission would use its subpoena power to look into the current situation within the Department. Commissioner Mallett suggested Crawford "walk-back" his suggestion and give the Chief and his command staff an opportunity to investigate the current issues at hand and establish a framework for committees like CORE. Commissioner **Vann** indicated he was concerned with the conduct of DPOA President Diaz and his remarks from the last meeting of the Commission and his announcement to initiate a policy grievance. Lt. Sherell Stanley, new co-chair of CORE expressed her support for the work of CORE and the Chief.

Presentation - Civil Right. Captain John Serda gave a presentation about the Civil Right Unit. He indicated that the units started under the DOJ Court Order and has maintained a series of investigative teams to perform environmental audits and performance audits. Chief Craig indicated that future audits from Civil Rights would be shared with Board of Police Commissioners. A copy of the Powerpoint presentation from Captain Serda is attached.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: None.

Board Secretary Report: No Report.

Old Business: None.

Announcement:

Next Meetings: Thursday, January 26, 2017 Regular Meeting 3:00 PM, Detroit Police Headquarters
Next Community Meeting, February 9, 2017, 9th Precinct, location to be announced.

Oral Communications: **Jackie Hunt** reported an incident with Detroit Police Towing which involved towing four cars from property described by Mr. Hunt as property owned by Mr. Hunt. Lt. Parrish responded to Mr. Hunt's concerns including a negotiated reduction in the towing cost. Chairman Bell requested the Department to review the information presented by Mr. Hunt. **Michelle George** discussed with the Board her concerns for police recruitment and the impact of medical marijuana on the population. **Bernice Smith** criticized the BOPC as "cold and uncaring" in connection with a report last week from citizen who had her car towed in the DMC area. Mr. Mallett reiterated, as he had stated last week, the tow was not on city property nor DMC property. Mr. Mallett indicated the DMC was involved in dialogue with several private property owners in the DMC community to address towing issues. Dr. Arthur Divers discussed the opportunities available to the Department to make changes following from the information associated with the CORE Report. He also stated that the intent of the DPOA was to eliminate CORE and discussion on racism and diversity. Dr. Divers concluded by indicating that the Department is understaff, need more officers with better pay and conversant with concerns within the community.

Adjournment, Bell 5:11 PM