

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: January 11, 2018 – 6:30 PM
 Location: Northwest Activities Center 18100 Meyers Road, Detroit, MI 48235

Chairperson Lisa Carter called the BOPC meeting to order at 6:30 PM (January 11, 2018)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Excused	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Conrad Mallett, Jr. (7:00 PM)	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for January 11, 2018.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
 Thursday, January 4, 2018**

BOPC Officers Report(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairperson Lisa Carter** asked Commissioner Willie Bell to provide the invocation. **Chairperson Carter** 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. Chairperson Carter acknowledged Detroit City Councilmember Ray McCalister. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Carter also welcomed Assistant Chief of Police Arnold Williams representing Chief of Police James E. Craig to the meeting and invited him to introduce his staff.

Chairperson Lisa Carter said “Good Evening. I am Police Commissioner Lisa Carter, Chairperson for the Board. I also represent District #6. On behalf of the Board, thank you for attending today’s Board meeting. It is good to be back at the Northwest Activities Center. Four year ago the Northwest Activities was the location wherein Commissioners were sworn in for office. I want to thank the Center’s Board and invite Ms. Gail Carr to welcome the Board.

On behalf of the Board, we continue to express our support and concerns for Fallen Officers and their Families. We would like an update on any injured officers including Officer Robert Koback who was recently involved in an automobile accident on I-75. The Chief’s Office may want to add some specific information about the recent conditions of some of our other injured officers.

Next Monday, January 15th is Martin Luther King Jr., Day. MLK Day is an important celebration in the struggle for human rights, dignity and the end of exploitation. I hope that each of us will be with our families and participating in some type of public recognition of the great contributions that many of our leaders have paid that allow for us to enjoy the rights and benefits that we do today. Please take the time to consult a public events calendar to locate a program to participate in. I will note as a special item for MLK Day, Former United States Attorney General Loretta Lynch will be the keynote speaker at Wayne State University. On a special MLK note, it just so happens that January 15th coincides with his birthday, this year. He was 39 years old when assassinated, and we still very much need his wisdom some 50 years later. Also the Center for Urban Studies at Wayne State University will also conduct a public project boarding abandon structure on MLK Day.

Today, we have resolutions for Joane Fane and Saad Abbo. We will receive presentations from the 12th Police Precinct and from DPD Homicide. 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."

Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche also provided opening remarks as a resident of District #2.

Resolutions:

Resolution for Ms. Joane Fane read into the record by Commissioner Dewaelsche,

RESOLUTION HONORING MS. JOANE FANE

WHEREAS Ms. Joane Fane is a life time resident of the City of Detroit. Educated in the Detroit Public School System and attended Wayne State University earning her bachelor degree in special education. She has two adult sons, Jamel and Jamar and two grandchildren, Jamar and Nora; and

WHEREAS Ms. Fane taught in the Detroit Public School System for 33 years as a special education teacher, and retired in 2010. Upon retiring she began volunteer work at Karmanos Cancer Center and Children's Hospital as a care giver in both Family Support Units; and

WHEREAS Ms. Fane is an avid supporter of the Twelfth Precinct, when precincts were collecting diapers for new mothers in the City of Detroit, Ms. Fane donated over \$400.00 dollars of packaged diapers. During the Sergeant Santa Initiative Ms. Fane filled a large container with so many toys the precinct had to add on more boxes to hold the donations from her and the group effort of the parishioners in her church; and

WHEREAS Ms. Fane is a member of the Wisconsin Avenue Church of God-Second, where she is an usher and on the board for the benevolent. Her community relation committee sponsors the community picnic, a book bag giveaway, and feed the children in the community during the summer months. The Twelfth Precinct can always count on her partnership without hesitation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the City of Detroit, recognize the committed support of Ms. Joane Fane. Her public service and devotion to improving the quality of life for all citizens in her community and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

Resolution for Mr. Saad Abbo read into the record by Commissioner Brown,

RESOLUTION HONORING MR. SAAD ABBO

WHEREAS Mr. Saad Abbo is the owner of U.S. ICE Crystal Pure Ice, Michigan's largest Independent Ice Manufacturer. He is married to Ankath, and has three sons, Jacob, Issac and Marcus; and

WHEREAS The U.S. Ice Company was started by Saad and his father, Foad Abbo in 1984. Mr. Abbo has always wanted to keep the business in Detroit. He has expanded to a 10,000 square foot warehouse capable of generating 400 tons of ice per day, and is adding 13,000 square foot expansion this year; and

WHEREAS Saad's father previous owned three ice stores. He became dissatisfied with the service he received from his providers, and decided to start his own ice manufacturing company. He and his father began to go door to door seeking customers while operating out of a 4,000 square foot facility. Eventually this led to him building an establishment on West 8 Mile Road. It is Michigan's largest independent ice manufacture with the capacity of making up to 8,000,000 pounds of ice per day, serving well over 2,000 customers throughout the Tri County area; and

WHEREAS Mr. Abbo has always been a great partner with the Detroit Police Department, especially the 12th Precinct. No matter what the occasion, Mr. Abbo has donated ice. If you were to count the cost over the many years Mr. Abbo through his U.S. Ice Company has contribute thousands of dollars to the Police Department and the residents of the 12th Precinct.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the City of Detroit, acknowledge the dedicated, giving and longtime support of Mr. Saad Abbo. His generous spirit and commitment to improving the quality of life for all citizens in the Twelfth Precinct and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

Resolution for Police Officer Lareen Booker read into the record by Commissioner Bell,

BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING POLICE OFFICER LAREEN BOOKER

WHEREAS Ms. Lareen Booker was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on June 24, 1996. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Booker began her career at the Eleventh Precinct; and

WHEREAS Officer Booker dutifully served the Eleventh Precinct, Forfeiture Section, and reassigned back to the Eleventh Precinct, General License Unit, Chief's Office, back to the Eleventh Precinct, and the Office of Civil Rights where she remained until her retirement; and

WHEREAS Officer Booker attended Wayne State University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. She is the deserving recipient of the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, and numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

WHEREAS Officer Booker diligently served the Department and the citizens of Detroit with loyalty, dedication, and integrity for 21 years. She was the deserving recipient of numerous awards and letters of appreciation and commendation from businesses, churches and community organizations. Her commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication were a credit to the Detroit Police Department.

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 in recognition of Police Officer Lareen Booker twenty-one (21) years of dedicated and diligent public service. Her professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

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**MOTION: Commissioner Dewaelsche moved that all three of the resolutions, Loreen Booker, Saad Abbo and Joane Fane be approved.
Second, Sanders**

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Abst, = 0 MOTION APPROVED

COP Police Report: AC Arnold Williams reported on crime continuing to trend downward. Williams reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending January 7, 2018. Williams reported Homicides percentage change between 2016 and 2017 of 0% change, Sexual Assaults -68% decrease, Robbery -19% decrease, Carjacking -9% decrease, Aggravated Assaults -13% decrease, non-fatal shootings -0% decrease and part 1 offenses -39% decrease. (Note: All figures reflect data from the 28 day period ending January 7, 2018). AC Williams also provided update on injured police officers and gave information on the funeral for Officer Bernard Turner. **Commissioner Burch** raised questions about speeding in the neighborhood and the Department pursuit policy. AC Williams indicated he would supply the Board with ticket history data. Williams also briefly discussed the Department pursuit policy. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** discussed the relief that citizens feel in connection with reduction in crime. She cited a news article that there is a different feeling about crime in downtown from that experienced in the neighborhoods. Dewaelsche asked what the Department was doing in the neighborhoods. **Commissioner Sanders** also asked about lessons learned from the risk mitigation period related to electronic weapon deployment. AC Williams indicated that one of the issues that they note is the lack of the effects of the Tasers in cases where an overcoat is worn. **Commissioner Bell** raised issues related to the history of PO Bellingslea. He indicated that the history of this officer is such that his suspension could have been avoided had the Department disciplined or provided better supervision him long before the incident at the gas station. Bell asked if the Department used data generated by OCI Citizen Complaints in the disciplinary process for officers.

Presentations to the Board: (A) Homicide Section (B) 12th Police Precinct

(A) **Homicide Section, Commander Elaine R. Bryant and Captain Kurt E. Worboys**, discussed the internal organization, personnel assignments, geographic coverage and special engagement taskforce and squads of the Homicide Section (Major Crimes). The average years on the job by rank was listed as Lieutenants (24 years), Sergeants (20 years), Detectives (20 years) and Police Officers (19 years). The average years at homicide by rank was listed at Lieutenants (13 years), Sergeants (5 years), Detectives (4 years) and Police Officers (3 years). The presentation also broke down 2017 Homicide

statistics (244 Murder Incidents/267 Murder Victims). Additionally, included in the 2017 Homicide statistics were 31 baby deaths, 29 suicides, 99 fatal accident scenes, 321 "Death of" cases, 14 justified cases backed out from the count and 3 accidental fatal shootings. The section also indicated that its closure rate was 60%. The section also discussed the impact of DPD Ceasefire program currently operating in Precincts 5, 6, 8 and 9. Additional information was give about the homicide rate in the 12th Police Precinct (2017, 31 Murders). The presentation concluded on a discussion of Detroit Police Officers killed or assaulted including officers Waldis Johnson, Kenneth Steil, Myron Jarrett. **Commissioners Sanders** inquired if the section used overtime to supplement the duty schedule. **Commissioner Davis** asked if the classifications used in tracking crime statistics are the same today as in 1966. Commander Bryant indicated yes.

(B) **12th Police Precinct Commander Deshaune Sims and Captain Gary Sorka** reported hotspots and initiatives they are employing to respond to high areas of crime in the precinct. Command officers discussed issues related to robberies and problems along Livernois and a downward trend in home invasions. Command officers indicated that the precinct has 15 Greenlight locations. Command officers also discussed some of the community partnerships and several cases where cooperation and electronic surveillance help to solve cases.

Report from Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks reported on five communications to the Board listed on the agenda. He indicated that the HR Report had been distributed to the Board electronically and that Ms. Gail Oxendine was unavailable to make the report at tonight's meeting. He also indicated that OCI Interim Chief Investigation Lawrence Akbar was also sick and unavailable to report at tonight's meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: The next Community Meeting of the BOPC is February 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM location TBA. The next regular meeting of the BOPC is scheduled for January 18, 2018, at 3:00 PM, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48202.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Marry McKissic, 10th precinct Community Relations spoke in support of a new van for the precinct. **Eric Blount** discussed his disappointment with the confusion related to public reporting of crime statistics. He also strongly expressed his concern that the department should be predicting crime and not exclusively reacting to crime. Mr. Blount also said DPD numbers do not show the real feel of crime. In also indicated he lives in a neighborhood like many other neighborhoods that spend additional dollars for private security to compact crime. He suggested that there are many health and social indicators that should be used to make determination about the utilization of law enforcement resources. **Don Johnson** emphasized the need for more Block Clubs and CB patrols. He also indicated that residents should take the opportunity to attend the Detroit Police Citizens Academy for training in police activity. **Krystal Fields** inquired into the relationship between Detroit and the State of Michigan Crime Lab.

MOTION to Adjourn by Commission Dewaelsche.

Adjournment 8:06 PM