

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: July 13, 2017 – 6:30 PM**  
 Location: Boys and Girls Club, 4242 Collingwood, Detroit, MI 48204

**Chairperson Lisa Carter called the BOPC meeting to order at 6:30 PM (July 13, 2017)**

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
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	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	7	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for July 13, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:  
**Thursday, July 6, 2017**

**Chairperson’s Report:** Chairperson Lisa Carter welcomed everyone to the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners Community meeting for the month of July and asked Ms. Patrice Dickens, Club Director, Boys and Girls Club (Collingwood) to provide any welcoming remarks on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Dickens remarked that the Boys and Girls Club, at this location opened shortly after the 1967 Riots and specializes in developing leadership in young boys and girls. Chairperson Carter requested introductions of staff, DPD personnel and leadership and representatives of elected officials and community organizations.

**Memorials and Resolutions:**

Chairperson Carter asked Ms. Teresa Blossom, BOPC Media and Outreach Coordinator to address the Board and read into the record the proposed resolution on SB 223. Ms. Blossom read the following resolution into the record.

**Resolution in support of Senate Bill 223 to establish the Law Enforcement Officer Separation of Service Record Act**

**Whereas**, the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners exercises its role of civilian oversight through several charter-mandated functions, including the appointment of the Director of Human Resources for the Detroit Police Department and the administration and operation of the Office of the Chief Investigator, which receives and independently investigates citizen complaints against any employee of the Detroit Police Department; and

**Whereas**, the Board strives through its appointment of an HR director to ensure that the best candidates are recruited, trained and deployed for service as sworn and civilian members of the Police Department. Through our role with citizen complaints, the Board is able to help ensure professional service to the citizens and the community. The Board also is able to utilize complaint data to help identify concerns for appropriate follow-up by the Department and its command team, which might include training, counseling, discipline or, in some instances, criminal review by its Bureau of Professional Standards, which includes Internal Affairs and Force Investigation; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Police Commissioners through the years has seen the finest men and women serve as Detroit police officers and perform exemplary throughout their careers. However, the Board also at times has suspended from duty police officers and has rejected or protested the promotion of officers whom Board members did not believe adhered to the community policing standards that honored the DPD badge or the Detroit community. The Board knew, and the consent decree process reinforced, that vigilance to the details of practices and procedures followed by police officers helps establish the culture of law enforcement, and that the small number of officers who do not perform according to standards might not belong at DPD or in the profession of law enforcement. Unfortunately, there have been cases when officers deemed unfit by DPD remained in law enforcement in other communities, sometimes with detrimental outcomes to citizens as highlighted in a special report by the Detroit Free Press on Sunday, July 9, 2017; and

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 223 will establish a new process to address the problem of unfit police officers moving from city to city to join other police agencies. The bill, also known as the Law Enforcement Officer Separation of Service Record Act, requires all law enforcement agencies to establish and maintain as part of their HR or employment databases a record that states the reasons an officer resigns, retires or is fired from service; and

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 223 requires the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) to create the release form for such employment records, which underscores their importance due to the vital role MCOLES has in setting and regulating professional standards. Overall, the bill ensures that the official employment record follows an officer whenever he or she seeks another job in law enforcement, a requirement that will help keep unfit officers off Michigan streets; so

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners supports the full passage and enactment of Senate Bill 223, the Law Enforcement Officer Separation of Service Record Act. Such a new law would help communities by ensuring a more consistent application of professional standards for law enforcement officers and by providing municipal leaders with a better method to identify and deter unfit officers.

**Motion:** Motion to support the enactment of SB #223 (**Vann**)

Second: (**Sanders**)

**Vote:** Yes = 7                      No = 0                      Abst = 3 (Vacant = 1)                      **Action: Approved**

**Commissioner Crawford** indicated that the resolution should be shared with the Michigan Legislature and other organizations and agencies involved in government and law enforcement.

**Chairperson Carter** also requested the resolution honoring the work of Ms. Trevor Roslann Epps be read into the record.

#### **RESOLUTION HONORING MS. TREVOR ROSLANN EPPS**

**WHEREAS** Ms. Trevor Roslann Epps has been a resident of the Tenth Precinct for the majority of her life. She graduated from Detroit Central High School and attended the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor obtaining a B.A. in Urban Development (Sociology) and Sustainability with a background in Architecture; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Epps has been an active member of the Tenth Precinct Community Relations Team for the last four years. She was the founder of the Tenth Precinct's Annual Community Coat Drive for children within in the Tenth Precinct, alongside the Neighborhood Police Officers; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Epps has always been interested in Police Community Relations and has always contributed her efforts toward the quality life for the community. Ms. Epps served as the Chief of Staff for two terms, for the Michigan House of Representatives, District 3 – State Representative, and was a consultant in State Political Campaign and Government Community Outreach. Ms. Epps is a member of AmeriCorps (non-military) also referred to as the "Domestic Peace Corps", in Detroit, serving two years with the state, and serving for one year federally; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Epps participates in Moral Support Programs, such as taking candy and treats to Police Officers in the Tenth and Eleventh Precincts, as well as numerous programs. When Ms. Epps is not at the Tenth Precinct, she is busy working as a Graphic Design and Brand Manager, for her business, Trevor Design Labs. Ms. Epps always has a welcoming smile on her face, and truly enjoys spending time at the Tenth Precinct, not only a resident, but as an honorary family member to the men and women of blue; 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, acknowledge the generous spirit of Ms. Trevor Roslann Epps. Her public service and dedication to improving the quality of life for all citizens in her community and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards. **DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**Motion:** Motion to honor Ms. Treavor Roslann Epps (**Dewaelsche**)

Second: (**Crawford**)

**Vote:** Yes = 7                      No = 0                      Abst = 3 (Vacant = 1)                      **Action: Approved**

Resolutions and Spirit of Detroit awards were also presented by the Detroit Police Department, 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct Command, **Commander Nick Kyriacou** and **Captain Constance Slappey**.

**Chief of Police Report, Representing James E. Craig, Assistant Chief James White** reviewed CompStat data for the reporting period ending July 9, 2017. White reported Homicides percentage change between 2015 and 2016 of -2% decrease, Sexual Assaults -16% decrease, Robbery -10% decrease, Carjacking +3% increase, Aggravated Assaults, -5% decrease, Non-fatal shooting, -2% decrease for an overall total of -7% decrease. Overall crime was reported as trending downward. AC White also reported on injured officers Officer Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct remains in critical condition, Officer Keith Baker experienced a heart attack and is recovering at home, and Officer Lindquist remains in recovery. AC White also reported on the opening of the new 8<sup>th</sup> Precinct scheduled for Monday, July 24, 2017 at 11:00 AM. AC White also reported on the next graduation class from the academy scheduled for Friday July 21, 2017 at Greater Grace Temple and updated the Board on vehicle purchases related to BOPC. **Commissioner Sanders** inquired about the coordination and communications related to BOPC cars purchases and body camera in the 3<sup>th</sup> Precinct. **Commissioner Bell** inquired about the Bad Cops news reports requesting the Department respond to the article and the disciplinary and termination of bad officers. **Commissioner Crawford** also required about the role of Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) and the certification and the importance of oversight agencies like the BOPC and the officers themselves to police themselves. **AC White** added that the Department has strict policies as it relates to promotions within a specific time frame with disciplinary problems. **Crawford** also encouraged a national system to identify problem officers.

**Presentation to the Board: (A) 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct Presentation.**

**(A) 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct Presentation, Commander Nick Kyriacou and Captain Constance Slappey** provided an overarching view of the work of the 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct. Commander Kyriacou introduced the 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct staff and representative of the police community relations organization. Kyriacou gave the physical dimensions of the precinct. Captain Slappey described the demands on the precinct including responding to 13,000 service calls, the introduction of bike patrols and partnerships with various community and institutional partners including the AmericCorp youth team that has worked in the precinct. Captain also encouraged participation for the Tuesday, August 1, 2017 National Night Out program and the adoption of Central High School. Captain Slappey also indicated that the facility was the host precinct for the film *Detroit*. Slappy also reported the 10<sup>th</sup> precinct increased Greenlight participation from 2 to 16 locations. Captain Slappy also gave crime statistics local to the precinct and indicated the precinct's 46% closure rate for resolving criminal investigations. **Commissioner Vann** and **Crawford** applauded the management of the 10<sup>th</sup> precinct and many of its programs. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** inquired about the renovation of the external areas of the precinct and remarked on the Boards concerns that officers work under the best physical conditions. **AC White** gave a general update on renovation plans within the Department. **Chairperson Carter** asked for more information on volunteer efforts within the precinct and agreed to become a part of the mentoring program sponsored by the precinct.

**BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: None.**

**Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks** reported on nine (9) communications received by the Board including disciplinary report from OCI and the use of the Board subpoena by IA and OCI.

**Old Business. None.**

**New business. Commissioner Crawford** reported on a action by the Governor to sign into law new regulations related to police body cameras. Mr. Hicks indicated that the staff of the BOPC was aware of this new law and has obtained information on the new law and will summarize it for the Board.

## **Announcements:**

Next Meeting, Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 3:00 PM at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI

Next Community Meeting, Thursday, August 10, 2017, at Kean's Marina, 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct, 100 Meadowbrook (South of Jefferson & west of St. Jean), Detroit MI. 48228.

## **Oral Communications from the Audience:**

**Otis Mathis** complained about the truck traffic in southwest Detroit. **Yolanda Sells**, indicated she had been robbed twice and complained about the 6 hour response time by the Department, complaint referred to Lt. Nelson. **Niani Perry**, also complained about slow police response time, complaint referred to DC Bettison. **Sharon Pannell**, applauded the 10<sup>th</sup> precinct's relationship with Senior citizens in her community and specifically talked about senior trips. **Mary McKissic** also addressed senior issues and inquired about senior citizen representation on hiring boards and panels. **Theo Broughton** discussed issues and concerns about old police cars and equipment, the number of cars with old equipment, body cameras deployment and concerns about new election machines. **William Davis**, encouraged greater participation in neighborhood associations including the Barton-McFarlane community association. **Connie Mitchell** invited the Board and others to the 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct picnic. **Cyntha Johnson**, applauded Captain Slaphey and Commander K. **Garland Harderman**, President of the Russell Woods Defenders Association applauded the 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct. **Pamela Jackson-Watters** a 59 year resident expressed concerns about trash can enforcement.

**Chairperson Carter** accepted a motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM