

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: July 26, 2018 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters Building, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (July 26, 2018)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chairperson	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown, Vice Chairperson	Excused	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Eva Garza Dewaelsche	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (3:17 PM)	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Conrad Mallett, Jr.	Excused	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for July 26, 2018.

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes: Thursday, July 19, 2018

Chairman Willie Bell said “Welcome: Good Afternoon. I am Police Commissioner Willie Bell, I represent District #4. I serve as Chair of the Board and will be conducting our meeting today. On behalf of the Board, for those in attendance, thank you for joining us. For people viewing this meeting on your government cable channel, thank you for viewing our meeting.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to have you join us in remembering the life of Police Officer James Hearn, Badge #3589. I understand that Officer Hearn was off-duty and was involved in an automobile accident on Woodward and State Fair. The accident resulted in the loss of life for two people. Please join me in a moment of silence.

Thank you! Commissioner Darryl Brown is away and has asked to be excused from today's meeting.”

Chairman Bell asked each Commissioner to introduce themselves for the record. Bell also asked Detroit Police Chaplin Corp, Chaplin Tia Davis to provide the invocation. Bell also asked for introductions of Elected Officials, VIPs, civic leaders or their representatives and BOPC staff and DPD staff.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Willie Bell said, “On behalf of the Board, I want to express our concern and support for fallen and injured officers and their families including Officer James Hearn. Our Board receives a weekly report from the Department listing injured officers. I would ask the Chief during his remarks to provide us with any additional information related to injured and fallen officers.

The Board of Police Commissioners meets every week except for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday periods. We meet at Police Headquarters in regular session, 3 weeks in the month on Thursdays at 3:00 PM. We also meet in the community every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. The Board of Police Commissioners exists to provide civilian oversight for the work of the Detroit Police Department. As a Board, we receive and investigate non-criminal citizens' complaints, monitor the operations of the Department and work with the Mayor and the Chief of Police to make or modify police policy. Our objective is the same as the city of Detroit, to provide for the best use of your tax dollars to improve on the quality of life within our city. As a Board, we bring a unique perspective to policing, the eye and the viewpoint of civilians. The principle of civilian oversight is as old and as important as all of the founding principles in our democracy. Separation of powers between and within government allows for accountability, transparency, rights to appeal and citizen control. These principles are important nationally as well as locally.

Today, we have two presentations to the Board. The first is the regular report from the Office of the Chief Investigator. Dr. Polly McCalister will be making the report.

The second presentation is from the DPD on advanced police technologies. Bell added, "The wording of this presentation on our agenda may appear to be complicated, but it is a simple concept. The Detroit City Charter gives the Board of Police Commissioners supervisory control and oversight over the Police Department (Section 7-802). The Charter requires that the Chief prepare and present to the Board an Annual Report (Section 7-806-6), an Annual Department Operations Improvement Plan (Section 7-806-7) and under Section 7-803-2 requires the Board to review and approve the Department's Budget before it is submitted to the Mayor.

If we think about what the Charter is attempting to do with these specific requirements and with our mandate to provide supervisory control and oversight, the Charter is recognizing the importance of civilian authority in policing. The Detroit Police Department is a para-military organization that provides crime fighting services for residents and visitors to Detroit. With this in mind the presentation hopefully will answer four basic questions.

- (1) When the Department looks outward into the community, what analysis and recommendations does it make for delivering police services to the public?
- (2) Within this analysis, what tools, programs and technologies do we have to service people?
- (3) How well is it working? Can we identify the strengths and weakness of our efforts?
- (4) After examining the effectiveness of these tools, programs and technologies, should we continue our investment in these approaches to law enforcement?

Depending upon the answers to these questions, we can assure the public that our city is using their tax dollars effectively. We can also say that the Department's priorities reflect the needs of the people because our pro-active view and engagement in policing address real conditions.

The Board of Police Commissioners depend on the professionalism of the Chief and the hard work of the Command staff and officers. To make this Department work in the interests of all of us, each party must play a role in delivering police services. Our obligations is to stay out of the day-to-day operations of the Department while providing supervisory control and oversight. This means asking the questions and forcing the Department to look beyond an individual incident and plan for reasonable and rationale service delivery. Again, I hope that the presentations will address these important issues.

On today's agenda is also a resolution to honor 32 years of service and the retirement of Police Officer Sharon Elizabeth Tillman.

As part of my responsibility, as Chair, I have reviewed subcommittee assignments and in your package you will see a new list of committee assignments. I have tried to balance the assignments taking under consideration the talent and interests within the Board. I have instructed staff to initiate meetings under the new committee assignment structure. If any of the Board members would like to discuss their assignments, please do so after the meeting.

Toward the end of the meeting we will have oral communications. 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, and he needs your card before the beginning of public comments.

Resolutions:

Commissioner William Davis read into the record a resolution to honor the service of Detroit Police Officer SHARON ELIZABETH TILLMAN.

RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRED OFFICER SHARON ELIZABETH TILLMAN

WHEREAS Ms. Sharon Tillman was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on November 3, 1986. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Tillman began her career at the Fourth Precinct; and

WHEREAS Officer Tillman dutifully served at Special Crimes, Felony Prevention Division, reassigned to the Fourth Precinct, the Thirteenth Precinct, Recruiting Unit, and Central District where Officer Tillman worked patrol and community relations. She was reassigned back to the Recruiting Unit where she remained until her retirement; and

WHEREAS During her law enforcement career, Officer Tillman received the following citations: the Chief's Citation, Perfect Attendance Award,

Perfect Driving Award, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the NFL Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, Department of Justice, and (3) Citations while at the 13th Precinct for Assault with Intent to Commit Murder Arrests in October of 1993 and numerous Letters of Appreciation throughout her career; and

WHEREAS Officer Tillman has diligently served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities for more than 32 years. Her professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication has been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. She is highly respected as a consummate professional.

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 the lifelong commitment to public safety by Officer Sharon Tillman. Your exemplary service to law enforcement has been an invaluable asset to the Department and merit our highest regards.

We salute and congratulate you, Officer Sharon Tillman.

Commissioner William Davis moved the adoption of the resolution to honor the service of Detroit Police Officer **SHARON ELIZABETH TILLMAN**.

Second, **Commissioner Brooks**

VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

COP Police Report: Deputy Chief Charles Fitzgerald reported that crime is continuing to trend downward. DC Fitzgerald reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending July 22, 2018. DC Fitzgerald reported Homicides percentage change between 2016 and 2017, -9% decrease in Homicides, Sexual Assaults 49% increase, Robbery -12% decrease, Carjacking 6% increase, Aggravated Assaults -8% decrease, non-fatal shootings -22% decrease, Burglary -17% decrease, Larceny -0% decrease, Stolen Vehicle -24% decrease and Part 1 offenses -10% decrease. DC Fitzgerald provided the Board with an update on injured officers. DC Fitzgerald reported on the Lieutenant and Sergeants promotional class graduation and the Department Field Day activities.

Commissioner Shirley Burch raised the question of the Department's support and coordination of Neighborhood Days.

Commissioners Lisa Carter and Bell discussed the Department's coordination with National Night Out activities on August 7, 2018 starting at 5:30 PM at various Police Precincts.

Presentations to the Board: (A) Monthly Report from the Office of the Chief Investigator, Dr. Polly McCalister (B) Advance Police Technologies Commander Mark Bliss.

(A) Monthly Report from the Office of the Chief Investigator, Dr. Polly McCalister and Senior Investigator Rosalia Madrigal (Spanish translation) reported on Citizen Complaints for June 2018 reported a 22% decrease on Citizen Complaints as compared to June 2017. OCI intake for June was 98 citizen complaints, 71 complaints were closed in the June, 2018. OCI Chief identified several goals including addressing language barriers and becoming more proactive with outreach efforts.

CCR's Allegations Received in June 2018 by Type										
Type	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Total
Count	6	35	8	9	1	47	13	4	23	146
71 CCR's Investigated/ Closed in the Month of June 2018 by Allegation Type (104)										
Unfounded	0	9	0	2	0	11	1	0	2	
Sustained	0	10	1	0	0	5	2	0	1	
Inconclusive	0	13	2	1	0	8	0	0	0	
Exonerated	2	1	2	0	1	6	1	2	2	
Adm Closed	1	2	0	2	0	11	0	0	3	
Total	3	35	5	5	1	41	4	2	8	104

(B) Advance Police Technologies, Commander Mark Bliss. Commander Bliss introduced **Captain Keri Sloan**, Real Time Crime Center and **Neil Tambe**, Technology Manager. Bliss reported on the Departments efforts to identify problems, seek solutions, deploy the necessary resources and report on documented outcomes. Bliss indicated that the Department had noted the disproportionate number of violent crimes occurring at or near gas stations in 2015. Subsequent to the identification of this specialized crime pattern the Department sought a solution with Project Greenlight - Detroit. Project Greenlight is a partnership with local business, Comcast and DPD to implement a system of high resolution cameras at various locations with direct feeds into the Department's Real Time Crime Center. Bliss reported that the impact of the project was a 39% decrease in crime in and around the target areas. Bliss illustrated the use of Project Greenlight in the identification and apprehension of suspects in traffic stops and crimes occurring in and around the Greenlight Project area. Bliss also discussed the Department's deployment of

equipment and strategies associated with illegal dumping. Bliss discussed the Department's enhanced visual patrol program wherein cameras are strategically deployed in areas of the city. Bliss described success in identifying and arresting individuals involved in illegal waste disposal or dumping of waste materials. Bliss attributed this to the enhanced capability to the Real Time Crime. Bliss reported results related to illegal dumping as \$73,000 in fees, 50 arrests of suspects, and the impoundment of 80 vehicles. Bliss also identified an issue in communications protocols (911) that resulted in the Department's purchase and implementation of ProQA [for medical calls] communications software and training of communications personnel. This new approach allows for the Department to ask necessary medical questions that allow for the Department to in turn increase the accuracy of EMS responses. ProQA creates the ability to route specific crews and equipment to response to specific emergency call. **Commissioner Shirley Burch** asked where does funds received by the various enforcement efforts go. **Bliss** responded that the funds go into the City of Detroit General Fund.

BOCP Standing Committee Reports: Commissioner Elizabeth Brooks reported on two upcoming meetings with Field Recruitment and OCI. **Commissioner Shirley Burch** complimented BOPC staff for the BOPC Newsletter. **Commissioner Willie Burton** complained that no one in District #5 received a copy of the BOPC Newsletter. Mr. Hicks indicated that the newsletter were mails across the city including District #5.

Old Business: None.

Report from the Board Secretary. Hicks reported on two incoming/informational communications including communications from the COP re: Graduation Class 2018-F and a Summons served on the Board of Police Commissioners in the case of Troy Karpovich vs City of Detroit.

Old Business: None

Announcements: The next regular meeting of the BOPC is on August 2, 2018 at 3:00 PM at the Public Safety Headquarters Building located at 1301 Third Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, MI. 48226. The community meeting of the BOPC is August 9, 2018 at 6:30 PM the Northeast Guidance Center – Wellness Academy, Building A located at 2900 Conner, Detroit, Mi 48215 in the 5th Police Precinct.

Commissioner Burch announced a major clean-up effort in District #3 located on Stender and Dequndre for Saturday, July 28, 2018 starting at 8:00 AM. Volunteers are requested.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Ms. Faith acknowledged the work of the Department and the Board.

Commissioner William Davis moved that the Board of Police Commissioners meeting be adjourned.

Second, **Commissioner Brooks**

VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

Adjournment 4:16 PM.