

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: March 8, 2018 – 6:30 PM

Location: Wayne County Community College District, 1001 W. Fort Street, (Downtown Campus) Frank Hayden
Community Room, #236, Detroit, MI 48226

Chairperson Lisa Carter called the BOPC meeting to order at 6:35 PM (March 8, 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	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Conrad Mallett, Jr.	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for March 8, 2018.

**The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, March 1, 2018**

BOPC Officers Report(s): After welcoming attendees to the meeting **Chairperson Lisa Carter** invited **DPD Chaplin Yolanda Stinson** 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. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Carter also welcomed **Chief of Police James E. Craig** to the meeting and invited him to introduce DPD staff.

Chairperson Lisa Carter, said “Good Evening. I am Police Commissioner Lisa Carter, Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners. I also represent District #6. Thank you for attending our meeting at WCCCD or viewing our meeting on your cable government channel. The Board of Police Commissioners meets every week except for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday periods. Part of these meetings are in the community. Tonight is one of these community meetings. Tonight’s Board meeting is being hosted by two Commissioners, Mr. Willie Burton, District #5 and myself, District #6.

The Board of Police Commissioners exist to provide civilian oversight to the work of the Detroit Police Department. As a Board, we receive and investigate citizens’ complaints, monitor the operations of the Department and working with the Chief of Police and the Mayor, 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 dollar to improve on the quality of life within our city. As a Board, we bring a unique prospective to policing, the eye and the view point 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 of accountability, transparency, rights to appeal and citizen control. These principles are important nationally as well as locally.

Tonight, I want to thank the administration at Wayne County Community College District for allowing us access to their facility. The downtown campus of W C C C D continues to contribute to a vibrant downtown and an excellent opportunity for education at an affordable rate.

I would like to invite Commissioner Willie Burton, as a co-host of this meeting, to address the audience and welcome each of you to the meeting.”

Commissioner Willie Burton welcomed the attendees to the meeting.

Chairperson Carter continued, “I would also like to add our thank you to Wayne County Community College District for its service to our citizens. The District is headed by the forward thinking of WCCCD Chancellor Curtis Ivory. Ms. Yvette McElroy Anderson is the Downtown Campus Vice President. Ms. Anderson would you like to welcome the audience to your facility? We also have Dr. Ella J. Davis, head of the school’s African American Studies Department. I would also like to acknowledge James Jackson and George Anthony as the educational leaders of the school’s Criminal Justice Program. Again, on behalf of the Board, thank you for attending tonight’s Board meeting.

At the top of our meetings, we always indicate, on behalf of the Board, our concern and support for fallen and injured officers. I would ask the Chief during his remarks to provide us with any additional information related to injured and fallen officers.

Because we are in the community, we also have several special recognitions. The Board and the Department will present a resolution to Sally Asbell Wilson. Commissioner Burton will also present certificates of appreciation to Arthur Williams and Tasha Green.

After the special recognitions and introductions we will also receive our weekly report from the Chief of Police. The Chief’s report will cover crime statistics and some of the work behind the statistics that push crime down.

Today, we have two presentations scheduled. The first is from DPD Personnel. The report is the monthly report and will cover, in part, recruitment, process of new candidates for the police academy, and hires in the department. The Report will be made by Ms. Bridget LaMar, Interim Police Personnel Director. The second presentation will be from Downtown Services. In addition to a review of the work of Downtown services we also hope to receive a presentation on the calendar of events and the planned police coverage for these events for calendar year 2018. The presentation will be made by Captain Octaveious Miles.

Toward the end of the meeting, we will have oral communications from the audience, so if you would like to speak to the Board, 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 Darryl Brown read into the record a resolution honoring the service of Sally Asbell Wilson.

RESOLUTION HONORING SALLY ASBELL WILSON

WHEREAS Ms. Sally Asbell Wilson was born and raised in the city of Detroit. She relocated out of state and in 2010 returned “home”. Choosing to live downtown, she selected a community in the Capitol Park District. Ms. Asbell Wilson took her role as good neighbor seriously, a year into her residency at the Washington Boulevard Apartments (WBA), she was elected President of WBA Voices for all Tenants Council; and

WHEREAS Ms. Asbell Wilson, in her role as President of WBA Voices for All Tenants Council, she reached out to develop a partnership with the Detroit Neighborhood Police Officers (NPO) to eliminate drug traffic and curb adverse behavior within and around the Washington Boulevard Apartments; and

WHEREAS Ms. Asbell Wilson contributed to the betterment of Capitol Park District by holding stakeholders responsible for responding to concerns and effectively resolving issues. She encouraged crime-deterrent and safety-watch practices that engage citizens, property management and law enforcement in a cooperative effort aimed at identify risk factors and eliminating criminal/dangerous behavior.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department acknowledge the dedicated, support of Ms. Sally Asbell Wilson. Her generous spirit and commitment make her an invaluable asset to Downtown Services and to the entire City, merits our highest regards. **DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

MOTION: Commissioner Sanders moved the resolution honoring the service of Sally Asbell Wilson. Second, D. Brown

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

Certificates of Appreciation: Arthur Williams, Tasha Green, and Leslie Malcolmson (Commissioner Willie Burton), for exemplary work and service to the residents of District #5.

MOTION: Commissioner Dewaelsche moved the three certificates of appreciation for Arthur Williams, Tasha Green, and Leslie Malcolmson.

Second, Davis

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

COP Police Report: Chief of Police James Craig acknowledged the work of Downtown Services and 3rd Police Precinct. **Chief Craig** reported that crime is continuing to trend downward. Chief Craig reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending March 4, 2018. Chief Craig reported Homicides percentage change between 2016 and 2017, down one homicide, Sexual Assaults 12% increase, Robbery -21% decrease, Carjacking -2% decrease, Aggravated Assaults -3% decrease, non-fatal shootings -19% decrease, Burglary -27% decrease, Larceny -10% decrease, Stolen Vehicle -30% decrease and Part 1 offenses -17% decrease. Craig also discussed the Greenlight program and the Real Time Crime Center and their virtual patrol. Chief Craig gave an update on injured and fallen officers including **Waldis Johnson** and Sean Weathers. Chief Craig also invited Real Talk show to be produced this Saturday wherein the topic will be civility. Craig also identified Commander Ewing for his work on "restorative justice". **Commissioner Burch** added that Chief Craig also held a Real Talk at the Imperial Market which attracted a wide range of citizens. Commissioner Bell also acknowledged the work of Commander Ewing in the 5th Precinct and the Mayor in his State of the City Address who acknowledged the fallen officers. Bell also inquired about the DPD Administrative Message to attend the FBI National Academy related to the rank and three year commitment. **Commissioner Sanders** acknowledged the work of officers in Downtown Service, 3rd Precinct and Traffic Enforcement as he recently participated in a ride along.

Presentations to the Board: (A) Human Resources Report (B) Downtown Services

A. Human Resources Report, Interim DPD HR/Personnel Director Bridget LaMar. Interim Director LaMar provided statistical data for March 2018. She indicated that of the total positions (2550 Sworn) in the Department, DPD has 61 Vacant. Of the 630 (Civilian) positions in the Department, 34 are vacant. LaMar discussed recruitment and MCOLES processing indicating the Department has 83 recruits in process and from 7/1/2017 to 2/28/2018 the Department hired 193 individuals from 3,183 applicants. LaMar also provide residency data, attrition data and leaves of absence and restricted duty data. **Commissioner Brooks** inquired if the department can impose a policy to retain officers, she suggested that if we train an officers why we can't impose a three year retention policy. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** suggested that we tie a repayment plan to the contract to hire an officers. **Chief Craig** also contrasted the fiscal impact of individual paying tuition cost at Community Colleges to become a certified officers as against the paid opportunities within the Detroit Police Academy. **Dewaelsche** asked staff to research repayment policy by other Departments. **Commissioner Brown** discussed his experience with IBEW and their forced agreement to repay training dollars if they left the trade. **Commissioner Bell** asked Ms. LaMar to outline the failure rate. One of the responses provided by Ms. LaMar was the problems associated with the physical agility test for new recruits. Chief Craig indicated that he had some experience in working toward a more successful testing rate related to the physical agility problem.

(B) Downtown Services Report, Lieutenant Pride Henry reported on Downtown Crime Trends for the past 28 day period. He indicated homicide were unchanged, Sexual Assaults 50% increase, Robbery +17% increase, Aggravated Assaults +200% increase, Simple Assaults -40% decrease, Burglary -275 decrease, Larceny +27% increase, Stolen Vehicle +67% increase, Damage to Property +13% increase, Dangerous Drugs -11% decrease and Arson remained at the same level over the past 28 days at zero. Lt. Henry indicated that corrective strategies employed by Downtown Services include increase gun seizures, increase number in tickets issued increase in the number of venues policed including an increase in liquor license compliance. Additional attention is also be provided for larceny (auto) and stolen vehicles. Henry also discussed additional strategies to address issues within the area including targeting high auto related crime, mini Restore Order around the Transit Center and expansion of the Greenlight program into the Washington Blvd. Business District. Henry concluded his report in discussing the work of the Neighborhood Police Officers and their efforts to work with senior citizens to reduce senior targeted scam crime, active shooters in places of worship and work place workshops and several community events. Commander Giaquinto added that the Department has increased its enforcement in narcotics in the downtown areas as well as Cass Park which are reflected in the higher numbers for narcotics.

BOCP Standing Committee Reports: None.

Report from the Board Secretary. Mr. Hicks reported on six items including BOPC responses to Budget Questions, the Department's update on Body Worn Camera (Lt. Sims, 3/1/2018) and Close session request for rejected applicants.
Old Business: None.

New Business: Commissioner Brown applauded the work of the Office of the Chief Investigator specifically an investigation supervised by Senior Investigator Sloan and Investigator Gianna Coulter. Brown commented on its comprehensiveness and strong analytical work. He indicated as he read the investigation and anticipated issues that would typically arise from the fact pattern, all of the critical answers were included in the reports, all he (Brown) needed to do was to keep reading.

Announcements: The next Community Meeting of the BOPC is March 15, 2018 at 3:00 PM, at Police Headquarters, 3rd floor Michigan Room. The Community meeting is April 12, 2018 in the 11th Police Precinct at Peace Baptist Church.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Ms. Bernice Smith discussed increased break-ins in District #3 and District #6 and encouraged more Greenlight locations in the above Districts. **Mr. Peter Rhoades** discussed his concerns about Downtown Services pulling police resources from other areas of the City as it provided coverage to downtown sports and entertainment events. **DC Bettison** responded by indicating that neighborhood deployment is not at the expense of downtown services. Bettison indicated that he would provide the Board with the minimum coverage matrix for precincts.

MOTION to Adjourn by Commission Bell.

Adjournment 8:01 PM