



Chairperson Vice-Chair

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, October 8, 2009

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Central District, 7310 Woodward in Detroit, Michigan.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**
Toney Stewart **(ABS)**
Adela Rivera
Jim Holley

Lt. Vicki Yost
Sgt. Bernard Beck-O' Steen
Sgt. Samuel Quick
P.O. Sidney Taylor
P.O. Carrie Fairfax
P.O. Damon Kimbrough
P.O. Franklin Hayes

Department Personnel Present

AC Ralph Godbee
AC Lawrence Meyer
DC Herbert Moreland
DC James Tolbert
2nd DC Melvin Turner
Cmdr. Catherine Tuttle
Cmdr. Shereece Fleming-Freeman
Cmdr. Morris Wells
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Lt. Darryl Brown
Lt. Kevin Robinson
Sgt. Vernal Newsome
P.O. Tyrine Wheatley
P.O. Sophia Nelms
P.O. Dwight Featherstone
P.O. Christopher Gibson

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator (**ABS**)
Dalph Watson, Director of Police Personnel
Lt. Daniel Allen
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Inv.
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

B. Foster
Barbara Herrin
Briyana Vance
Leroi Hazel

Geneva Banett
Bridget Vance
Ava Tinsley
Mary Moore

Olline McElroy
Lawanda Ruffin
Ray Solomon
Phyllis Hernandez

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

Sgt. Allan Quinn
PO Dan Danakowski

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Griffin called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:30 p.m.

Cmdr. Fleming-Freeman gave greetings and welcomed everyone to the Central District headquarters.

Comm. Rivera read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, October 8, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. **Rivera** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. **Holley** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, October 1, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. **Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. **Rivera** seconded the motion.

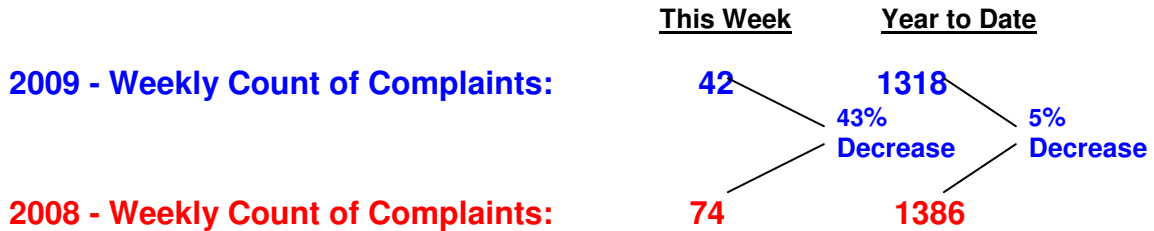
VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,136** active investigations, of which **836** of those are for 2009. A total of **1,446** investigations have been closed since January 1, 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total CCR	COMMAND W/E 10/08/09	ALLEGATIONS									Total Allegations
		Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	
2	CENTRAL		1				1			1	3
2	EASTERN		1				2				3
3	NORTHEASTERN		3	1			2				6
1	NORTHWESTERN									1	1
2	SOUTHWESTERN		1				2				3
1	ACADEMY			1			1				2
7	COMMUNICATIONS		4							4	8
1	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE									1	1
3	GANG ENFORCEMENT		1	1	1		1				4
1	HOMICIDE		1								1
1	NARCOTICS		1								1
1	TACTICAL		1				1		1		3
1	TCRU									1	1
1	TRAFFIC		1								1
10	UNKNOWN		4	5	1		5				15
1	8TH PRECINCT						1				1
3	10TH PRECINCT		2				1			1	4
1	12TH PRECINCT						1				1
42			21	8	2		18		1	9	59

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On October 2, 2009, officers of the Sixth Precinct responded to the 19000 block of Chapel on a “Stabbing” and a subject was arrested. As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm Less than Murder.”

Special Points of Interest:

• **Next meeting:**

Thursday, October 15, 2009
 @ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department
 1300 Beaubien st. #328
 Detroit, Michigan 48226**

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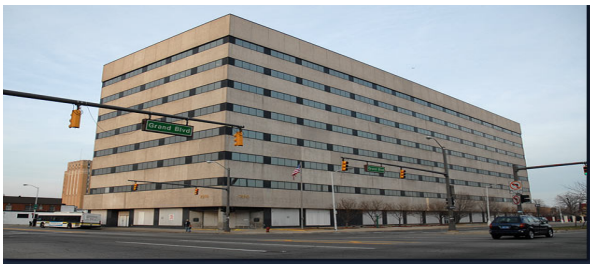
Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
	20500 Conant	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	892-5456
	7737 Kercheval	*8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
	19810 Grand River	*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
	2575 S. Schaefer	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
	20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
	13206 E. Jefferson	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
	22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
	14700 Mack	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations– Monday –Friday

Gang Enforcement

On October 1, 2009, while on patrol in the area of Greenfield and Joy Road, officers of Gang Enforcement observed a disturbance at a nearby business. As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon." A weapon was recovered.



Eastern District

On September 29, 2009, while on routine patrol in the area of Gratiot and Maddelein, officers of the Eastern District investigated a vehicle for a traffic violation. Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Fleeing & Eluding, Resisting & Obstruction, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor." A weapon was recovered.



Northeastern District

On October 4, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 19000 block of Fleming on a "Person With a Weapon." As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Felon in Possession, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Felony Firearm, and Habitual 2nd." A weapon was recovered.

Sixth Precinct

On October 2, 2009, while on patrol in the area of Fenkell and Evergreen, officers of the Sixth Precinct investigated a vehicle for a traffic violation. As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon in a Motor Vehicle, Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine, Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana, Felony Firearm, and Habitual 2nd." A weapon and suspected narcotics were recovered.



PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION FROM CENTRAL DISTRICT

SEE ATTACHMENT

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION: MS. BRIDGET VANCE

SEE ATTACHMENT

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, October 15, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m.
Central District
7310 Woodward
Detroit, MI 48201**

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

SEE ATTACHMENT

ATTACHMENTS

Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
October 8, 2009
6:30 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Good evening, calling the Board of Police Commissioners meeting to order, it's 6:30, and we are going to begin this evening. I'm chair of the board,

Reverend Ronald Griffin. I have with me Commissioner Adela Rivera and Commissioner Reverend Jim Holley, and I understand that Chief Warren Evans is on his way and sitting in for him is Deputy Chief Tolbert. We're going to continue on with acknowledging those who are here. Dante' Goss, executive director, Celia Banks-Washington, whose the supervising attorney for the board, Ainsley Cromwell is sitting in for Arnold Sheard who is the supervising investigator, and newly hired, I can't say appointed; hired I think is probably best, Director Dell Watson. Please stand and let everyone know you are here.

DIRECTOR WATSON: Hello everyone.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Leslie Griffin, community affairs coordinator, Kent Cooper, police officer assigned to the board as well as Lieutenant Daniel Allen. The recorder today is Police Officer Terence Bell and the jack of all trades and master of just about all of them, Robert Brown. We have Sergeant Allen Quinn and PO Daniel--is it Danikowski?

POLICE OFFICER DANIKOWSKI: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: I did that right?

POLICE OFFICER DANIKOWSKI: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: I'm so happy. We're glad to be where we are and I understand we're going to have some words from the Commander Freeman who is going to welcome us. This lady to my right is Ms. Lisa Little. She's a graduate of the

Academy of Court Reporting and based on a recommendation from Commissioner Rivera and the stall work, diligent duty working, going out to see what she can come up with, Celia Washington. This young lady is going to be doing court reporter and taking minutes so that we'll have accuracy and all of that and I've been told it's not going to cost us anything. Say amen.

AUDIENCE: Amen.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Give Ms. Little a hand to make her know that she is with a very intelligent group. We need more creative thinking and diligence to find resources like that. Okay. And before we go to the duties and responsibilities, Commander Freeman are you going to say something nice to us like welcome and all that?

COMMANDER FREEMAN: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Thank you so much. We did have DC Tolbert, but now we have Assistant Chief Ralph Godbee. Let's say amen for him.

ASSISTANT CHIEF GODBEE: Working our way up.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Working our way up. Okay.

COMMANDER FREEMAN: Good evening everyone. I just want to say welcome. This is the Central District, and for those who have not been here before, we moved from 4747 Woodward approximately a year ago and have been in this wonderful facility. For those of you who have not had a chance to walk

around the building, we're glad to be here and we welcome you here today, and anytime you would like to see the rest of the facilities we will be glad to give you a tour or anytime that you would like to use this wonderful room, just let us know.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Thank you so much. We're going to have Commissioner Rivera read for us the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: The Board of Police Commissioners was created by city charter on July 1st, 1974. It is composed of five members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by city counsel. Commissioners serve a five year term and may not serve more than five years consecutively. We meet once a week 52 weeks of the year. All of our meetings are open to the public. Our duties include: Establishing policy rules and regulations in consultation with the chief and approval of the mayor; we review an approved department budget, we review an approved department promotion, we receive and resolve complaints concerning the operation of the police department, we are the final authority to impose and/or review discipline of police department employees, we appoint the civilian personnel director, and we prepare an annual report of department activities for the public, the mayor, and city council. Our staff consists of our executive director who serves as secretary to the board and attends all of the meetings; our chief

investigator and additional investigators, and other staff as necessary to provide support to this board. The Police Commission considers itself a liaison between the citizens of the City of Detroit and the police department.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Thank you. The next item on the agenda comes from--excuse me, the approval of the agenda. May I have approval of the agenda?

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Approval.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Support.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: All in favor please acknowledge by the usual sign of aye.

COMMISSIONERS RIVERA & HOLLEY: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: All those opposed say nay.

(No nays were present or recorded. October 8, 2009 agenda approved.)

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Approval of the minutes.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Approve to move.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Second.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: It's been properly moved and seconded. All in favor usual sign of aye.

COMMISSIONERS RIVERA & HOLLEY: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: All those opposed say nay.

(No nays were present or recorded. October 1, 2009 minutes approved.)

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Secretary's report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GOSS: Commissioner, there were 42 complaints for the week, year-to-date 1,318. The same time from last year was 74, year-to-date 1,386. That's a five percent decrease from last year. The officer chief investigator has a total of 1,136 active investigations of which 836 are from 2009. A total of 1,446 investigations have been closed since January 1st, 2009. This concludes the secretary's report.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Let the record also show and reflect I think at least two weeks ago I made the request for a specific status report to be given. I want that on the agenda to be given at the very next board meeting without fail. So that would be part of the presentation. Thank you so much. A report presentation from the Assistant Chief Godbee. You want to bring your people forward?

ASSISTANT CHIEF GODBEE: Thank you Commissioner. We're going to have Commander Carrie Freeman from the Central District introduce her staff also.

COMMANDER FREEMAN: Thank you, sir. Staff today with us is going to be human relations officers led by Sergeant Quick, he's in the back, Officer--is back there, Officer--is back there, Officer Godsend, and Officer Kimball. The district for those of you who don't know, the Central District was combined with the 1st and 13th Precinct. Our boundaries go

through Highland Park which is Woodward Street down to the water which is Atwater to the East Lodge, Westland where it turns and right over here to the east our boundaries are the 75 Freeway. Those are our boundaries.

Our population during the day sometimes encompasses 100,000 people but of course when you look around and you drive around you see a lot more condominiums and apartment buildings. We have Wayne State who is now building. We have more students, international students, at Wayne State who we do take into account when we talk about people who are moving into the district.

Right now as a maximum, we have 27 schools in our district. That's inclusive of 11 high schools, 4 middle schools, and 12 elementary schools.

Just to talk about a few of our crime policy and drills. We still have conversations with the staff, which includes myself, where people can come in and sit down and talk with you one on one, with or without an appointment. Sometimes people walk in and need to talk to you right away. We have an open door policy. If I'm not available or can't be reached by phone, then the staff handles it or Sergeant Quick handles it right away.

Our officers, our human relations officers still distribute crime alerts, which is a bulletin, they still do

security surveys if you're an homeowner and for businesses, their Ministers to the Youth Program which is designed to deter kids from criminal activities. The district officers still hold several crime burglary prevention workshops for the youth located right there on Woodward.

We have established many foot patrols in the district which includes Harmony Park, our new center area, Greektown, Capital Park, and we have a financial beat those are two officers that mostly drive from bank to bank everyday, and we have a sign-in sheet in all our banks. We have established a B&D (?) Vehicle that assists and curtails all the break-ins in the district. We also have established a warrant vehicle. Those officers work hand in hand to arrest persons wanted for crimes in the district or those who have warrants that live in the district.

I want to talk about something we started this year and that was the YAS Camp, Youth Awareness Safety Camp. The district hosted this camp for one week from July 6th through July 10th. This was the first year the camp had registered approximately 50 children between the ages of 7 and 12. It was held right here in the district. We really care about our youth in the district and we have provided the tools necessary to help the youth make smart decisions about their safety and health

while being in a safe environment. We have maybe one or two people in the audience where their kids attended the camp?

(Hands were raised to indicate attendance in the camp.)

Our goal for the camp was to keep the youth engaged and active while learning about safety and prevention during a fun experience. Everyday these campers came here it was exciting for them. We had a graduation for them. They learned a lot. We talked about gun safety. We talked about hygiene which is very important. We had a dental mobile come, so they did take care of the kids here and just talked to them about being clean. We talked to them about bike safety. We had a chip program that was hosted in part by Prince Hall Mason and what they did is when they came here our kids were given four identification kits which meant they had photo ID, digital fingerprinting, a recorded interview of their own voice, a digital impression of their dental makeup, and an amber alert profile for their parents to take home with them so if anything ever happens to them they would take that to the police department.

The camp was founded on small grants and donations and this year, or next year in 2010, hopefully--the kids were asking that the camp was longer. Instead of one week we have the camp for two weeks. That's a hard task. We're talking

about 50 kids and we fed them twice a day, breakfast and lunch here. All of that was donated. It was a full day. All our campers went home and went to bed. To take it on for two weeks, we're trying to make sure we at least have it for one week. We do appreciate those who donated and the officers that took the time to help us with that. So that's presentation for today. You guys have any questions for me?

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Any questions?

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: I do. I'm kind of impressed with your little camp here. How much does it cost to run that camp, approximately?

COMMANDER FREEMAN: I don't even know if we counted it because the donations we got took care of a lot of it. We can give you an amount if we go back and look at all of our receipts and donations that were made. We gave them T-shirts to wear everyday, so they wore those shirts and we broke them off into small groups so that they were led by small camp groups. We had approximately about five groups.

SARGENT QUICK: There were five groups and the grants came to about \$2,500.

COMMANDER FREEMAN: We had donations though too.

SARGENT QUICK: So I'll say about \$3,500 all together for 50 kids.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: You did a lot with that little bit of money.

COMMANDER FREEMAN: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Question. Is part of your strategy--would you like to expand it if you could?

COMMANDER FREEMAN: I would say yes but my human relations officers worked so hard that week. I can't say that we did it alone. We had personnel whose parents came in to assist, so it was a team effort, but yes we would like to expand it because the kids enjoyed it so much. Lori, you want to talk about--her kids were very excited about the camp and to see the kids excited about being here with us all day is a good thing for the children to go and tell their friends that they had a good time with police officers and what we meant to them and just--you want to talk about it a little bit?

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: State your name.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Lori Cunningham. It was a phenomenal program that Commander Freeman and her team put on. My kids were nervous the first day to understand what they were going to camp for, but they were so excited every single day to get there. They were sad when it was over and asked could it be extended. We saw one of the officers at the Mid-town Alliance meeting and they stood up and cheered when he introduced himself. It's a phenomenonal experience for them to understand

with what you were say about gun safety with stranger danger and even more so with them having that one-on-one relationship with the officers, And that's something that will transcend for many years to come.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: I asked that for a reason. I know Pastor Holley has similar programs. Our church has a summer youth academy where we have as few as 40 and as many as 60 and we did it for eight weeks and we just cut it back to six weeks and of course it wears everybody out, but it is so absolutely necessary, and this is not me preaching a message. We're going to deal with crime, but you've got to do something with these young we can not just simply warehouse them or tell them to move from one corner to the other so programs like this are a necessity. I don't think that they are a luxury anymore, their a necessity.

What I'm suggesting is: Are there any grant opportunities for us that you've explored? If you have, good then continue to do that, if not, continue to do that or start doing that. Many other things, we've got to come up with some kind of fundraiser. That would be the thing that I would think, unless our lawyers told us we couldn't do it, that the board can assist you in, in some kind of way having a fundraiser, because you need to draw more young people. There's no question about it. And I understand what you are saying Sergeant, that you

would like to, but I understand also the ratio of young people to camp counselors that you need. I really do understand. Otherwise you're just warehousing kids, so you're to be commended and we need to have some dialog on how we can expand that. Are there other districts/precincts doing anything like this that you know?

COMMANDER FREEMAN: I don't know, sir.

CHIEF EVANS: Commissioner, I don't know formally, but we'll find out.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Yeah, let's take a look at that. And it will make more sense to you we're going to have a report from the board on an initiative we're taking. We're just ready yet to really talk about it until we get some more things in place. Excellent, continue to do that. Excellent.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: On the second week why don't you do a partnership with one of the churches in the area? I mean it's just an advantage to all of us. I don't understand why there would a problem with any police department having this kind of program and not run it because of money, especially if you had a church to sponsor the second week under the supervision if it's about money and volunteers with the church or with several churches in the areas. We call this-- to Hill from the Boulevard all the way down to Highland Park and those seven churches basically are able and capable of partnering with

you and perhaps with planning. We can help you with that expense as well as volunteers because I think that it's a wonderful thing that you're doing.

COMMANDER FREEMAN: Thank you. Lastly during the Halloween break for everyone the 29th through the 31st, as normal we have our hunted house which is located at 55 Baltimore. It's an old kind of parking structure right next to the train station. So we put a lot of time and effort into that. We change it every year to keep it spontaneous and exciting for the kids.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Is it in the area?

COMMANDER FREEMAN: Yes, sir. It's right by the train station.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: See that's the importance of it. We're having one for the northend area. About \$20,000 we put into this, and it doesn't make sense we don't, again with you in the area, that we got to find out whose doing what and how we can help each other. It may be a little late now but Center dale and a couple of other churches putting--it's not just Halloween, but it's going on for a whole week and it's educational and spiritual so I don't know if that would have anything with what you're doing.

COMMANDER FREEMAN: Absolutely. We have several rooms inside the hunted house that are educational and talking about violence and gun violence.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: This is a major Halloween exhibition so we can do things together. That's all I'm asking because I know where your heart is.

COMMANDER FREEMAN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm sorry Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: No, that's excellent. Thank you so much. Any other questions for the Commander? Thank you again. Standing committee reports. Any subcommittee reports? New Business. We have a resolution for Ms. Bridget Vance. Is she here?

AUDIENCE: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Please come forward. Please put a motion.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I so move if I'm in order Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: You are.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: I second.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: For the resolution for Bridget Vance it's been moved and seconded. All in favor please acknowledge by the usual sign of aye.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA & HOLLEY: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: All those oppose say nay.

(No nays were present or recorded.)

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Commissioner Rivera would you mind joining Ms. Vance and reading the resolution.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: This resolution is honoring Ms. Bridget Vance. **WHEREAS** Ms. Bridget Vance has been an active, model citizen of the great City of Detroit and has spearheaded and participated in a plethora of community outreach and neighborhood stabilization efforts. She is a proud graduate of the Detroit Public Schools System, and an alumna of the University of Michigan Dearborn. Ms. Vance has also diligently served as the Central Woodward Northend Safety Coordinator at Focus: HOPE for more than six (6) years; and

WHEREAS Ms. Vance's work as Safety Coordinator has allowed her opportunities to work with residents and stakeholders within the Central Woodward Northend district, and at the state and local levels as well. She selflessly partners with the Detroit Police Department and creates proactive and interactive community safety initiatives for all residents; and

WHEREAS Ms. Vance seeks various funding sources and utilizes best practices from various cities and states to identify crime prevention approaches that address auto theft, home invasions, visible prostitution, drug selling and trafficking and more.

She also uses multi-level approaches throughout the six miles of communities whose boundaries are Oakman to the North, I-94 to the south, Linwood to the west and I-75 to the east; and

WHEREAS Ms. Vance links businesses as well as faith-based entities with the Detroit Police Department through public safety initiatives. Results of these partnerships can be seen citywide and now have direct links to safety stations which work to create a culture of peace that connects youth to positive activities; and

WHEREAS Ms. Vance has facilitated monthly community safety meetings hosted by businesses and organizations throughout targeted communities. Ms. Vance supports community residents and stakeholders by formulating ideas and resurging new energy and involvement with community block clubs and block captains, neighborhood associations, and citizen band radio patrols. She has also served integral roles in the success of National Night Out, the City's annual clean-up efforts, Angel's Night and the district's monthly community relations meetings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledge the generous and trailblazing spirit of Ms. Bridget Vance. Her

unselfishness, commitment to safety education, and dedication to improving the quality of life for all citizens in her community and throughout the entire City of Detroit merit our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Ms. Bridget Vance.

ASSISTANT CHIEF GODBEE: Ms. Vance on behalf of Chief of Police Warren Evans--I think everyone in this room understands the commitment that Chief Evans has for the city, and not only that, but the appreciation he has for citizens involved in helping the community as a career and how much he appreciates the community. He's not able to be here tonight, but on his behalf he wanted me to tell you thank you so much for what you do on a day-to-day basis. And then also he has for you this Certificate of Recognition which reads: Detroit Police Department Chief of Police presents this Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Bridget Vance, resident of the city of Detroit, in appreciation of the following outstanding service and cooperation for your involvement in the community and services to the city of Detroit, supporting our efforts of the community and demonstrating spirit and commitment that is truly worthy of recognition. It's dated October 8, 2009 and it's signed by the Chief of Police Warren C. Evans. Thank you very much. And also I would like to take a moment of personal privilege. Ms. Vance is a member of my brother's church,

--Christian Center so my brother and the pastor wanted to give their regards also.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Can I stop you right there? That's good. Not only do I want to give my congratulations, but I'll probably see you tomorrow night for your pastor's speaking at the Rosa Shan Church in God and Christ.

COMMANDER FREEMAN: This Spirit of Detroit Award is presented here with an expression of gratitude and esteem due to the city of Detroit to Ms. Bridget Vance in recognition of exceptional achievement, outstanding leadership, and dedication to improving the quality of life and it's signed by all City Council.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Thank you, let's give her a hand.

COMMANDER FREEMAN: Bridgett has been working along side of us for a long time. I guess almost since the first time I came to the district, and we do not always see eye to eye, and I say that not to point it out, but our hearts are in the same place and we are here working towards a common goal. So our love for each other is still there whether we agree, disagree, we meet in the middle, or however it goes. We're both fighting the same fight, and that's why we have remained close no matter what so I appreciate Bridget and I just want you to know that,

and keep the fight, and we love what you do here, and thank you for your support.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: That's beautiful, congratulations. Commissioner Holley had to leave. He left his church. There is a funeral service he is the officiate and he came here to be in the meeting for as long as could and he returned. I'll say this now that he's gone. His time has drawn to a close. His replacement has been appointed by the Mayor, and has not yet been approved by the Council, which I understand is the next step. We have several resolutions and we really honored him, but he just simply wanted it handed to him. He didn't want a lot of fanfare, but I want you to know that he's made tremendous contributions to the city of Detroit beyond the Board of Police Commissioners. And I always like to tell folks, it's so easy for people to stand on the sidelines pointing fingers and criticizing, but get in the fight. Get in the fight and then you'll have an opportunity to state your opinion. Reverend Holley has really done a tremendous job, a tremendous job and so I just wanted to say that so that you'll know how the Board feels about him and how I hope you feel about him and have come to know him. So let's keep him in our prayers. He suffered a very debilitating stroke. The whole church community regardless of denomination prayed for him. Reverend Holley almost left here. He was very close to death. You just need to

know that and he comes back, and I will say this in closing. Don't be fooled by his stuttering as though he don't know what time of day it is, Jim is smooth. So just know that. Let's give him a round of applause. Any old business? Now we come to the announcement. The next Board meeting is October 15 next Thursday at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien at 3:00. Oral communication from the audience. This still reads two minutes. I took executive privilege to allow the community to speak four minutes because I know sometimes you have comments to want to make, but we're going to hold to four minutes, not over a second. And then the other thing that I would ask you to do, just so we can expedite and move forward is that everybody that wants to speak must line up. You can't wait until everybody else is talking and then decide that you now want to have words because you're not going to be allowed to speak. So just line up unless there's some kind of handicap that you have and you can't stand. I would that all the members of the community that would like to address the community of this board to please line up at this moment.

AUDIENCE: I'm from Casino Towing. I just need 30 seconds. I just wanted an update on the towing situation. I'm wondering if you will share with us what the detached is.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: I'm sorry?

AUDIENCE: I've been told that they're going to be detached based on the towing process.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: I'll speak to that for everyone. We're perhaps less than 30 days. I just need one more stakeholder to get involved. There's a policy--let me back up. The towers came to us a little over a year ago and brought some concerns. There was an RFP about to be executed. The towers went to the City Council, the City Council agreed with the towers' concerns, there was a resolution presented to say that the RFP process should stop. The towers then came to the Board of Police Commissioners to assist us in working with them on the issues that they raised. At that time, we were not sure whether or not we had a legal responsibility by charter to intervene on their behalf. We had our legal people to do the research, and came back and said in fact by charter that we did have a responsibility to deal with that. From that we developed a resolution that talked about what we were going to do. We did develop a task force to look into all of the issues that were raised. The task force has now brought together a report. The report has generated a policy and procedure of how we're going to conduct all of the towing business in effect. We have already had a meeting with the Group Executive, Saul Green; Assistant Chief Godbee was in that meeting of the towing task force. There's one more thing that we're going to add to that,

that when we report out I promise you there will be something that this Board has never ever done. I just need to get some ducks in line and some more approvals and I hope to have that within 30 days. I promise you that the report that we're going to give is going to be unprecedented on what we're going to do, okay.

Audience: Will towers that are not currently towing for the city have an opportunity? Is that something we should go forth?

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: At this point, I'm going to tell you this. At this point, the policy is going to cover everything that it needs to cover, and so when we roll it out then you'll have questions about how everybody is going to fit, but just know that the actions that we're going to take, I can't say anymore because I don't have it all done yet, but I can absolutely guarantee you that at this point we're not simply submitting the report. What we're asking support from AC Godbee and he's looked at it and he's given his support and he represents the chief, the group executive that reports to the mayor has, he's a little more cautious, but he has given his tentative support to it, and we'll pull it all together and when we come back we'll tell you this is where we're going and this is how we're going to do it.

AUDIENCE: Okay, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: You're welcome.

AUDIENCE: Hi, I wasn't able to speak earlier--

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: State your name.

AUDIENCE: Bridget Vance. I just wanted to say thank you to Central District and their community service officers with Officer Quick, Carrie, and Lieutenant Herbert. All of them have an open door policy and they have allowed me to come in and work with them, side by side with them, and it has been an unselfish work, in working with them and fighting to make improvements in the community. I've been able also to work with couple of districts. I work with the Central District and I also work with the 10th Precinct. And since I started in April of 2008 I have had the opportunity to work under three mayors and four chiefs of police. So although the challenges in the community have been numerous, however the work has been great. There's been a lot of great work and I'm looking forward to the next couple of years in continuing this work with them. I also jokefully told them that they nominated me and in asking me hey Bridge to you think you can do this, and I said yeah but you're going to have to remember that when I want some information and I'm trying to do some things in the community I'm going to pick up those plagues and I'm going to bring them to their office show them to you to remind you of your commitment to the community. And I just want to say thank you

to the Detroit Police Department for all that I have learned over this year, and also to Focus Hope for the opportunity.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Thank you so much. I thank all of you for your attendance, meeting adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

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