

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: May 18 2017 – 2:30 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 3rd Floor, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 2:30 PM (May 18, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Vacant, Vice Chair	N/A	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules, approve the Agenda for May 18, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules, approve the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, May 11, 2017

BOPC Officers Report(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked Commissioner and Bishop Edgar Vann, II to provide the invocation. **Chairman Bell** 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. Bell also welcomed Assistant Chief James E. White, representing Chief Craig to the meeting and invited him to introduce his staff.

Chairman Bell continued in his report to the Board noting the following, “I would like for everyone to give us a moment of **silence for injured and fallen officers** within the DPD family.” Bell noted the Board’s appreciation for the **safe return of DPD personnel from their travels** related to Police Week in Washington D.C. Additionally, he noted recently, OCI Chief Drake and he attended **training sessions at the Academy for Class 2017 – J**. The class was a large class with 33 candidates and was very diverse, 5 women, 11 languages represented. Bell asked the Board to join him in hoping for the best for our future officers. Bell reminded Commissioners of our **BOPC Board Training Session this weekend**. He indicated staff has organized a series of discussions and each of you should have received a package delivered to you Tuesday with the schedule and content of the training program. Chairman Bell also indicated we had adjusted our schedule to start early so that we could receive and take action on a report from the Search committee for Board Attorney. He noted we will take up this matter after oral communication inasmuch as we might go into closed session as a personnel matter.

Chief of Police Report: Representing **Chief of Police James Craig** was AC James E. White. AC White reported on activities during police week including the COP’s presentation at the memorial wall in D.C. AC White also updated the Board on the condition of Officer Johnson who was recently shot while on duty. AC White also reported on a recent incident of 2 officers who came under gunfire on Jefferson with a citizen who might have experienced some type of mental illness. He indicated no officers were injured resulting from the above incident. AC White also updated the Board on the employment of body worn cameras, he indicated precincts 4, 11, 7, 6, 5, 9, and 2 have been deployed. Precincts 8 and 10 are scheduled for June, 2017 Precinct 12 and 3 are scheduled for late September or October, 2017 and special commands will be deployed with body worn cameras immediately thereafter.

Presentation to the Board: (A) Forfeiture-Drug Enforcement. Captain Steven Walton and Lieutenant Michael Parish.

Captain Steven Walton outlines the responsibilities of the drug enforcement unit and **Lieutenant Michael Parish** outlines the responsibilities of the forfeiture section. Under Lieutenant Parish's presentation he provided a definition of forfeiture and discussed how the unit is structured into the Department. Parish outlined six specific roles of the unit, receiving and processing of forfeiture petitions, serving as liaison with prosecuting authorities, tracking the status of forfeiture cases, records management, and administration including providing information, guidance and training pertaining to civil asset forfeiture. Parish pointed to a select group of authoritative laws impacting the activities associated with forfeiture as well as outlined how forfeiture funds could and could not be used according to the various laws, rule and regulations governing forfeiture. Parish provided the Board with information comparing forfeiture in calendar years 2016 and 2017 and discussed his concerns about HB 4158 that would dramatically impact forfeiture work. Lieutenant Parish indicated the Civil Asset Forfeiture Directive had been approved by the Department but had not yet come before the Board. **Commissioner Vann** inquired about 3rd party interests under forfeiture. Vann gave an example of a grandparent who had no knowledge of her car being used in an illegal activity but for the conduct of another family member her car is impounded as a result of a member of the family's use. He also asked about which jurisdiction, state, federal or local might take the lead and be responsible for recovering property from an illegal operation. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** asked if the statistical information on forfeiture was trending up or down given that the only information provided in the presentation related to 2015 figures. Commissioner Dewaelsche also inquired about Year-to-Year trend info, particularly on cash seizures. Dewaelsche also inquired about the block of training available to officers on the use of forfeiture laws and if the Department had any projections on how better enforcement might impact revenue. **Commissioner Crawford** commented on HB 4158. **Commissioner Sanders** inquired about the specific person or organization unit responsible for budgetary issues under forfeiture. **Bell** follow-up and inquired if the rules still required forfeiture funds to be used for education and prevention activities?

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: (A) Recruitment.

Commissioner Brooks updated the Board on the many outreach efforts associated with the Department and the Recruitment Committee. Brooks indicated the committee had recently met with 55 local Police Chaplains and have begun to coordinate many of their activities into the work of the committee. Brooks also gave specific counts of "interests cards" circulated to various youth, church and school events. Brooks indicated the Mayor goal was to identify 40 new recruits per month and also indicated the actual number of new recruits per month is around 31 to 34 individuals. She expressed optimism that the committee's efforts would deliver over time. **Commissioner Crawford** inquired as to any policy changes related to immigration either adopted locally or forced down by the federal administration? **Commission Brooks** also indicated she has received several complaints from neighbors around parks or associated with local parks (Erma Henderson Park and others) who complained about enforcement patrols.

Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks reported on five communications into the Board. Two of the communications related to rejected application appeals (Brooks and Divers), a FIOA request referred to Corporation Counsel, a updated Green Light report as of 5/17/2017 and a PowerPoint presentation given by Corporation Counsel in the May 11, 2017 meeting about medical marijuana clinics operating within the city of Detroit.

Old Business. None

New Business. No new business.

Announcements:

Next Meeting, Thursday, May 25, 2017 @ 3:00 PM, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, 48226.

Next Community Meeting, Thursday, June 8, 2017, 4th Police Precinct (Location forthcoming).

Oral Communications: Marilyn Ferguson, who reported on issues related to her vehicle tow, the issues was referred to Lieutenant Parish. **Lela Howard**, sought extra patrol attention in the 15000 block of Fairfield as well as recounted several attempts she has made to local police precincts to raise her concerns, but was handled in a dismissive fashion by local DPD staff.

Chairman Bell returned the meeting to regular order and requested a motion to go into a closed session to take up a personnel matter involving the Report of the BOPC Search Committee to select a new BOPC Attorney to the Board. Chairman Bell

indicated the session was to discuss the recommendation from the Search Committee. Bell also indicated he wanted to thank members, Dewaelsche, Sanders, Mallett, and former Commission Moore for helping in the search. Bell added, given that we have such a large Board it is good that individual members continue to accept responsibilities at the committee level where the meat of the work is done and the results of the detailed work is provided to the Full Board for action.

Please note as a result of several outreach efforts including advertisement in 10 online job boards, direct solicitations to Wayne State University Law School, Cooley Law School, and a wide range of community and civic associations we had more than 50 candidates. The fifty candidates were rated for experience in administrative, municipal and criminal law. The list of 50 was reduced to 10 individuals whom we extended an invitation to be interviewed. Three (3) of the 10 short listed candidates withdrew from consideration and 7 were interviewed. Of the 7 interviewed the search committee is recommending Jermaine Wyrick. Jermaine Wyrick is a graduate of Wayne State University, and is a member in good standing with the Michigan State Bar Association. Attached to your Board package is a copy of his resume. Mr. Wyrick is here today to respond to any questions or concerns that you might have.

Motion: Motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter (**Sanders**)

Second: (**Dewaelsche**),

Vote: Yes = 10 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Vacant = 1) **Action: Approved**

The Board adjourned at the call of the Chair for the closed session

The Board reconvened at 4:24 PM, and returned to regular order.

Chairman Bell requested a motion.

Commissioner Sanders motioned to accept the recommendation from the Search Committee to hire Attorney Jermaine Wyrick for the position of Attorney to the Board.

Motion: Motion to make an offer to Attorney Jermaine Wyrick (**Sanders**)

Second: (**Dewaelsche**),

Vote: Yes = 10 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Vacant = 1) **Action: Approved**

Chair directed the staff to make the necessary preparation to follow-up on the Board action.

Chairman Bell accepted a motion to adjourn.