



Lansing Police Department

Board of Police Commissioners

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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, April 17, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABESENT	PUBLIC and GUESTS PRESENT
Drew Macon, Chairperson		Lieutenant Robert Backus
Vice-Chairperson, Sandra Kowalk-Thompson		Michelle Reddish, Recording Secretary
Commissioner Clyde Carnegie		Mike Yankowski, Chief of Police
Commissioner Robert Noordhoek		Joan Jackson-Johnson, HRCS Director
Commissioner Patty Farhat		Bernard Brantley, Commission Investigator
Commissioner William Renfrew		Harold Leeman, 529 N. Francis, Lansing
Commissioner Kecia Coats		

CALL TO ORDER

After establishing a quorum, Chairperson Macon welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Farhat.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Members reviewed the March 20th, 2018, Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Noordhoek to approve the March 20th Meeting Minutes; supported by Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson; motion approved unanimously.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION – Lieutenant Robert Backus spoke about the Violent Crime Initiative (VCI). The initiative was started due to the murders of Amaya Edmunds and Shayla Johnson and rapes that were taking place. Lieutenant Bakus stated this has been the vest thing he has been involved in during his career with the department. Five officers and one detective make up the unit. The officers look at “hot spots” places and “hot most violent” people obtained through data. Since 2014 a five-person team took 190 guns of the streets of Lansing. The VCI team has made 745 arrests.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT by Chief Mike Yankowski

- An update was given on the officer-involved shooting.
- The Budget Hearing was held. There will be one follow-up with City Council on 5/7/18 at 5:00 p.m., to answer questions. Chief invited all Councilmembers to attend.
- The fourth Citizens’ Police Academy ended on April 14th, 2018.
- Officers Frank Mobley and Gregory Parrott received the 100 Club Award.
- A new K-9 was added to the K-9 Unit “Fiery”.
- Annual Training Lecture ended. Annual Training Practices will begin again in the fall.
- The week of April 9th was 911 Telecommunicators Week & Crime Victims Week
- Over the past month Chief attended several events.
- On 4/24/18 the Exchange Club Awards will be held. Detective Shannon Thielen is receiving an award.
- The Lansing Promise Dinner will be 4/26/18
- 5/4 The Awards Ceremony will be held.

- 5/5 The 125th Historical Celebration will be held.
- 5/10 Place of Worship Training is coming up at the Op's Center.
- 5/18 the promotional/retirement celebration will take place for retirements: Sergeant Kevin Kilbourn and Detention Officer Patricia Layne and Promotion to Sergeant for Josh Traviglia.

LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT – Joe Abood, City Attorney

No report given.

HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON REPORT – Dr. Joan Jackson-Johnson, HRCS Director

- LPD helped with the GAP Feeding Program.
- Her department is facing many challenges due to changes made at the VOA.
- Officer Monika Ford helped with the Lansing Catholic Central issue.
- The department is very busy with day-to-day issues.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Linda Sanchez-Gazella

No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED

Commissioner Noordhoek made a motion to receive and place on file correspondence for the month of April; supported by Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson; motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Noordhoek made a motion to receive and place on file department reports for the month April; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Government/Community Liaison Committee – Vice-Chairperson Sandra Kowalk-Thompson
Vice Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson circulated some information about the 125th Historical Celebration and asked for volunteers.
- Awards & Incentives Committee – Commissioner Farhat said Captain Tom Fabus has done a very nice job with the Awards Committee.
- Budget Committee – Commissioner Carnegie
No report given.
- Recruitment/Hiring Task Force - Chairperson Macon stated he will follow-up to find out the status of the Commission Investigator position.
- Complaint Committee Commissioner Farhat stated a meeting soon.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

- Commissioner Renfrew asked about the hiring status of Detention Officers. Chief stated there were three openings.
- Commissioner Carnegie asked if Lansing has a Youth Teen Center. He also would like a presentation to be given on Sex Trafficking and asked if there is any information in the schools to this regard.
- Vice Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson stated Lieutenant Robert Backus did a nice job on his presentation about VCI. She asked for everyone to keep the Quinneys' in their prayers. She stated she was sorry she missed the last few retirements.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None – No one from the public was present.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Macon to end the meeting at 6:45 p.m.; supported by Commissioner Noordhoek; motion carried unanimously.