



Lansing Police Department

Board of Police Commissioners

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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JULY 17th, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABESENT	PUBLIC and GUESTS PRESENT
	Chairperson, Drew Macon	Michelle Reddish, Recording Secretary
Vice-Chairperson, Sandra Kowalk-Thompson		Mike Yankowski, Chief of Police
Commissioner Julee Rodocker		Joan Jackson-Johnson, HRCS Director
Commissioner Robert Noordhoek		Bernard Brantley, Commission Investigator
Commissioner Patty Farhat		Linda Sanchez-Gazella, HR Director
Commissioner Kecia Coats		Amanda O'Boyle, City Attorney's Office
Commissioner Patty Farhat		Ann Owen, 423 W. Sheridan Road
Commissioner William Renfrew		Nancy Mahlow, LPD Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Carnegie.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Ann Owen asked if anyone read the book she donated called “*Why Are All The Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria*” written by Beverly Daniel Tatum, Ph.D., and for anyone who read, what did they think about the book and did anything surprise them? Dr. Joan Jackson-Johnson stated she read the book and nothing surprised her. Ann Owen stated heard of a program called “Wash they Neighbor where citizens help wash homeless people’s clothing. She believes this program would be good for the Lansing community.

Nancy Mahlow reminded board members about the Police Advisory Board meetings which begin in September. She welcomed everyone to attend. The meeting will be held on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m., at the Operations Center.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board members reviewed the June 19th, 2018, Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Noordhoek to approve the June 19th, 2018, Meeting Minutes; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion approved unanimously.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION – Robert Merritt, Public Information Director spoke to board members about social media. The department utilizes the LPD website, Crime Stoppers, Facebook, and Twitter and Instagram will soon be going live. These media sources are a tool to disburse important information and safety tips to the public. The department also receives many crime tips through Facebook and Twitter which are forwarded to the Investigations Division. A recruiting video will be publicized soon on social media along with a calendar of upcoming events. LPD will be starting a mobile app in 2019. LPD does have a You Tube channel.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT by Chief Mike Yankowski

- July 4 parade and fireworks and Common Ground was extremely busy. There were 56 medical runs on Sunday, the last day of Common Ground due to the temperature and other issues.
- On July 4 there was a barricaded gunman which was resolved peacefully. There was also a domestic violence homicide.

- FY19 Cycle began on July 1st, 2018
- The Operations Center lease expired. A temporary contract agreement was entered into with the Lansing School District. Some issues are being worked out.
- Gave an overview of some facilities issues
- The ALPACT, Use of Force Seminar was held. Commissioner Noordhoek attended. Commissioner Noordhoek recommended if there is another chance to attend, everyone should.
- The Citizens Police Academy will be held in the fall. The Mayor's Office is holding a Citizen Academy. LPD will not be a part of the Citizen Academy because LPD is holding their own Academy
- The first Memorial Bike Ride was held to honor LPD's fallen officers. Officers rode bikes to each memorial location where an Honor Guard member was stationed and had a moment of silence.
- Captain Cherie Ballor and Captain Tom Fabus completed their Professional Development program and Lieutenants Spoelma and Diehl completed MSU Staff and Command School
- The Youth Leadership Academy was held with 22 teens in attendance
- LPD participated in Walking Wednesdays and Midnight Basketball which is held every Friday and Saturday.
- LPD has extra resources in the Pleasant Grove and Holmes area
- Terry Gainer of the PSP Program came and met with staff members. He evaluated LPD and will provide recommendations in the future
- RMS continues to present challenges that are being worked on
- National Night Out will be held on August 14th, 2018
- The Public Safety Committee asked that Board Agendas and Minutes be placed on the LPD website
- Retirements: Bob Davis, Nick Gatt, Matthew Priebe
- Three Police Technician 26 positions are being finalized

LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT – Amanda O'Boyle, City Attorney

The City's new Department of Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement was formed and LPD is participating with the new department.

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

- The weather has been horrible for the homeless
- Connect the Kids begins on August 24, 2018
- The HRCS Department has been involved with the Beasley family.
- The Mobile Food Pantry will be at the Church of God on Saturday
- The HR Department has 500 vouchers for housing
- Thank you to Bernard Brantley for all his work
- The Mayor created a new department called the Department of Neighborhood and Citizen Engagement. Andrea Crawford has been appointed as Director.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Director Linda Sanchez-Gazella

Out of 29 candidates interviewed for PO1 positions, 19 passed oral, 11 were selected to proceed, 2 withdrew, 8 passed background and psychological, 7 passed DA and 2 candidates will graduate in August. Seven of the nine will be starting work on July 30th, 2018. Commissioner Noordhoek made a motion to accept the recommendations from the Human Resources Director; seconded by Commissioner Renfrew; motion carries unanimously. Board members signed off on the new hires.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED

Commissioner Noordhoek made a motion to receive and place on file correspondence for the month of June; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Government/Community Liaison Committee – Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson thanked Commissioner Coats for attending the Public Safety Committee meeting.
- Awards & Incentives Committee – None
- Budget Committee – None
- Recruitment/Hiring Task Force - None
- Complaint Committee Commissioner Farhat stated the Committee will meet on August 29th, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

- Commissioner Carnegie thanked Commissioner Noordhoek for his work on the Policies and Procedures Committee. Commissioner Rodocker thanked Chief Yankowski for meeting with her on July 3rd for her Board Orientation. She also met with HR Director Sanchez-Gazella on July 11th, 2018.
- Commissioner Coats thanked officers for their engagement with the community.
- Commissioner Renfrew said he appreciated Public Information Director, Robert Merritt's presentation on social media.
- Commissioner Farhat stated National Night Out will be held on August 14th. Her church is holding a corn roast on August 3rd, 4th and 5th.
- Vice Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson asked everyone to keep the officers in their thoughts and prayers.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Owen stated she is interested in community mental health. Chief Yankowski stated he would discuss it with her after the board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.; supported by Commissioner Noordhoek; motion carried unanimously.