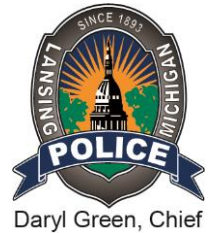


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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, September 17th, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABESENT	PUBLIC and GUESTS PRESENT
Chairperson Drew Macon	Vice-Chair Sandra Kowalk-Thompson	Ruth Grant, Administrative Specialist
Commissioner Patty Farhat	Commissioner Julee Rodocker	Chief Daryl Green
Commissioner Robert Noordhoek		Amanda O'Boyle, City Attorney's Office
Commissioner William Renfrew		Ashley Banks, Human Resources
Commissioner Clyde Carnegie		Bernard Brantley, Commission Investigator
Commissioner Bishop Aaron I. Milton		Daniel Arnold
		Dianne L. Shorter
		Sarah Lehr

CALL TO ORDER After establishing a quorum, Chairperson Macon welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. He asked for a moment of silence for Bonnie Wright, R.N., wife of Retired LPD Officer Tommy Wright.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner William Renfrew.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Board members reviewed the August 20, 2019, Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Noordhoek to approve the August 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes; supported by Commissioner Farhat; motion approved unanimously; (6-0).

EDUCATION PRESENTATION Jan Bidwell, MSW, is the first social worker to be employed by Lansing Police Department.

- Her primary duties will be to work with and assist law enforcement when they encounter cases of mental health disorders, addictions, and homelessness. Officers realize Jan has the expertise and knowledge to assist many members of the community in need of assistance.
- Jan has extensive experience working with homeless camps, the Path Outreach Team and various housing/shelter agencies, hospitals, and other rescue missions.
- Jan participates and attends daily line-up for patrol officers and is available to meet with officers to discuss cases.
- Her involvement has improved communications between LPD, the community and healthcare providers.

- Jan discussed the new Mental Health Court out of the Ingham County 55th District Court, a diversion program working with clients to eliminate jail time. Judge Thomas Boyd, parole officers, probation officers and case workers will be involved in this Court to better assist the client instead of going to jail.
- Jan spoke highly of the LPD Crisis Intervention training she received and found the training useful.

Commissioner Carnegie inquired if public safety officers in schools are aware of Jan's services especially when it pertains to human-trafficking and?

- Ms. Bidwell spoke to the Lansing School District Public Safety training in August. She indicated would be interacting with the school resource officers on cases of trafficking. She further explained that these cases are extremely complex. Ms. Bidwell is in the process of obtaining a trauma certification from Michigan State to better assist in these types of cases.

Chief Green thanked Jan for her tireless work and being proactive in this new position.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT CHIEF DARYL GREEN

Promotions, retirements and resignations within LPD:

- Sgt. Lee McCallister retired after 24½ years. Sgt. McCallister was the first detective assigned to Cold Cases unit, worked many violent crime cases and later was promoted to a patrol sergeant.
- Detention Officer Lorri Ridenour retired from Detention after 26½ years and FTO for 20 years. Lorri did an outstanding job in her career.
- Officer Penni Elton was promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Elton has worked all three shifts while at LPD, involved with past neighborhood watch programs and was a past D.A.R.E. instructor.
- Officer Yansel Lopez resigned his position as patrol officer to relocate to Florida to be closer to his family. Officer Lopez started as an LPD Explorer, was a valued officer and had excellent language skills. His last day will be September 27, 2019.
- Chief Green reported that the staff levels are being monitored and hiring recommendations are made when appropriate. Presently, there are 205 patrol officers – three positions are front-loaded; more retirements are expected in the upcoming few months.
- Officer Joseph “Zeke” Bacigal is the new CPO for Old Town/Walnut neighborhoods. This is a larger community policing area than normal but Zeke has the experience and wherewithal to engage with these communities and assist with problem solving. He began his new assignment on September 16th.
- The Ferris Park community engagement event is occurring tonight at 5:30 p.m. CPO Jacob Schmidt helped to bring community together to connect and problem solve.
- City Life Lansing Church has an event on September 21 from 11:00-3:00 p.m. with live music, basketball and food. The church is trying to engage the Jolly/Waverly Rd neighborhood in wake of a recent homicide (4880 S Waverly. Mayor Schor, Chief Green and CPO VanBeek will be involved in this event.
- LPD presented Dennis Harrington of Lansing Schools and Graphics Division a certificate of appreciation for assisting the Department multiple years in the capacity as a Graphic Design Teacher.
- Several Command participated with Michigan State Police New Police Vehicle Evaluation this past week. The training and insights regarding part vehicle research was presented by GM, Ford and Dodge. This will help for future purchases of vehicles.
- Chief Green extended his condolences to the family of Bryan Burgess who was killed in a motor vehicle accident on MLK near Shiawassee Street on September 14th, 2019. The accident is still under investigation by our Accident Investigation team.
- Analysis of the new LPD Mobile App shows approximately six tips per day are being received and as of two weeks ago over 2,000 people had downloaded the App. The App has received many great reviews.
- Chief Green attended a reception at Friendship Baptist Church to meet church members who have extended support for the Chief.

LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT Amanda O'Boyle, Assistant City Attorney Amanda O'Boyle complimented Officers Gino Tocco and Nick Zuber for testimony in an OUI case in court today. She also reported her office likes the support and the role Jan Bidwell has with LPD. Judge Cynthia Ward is starting a specialized docket for Domestic Violence cases. The docket petition is in process. Chief Green requested to be part of this new docket. There will be a public hearing on marijuana on September 23rd.

HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON REPORT HRCS Director Joan Jackson-Johnson). Complaint Investigator Brantley reported no information. The Mobile Food Pantry is every third Saturday of the month with this month being at St. Casmir Church.

Ashley Banks from Human Resources reported interviews for recruitment sponsorship are occurring on September 10th, 16th and 18th. Overall, 21 candidates have been interviewed. Positions: Detention officer – one male in background check; 20 applicants for Central Records Supervisor, top two candidates have been sent for background checks; Quarter Master Technician- position(s) going through reclassification.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS None.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Government/Community Liaison Committee Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson was not present; however, Chairperson Macon noted Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson attended the 9/11 Memorial service and the swearing in of Chief Green at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Awards & Incentives Committee Commissioner Farhat stated she is still waiting for the captain or sergeant to get back to her.
- Budget Committee Commissioner Carnegie stated no report.
- Recruitment/Hiring Task Force Chairperson Macon stated no report.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Board Policies and Rules Commissioner Noordhoek stated no report.
- Complaint Committee Commissioner Farhat stated no report.
- Investigator Brantley stated no report.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

- Commissioner Renfrew complimented the training LPD officers are provided.
- Commissioner Milton attended a recent meeting and learned that MSU Credit Union has a program for creating saving accounts for children which will be held until they graduate from high school.
- Commissioner Carnegie congratulated Chief Green on the swearing in ceremony at the Boys and Girls Club and noted the diversity of the community was very positive. Dr. Carnegie said it was good seeing uniformed officers at the Mobile Food Pantry. By taking part in the Pantry he is hoping the officers better understand the crisis of feeding the needy and assisting the community. He further wanted all to be aware of the UAW strike and to be sensitive that those striking may need food.
- Commissioner Milton also spoke on the UAW strike and the need for food. He suggested reaching out the churches to see what they could do to help GM employees that are on strike.
- Commissioner Farhat thanked Chief Green for a very nice swearing in ceremony. She also noted the Harmony at Davis Park event was successful and thanked officers who attended and helped with setting it up.
- Commissioner Macon thanked all Commissioners who attended Chief Green's swearing-in.

OTHER BUSINESS None.

PUBLIC COMMENT Mr. Daniel Arnold spoke highly of the new LPD Mobile App. He suggested a non-emergency contact phone number added to the App. Mr. Arnold also spoke of a Dr. Jeremy Norwood from Spring Arbor University. Dr. Norwood has a background in human trafficking which may be beneficial for LPD training.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Commissioner Renfrew to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.; motion supported by Commissioner Carnegie; motion carried unanimously; 6-0.