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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF TUESDAY, August 15th, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Vice-Chairperson Sandra Kowalk-Thompson	Chairperson Drew Macon	Chief Mike Yankowski
Commissioner Clyde Carnegie	Commissioner Kecia Coats	Dr. Joan Jackson-Johnson, HRCS Director
Commissioner Robert Noordhoek		Bernard Brantley, Commission Investigator
Commissioner Patty Farhat		Michelle Reddish, Recording Secretary
Commissioner William Renfrew		Joe Abood, Deputy City Attorney
Commissioner Linda Gazella-Sanchez		

PUBLIC/GUESTS PRESENT – None

CALL TO ORDER – After establishing a quorum, Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson welcomed everyone to the Boys and Girls Club of Lansing and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson stated the Boys and Girls Club of Lansing began in 1964 and approximately 260 kids per day participate in club activities. One of the club's participants recently graduated and is attending Harvard University this fall.

Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson asked for a moment of silence on behalf of the individuals who lost their lives at the Charlottesville, Virginia Civil Protest.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Board Members reviewed the July 18th, meeting minutes. A Motion was made by Commissioner Noordhoek to approve the July meeting minutes; supported by Commissioner Linda Sanchez-Gazella; Motion approved unanimously.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION – Tour of Boys and Girls Club at the end of the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT by Chief Mike Yankowski

- Thank you to Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson for hosting the meeting at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Mary Riley, Human Resources Director couldn't attend the meeting due to a family emergency.
- Attended a press conference on the Opioid crisis at Michigan State Police. On average 142 individuals lose their lives, in Michigan, due to drug abuse. Lansing had 14 fatalities and 117 over doses from drug abuse. The Lansing Police Department has saved 9 lives using Narcan. The Lansing Police Department and the Michigan State Police are partnering in the Angel Program. If someone is in need of help for drug addiction, they can come to the Lansing Police Department and an angel will meet with pick them up and transport them to a treatment center in Lansing between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and help them fill out the paperwork. Individuals who want to volunteer are trained in this regard.
- Secure Cities Partnership – Michigan State Police and the Lansing Police Department are partnering along with other agencies, business, and organizations focusing on violent crimes. This is an opportunity for police and the community to have dialog. Governor Rick Snyder, Mayor Virg Bernero, Colonel Kristi Etu, and I along with approximately 150 participants will attend a Lansing Public Safety Focus Group Forum on August 29th, 2017, between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., at Pattengill Middle School. Board members are invited to attend, as well. Light refreshments will be served. Eight Troopers, three ATF Agents, and two FBI Agents are working with the department to help solve violent crimes.
- The SRMS project is running. The department is working on issues with the system.
- Photos of activities the department has participated in were circulated.
- There were many parties for National Night Out.

- The ALPACT Meeting is from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Hannah Center in East Lansing. Dr. David Carter will speak on the MATS Study and MCOLES will speak about the recent community survey.
- A Promotional / Retirement Ceremony will be on August 31st, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Operations Center, Maples Room.
- The Citizens Police Academy on the Road will be on September 7th, 2017, at the Gier Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- The Lansing State Journal published an article about Lansing Police Department employee pensions. A lot of the issues cited have been addressed.

LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT by Joe Abood, Assistant City Attorney

- The City Attorney's Office is meeting with Human Resources to review the Commission Investigator job description.
- Litigation is being handled on behalf of the department.

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

- Joe McDonald has been named the Housing Ombudsman working in her department. A Secretary 26 and an Administrative Secretary 28 will be hired.
- Connect for Kids will be held on August 21st, 2017, at the Lansing Center from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- The Food Pantry will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church. This will be the last month it will be held at this location.
- The GAP Feeding Program will be the last week in August.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT by Chief Mike Yankowski for Director Mary Riley

- Detention Officer: Nine candidates are in background phase; two other candidates have been recently sent to background and four other candidates are being pre-screened before sending to background; Director finishing re-design of old process; new posting will be published by the end of the week.
- Law Enforcement Data Systems Administrator: Recommended candidates have been sent to background.
- Police Cadet: In the process of preparing for interviews that are scheduled for August 21st, 29th, and 30th, 2017.
- Secretary 26: Interviews are set for August 21st, 2017.
- Police Recruits: Three of the four recommended candidates started on August 14th, 2017, one candidate withdrew; continuing to process new applications and files as they come in.
- Police Certified / Certifiable: Scheduling pre-employment and psychological evaluations for two candidates; target start dates 9/25/2017; continue to process new applications and files as they come in.
- Commission Investigator: Administration review of proposed job description changes are continuing; meeting with City Attorney's Office is scheduled on August 16th, 2017.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED – Commissioner Noordhoek made a motion to receive and place on file correspondence for the month of July; supported by Commissioner Farhat; motion carried unanimously.

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gov't/Community Liaison Committee – Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson stated she will miss the Secure Cities Forum and the Kids Connect program because she will be out of town on those dates. She stated she would be attending the Promotional / Retirement Ceremony on August 31st, 2017.

Awards & Incentives Committee – Commissioner Noordhoek stated there is no report for this month.

Budget Committee – Commissioner Carnegie stated there is no report for this month.

Recruitment / Hiring Task Force – Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson stated, on behalf of Chairperson Macon, there is no report for this month.

Ad Hoc Committee on Policies and Board Rules – Commissioner Noordhoek stated there is no report for this month.

Complaint Committee – Commissioner Farhat stated there was a meeting held on July 25th, 2017. There will be a meeting in September and she looks forward to meeting with Sergeant Katie Diehl who will replace Sergeant Beasinger in the Office of Internal Affairs.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

- Commissioner Coats – No comment from Commissioner Coats, she was absent.
- Commissioner Carnegie – No comment.
- Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson – Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting tonight.
- Commissioner Sanchez-Gazella – No comment.
- Commissioner Renfrew – No comment.
- Commissioner Farhat - No comment.
- Chairperson Macon – No comment from Chairperson Macon, he was absent.
- Commissioner Noordhoek stated he attended the renaming of City Hall in honor of David C. Hollister. The event was very enjoyable, a great honor for former Mayor David C. Hollister and was well attended.

OTHER BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None, no public was present.

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