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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF TUESDAY, July 19th, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Drew Macon, Chairperson
Commissioner Robert Noordhoek, Member
Investigator
Commissioner Bill Renfrew, Member
Commissioner Kecia Coats, Member
Commissioner Patty Farhat, Member
Commissioner Clyde Carnegie, Member
Commissioner Linda Sanchez-Gazella

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Yankowski, Chief of Police
Bernard Brantley, Commission

Kristen Simmons, Legal Advisor
Michelle Reddish, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC/GUESTS PRESENT

Clara Lepard, 6108 Harkson Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823
Peter Hochstedler, 307 North Foster, Lansing, MI 48912
Lupe Bryan, 721 North Adam, Owosso, MI 48867
Oluwatobi Shola, 6250 Rothbury Way, East Lansing, MI 48823

CALL TO ORDER - After establishing a quorum, Chairperson Macon welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Renfrew led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Macon asked for a moment of silence regarding all law enforcement personnel that lost their lives in recent weeks and in light of events that have occurred over the past few days. The meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Clara Lepard - She stated she is happy to see that LPD is addressing the issues by their involvement in Black Lives Matter.
Lupe Bryan - She stated she feels the same as Clara, she is happy that LPD is involved in Black Lives Matter.
Peter Hochstedler - He is interested in social work in Corrections and expresses his support regarding Black Lives Matter.
Oluwatobi Shola - He though Chief Yankowski is being very proactive in regards to Black Lives Matter.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None, there were no additions to the Agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Board reviewed the June, 2016, meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the June Meeting Minutes by Commissioner Noordhoek; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; approved unanimously. The minutes of the regular meeting of June, 2016, were approved and will be placed on file with the Lansing City Clerk's Office.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION - None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT from Chief Mike Yankowski

- The case of Terraza Griffin was reviewed by David Gilbert, Calhoun County Prosecutor and Michigan State Police which was an officer involved, fatal, shooting of Terraza Griffin. Michigan State Police and David Gilbert determined that the Lansing Police Department officers' actions were lawful and justified. Chief Yankowski gave an overview of the incident and stated the officers involved received no injuries. Lansing Police Department Internal Affairs Division is investigating to see that LPD procedures were followed. There were no questions by board members.
- He was invited by the White House to discuss the progress of the 21st Century Policing Task Force. He stated the committee discussed
 - o Officer involved shooting data
 - o Traffic data analysis
 - o Social Media
 - o Complaints
 - o Crime data
 - o Officer safety and wellness

- o Community policing and many other issues. His work with the task force will continue.
- He brought a representative from the Michigan Department of Civil Rights with him to the Area Chiefs' Meeting to discuss launching ALPAC. A citizen will be appointed to Co-Chair ALPAC with him. He invited board members to attend the first meeting.
- Blue Courage Training was completed with personnel. Blue Courage training involves professional policing and many agencies attended.
- On July 4th and during Common Ground over 130 officers worked on the 4th with no major incidents.
- Annual Command Training was held on June 28th, 2016, with LPD staff. Board members were invited to attend the next training session.
- On June 30th, 2016, the CPO's were introduced at the Baker/Donora Center. Eight new officers were announced with over one hundred citizens in attendance.
- GREAT officers have been busy this summer. LPD has attended several events. The basketball tournament is coming soon.
- August 9th, 2016, is National Night Out.
- Betsy Barnhill and Brian Kelley retired, Matt Salmon was promoted to Detective and Melissa Ouderkirk was promoted to Lead Detention Officer. He thanked Patty Farhat and Bob Noordhoek for attending the ceremonies. Captain Jim Kraus will retire. His ceremony will be held on July 27th, 2016 along with the promotion of Matt Salmon to Detective.
- A certified/certifiable process is being conducted with seven to eight applicants and a sponsorship program is being conducted with eight individuals. The next round of interviews will be conducted the second or third week of August.
- A few board members attended the Black Lives Matter event.
- The My Brothers' Keeper is moving forward.
- He is working with Pastor Tracy Edmund on coming up with a plan to engage with youths in our community.
- He will work on a body camera presentation to train board members on how they are utilized by officers.

LEGAL UPDATE - KRISTEN SIMMONS

- A copy of the brief that was filed in the SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES regarding UTAH v. STRIEFF will be sent to board members.
- Jim Smiertka is the new City Attorney.
- Two interns have been hired. They are considering hiring externs to work District Court.
- Most of the litigation cases are with outside council.

HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON REPORT from JOAN JACKSON JOHNSON (Bernard Brantley)

- Kids Connect invitations were passed out to board members. The event will be held on August 22nd, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The Mobile Food Pantry was held on Saturday at Friendship Baptist Church. He thanked Dr. Clyde Carnegie for all his help serving 500 individuals.
- There was a food drop at the Baker/Donora Center.
- There is a heat alert this week and through the weekend.
- The VOA reduced their beds from 50 to 25 and meals are no longer being served.
- The next food pantry is at Tabernacle of David Bernard passed out invitations to The Mobile Food Pantry was this held at Plymouth Church.
- Approximately 350 family food boxes were passed out.

CAPITAL CITY LODGE PROGRAM, INC., #141 - No comment, no representative was present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

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

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Gov't/Community Liaison Committee - No report.
- Awards & Incentives Committee - No Report.
- Budget Committee - No Report.
- Recruitment / Hiring Task Force: - Chairperson Macon stated he will set up a meeting with Chief Yankowski and Director Riley to see what the board can assist with.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Policies and Board Rules - There are three procedures that are being reviewed by the Committee.
- Complaint Committee - The Committee will meet on 7/27/16.
 - A. Commission Investigator Report - None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Farhat invited board members to her home to celebrate National Night Out.

Commissioner Carnegie attended the 4th of July celebration and complimented the motorcycle officers. He stated the security was great. He asked the CPO's to attend the next board meeting under the Education Presentation. He asked if LPD would be working with the School District again during football games. He asked if the Crossing Guards were trained for emergency situations that may occur. He stated Chief Yankowski's report was very informative regarding the shooting. He thanked Commissioner Farhat and Commissioner Noordhoek for their hard work serving as the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. He thanked Kristin Simmons for the information she shared. He congratulated Chairperson Macon for his new appointment. He feels the Capital City Lodge should be left on the Agenda because it creates some accountability to the board to give a report. Commissioner Macon stated he would continue to invite them.

Commissioner Noordhoek - No comment.

Commissioner Renfrew - He thanked Chief Yankowski and stated he is a great representative of the LPD. He read a poem to help board members.

Commissioner Sanchez-Gazella - She thanked Chief Yankowski for his extensive report and congratulated Chairperson Macon for his appointment. She also congratulated Chief Yankowski for his Co-Chairmanship on ALPAC and is interested in seeing who the appointed co-chair will be. She retired from the Lansing School District and is the new RSVP Coordinator. Her phone is 887-6116 and please do not use her School District email anymore.

Commissioner Coats - No comment.

Commissioner Macon - Thanked Commissioner Farhat and Commissioner Noordhoek for their leadership. He asked Chief Yankowski to have the CPO's do an educational presentation. He asked board members to let him know what sub-committees they are interested in being involved with as he may be making some committee member adjustments.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS - No other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Hochstedler - He asked how collaborative the Black Lives Matter and LPD are? Chief Yankowski stated it is a collaborative effort. LPD works collaboratively with the Clergy Forum which LPD has had a relationship with since 2014; we have hosted Community Dialog sessions. Chief Yankowski stated it is collaboration.

Oluwatobi Shola stated he thought Chief Yankowski was very proactive in regards to Black Lives Matter. He asked if all officers are receiving the same training as the new recruits. Chief stated no because MCOLES handles the training and LPD officers may have already been through the training.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.