

Mr. Scott asked if the Board of Police Commissioners have or will adopt a posture regarding the Federal Investigation relevant to the police department?

Chairperson Vann indicated that the Board would speak to that issue at a later date.

Chief Napoleon stated that the investigation was asked for by our Department. Unlike any other police department that has been subjected to this type of review. They have done so primarily at the will of the Department. I have maintained that we have an open Department and we welcome the Justice Department to look at whatever they chose. We have nothing to hide. The Justice Department can come in make suggestions, recommendations, or anything that will make our Department better for the community. We welcome them, we asked for this they didn't just come in and decide they were going to do this. They are here at the invitation of the City of Detroit via the Mayor with my concurrence.

Mr. Scott stated that two years ago our coalition met with City Council and requested Federal intervention

Chief Napoleon stated it came at the request of the Mayor.

Mr. Scott stated that he disagrees with the Chief, it came at the request of many of the citizens that had family members killed also.

Ms. Mitchell stated that she is the godmother of Lamar Grable, and the Executive Secretary of the Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality. In Edison, NJ, they have an officer that has the same alleged "M.O." as Eugene Brown. The reason they couldn't do anything about him was because of their contract. They also mentioned that no other higher up officials have any power against this. If that's the case in Detroit [which we have been told here] I am requesting that the Commissioners give us a meeting with the union representatives. We need to be able to find out what type of contract our police work under.

Chief Napoleon stated that our contract is available as a public document. If you make a request to the Department we will be happy to supply you with the collective bargaining agreement of the three unions that represent police officers. As far as you meeting with the union, that is a direct contact you will have to make personally. I can't make them meet with anyone.

Ms. Mitchell stated that she understands this. She has tried, and they have yet to call her back.

Chairperson Vann stated that she can get a copy of the contracts.

Ms. Seaborn stated that she lives in the community. Mr. Cracchiolo asked the Chief a