

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR CONTINUED

"One of the concerns on the Agenda," Chairperson Baylor related "was the number of Latinos on the force and whether or not it reflects the community that the department serves. They also express some concern about recruitment of Hispanics into the Police Department. I wanted, in response to that, to indicate on the record the current status of Hispanic applicants and those hired recently by the department. As of February 22, 1993 there were two (2) Hispanics hired, on May 24, 1993 seven (7), and there are ten (10) applicants who are presently going to begin the academy on September 20, 1993, which is just in a few days. So we have then nineteen (19) Hispanics either already hired or about to begin the academy. And that, of course, is a significant number. My understanding is that represents approximately 10% of the applicants since the beginning of the year. So it seems, I think, this would answer and satisfy the concern of the Detroit Latino Agenda and Coalition."

Vice-Chairperson Baylor also reported that the Board was in receipt of a request for Commission Authority to submit a grant award to Detroit City Council for its approval from the State of Michigan, Department of Management and Budget for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, in the amount of \$866,242.00. She asked for a motion for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Roy Levy Williams made the motion to approve the department's request to submit the grant award to City Council.

SECOND: Commissioner Harold L. Shapiro seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

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REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

Suspensions Without Pay

**Police Officer Michael Varner**, badge 1545, assigned to the Narcotics Enforcement Section, was suspended without pay by Chief of Police Stanley Knox on September 10, 1993.

On September 7, 1993, Officer Michael Varner assaulted a citizen in front of 7323 W. Chicago. It is alleged that Officer Varner produced a handgun and fired one or two shots at him and struck him with the gun.