

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Jon Reaud, Chairperson

Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson

Meeting Date: February 19, 2015

Dwight Benoit

Tom LeTourneau

Alma Hodge

Ronald Bishop

Karl Duerr

Norris Batiste, III.

Dwaine Augustine

Gene Bush

Glen Johnson

Jesus Abrego

Irmalyn Thomas

Douglas Rathgeber

Call to order by Chairperson Jon Reaud: A regular meeting of the Community Advisory Committee was held at **Beaumont Police Department Training Room**, 255 College Street, Beaumont, Texas on **February 19, 2015**. The meeting convened at **1:10 p.m.**

Members in attendance: Karl Duerr, Jon Reaud, Gene Bush, Irmalyn Thomas, Dwight Benoit and Jesus Abrego.

Members not in attendance: Dwaine Augustine, Norris Batiste, III, Tom LeTourneau, Alma Hodge, Ronald Bishop, Glen Johnson, Sandra Womack and Douglas Rathgeber.

City and Police Department personnel in attendance: Mayor Becky Ames, Councilperson Bill Sam, Officer Joe Ornelas, Lt. Kenny Spitzer, Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Chief Jimmy Singletary, Captain Jim Clay, Lt. John Cross, Sgt. Bobby Anderson, Lt. Chris Schuldt, Officer Jerry Lowe and Sgt. Rob Flores.

Invocation: Dwight Benoit

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Mayor Ames wanted to thank the committee for their efforts and for being the liaison between the police department and our community. She is happy the Chief, with his leadership, has been able to move forward with this board. She also said that seeing the flyers for different police events makes her proud because she has always been a big supporter of law enforcement.

Mayor Ames introduced the new Chairman for the committee, Mr. Jon Reaud. She also thanked Mr. Bill Sam for his service over the past years on the Committee, but that he would not be able to continue to serve as Chairperson since being appointed as a Councilperson for the City. She said that Sandra Womack will still serve as the Vice-Chairperson and appreciates all that she has done and wished that she would have been here today for the meeting to personally thank her.

Mr. Reaud wanted everyone to come together on the committee and continue to work together.

Officer Jerry Lowe and Sgt. Bobby Anderson were introduced to the Committee. Officer Lowe is the newly appointed President of the Beaumont Police Officer's Association (Union) and Sgt. Bobby Anderson is the new Vice President.

January Minutes: Motion from Mr. Bush to accept and a Second from Mr. Duerr. Minutes were approved.

Irmalyn Thomas introduced the guest speaker, Jefferson County's District Attorney, Bob Wortham.

DA Bob Wortham spoke to the Committee and went over some new things that he has implemented as the new District Attorney. Questions were asked by committee members.

Mr. Reaud is establishing a sub committee to review the by laws. The chair will be Dwight Benoit and others that will serve on the sub committee will be Irmalyn Thomas, Gene Bush and Jesus Abrego.

Mr. Reaud said that him and Mr. Bush have been working on setting up PSAs with Channel 12 to air, which will be 15 staged shots showing our police officers engaged with the public.

Mr. Benoit wanted the Committee to know that the Beaumont Area Pastor Council along with Clergy and Police Partnership organizations are putting on an event at the Gospel of Jesus Christ Church on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. if you would like to come show your support for our police officers.

Mr. Duerr wanted the Committee to know that the Knights of Columbus Council # 951 will be hosting a gumbo fundraiser in appreciation to our first responders on Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. where proceeds will be donated to the "100 Club".

There was some discussion between committee members on seeing police vehicles sitting out with no one in them around Beaumont.

Officer Ornelas wanted to let everyone know about the Stop the Violence event at Sprott Park at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 22, 2015. There will be food, music and speakers.

Benediction: Dwight Benoit

Meeting ended at 2:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. @ PD Training Classroom

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