

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Jon Reaud, Chairperson

Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson

Meeting Date: March 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 **March 19, 2015**. The meeting convened at **1:00 p.m.**

Members in attendance: Karl Duerr, Jon Reaud, Gene Bush, Irmalyn Thomas, Dwight Benoit, Douglas Rathgeber, Glen Johnson, Jesus Abrego, Alma Hodge and Sandra Womack.

Members not in attendance: Dwaine Augustine, Norris Batiste, III, Tom LeTourneau and Ronald Bishop.

City and Police Department personnel in attendance: Captain Glenn Durst, Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Judi Rawls and Cindy Bloodsworth.

Invocation: Dwight Benoit

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Chairman Reaud handed out a personal letter to the committee members to let them know what he would like to see accomplished.

Mr. Reaud said that he attended 6 neighborhood association meetings, in which he said that none of those organizations had ever heard of the Community Advisory Committee. He wanted the committee to know that it is important for us to do outside work.

There is a directive from the Mayor and says the Committee must complete the Citizens Police Academy and each of us our required to do ride a longs periodically. It was mentioned that Chief Singletary said you should do a minimum of 4 hours on each ride a long. Mr. Reaud handed out a ride a long sign up sheet and the forms to fill out to go on a ride a long. He said that we need to look at our calendars and turn it in at the end of the meeting. Mr. Duerr will be the Chair for the Ride-A-Longs. Mr. Duerr accepted this position and asked that all the forms be turned into him and he can go into more details after the meeting. He left his home number and cell number for the Committee.

Mr. Bush introduced Chris Fisher, the Port of Beaumont Director.

Mr. Fisher spoke for a few minutes on what he does and then introduced Mr. Stephen Davis the Chief of Police and Facility Security Officer for the Port of Beaumont. Then Mr. Davis spoke to the Committee about the Port.

Mr. Fisher said they do not offer tours for the port, but that he can sponsor someone or a group to come out and take a tour if the committee is interested. Mr. Duerr said he enjoyed the tour and found it to be interesting.

Mr. Duerr asked if Chief Jeffcoat could let the committee members know the hours of the watches so that people know when the shift starts for ride a longs.

Chief Jeffcoat said the following:

- 1st Watch-9:00 p.m. till 7:30 a.m.
- 2nd Watch-6:00 a.m. till 4:30 p.m.
- 3rd Watch-11:00 a.m. till 9:30 p.m.
- 4th Watch-4:00 p.m. till 2:30 a.m.

February Minutes: Committee approved, no corrections.

Mr. Reaud discussed with the Committee about instead of our normal meeting on April 16, 2015, we will instead utilize our time at the Cops and Kids Carnival on April 18, 2015 at the Event Centre at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Reaud is having shirts made up with the Committee's logo and will have those for you to wear at the Cops and Kids Carnival. Our speaker for next time will be Raquel West, so we will get in touch with her to see if she is available for the meeting in May. Mr. Benoit wanted the Committee to know that he will not be able to attend the Cops and Kids Carnival because he will be on a Missionary Trip.

Mr. Reaud would like for Cindy Bloodsworth to make up the tent cards for all members next time, so that he can learn everyone's name and he will take them up at each meeting.

Mr. Reaud passed around a form to have a portfolio made of each member that includes your name, address, what Council person appointed you, what year you started on the committee and a brief paragraph about your areas of interest and a little bit about professional life.

Laurie Witterstaeter will get out a contact list, so that all members have the committee's email, home addresses and phone numbers.

Mr. Reaud mentioned how Pastor Benoit has been a great asset to both this committee and to the City.

Cindy Bloodsworth mentioned that this past month we co sponsored a Bicycle Rodeo with Dishman Elementary in which 300 to 400 children attended. They gave away 70 helmets. Also,

Jefferson County was out there with their helicopter and a swat vehicle. A BMX Trick Show also performed, where their main message is bicycle safety.

On April 18, 2015 we are having our Cops and Kids Carnival at the Event Centre from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Mr. Reaud said that after the committee meets you can stay and volunteer and Cindy will find a job for you to be able to do. Cindy also mentioned that she has had over \$30,000 in contributions. YMBL donated \$5,000 and Exxon Mobil donated \$5,000, to name a few.

Cindy Bloodsworth also mentioned that she is beginning work on the Annual police department report and she should have it to the committee by May.

Mr. Abrego mentioned that they had a Hispanic Conference where 100 plus children attended. The officers that came out interacted with the children and it was great.

Mr. Reaud said that there will be a subcommittee to review the By Laws. Mr. Benoit said that we will be well on our way in May to present to the committee the By Laws. Mr. Reaud said that they are putting a lot of effort into the By Law review, which will specifically outline the gray zone on committee's attendance.

Mr. Reaud would also like to have a work session each quarter instead of a speaker. We also need to cover qualifications for the speakers that will meet our needs.

Mr. Reaud said that the committee needs to attend Neighborhood Association meetings and try to go to the furthest ones from your house. Ms. Womack said if she could get the Neighborhood Association Meeting notices sooner. We explained that a lot of times we do not know if they are meeting or if they have cancelled until the day of.

Chief Jeffcoat mentioned that Cops TV was back next Thursday to film at the police department.

Mr. Bush and Mr. Reaud have been working on 10-15 PSAs with the TV stations right now on short clips with an officer interacting with the public.

Ms. Thomas mentioned an incident that happened and the three officers that came out did a great job handling it.

Benediction: Douglas Rathgeber

Meeting ended at 2:19 p.m.

**Next Meeting: No Meeting April 16, 2015
****Asked that everyone show up at the Cops and Kids Carnival
10:00 a.m. at the Event Centre on April 18th******

Next Official Meeting will be May 21, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

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