

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Jon Reaud, Chairperson

Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson

Meeting Date: April 21, 2016

Rev. Dwight Benoit

John Stafford

Alma Hodge

Jesus Abrego

Karl Duerr

Rev. Vernon Tubbs

Steve Hoffman

Roy Steinhagen

Irmalyn Thomas

Glen Johnson

Rev. David Robinson

Gene Bush

Rev. William Wilson

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 **April 21, 2016**. The meeting convened at **1:00 p.m.**

Members in attendance: Irmalyn Thomas, Sandra Womack, Jon Reaud, John Stafford, Karl Duerr, Rev. William Wilson, Roy Steinhagen, Jesus Abrego, Rev. David Robinson and Glen Johnson.

Members not in attendance: Gene Bush, Alma Hodge, Rev. Dwight Benoit and Rev. Vernon Tubbs.

City and Police Department personnel in attendance: Captain Jason Plunkett, Captain Chris Schuldt, Chief James Singletary, Judi Rawls, Captain Tim Ocnaschek, Assistant Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Assistant Chief Jim Clay, Officer Tony Harding, Sgt. Cody Guedry and Lt. Kenny Spitzer.

Invocation: Rev. David Robinson

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence in memory of Officer Lisa Beaulieu

Sandra Womack–Roll Call

Roy Steinhagen and John Stafford went over their Ride A Long reports.

Karl Duerr wanted to thank Mr. Reaud and others that spoke at the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association meeting. He said they did a great job.

Sgt. Guedry wanted to nominate Detective Tina Lewallen for the next Good Deeds program.

Mr. Reaud updated the committee on Mr. Gene Bush's status.

Minutes from the March 2016 meeting were accepted via acclamation.

Mr. Steinhagen spoke about a friend of his that was robbed on Thomas Road. He would like to raise awareness. Chief said that people are starting to put in burglary alarms and security cameras. He also said that there has been suspicious activity but people are posting it on social media instead of letting the police department know. Chief Jeffcoat spoke about the patterns and identifiable information in regard to burglaries in Beaumont.

Mr. Abrego spoke about how the Hispanic community are being ignored. Mr. Reaud said that they can dedicate next month's meeting to seeing what can be done for him. Ms. Thomas said that the school district uses children as interpreters, but that they need to offer more English language classes. Rev. Robinson also talked about adult education classes and maybe trying to get a bilingual person to help.

Mr. Reaud said that the media needs to warn people that there is an increase in activity instead of causing more issues. Also, the committee needs to encourage people at their neighborhood association meetings to let the police know if they see any suspicious activity going on.

Rev. Robinson said that he knew the grandparents and the parents of the man injured at Walmart and wanted to know about that incident. Chief Singletary said that this particular incident can't be commented on at this time. Chief said they have spent the last four to five years showing the community that they can count on the police department and that we care about all of our citizens.

Mr. Johnson spoke about an incident involving some young people that were in a subdivision that they did not live in.

Benediction: Rev. William Wilson

Meeting ended at 2:12 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

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