

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Jon Reaud, Chairperson
Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson
Meeting Date: June 18, 2015

Dwight Benoit
Tom LeTourneau
Alma Hodge
John P. Stafford
Karl Duerr
Calvin Williams, Jr.

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 **June 18, 2015**. The meeting convened at **1:00 p.m.**

Members in attendance: Jon Reaud, Douglas Rathgeber, Tom LeTourneau, Karl Duerr, Gene Bush, Irmalyn Thomas, Calvin Williams, John Stafford, Glen Johnson, Sandra Womack and Pastor Dwight Benoit.

Members not in attendance: Dwaine Augustine, Alma Hodge and Jesus Abrego.

City and Police Department personnel in attendance: Chief Jeffcoat, Sgt. Flores, Judi Rawls, Officer Nick Thompson, Lt. John Cross, Captain Jim Clay, Cindy Bloodsworth and Chief Singletary.

Invocation: Dwight Benoit

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

May Meeting Minutes: Approved-Ms. Thomas and Mr. Bush

Mr. Jon Reaud welcomed Judge West.

Ms. Irmalyn Thomas introduced to the Committee Judge Raquel West of the 252nd District Court at Jefferson County.

Judge Raquel West spoke to the Committee.

Pastor Benoit spoke about the By Laws the subcommittee have been working on and that they should have a final copy for the Committee to look at in August, since he will not be at the July meeting.

Mr. Bush said the first PSA Channel 12 will be shooting is of Carol Riley. They will gather tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. and it will air by July 1st. This is for an officer that has gone above and

beyond the line of duty. This commercial will air on 4 channels 50 times during one month giving 200 exposures for the police department. Channel 12 is doing this free of charge.

The "Lunch with the Chief" show will be once a month on Channel 12 news. Questions will be funneled through to the Chief to look over and then he will answer these questions during that show.

Mr. Bush would also like the Chief to let him know if we have any information on officers that have went above and beyond the line of duty during the year.

Mr. Reaud would like for everyone to be going on a ride a long. This gives you a whole different concept of what an officer goes through. This will also help build the police department up to the community. Mr. Duerr will send you updates on the Ride A Longs. Mr. Williams said that he went on a ride along on 3rd Watch and said it was truly an eye opening experience, but as far as the calls it was a very uneventful day. He did say the shift meeting was very interesting. Mr. Duerr asked that all ride a longs go through him.

Mr. Reaud would like for everyone to turn in their profiles, so that he will be able to prepare a booklet. This will give everyone an opportunity to get to know a little something about each committee member.

Mr. Duerr thanked everyone for the condolences he received for Judy and spoke about her.

Mr. Duerr said he would like to reduce the speakers and spend more time on advising and giving recommendations. He also mentioned that all committee members need to go through the Citizens Police Academy.

Mr. Duerr said he was at the Citizens Police Academy Alumni meeting and was able to get someone signed up with the 100 Club. He also wanted to mention that he did not see in the 2014 Police Annual report that the Community Advisory Committee was mentioned. In his opinion the committee should be able to review the annual report before it is published.

Chief said that the Annual Report Cindy Bloodsworth came up with 3 years ago and has done an excellent job.

Mr. Reaud wanted to know who all gets a copy of the Annual Report. Chief said that the Mayor and Council received a copy. Cindy Bloodsworth said that our police partner agencies, NAACP, 100 Black Men also will receive a copy and it will be available electronically on our BPD website.

Cindy Bloodsworth said the Cops and Kids Carnival has been moved to August 22, 2015 at the Beaumont Civic Center and Riverfront Park. This will be able to provide both indoor and outdoor activities. Mr. Duerr would like to see 4,000 kids instead of the normal 3,000 that go to the carnival each year.

Mr. Johnson talked about teenagers going through his station and not having respect for others.

Sgt. Flores talked about a program that he will have for the middle schools.

Mr. Reaud said it is worth sitting in on the Neighborhood Association Meetings. He also asked if an advisory member could be with PCR when they speak at the schools. Mr. Williams said that parents should be invited and maybe have an attorney there to help answer questions and maybe even a probation officer.

Pastor Benoit mentioned the NAACP Annual Banquet and wanted to know if the Chief was going. Chief said that Chief Jeffcoat and Captain Clay will also be attending with him. He would also like to have some recruiting books.

Mr. Reaud said that the Chief has established a good relationship with the NAACP and the 100 Black Men.

Mr. Reaud wants the committee to email him or Laurie Witterstaeter on anything they would like to see on the monthly agenda. He would also like for each Committee member to email their Councilperson and give them feedback about the meetings.

Pastor Benoit wanted everyone to know that on July 9th at 6:00 p.m. at Magnolia Missionary Church there will be a Community Forum with community leaders and he asked everyone to try to attend.

Chief wanted the Committee to know that he is reorganizing the police department. He will update the Committee at the next meeting, but he plans to make Captain Clay an Assistant Chief and have 3 new captains.

Benediction: Douglas Rathgeber

Meeting ended at 2:34 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 16, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Training Classroom

**Minutes Taken by: Laurie Witterstaeter
Administrative Assistant/Administration
Beaumont Police Department
255 College Street
Beaumont, Texas 77701**