

# **MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee**

**Jon Reaud, Chairperson**

**Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson**

**Meeting Date: October 15, 2015**

**Dwight Benoit**

**John Stafford**

**Alma Hodge**

**Jesus Abrego**

**Karl Duerr**

**Douglas Rathgeber**

**Roy Steinhagen**

**Irmalyn Thomas**

**Glen Johnson**

**Rev. David Robinson**

**Gene Bush**

**Calvin Williams, Jr.**

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**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 **October 15, 2015**. The meeting convened at **1:11 p.m.**

**Members in attendance:** Jon Reaud, John Stafford, Gene Bush, Alma Hodge, Karl Duerr, Jesus Abrego, Sandra Womack, Irmalyn Thomas, Glen Johnson, Rev. David Robinson and Calvin Williams.

**Members not in attendance:** Douglas Rathgeber, Rev. Dwight Benoit and Roy Steinhagen.

**City and Police Department personnel in attendance:** Assistant Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Chief James Singletary, Judi Rawls, Assistant Chief Jim Clay and Cindy Bloodsworth.

**Invocation:** Rev. David Robinson

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Sandra Womack –Roll Call

Minutes from the September 2015 meeting were accepted via acclamation.

Pictures of the committee members were taken during the meeting.

## **Old Business:**

Ms. Thomas presented the draft "By Laws" for the committee members to view. She asked that if there are any changes to be made, to please let her know before the next meeting because she would like to vote on it soon. Police Legal Counsel Judi Rawls said that the name "By Laws" would need be change to "Rules" because the ordinance could not be changed without going through Council. Also, in the Draft there is some duplicate wording already mentioned in the City's Ordinance.

Mr. Bush said that Officer Kasey Nonette was chosen for next month's Good Deeds Program. There was a discussion among Board members as to who would give out the awards and also when the awards should be given out to the individual officers.

Mr. Duerr said there have not been any ride a longs since the last meeting. He was very pleased that Alma Hodge gave a verbal at last meeting on her ride a long and now has given him a written document.

Mr. Reaud wanted to remind the Committee that all members needed to do a short bio on your strong points, education, areas of interest, or anything that would be pertinent to the Board. He is making a booklet for the Committee that will have your bio and a picture. Ms. Womack asked that the form be resent out to members.

Ms. Womack brought up Motor Cop Rodeo where only 9 motorcyclist competed. She offered to go out next year and speak with other departments that have motorcycle officers. They had more volunteers than officers competing this year.

Mr. Duerr said that he attended the Awards Ceremony for the Rodeo and he said that Houston did a great job.

Mr. Reaud said that the 100 Club did not do a great job of working to try to get people in for this Motor Cop Rodeo. He said that they thought moving it to Parkdale Mall would help, but it did not.

Ms. Hodge wanted to know where the proceeds for the Motor Cop Rodeo go.

Mr. Stafford asked if we have a portable radar that we could put out on Dowlen around HEB and Walgreens.

Chief Jeffcoat said that we have radars in traffic and 10 additional radars in patrol.

Chief said that the City Manager wanted to put out empty police vehicles around town. Chief Jeffcoat said that Traffic manages them and in a few days they put an officer out to work that area.

Chief Clay said that the Constables office in Harris County is a full blown police department where they fight for their money. Constables are elected and hold a peace officer license. The only thing they are not allowed to do is inspect or stop commercial vehicles and they only have jurisdiction in the County they work in.

Cindy Bloodsworth mentioned that they are having an award reception for Crime Stoppers of the Year on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Event Centre. Allison Getz, Terry Metreyeon and Henry Adams have all been nominated to receive awards.

Also, Trunk or Treat is underway and PCR has it under control.

Mr. Bush said that the manager of HEB wanted to remind us that they have a room for us to write reports, etc. They have designated parking spots and you also get 50% off of meals. He wanted to see if the Chief can promote it.

Chief Singletary spoke about the hiring process. He said they had 150 apply and then he broke down the ethnicity of the applicants. He also stated how many made it to JRAT and how many are having background books distributed to them. Right now there are 6 openings and we have 9 in the academy. We expect 3 to 4 more openings by the end of the year. Also the cadets will come out of the Academy in December. Chief Clay wanted the Committee to know that usually only half that apply actually show up at JRAT. Mr. Bush wanted to know about the ones that are qualified that we do not have openings for, if they are put on a list. They are but they still have to reapply when there is an opening. Right now we have 260 sworn officers. Chief Jeffcoat said that the Academy is twice a year and we schedule a hiring process before the start of the academy.

Mr. Duerr wanted to mention before the meeting was adjourned that he would like to encourage ride a longs.

Mr. Reaud mentioned that Sgt. Cody Guedry is doing a great job and that he has heard really good things about him.

Mr. Johnson spoke about a SWAT callout that he was at and said it was impressive to see how it was handled.

**Benediction:           Rev. David Robinson**

**Meeting ended at 2:21 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:       Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.**

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