MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Jon Reaud, Chairperson Mrs. Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson Meeting Date: February 21, 2019

Rev. Dwight Benoit Mr. John Stafford Ms. Alma Hodge Mr. Jesus Abrego Mr. Karl Duerr Mr. Roy McGrath Mr. Roy Steinhagen Mr. Shawn Javed Mr. Glen Johnson Mr. Jonathan Owens Rev. Vernon Tubbs Rev. James Reed

Call to order by Community Advisory Committee Vice-Chairperson Sandra Womack: A regular meeting of the Community Advisory Committee was held at Beaumont Police Department Training Room, 255 College Street, Beaumont, Texas on February 21, 2019. The meeting convened at 1:05 p.m.

Members in attendance: Glen Johnson, Karl Duerr, John Stafford, Roy McGrath, Roy Steinhagen, Rev. James Reed, Jesus Abrego and Sandra Womack.

Members not in attendance: Rev. Dwight Benoit, Alma Hodge, Jonathan Owens, Rev. Vernon Tubbs, Shawn Javed and Jon Reaud.

City and Police Department personnel in attendance: Councilperson Bill Sam, Councilperson Virginia Jordan, Councilperson Mike Getz, Assistant Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Assistant Chief Jim Clay, Cindy Jeanis, Captain Chris Schuldt, Chief James Singletary and Sgt. Cody Guedry, Captain Jason Plunkett, Captain Tim Ocnaschek.

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence for fallen officers
Invocation: Assistant Chief Jim Clay
Roll Call-Sandra Womack
Minutes for January 2019 were approved via acclamation.

Cindy Jeanis spoke about leaving the Beaumont Police Department and taking a job at Event Facilities working as the Operations Manager at the City's new Lakeside.

Chief Singletary had some department updates:

Mental Health Officer Jeff Manzer is doing really great and he will be our speaker next month. Stats he provided are real encouraging.

Chief Clay was the guest speaker and spoke about our recruiting and mentoring programs. Board members asked questions regarding these programs. Mr. Abrego wanted to know if we were going to the schools. Chief Clay said we do go to the schools. We have a reading program, there is a college class, Citizens Police Academy and other numerous cops and kids programs.

Mr. McGrath wanted to know how we get the word out to students. Chief Clay said they focus on marketing through social media to tell about police programs. Mr. Abrego wanted to know what kind of social media. Chief Clay said Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Councilperson Jordan said that she attended Golden Triangle Days and that the problems start in failure of parenting and not having the right guidance at home. They should require parenting classes for those on public assistance. Mr. Abrego said that parenting classes are not effective at all. Chief Clay said that we are not going to be able to help everyone, but these programs may help some.

Sandra Womack welcomed the Councilperson Virginia Jordan, Councilperson Mike Getz and Councilperson Bill Sam to the meeting. She offered them an opportunity to speak about anything related to the City.

Councilperson Getz said that he attended today the opening of a new business at the 7500 block of Gladys that help mothers that are not lactating or rather producing breast milk for their babies. She also educates mothers on the importance of breast milk.

Sandra Womack thanked Councilperson Jordan for helping Animals by scrubbing puppy kennels.

Councilperson Sam said that he would like to bring the City together by talking to kids about craft jobs and apprenticeships and trying to get kids heading in the right direction. He is excited about the future of the City.

Roy McGrath wanted to thank Cindy for all she has done and they will miss her.

Benediction: Assistant Chief Clay

Meeting Ended: 1:56 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes Taken by: Laurie Witterstaeter

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