

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Jon Reaud, Chairperson

Mrs. Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson

Meeting Date: March 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 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 21, 2019**.

Members in attendance: Jon Reaud, Jesus Abrego, Karl Duerr, Roy McGrath, Shawn Javed, Jonathan Owens, Rev. Vernon Tubbs and Rev. James Reed.

Members not in attendance: Sandra Womack, Glen Johnson, Rev. Dwight Benoit, John Stafford, Alma Hodge and Roy Steinhagen.

Guest in Attendance: City Council Members Virginia Jordan, Bill Sam and Michael Getz

Pledge of Allegiance-Jon Reaud

Moment of Silence for Fallen Officers

Invocation: Rev. Tubbs

Roll Call

Minutes for February 2019 were approved via acclamation.

Our guest speaker was Jeffery Manzer, BPD Mental Health Liaison who presented one of the most informative lectures heard by our committee. Officer Manzer went into great detail as to the number of confrontations he was involved in concerning individuals who might have mental health issues that were being detained by patrol officers. Because of his knowledge and involvement many citizens that might have been arrested were handled by Officer Manzer and were able to be released without arrest. As a result of Patrol Officers calling Officer Manzer to the scene, 141 possible detainees were kept out of jail, 112 individuals were kept from going to area hospitals for treatment and 31 law referrals were made from Patrol Officers on the street.

Jeffery Manzer speaks with organizations, the police academy and works closely with the Mental Health Department throughout the year. His dedication and enthusiasm was very obvious to our committee and the City of Beaumont is a safer and better place because of his involvement. Due to the large number of absentees, Mr. Reaud asked that Officer Manzer come back later in the year and present his program again.

After many comments and words of appreciation by the committee, the meeting was turned back over to the Chairman. Mr. Reaud gave the floor to Chief Singletary to offer several remarks concerning Officer Manzer's success as the Mental Health Liaison.

Benediction: Rev. Tubbs

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes Taken by: Mr. Jon Reaud/Committee Chairperson