

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Jon Reaud, Chairperson

Mrs. Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson

Meeting Date: May 20, 2021

Rev. Dwight Benoit

Mr. Rodney Robichau

Ms. Alma Hodge

Mr. Jesus Abrego

Mr. Karl Duerr

Mr. Roy McGrath

Mr. Roy Steinhagen

Mr. Shawn Javed

Mr. Glen Johnson

Mr. Bill Sam

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 Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**, , Beaumont, Texas on **May 20, 2021 at 1:12 p.m.**

Members in attendance: Rodney Robichau, Rev. Dwight Benoit, Karl Duerr, Shawn Javed, Glen Johnson, Jon Reaud, Roy Steinhagen, Sandra Womack.

Members not in attendance: Jesus Abrego, Alma Hodge, Roy McGrath, James W. Reed, Bill Sam, Rev. Vernon Tubbs

Members of the Police Department in attendance: Dana Ward, Captain Jason Plunkett, Captain Chris Schuldt, Captain Ocnaschek, Assistant Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Chief James Singletary, Sergeant Cody Guedry, and Judy Rawls

Guest in Attendance: Councilperson Mike Getz, Councilperson Taylor Neild, Councilperson AJ Turner, Councilperson Chris Durio, Mayor Becky Ames, Councilperson Robin Mouton, and Roy West

Invocation: Rev. Dwight Benoit

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Roll Call-Sandra Womack

Minutes for January 16, 2020 were approved via acclamation

Chairperson Jon Reaud introduced the Mayor, Becky Ames, Mayor Ames spoke directly to the new council members AJ Turner and Chris Durio about how the Community Advisory Committee came together, the importance of collaborating with the police as well as the community. Mayor Ames then began to speak about how board members are selected, that each councilperson would select two candidates to be on the Community Advisory Committee.

After Mayor Ames concluded her message, Chairperson Jon Reaud thanked the Mayor for all of her hard work and dedication to this committee. Mr. Reaud continued on the topic of selecting board members, he stated that during these discussions the board has the opportunity to ask questions to the Chief of Police, Chief James Singletary, and Chief is allotted the opportunity to

respond. Mr. Reaud continued to educate the two new councilpersons that the individuals in which they select must attend a 14 week Citizen Police Academy as well as quarterly ride-along to obtain a better understanding of policing and what these officers face day to day. Each councilmember will obtain a copy of the minutes via email.

Chairperson Jon Reaud introduced the Chief of Police, Chief James Singletary. Chief Singletary briefly spoke about the importance of this committee and that it gives the opportunity for the department to become more transparent and establishes stronger relationships with community leaders.

Rev. Dwight Benoit spoke about the Clergy and Police Partnership (CAPP) and how these members are also a large part of the Beaumont Police Department and their mission is to keep unity within the community with public forums.

Vice Chairperson Sandra Womack spoke about the benefits of ride along and how it places the civilian in the police officers shoes and really gives a unique opportunity to see what police officers sees.

Glen Johnson was introduced, he spoke briefly on the Neighborhood Association Meetings that are held. Encourages the councilpersons attendance for their ward.

Laurie Whitterstaeter was verbally recognized for her dedication to the Community Advisory Committee and appreciation of her services.

Benediction: Rev. Dwight Benoit

Meeting Ended: 2:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes Taken by: Dana Ward/ Community Relations Specialist
Beaumont Police Department/Administration Division