

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: March 21, 2024

Chairman: Jon Reaud

Vice-Chairman: Shawn Javed

Members:

Dwight Benoit, John Dean, Carlos Hernandez, Sohaib Jabbar, Shawn Javed, Glen Johnson, Will Landry, Roy McGrath, Brian Nepveux, Lashon Proctor, Jon Reaud, Rodney Robichau, Frances Graham, William "Bill" Sam, Thomas Sigee

Call to order by Community Advisory Committee: Chairperson Jon Reaud

March 21, 2024 - 1:00 p.m: A normal meeting of the Police Community Advisory Committee was held in the Police Training Classroom.

Members in attendance:

Dwight Benoit, John Dean, Frances Graham, Carlos Hernandez, Sohaib Jabbar, Shawn Javed, Glen Johnson, Will Landry, Roy McGrath, Brian Nepveux, Jon Reaud,

Members not in attendance:

Lashon Proctor, Rodney Robichau, Bill Sam, Thomas Sigee

Members of the Police Department in attendance:

Chief Singletary, Assistant Chief Jeffcoat, Assistant Chief Plunkett, Captain Ocnaschek, Captain Tyler, Sergeant Swope, Judi Rawls and Emma Nelson

Guests in Attendance:

Mayor Roy West, Councilman Feldschau, Vicki Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer – Benoit

Moment of Silence for fallen officers

Roll Call – Vice-Chairman Javed

Chairman Jon Reaud introduced the Mayor. Mayor West spoke about the importance of law enforcement in any city. He said that the council is unified in their vision for city improvement. He spoke about city finances, budget, and the need to make the city more attractive. He spoke about the motivation for the convention center hotel and the need for accommodations to bring in business. In his mind, Beaumont is its own worst enemy sometimes because it is not very dangerous. The police are responsive, but obviously can't prevent most crimes. He said that most people used to think that things would get better organically, but city leadership now knows that they must step in and take action. He spoke about the Riverwalk concept.

Nepveux talked about how many projects aren't paid for with tax dollars and citizens misunderstand. He expressed the need to communicate when projects are grant funded. Landry

spoke about how citizens need to understand how the budget works. He also expressed how much he had learned about the city and police in Citizens Police Academy. Jabbar expressed support of the Riverwalk idea. He praised the entrepreneurial spirit in Beaumont and proposed the idea of a investment fund of some sort that community leaders could contribute to. Jabbar and Nepveux both spoke about how beautifying the city and investing in our greenspaces could bolster tourism – like bluebonnets or cherry blossom trees do. The Mayor closed by addressing taxes. Landry spoke about his organization A Million Men United for Christ and their program “Education vs Incarceration.”

Meeting Ended: 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2024 at 1:00 pm in the BPD Training Classroom

Minutes Taken by: Emma Nelson/ Community Outreach Coordinator
Beaumont Police Department/Administration Division