

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Jon Reaud, Chairman

Shawn Javed, Vice-Chairman

Meeting Date: September 21, 2023

Dwight Benoit
John Dean
Roy McGrath
Rodney Robichau
Sohaib Jabbar
Glen Johnson

Carlos Hernandez
Brian Nepveux
Bill Sam
Thomas Sigee
John Stafford
Mary Williams

Call to order by Community Advisory Committee Chairperson Jon Reaud: A regular meeting of the Community Advisory Committee was held at the Police Conference Room on **September 21, 2023 at 1:15 p.m.**

Members in attendance: Javed, Johnson, McGrath, Sam, Williams, Nepveux

Members not in attendance: Benoit, Dean, Hernandez, Jabbar, Reaud, Robichau, Sigee, Stafford

Members of the Police Department in attendance: Assistant Chief Plunkett, Assistant Chief Jeffcoat, Captain Ocnaschek, Captain Tyler, Captain Schuldt, Sergeant Swope, Judy Rawls and Emma Nelson

Guests in Attendance: Judge Giblen, Councilman Durio, Councilman Getz, Mrs. Vicki Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer – Bill Sam

Moment of Silence for fallen officers

Roll Call – Vice-Chairman Javed

Vice-Chairman Javed introduced guest speaker Judge Keith Giblen. He began by commending the BPD on their work during Operation Cease Fire. He said that the DA planned to get back with the BPD regarding the results on the legal side of the Operation Cease Fire arrests. Next he transitioned into the details about the One Pill Can Kill campaign against fentanyl. They see the tidal wave heading to our community. Fentanyl kills more people ages 18-35 than car wrecks and guns combined. Previously it was sprinkled through other drugs, now cartels are selling it straight. Judge Giblen and Brit Featherston plan to keep doing these talks throughout Southeast Texas. Our area of the state leads in overdose deaths. Interdiction is almost impossible with fentanyl. Mr. Nepveux asked if drug dogs could smell it. Chief Plunkett explained that they can smell natural opioids like heroin and opium, but that fentanyl is fully synthetic. Judge Giblen said they plan to take this talk to Lamar next and then all the local high schools. The committee discussed how this is affecting everyone. This is no longer just a problem impacting drug addicts, it is seeping into other parts of society and innocent people are falling victim.

Meeting Ended: 2:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 19, 1:00 pm in the BPD Training Classroom

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