

# MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Jon Reaud, Chairperson

Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson

Meeting Date: January 19, 2017

Rev. Dwight Benoit

John Stafford

Alma Hodge

Jesus Abrego

Karl Duerr

Roy McGrath

Mark Simon, Jr.

Roy Steinhagen

Irmalyn Thomas

Glen Johnson

Rev. David Robinson

Rev. Vernon Tubbs

Rev. William Wilson

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**Call to order by 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 **January 19, 2017**. The meeting convened at **1:07 p.m.**

**Members in attendance:** Jon Reaud, Sandra Womack, Roy Steinghagen, Rev. David Robinson, Rev. Vernon Tubbs, Glen Johnson, John Stafford, Karl Duerr, Roy McGrath, Jesus Abrego, Irmalyn Thomas and Rev. William Wilson.

**Members not in attendance:** Mark Simon, Jr., Alma Hodge and Rev. Dwight Benoit.

**City and Police Department personnel in attendance:** Captain Jason Plunkett, Chief James Singletary, Judi Rawls, Assistant Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Assistant Chief Jim Clay and Captain Chris Schuldt.

**Visitors:** Bill Sam and Police Chief Melvin Patrick

**Invocation:** Rev. David Robinson

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for all fallen officers

Sandra Womack–Roll Call

Minutes for November 2016 were approved via acclamation.

Mr. Reaud spoke about Pastor Wilson and why he has missed so many meetings.

Mr. Jon Reaud introduced Detective Tomora Hamilton.

Detective Tomora Hamilton spoke about Sex Offender Registration.

Mr. Reaud wanted to know if we had any statistics on how many sex offenders that have went back to prison once they were released. Detective Hamilton said that it is about 36% across the

state. Ms. Womack said that everyone needs to form a voice to help with legislature, such as the Texas Police Chief's Association.

Mr. Reaud said that bikers against child abuse is fixing to start up.

Chief Singletary spoke about the Town Hall meeting in regards to racism in the community. He also said he appreciated members of the committee showing up. Ms. Womack asked if we could let them know ahead of time when these meetings come up. Mr. Reaud said Channel 6 was live streaming it. Mr. Johnson said that he was wondering why Paul Jones kept bringing up why we have not hired enough black and Hispanic officers. Mr. Johnson thinks we need to explain to him why. Mr. Sam said that we are not the only ones that are having problems hiring minorities. Roy McGrath said that anyone wanting to join the police department should go through the Citizens Police Academy. Irmalyn Thomas said that we need to help educate minorities when they are younger. Chief Singletary said that the police department's Cops and Kids programs, PIP, Citizens Police Academy etc. will help in long term recruiting.

Mr. Reaud introduced the new Port Arthur Police Chief Patrick Melvin and said that he will be a tremendous asset to Port Arthur. Chief Melvin said he was happy to attend today's meeting and has a lot of good things planned for the police department.

**Benediction:** Rev. Vernon Tubbs

**Meeting ended at 2:30 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

**Minutes Taken by:** Laurie Witterstaeter  
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