

# **MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee**

**Jon Reaud, Chairperson**

**Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson**

**Meeting Date: January 21, 2016**

**Dwight Benoit**

**John Stafford**

**Alma Hodge**

**Jesus Abrego**

**Krepoarl Duerr**

**Douglas Rathgeber**

**Roy Steinhagen**

**Irmalyn Thomas**

**Glen Johnson**

**David Robinson**

**Gene Bush**

**Vernon Tubbs**

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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 21, 2016**. The meeting convened at **1:09 p.m.**

**Members in attendance:** Roy Steinhagen, Karl Duerr, Sandra Womack, Jon Reaud, Alma Hodge, John Stafford, Vernon Tubbs, Dwight Benoit, David Robinson, Glen Johnson, Jesus Abrego.

**Members not in attendance:** Irmalyn Thomas, Douglas Rathgeber and Gene Bush.

**City and Police Department personnel in attendance:** Assistant Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Chief James Singletary, Cindy Bloodsworth and Sgt. Cody Guedry.

**Invocation:** Dwight Benoit

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Reaud asked the Committee if it would be ok to have a certain officer or officers' names given for our moment of silence.

This Moment of Silence was for Officer Bryan Hebert with an end of watch on 07/08/11.

Roll Call-Sandra Womack

Rev.Vernon Tubbs introduced himself to the committee.

Minutes from the November 2015 meeting were accepted via acclamation.

## **Committee Reports:**

Ms. Womack reported that they raised around \$11,600 from the Toy Run for Blue Santa. Mr. Reaud would like to send a letter on behalf of the Committee to Officers Swope and Proenza for all that they do with the Blue Santa program.

Cindy Bloodsworth said that she met with TS and they are reformatting the Police Department's website and web pages. She said that she needs to get a picture of our newest member Rev. Tubbs so that she can have the pictures available to the public with their email attached. At some point she will get with the committee on confidentiality and the use of City email.

She also asked the Committee members if they would like to have business cards made up, if so to put the information on a piece of paper and she can have them to you by the next meeting.

Ms. Womack asked if we had a date on the carnival yet....Cindy said the Cops and Kids carnival will be Saturday, August 20, 2016 at the Beaumont Civic Center.

They are also having a Beaumont Bike Rodeo for kids. She said that it will be Saturday, March 5, from 10 till 2:00 p.m. They will have an obstacle course, helmet and bike check, how to be safe on the roadway and also the BMX Bike show will perform. Valero is cooking all the food and Exxon Mobil is coming out to help.

Mr. Reaud spoke about committee members making donations to help with medicine and food for the animals at the Beaumont Animal Services facility. He also presented Chief Singletary with a \$1,000 donation to Animal Services from himself. There is also an animal abuse hotline set up through Crimestoppers. Mr. Johnson said that he went to the shelter and was looking through the place it was very clean and spotless compared to what it looked like several years ago. Mr. Duerr asked Cindy Bloodsworth where donations are to be sent. Cindy said send to her attention at Beaumont Police Department, P.O. Box 3827, Beaumont, Texas 77704.

Chief Singletary spoke about how Cindy, Chief Jeffcoat, Chief Clay and Laurie have helped him create something from an idea he had. He also mentioned that the police department swore in 10 new officers last week and it was great to see some of the committee members there. He said he noticed and was very appreciative.

Chief Jeffcoat spoke about Open Carry Laws. Committee members asked questions in regards to this law.

Mr. Benoit will speak next time on the By Laws. Also, Chief said that Mr. Benoit will be sworn in next Thursday as the new Assistant Chaplain for the Police Department. Next Tuesday they are also going to talk about having another community forum.

Mr. Duerr issued a formal resignation for committee member Douglas Rathgeber.

Mr. Duerr also mentioned that a Park Ranger spoke at their Citizens Police Academy Alumni meeting Tuesday. He also mentioned that if any of the committee members would like to attend the Alumni meetings they are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month and the dues are \$10.00.

Ms. Hodge printed out a great article on Chief Singletary in Viva Southeast Texas if anyone wanted to read.

Mr. Duerr mentioned that the Chief has been attending the Caldwood Neighborhood Association meetings. He also said that there were no ride a longs in December or January to report.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

**Benediction:           Vernon Tubbs**

**Meeting ended at 2:13 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:       Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.**

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