

# **MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee**

**Jon Reaud, Chairperson**

**Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson**

**Meeting Date: February 16, 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 Vice Chairperson Sandra Womack:** A regular meeting of the Community Advisory Committee was held at **Beaumont Police Department Training Room**, 255 College Street, Beaumont, Texas on **February 16, 2017**. The meeting convened at **1:04 p.m.**

**Members in attendance:** Sandra Womack, Rev. Dwight Benoit, Rev. Vernon Tubbs, Rev. David Robinson, John Stafford, Karl Duerr, Glen Johnson and Roy Steinhagen.

**Members not in attendance:** Mark Simon, Jr., Alma Hodge, Jon Reaud, Jesus Abrego, Roy McGrath, Rev. William Wilson and Irmalyn Thomas.

**City and Police Department personnel in attendance:** Captain Tim Ocnaschek, Chief James Singletary, Captain Jason Plunkett, Captain Chris Schuldt, Assistant Chief Jim Clay, Assistant Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Cindy Jeanis and Sgt. Cody Guedry.

**Invocation:** Rev. Dwight Benoit

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for all fallen officers

Sandra Womack–Roll Call

Minutes for January 2017 were approved via acclamation.

Detective Duchamp and Lt. Karen Froman gave a presentation about the Special Crimes Unit.

Cindy Jeanis went over the events that are coming up. March 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a Car Show fundraiser for Cops and Kids here at the City Hall parking lot. Free to spectators and \$25.00 if you want to enter a car in. Also on March 21 at 6:00 p.m. there will be an event free to the public at Julie Rogers Theatre. This is call “Duty Calls: Honoring our First Responders” and Lt. Joe Torrillo will be the guest speaker. He is a retired New York Fire Fighter that survived the collapse of both towers on September 11, 2001.

Cindy also went over the Liberty Bell Award that Chief Singletary and the Beaumont Police Department will receive on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Jury Impaneling room at the Jefferson County Courthouse. Committee members are welcome to attend.

Assistant Chief Wayne Jeffcoat said that we have purchased with grant funds a course judgment simulator that is like an interactive video game. Chief Singletary would like for the Committee to be the first ones to try it out at the police station. This allows the operator to control the circumstances. You can use pepper spray, tasers, pistols and even long guns.

Also, body cameras will be coming up within the next few months.

Sgt. Guedry said on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. there will be a community forum at Harvest for Lost Souls church. This is the Forum that CAPPs puts on once a quarter.

Sgt. Guedry also went over the traffic stop program video that he is working on. It will let citizens know what to do if they are pulled over. There will be 5 simple steps that we will ask the citizens to follow. It is filmed with some overlay instruction. We will show the video at the next meeting to get some critique. He said that they will get this out on social media, through the television in the lobby and also he would like to show on the good deeds program to help carry on Gene Bush's memory. We will even have some concealed carry information that will be beneficial and go over if you have a flat tire, to move to a safer place.

Sgt. Guedry said that they have 15 neighborhood association meetings that are active right now. Mr. Johnson said the Caldwood group put signs out throughout their subdivision letting everyone know when the next neighborhood association meeting is which helps him remember. Chief said there are some meetings they attend that have more police officers than association members.

**Benediction:** Rev. Vernon Tubbs

**Meeting ended at 2:09 p.m.**

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

**Minutes Taken by:** Laurie Witterstaeter  
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