MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

William Sam, Sr., Chairperson Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson Meeting Date: September 18, 2014

Dwight Benoit Tom LeTourneau Alma Hodge Ronald Bishop Karl Duerr Jon Reaud Douglas Rathgeber

Dwaine Augustine Gene Bush Glen Johnson Jesus Abrego Irmalyn Thomas Norris Batiste, III.

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Community Advisory Committee was held at **Beaumont Police Department Training Room**, 255 College Street, Beaumont, Texas on **September 18, 2014**. The meeting convened at **1:00 p.m.**

Members in attendance: Bill Sam, Glen Johnson, Tom LeTourneau, Douglas Rathgeber, Karl Duerr, Gene Bush, Jesus Abrego, Dwight Benoit, Ronald Bishop, John Reaud, Irmalyn Thomas, Norris Batiste and Alma Hodge.

Members not in attendance: Sandra Womack and Dwaine Augustine.

Police Department personnel in attendance: Chief Jimmy Singletary, Assistant Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Captain Jim Clay, Captain Glenn Durst, Lt. Chris Schuldt and Police Legal Counsel Judi Rawls.

Invocation: Douglas Rathgeber

Pledge of Allegiance

August Minutes: Approved

Norris Batiste advised that he has been tied up with school, but that he wanted to continue to serve. This fall he has a 2:00PM class, but will attend until he has to leave.

Glen Johnson brought up attending council meeting to let them know about the committee and thanking them for the opportunity to serve. Item was discussed but no decision was made.

Chief Singletary introduced Judge Larry Gist.

Judge Gist gave a presentation on the Drug Impact Court and showed a video from a court in Florida which served as a pattern for his court.

Rev. Bishop asked what we can do to help out. Judge Gist asked that we can support the programs in the court.

Irmalyn Thomas stated that parents need to be held responsible.

Rev. Benoit spoke about, Grace Ministry, a Church and Drug Court partnership to assist with rehabilitation and education.

Karl Duerr gave a report on his ride along with Officer John Woods.

Rev. Benoit asked Chief Singletary about BISD police. Chief advised that he did meet with Interim Superintendent to answer questions and to discuss different scenarios they are looking at. There have been no decisions made as of yet.

Karl Duerr recommended a tour of the Port of Beaumont. This was discussed and it may take place at a later meeting.

Chief Singletary advised that Texas Ranger Bobby Smith will speak at the next meeting.

Irmalyn Thomas thanked everyone for their condolences on the loss of her son.

The Crime Rate was discussed along with the possibility of gang education at the Junior High level.

Goals for the Committee (Send your ideas to Sandra Womack before next meeting).

Benediction:	Ronald Bishop
Next Meeting:	Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Location: Police Training Classroom
Minutes Taken by:	<u>Jim Clay</u> Captain/Criminal Investigations Division Beaumont Police Department 255 College Street Beaumont, Texas 77701