

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Jon Reaud, Chairperson
Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson
Meeting Date: October 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

Call to order by Community Advisory Committee Member Karl Duerr (Temporary Chairperson for Jon Reaud's absence): A regular meeting of the Community Advisory Committee was held at **Beaumont Police Department Training Room**, 255 College Street, Beaumont, Texas on **October 19, 2017**. The meeting convened at **1:08 p.m.**

Members in attendance: Glen Johnson, Karl Duerr, Irmalyn Thomas, Roy Steinhagen, Sandra Womack and John Stafford.

Members not in attendance: Alma Hodge, Mark Simon, Jr., Rev. David Robinson, Rev. Vernon Tubbs, Rev. William Wilson, Rev. Dwight Benoit, Roy McGrath, Jesus Abrego and Jon Reaud.

City and Police Department personnel in attendance: Chief James P. Singletary, Judi Rawls, Officer Jessica McCauley, Captain Jason Plunkett, Captain Chris Schuldt, Assistant Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Assistant Chief Jim Clay and Officer Nick Thompson. Also in attendance were Mayor Becky Ames and Councilperson Virginia Jordan.

Invocation: Assistant Chief Jim Clay

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Roll Call-Karl Duerr

Minutes for August 2017 were approved via acclamation.

Mayor Becky Ames spoke to the Committee about Hurricane Harvey and how it affected our City. She praised Captain Tim Ocnashek for the work he did during the Hurricane. Mr. Stafford asked if there were any issues with the nursing homes and assisted living centers during emergency operations. Mr. Johnson said it was nice to see the officers going through the businesses. Mr. Duerr praised the Mayor for her outstanding community leadership during the Hurricane and Councilperson Virginia Jordan for all her hard work after the storm.

Officer Jessica McCauley spoke about the Neighborhood Association Meetings. Councilperson Virginia Jordan said that you have to come together with a single purpose in mind, there has to be a will to thrive. Captain Plunkett said that we can facilitate and coordinate speakers, but community leaders need to get people to come to the meetings.

Councilperson Virginia Jordan spoke about her Neighborhood Association. She said that the officers come out and she asked them just to speak about key points and then they get right to their neighborhood business where they have identified interests that are entertaining to their members. She said they have regular meetings and they have an email distribution with 80 to 90 members. She also recommends 6x9 cards that are given out with information on it. Mr. Johnson said that they put out signs in the neighborhood about the meetings.

Officer McCauley said that November 7th there is a Hispanic Community Meeting.

She also gave out a Flyer for the Ky Brown Fundraising event coming up on November 15, 2017.

Officer Nick Thompson mentioned that we will be having our Cops and Kids Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 10a.m. till 2p.m.

Benediction: Assistant Chief Jim Clay

Meeting ended at 2:11 p.m.

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

Minutes Taken by: Laurie Witterstaeter
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