

# MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Jon Reaud, Chairperson  
Mrs. Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson  
Meeting Date: January 17, 2019

Rev. Dwight Benoit  
Mr. John Stafford  
Ms. Alma Hodge  
Mr. Jesus Abrego  
Mr. Karl Duerr  
Mr. Roy McGrath

Mr. Roy Steinhagen  
Mr. Shawn Javed  
Mr. Glen Johnson  
Mr. Jonathan Owens  
Rev. Vernon Tubbs  
Rev. James Reed

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**Call to order by Community Advisory Committee Chairman 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 17, 2019**. The meeting convened at **1:10 p.m.**

**Members in attendance:** Rev. Dwight Benoit, Karl Duerr, Alma Hodge, Shawn Javed, Glen Johnson, Roy McGrath, Jonathan Owens, Jon Reaud, Rev. James Reed, Rev. Vernon Tubbs, Sandra Womack

**Members not in attendance:** Jesus Abrego, John Stafford, and Roy Steinhagen,

**City and Police Department personnel in attendance:** Councilperson Virginia Jordan, Councilperson Mike Getz, Councilperson Bill Sam, Captain Chris Schuldt, Judi Rawls, Captain Tim Ocnaschek, Cindy Jeanis, Captain Jason Plunkett, Sgt. Cody Guedry, Asst. Chief Jim Clay, and Chief of Police James Singletary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

**Invocation:** Rev. James Reed

Roll Call-Sandra Womack

Minutes for October, 2018 were approved with a correction that Sandra Womack had been absent. Motion to approve minutes was made by Rev. Benoit, seconded by Karl Duerr and passed.

Councilman Mike Getz spoke about the city's fireworks ordinance where he expressed concern about how powerful and dangerous today's fireworks are and the associated risks to citizens for injury. Some suggestions from the discussion included more citations being written as well as public service announcements being run prior to holidays to warn about firework hazards, the ordinance, and the potential for citations. Capt. Plunkett provided data regarding the Department's call load during holidays and the how the calls for fireworks are prioritized in dispatch (priority 5 – lowest). Chief Singletary stated that the Department would produce PSAs for the next firework holiday season.

Chief Singletary gave updates on the following topics:

- Homicide rates for 2018 were lower than 2017.
- The CAPP Community Forum held on November 1 at Temple of Praise Church was well attended with 25-30 citizens present.
- The Beaumont Police Department will soon be housing the National Integrated Ballistic Network managed by ATF, which provides automated ballistic identification software for forensic investigations. This equipment and software will be housed in the police station and the department will serve as the regional provider of this service to other law enforcement agencies.
- The Department is refreshing its recruitment marketing campaign with new videos featuring good role models in the community, with an emphasis on encouraging minority applicants.
- The Department's Cops & Kids program is currently exploring options to develop a mentoring program in cooperation with the Ben's Kids IEA program, the Minnie Rogers Juvenile Justice Center, and the Juvenile Probation Department.

General Discussion:

- Rev. Benoit expressed his concern about weapon activity, homelessness and game rooms.
- Karl Duerr discussed his perspectives about the need for parental guidance among today's youth.
- Rev. Tubbs suggested that the department include more information about career advancement opportunities in our recruitment materials.
- Several committee members expressed their interest in seeing the Department more engaged in mentoring efforts within BISD.

Cindy Jeanis announced that tickets for the Officer Bryan Hebert Memorial Foundation benefit concert on January 19 were still available for purchase.

**Benediction:** Rev. Dwight Benoit

**Meeting Ended:** 2:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 21, 2019

**Minutes Taken by:** Cindy Jeanis  
**Administrative Assistant/Administration**  
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