

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Jon Reaud, Chairperson

Mrs. Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson

Meeting Date: January 18, 2018

Rev. Dwight Benoit

Mr. John Stafford

Ms. Alma Hodge

Mr. Jesus Abrego

Mr. Karl Duerr

Mr. Roy McGrath

Mr. Mark Simon, Jr.

Mr. Roy Steinhagen

Mr. Shawn Javed

Mr. Glen Johnson

Mr. Norman Bellard

Rev. Vernon Tubbs

Rev. James Reed

Call to order by Community Advisory Committee 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 18, 2018**. The meeting convened at **1:04 p.m.**

Members in attendance: Jon Reaud, Sandra Womack, Rev. James Reed, Jesus Abrego, Roy McGrath, Rev. Dwight Benoit, Karl Duerr, Roy Steinhagen and John Stafford.

Members not in attendance: Alma Hodge, Mark Simon, Jr., Shawn Javed, Glen Johnson, Norman Bellard and Rev. Vernon Tubbs.

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

Invocation: Rev. Dwight Benoit.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Roll Call-Sandra Womack

Minutes for November 2017 were approved via acclamation.

New committee member Rev. James Reed introduced himself to the Board.

Mr. Reaud said that Irmalyn Thomas, Rev. Robinson and Rev. Wilson are no longer on the Board.

Introduction of the guest speaker Jefferson County District Attorney Bob Wortham. He also brought Gary Reeves from the DA's office. Spoke about crime in the City. Committee members asked questions. Sandra Womack asked about the Veterans Court. Mr. Abrego wanted to know if the gang members were coming from Houston or were they local. Rev. Benoit wanted to know

if there was something the Advisory committee could do for the District Attorney's office. Mr. Reaud said that pastors have an edge with the community. They can be an invaluable asset and an outreach for youth. Mr. Duerr wanted to let Mr. Wortham know that he sees that the District Attorney's office is on top of everything and that what he spoke about before the committee was informative and appreciated them coming today. Rev. Benoit also spoke about their drug treatment program that is offered and that they have an 85 to 90% success rate on recovery of drug addicts. Also, it was noted that the Port Arthur Walmart on 365 has the highest theft loss in the United States.

Chief spoke about an arrest of 8 people and that they prevented 6 driveby shootings from occurring and were able to retrieve multiple firearms.

Cindy Jeanis spoke about the Chief's Appreciation Banquet that is coming up January 30th.

Cindy Jeanis brought up Sandra Womack's ride-a-long. Ms. Womack spoke about her riding out with Officer Bacchiocchi and when they encountered people that were cold and he was handing out hand warmers to them. So she raised \$400 for 700 hand warmers and they were handing them out to people. Captain Plunkett also mentioned that Officer Bacchiocchi was buying these hand warmers with his own money.

Chief Clay mentioned that we are taking applications right now for cadet and officer positions.

Benediction: Rev. James Reed

Meeting ended at 2:18 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

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