

# **MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee**

**William Sam, Sr., Chairperson**  
**Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson**  
**Meeting Date: February 20, 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.**

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**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 **February 20, 2014**. The meeting convened at **1:01 p.m.**

**Members in attendance:** **William Sam, Douglas Rathgeber, Alma Hodge, Karl Duerr, Gene Bush, Ronald Bishop, Dwight Benoit, Sandra Womack, Glen Johnson, Norris Batiste and Jon Reaud.**

**Members not in attendance:** **Dwaine Augustine, Tom LeTourneau, Jesus Abrego and Irmalyn Thomas.**

**Police Department personnel in attendance:** **Captain Jim Clay, Lt. Kenny Spitzer, Captain Glenn Durst, Assistant Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Chief Jimmy Singletary, Judi Rawls, Lt. Chris Schuldt and Lt. Jason Plunkett.**

**Invocation:** Ronald Bishop

Pledge of Allegiance

January Minutes: **Approved**

Gene Bush wanted everyone to know that Jon Reaud was presented with an award for the work he has done with the 100 Club. Mr. Bush also thought it would be a great idea for Interim District Attorney Corey Crenshaw to be our speaker at next month's meeting.

Sandra Womack wanted to know about the man dressed up in the banana suit carrying a rifle. Chief said a citizen flagged down an officer to let him know that a man was dressed up like a banana and carrying a rifle. He was issued a ticket for soliciting. He was soliciting for Golden Triangle Tactical Shop, which is owned by the man that went through the mall with a rifle. That man was issued a disorderly conduct ticket. Chief Jeffcoat and staff have met with numerous people to find out their stance on this issue of soliciting. They went to shift meetings and did a 20 to 25 minute refresher course for the officers. Chief Jeffcoat is going to email a copy of this ordinance to the committee members. Mr. Johnson said he knows of two people that are trying

to get out of their lease at the Mall because of this incident. He is agitated that they are using this as an excuse.

Mr. Duerr wanted everyone to know that Mr. Sam, Mr. Benoit and Mr. Bishop have all joined the 100 Club today.

Lt. Chris Schuldt of the Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task force attended the meeting and was introduced.

Mr. Ronald Bishop would like to have a discussion on long guns for next time.

Captain Clay introduced Linda Johnson, the Director of the Jefferson County Regional Crime Lab. She spoke about the Crime Lab and what kind of forensic items they handle for the four counties they cover. She has worked there 24 years and they have 11 full time employees.

Chief wanted everyone to know that the ladies in the Police Department did a great job in getting the Awards Banquet together. He knows that the weather was terrible and wanted to thank the Committee members that attended.

Ms. Womack said that her Senior Ladies group was very appreciative that Sgt. Flores and 2 others came out to speak with them.

Ms. Womack also wanted the Committee to know that this Saturday, February 22, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. there will be a Bike Rodeo at Dishman Elementary School.

**Next Meeting:**            **Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Police Training Classroom**

**Benediction:**            Douglas Rathgeber

**Adjournment:**            The meeting was adjourned at **2:04 p.m.**

**Minutes Taken by:** **Laurie Witterstaeter**  
**Administrative Assistant/Administration**  
**Beaumont Police Department**  
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