

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Jon Reaud, Chairperson

Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson

Meeting Date: July 21, 2016

Dwight Benoit

Mark Simon Jr.

Alma Hodge

Rev. David Robinson

Karl Duerr

Rev. Vernon Tubbs

Rev. William Wilson

Roy McGrath

Glen Johnson

Jesus Abrego

Irmalyn Thomas

Roy Steinhagen

Call to order by 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 **July 21, 2016**. The meeting convened at **1:00 p.m.**

Members in attendance: Glenn Johnson, Roy McGrath, Karl Duerr, Roy Steinhagen, John Stafford, Mark Simon, Jr., Irmalynn Thompson, Alma Hodge, Jon Reaud and Sandra Womack

Members not in attendance: Dwight Benoit, Jesus Abrego, Rev. David Robinson, Rev. Vernon Tubbs, Rev. William Wilson

City and Police Department personnel in attendance: Chief James Singletary, Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Capt. Jason Plunkett, Capt. Tim Ocnashek, Officer Hayley Walters, Officer Troy Wagner, Officer Bobby Rector, Judi Rawls and Cindy Bloodsworth Jeanis

Invocation: Jon Reaud

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Chairman Reaud began the meeting by thanking all of the committee members who have participated in recent police-community forums.

Traffic officers Troy Wagner and Bobby Rector gave a very informative presentation on the Traffic Unit and its scope of duties. Topics covered included use of radar, traffic stops, profiling issues, weapons, traffic stop protocol, and numerous safety issues, in particular speed and seat belt usage. Following the presentation were a series of questions and answers from committee members involving various protocols that drivers should know and understand.

Mr. Simon explained that social media is where all the youth are getting their information about traffic stops and urged that we make the correct information known in that format.

Chief Singletary explained that the Department is currently working to develop several informational videos to inform citizens about proper protocol involving traffic stops and other

issues. Once developed we will air these in all forms of media, including social media. Officer Walters added that the Department will soon have access to its own Media Room which will enable us to produce media ourselves.

Jon Reaud stated that the committee is willing to educate the public in any way they can and encouraged committee members to share ideas.

Karl Duerr introduced our newest committee member, Mr. Roy McGrath. Roy is employed with Tri-Supply and is well known to the police department as he has served as chairman of the Tri Agency Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association for a number of years.

Karl Duerr made an announcement that the Chief is suspending ride-alongs for the time being until the antipolice threats lessen. This is in the interest of safety for both the officers and the people doing ride-alongs.

Cindy Bloodsworth discussed the upcoming Cops & Kids Carnival and asked that any committee members wishing to volunteer contact her for more information.

Officer Walters announced that Officer Jessica McCauley has been selected for the next "Good Deeds Officer of the Month," feature on KBMT-12

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Meeting ended at 2:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m.

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