

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Jon Reaud, Chairperson

Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson

Meeting Date: August 17, 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 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 **August 17, 2017**. The meeting convened at **1:00 p.m.**

Members in attendance: Glen Johnson, Roy McGrath, Karl Duerr, Rev. Dwight Benoit, Chairman Jon Reaud, Irmalyn Thomas, Roy Steinhagen and John Stafford.

Members not in attendance: Alma Hodge, Mark Simon, Jr., Rev. David Robinson, Rev. Vernon Tubbs, Rev. William Wilson and Sandra Womack.

City and Police Department personnel in attendance: Chief James P. Singletary, Judi Rawls, Officer Haley Morrow, Captain Jason Plunkett, Captain Chris Schuldt, Cindy Bloodsworth Jeanis, Assistant Chief Wayne Jeffcoat and Officer Nick Thompson. Also in attendance was Councilperson Virginia Jordan.

Invocation: Rev. Dwight Benoit

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Firefighter Jay Hinkie

Minutes for June 2017 were approved via acclamation.

Chairperson Jon Reaud emailed the committee about going to quarterly meetings. He said everyone said yes, but 3 members. Rev. Benoit said he supports going to quarterly meetings. Judi Rawls said that Council would have to approve. Mr. Reaud said that the Mayor wants to know how each board member voted and that she would take it to Council to get By Laws changed. Roy McGrath supports his decision. Mr. Steinhagen said that if we do not have monthly meetings then committee members do not need to slack off but go to Cops and Kids events and Neighborhood meetings, etc and stay active. Ms. Thomas said that she thought when she joined this committee we would have different task or assignments, something with more definite duties.

Mr. Reaud said that he would like committee members to bring issues in their communities, put it on the agenda and discuss at meetings. Maybe like 2 or 3 people with items on the agenda.

Mr. Duerr wanted to point out that the reason why we stopped going on ride a longs, was it was a turbulent time and the officer that you were riding out with needed to devote his time to a scene.

Ms. Thomas said that she would like to see subcommittees that are proactive on certain things. Mr. Reaud suggested going to lunch to discuss that further.

Mr. Duerr said that he thinks City Council should be monitoring the meetings and if a committee member misses 3 times your out. We need a working committee.

Councilperson Virginia Jordan said that she thinks that the committee should still have monthly meetings and if a person can't keep up with coming each month than they need to move on. She said that there is a lot of stuff out there and that the committee should meet.

Mr. Reaud provided a motion to table the idea of quarterly meetings for the remainder of the year. This was approved via acclamation.

Rev. Benoit said that he was charged into looking into the homeless areas and he has pictures and has spoken to many of homeless people and they choose to live that way. He said it needs to start with the property owners helping get these areas cleaned up around the City.

Chief Singletary spoke about many things. First he said he gave a presentation at Rotary. He said that Body Cameras are now on board. Chief Jeffcoat said that most have been issued to officers and the vehicles are about halfway from being finished. Chief Singletary said that there were 3 homicides. 2 of them were drug related. At the gun buy back we got a lot of guns off the street. He said it was great to see the Council, pastors and community working together. He said there is a federation meeting tonight where they are going to discuss some items there.

Committee viewed a 20 minute presentation about BPD strategies, community policing, intelligence led policing, Collaboration with Federal and local agencies, Community education and outreach programs, police procedures and training, cops and kids events. Cindy Bloodworth said that they raised \$40,000 for youth outreach programs.

Chief Jeffcoat spoke about technology and training.

Captain Plunkett spoke about the Special Assignments unit.

Mr. Reaud would like an updated Neighborhood Association list emailed to all committee members.

Cindy Bloodworth is to get out to committee members a print out of the presentation.

Officer Morrow said that she has a traffic safety brochure, there is also a 4 minute video that they tried to keep simple. Mr. Duerr said to keep hands on steering wheel. Councilperson Virginia

Jordan suggested a LRI Safety Wallet. Captain Schuldt said that a lot of people probably wouldn't utilize the safety wallet because you have to use your license so often. He said they would evaluate it and let her know. Mr. Johnson suggested that the safety video be shown at the Neighborhood Association meetings. Mr. Reaud said that Nadia may be able to run a banner. Officer Morrow said the best way to push out information is on Facebook.

Mr. Johnson spoke about an incident in his neighborhood where a kid was missing.

Ms. Thomas brought up that there are still young kids walking around Parkdale Mall by themselves.

Benediction-Rev. Dwight Benoit

Meeting ended at 2:36 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. (NO SEPT MEETING)

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