

# **MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee**

**Jon Reaud, Chairperson**

**Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson**

**Meeting Date: August 18, 2016**

**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**

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**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 18, 2016**. The meeting convened at **1:04 p.m.**

**Members in attendance:** Roy McGrath, Alma Hodge, Karl Duerr, Jon Reaud, Sandra Womack, Jesus Abrego, Rev. Vernon Tubbs, Glen Johnson, Roy Steinhagen and John Stafford.

**Members not in attendance:** Rev. Dwight Benoit, Mark Simon, Jr., Irmalyn Thomas, Rev. David Robinson and Rev. William Wilson.

**City and Police Department personnel in attendance:** **Officer Haley Walters, Lt. Mike Mills, Assistant Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Assistant Chief Jim Clay, Captain Jason Plunkett, Captain Chris Schuldt, Chief James Singletary and Cindy Jeanis.**

**Invocation:** Rev. Vernon Tubbs

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence in memory of Officer Conrad Gernale

Sandra Womack–Roll Call

Mr. Reaud welcomed Lt. Mike Mills to the meeting and that he will be speaking to the committee today on drug issues.

Minutes for July were approved by acclamation.

Mr. Reaud said that the Cops and Kids Carnival will be this Saturday from 10-2 p.m. He would like to see the Committee volunteering. He will have his ice cream stand out there giving away free ice cream. They will also need people to help put up chairs and tables afterwards.

Lt. Mike Mills spoke to the Committee about the Narcotics Unit. Questions were asked by Roy McGrath, Karl Duerr, Sandra Womack and Jon Reaud.

Mr. Duerr, wanted to thank the Chief and others that came out to the check presentation for the 100 Club this morning where Danny Martin of Martin Motors donated a check to the 100 club for \$20,000. He really appreciated everyone that showed up. Mr. Reaud said it a great seeing people paying for officers' dinner, praying for them and even supporting the 100 club.

Ms. Womack wanted to thank Beaumont Police Department for help in the Ride for the Blue campaign. Port Arthur Police Department matched the donation and we raised over \$9,000 to go to the Dallas Police Officers Association.

Chief Singletary said an application was put in for our weight room and we received the grant.

Rev. Tubbs spoke about the Community Forum that is tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the First Full Gospel Church on Pine Street.

Chief Jeffcoat spoke about setting up the FATS machine, where you will be able to come by and use at your convenience for 30 minutes to an hour. Lt. Mills said this machine is taken from real life scenarios. Chief Clay said it is a good training tool and they can change up the scenarios depending on your reaction to the visual. Mr. Reaud said that it would be great to see how everyone's reaction is.

Chief Clay said that tonight the Citizen's Police Academy starts. It will run for the next 13 weeks and will be from 7-9:30 p.m. every Thursday. Mr. Reaud wants to find out who on the Committee has not taken the Academy.

Chief Singletary said that Paul Jones and John Adams want us to read the DOJ report from the Baltimore shooting and see if there is anything we can learn from it.

Chief Clay also mentioned that we will be receiving 170 heavy body armored vests soon.

Chief Singletary said that the City has agreed to purchase long guns to any officer that would like one and can qualify with it. Captain Plunkett said that so far they have had 8 officers ask to receive a gun. Chief said that we have an x-officer that will be teaching a 3 hour course on active shooter and ambush training to our officers.

**Benediction:** Rev. Vernon Tubbs

**Meeting ended at 2:23 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

**Minutes Taken by:** Laurie Witterstaeter  
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