	LAKEWOOD PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 – 5:30 PM** **LAKEWOOD SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER** **9112 LAKEWOOD DRIVE SW** **LAKEWOOD, WA 98499**

CALL TO ORDER
Jason Gerwen, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

ATTENDANCE
PRAB Members Present: Jason Gerwen, Vito Iacobazzi, Sylvia Allen, Alan Billingsley, Susan Dellinger, Heinz Haskins & Anessa McClendon.

Guest: Eagle Scout member Riley Pase.

Staff Present: Mary Dodsworth, Director; Cameron Fairfield, Office Assistant; Elizabeth Scheid, Rec Coordinator.

Council Liaison: Don Anderson; Not Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alan Billingsley moved and Vito Iacobazzi seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2015 meeting as presented. MPU.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Saul thanked the Board for the work they did with the Remote Control Flying Area and the gathering place projects. Bob then asked about a park area that does not have an official name near Ponders. His concern was with its proximity to the railroad tracks and may require some sort of new fencing.

NEW BUSINESS:
Senior Center Update: Elizabeth Scheid provided an update regarding the current Pierce County lease for the Lakewood Senior Activity Center. The lease at the current location is up at the end of the 2015 calendar year. Elizabeth and a stakeholders group have been assessing alternative locations. So far there has only been one viable option. The city currently spends approximately $60,000 a year on the current lease. The Board discussed their interest in the new location and criteria to consider.

Eagle Scout Project: Riley Pase, Eagle Scout candidate, is proposing to build a dog agility course at the Fort Steilacoom Dog Park. He is working with Protect Our Pets for design and funding support. He and his team plan to begin building at the end of September and plan to finish by the end of October. The area would be 40' x 40'. This area would be maintained by the Protect our Pets organization. Jason Gerwen moved and Alan Billingsley seconded the motion to approve the Eagle Scout project. MPU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Gathering Spaces Update: Mary Dodsworth presented the PRAB recommendations (design, location, etc) to City Council on September 21st. Council did not make a motion at the end of this presentation or provide direction to staff. The cost estimate is $750,000 for this project. On

October 19th staff will provide a formal PRAB recommendation and ask for direction regarding next steps.
US Open Update: Mary presented a PowerPoint slide show recapping the US Open. There was excellent communication between all parties involved. Our social media outlets had over 10,000 views during the Open. There was a lot of positive feedback for the transportation plan used to get from I-5 to Fort Steilacoom Park. Because of the extra security and patrol, crime statistics were significantly down. PLU will be conducting an economic impact study that will be discussed at a later date.

DIRECTORS REPORT: City of Lakewood Parks and Recreation has received several grants to improve Springbrook Park. There is a plan to build a bridge to make the park more accessible to the surrounding community. We've also received grants to improve the trail around Waughop Lake at Fort Steilacoom Park. Mary is awaiting a response for a grant that would be used to improve the ball fields at Fort Steilacoom Park. Mary summarized other summer program success.

BOARD COMMENTS: Sylvia Allen presented a reminder about the upcoming Partners for Parks Walk the Waughop event. Sylvia handed out flyers to all of the park board members and asked if they would encourage others to participate in this event.

NEXT MEETING: The next PRAB business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27th at 5:30pm at Lakewood City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Sylvia Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Alan Billingsley seconded the motion. MPU

Jason H Gerwen

Jason Gerwen, Chairman

M Dodsworth

Mary Dodsworth, Director