



## **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 1, 2014  
Lakewood Police Department  
9401 Lakewood Drive SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

### CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Present: Bryan Thomas, Joseph Boyle, Alan Hart, Michael Lacadie, Ray Dotson and Julio Perez-Tanahashi

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: Sheri Badger and Aaron Young

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: Lonnie Lai

City Councilmember Present: Marie Barth.

Fire Department Staff Present: No Fire Department Personnel present

Lakewood Youth Council Present: No Youth Council member present.

Staff Present: Committee Staff Support, Chris James, Senior Office Assistant.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michael Lacadie motioned to approve the September minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Betty Denchlaw and Shirley Warp were in attendance to ask questions about the burglaries that were taking place in their district (District 4.) Some of their questions involved alarm systems,

cameras and best practices, as a home owner, to help deter the burglars from targeting their homes. Discussion ensued.

#### CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Marie Barth stated that Springbrook had a meeting the night before but there was no one from PSAC present; it would be a good idea to have someone from PSAC attending these meetings. Springbrook is feeling disconnected and isolated and it would be nice if we could reach out to them. Ray Dotson volunteered to cover the Springbrook meetings in future.

Councilmember Marie Barth stated that Joseph Boyle has been attending the Lakewood United meetings and added that tomorrow they would be having a debate for a couple of the council positions; she believes it's Dick Murray and Mary Moss.

Councilmember Marie Barth stated the Community Vision Plan Workshop went well and was fairly well attended; the City will be compiling the information gathered at that workshop and posting it on the website soon.

Councilmember Marie Barth stated that Washington State was awarded 4.3 million for Economic Development by the Department of Defense and that Lakewood would receive some of that. Councilmember Barth reminded everyone that the City is still focusing on "image" because there still seems to be so much negativity when people hear "Lakewood" and the fact is that things have improved so much and this is a great place to live, so the City is focusing on trying to get that information out there in a positive way.

Bryan Thomas asked about the railroad issue. Councilmember Marie Barth reminded them we lost our law suit so now the best we can hope for is some separation from the schools, etc. with fencing and such.

Michael Lacadie asked about abandoned homes; his understanding was that PSAC had been planning on looking into this issue. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that the committee had this issue on their work plan, but they were waiting for the new Assistant City Attorney to come to a meeting so they could discuss the issue with her. Bryan Thomas stated he will ask Joanna Nichols to send out the abandoned homes/Wall of Shame email/info to members again.

#### FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

No Fire Department personnel present.

#### POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

##### **Handout-Crime and Incident Report (August 2014)**

There were no Police Department personnel present. Chris James relayed the information that Assistant Chief Mike Zaro had given her, which included an update on the accreditation assessment the Department had recently completed. There were a few recommendations, and the report will be back in November, so that part is done, nothing further needed from the

Committee at this point. As far as the US Open, the planning committees are just starting to meet so Assistant Chief Zaro will keep PSAC updated as information rolls out from those meetings. Discussion ensued.

Alan Hart asked about the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans. Chris James doesn't have the details, but Joanna Nichols will have to let the Committee know what those plans are when she gets back.

#### YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

No one from Youth Council was present.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas stated it was time to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair for PSAC. Discussion ensued. Motion was made to postpone voting. There was no second; nominations proceeded. Alan Hart nominated Ray Dotson for Vice-Chair. No other nominations for Vice-Chair. Ray accepted nomination and voting commenced. All ayes; Ray is the new Vice-Chair. Julio Perez-Tanahashi nominated Alan Hart for Chair. Alan Hart accepted the nomination and also nominated Bryan Thomas. No other nominations for Chair; voting commenced. Bryan is the new Chair.

Ray Dotson stated that he had a citizen approach him about homeless vets in Pierce County, stating it was a significant problem in Lakewood. Discussion ensued. It was suggested he direct the citizen to Rally Point 6 for further information and resources. Councilmember Marie Barth stated the person to contact at Rally Point 6 is Ann Spurte.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas asked if people had received the emails regarding shopping cart information and the abandoned homes information. Chris James will ask Joanna Nichols to ensure that everyone has the information before the next meeting.

#### REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Julio Perez-Tanahashi recapped his District 5/Lake City Neighborhood Association meeting, adding that Police Department and Fire Department personnel were both present as well. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Marie Barth suggested the committee considering doing up business cards to hand out when they attend these meetings. Discussion ensued. Ray Dotson will look into it further pending running it past our new Assistant City Attorney and the Chief/Assistant Chief of Police.

Ray Dotson asked about the Springbrook Neighborhood Association meeting, stating he just tried to look it up and he is seeing two different dates for the next meeting. It was agreed that

Joanna Nichols or Briana Schumacher would have the information and would be able to give him the correct date.

Bryan Thomas discussed his outreach to the Civil Service Commissioners Board; they were holding lateral oral boards on 10/23/14. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

Alan Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Attest:

  
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Bryan Thomas, Chair

  
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Joanna Nichols / Secretary