

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 3, 2014
Lakewood Police Department
9401 Lakewood Drive SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Present: Bryan Thomas, Joseph Boyle, Alan Hart, Michael Lacadie, Aaron Young, Lonnie Lai, Ray Dotson Sheri Badger and Julio Perez-Tanahashi

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: None

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: None

City Councilmember Present: Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present: No Fire Department personnel present.

Lakewood Youth Council Present: No Lakewood Youth Council members present.

Staff Present: Assistant Chief Mike Zaro, Committee Staff Support, Joanna Nichols, Administrative Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alan Hart asked for a correction on the November minutes. Michael Lacadie motioned to approve minutes with correction. All ayes; corrected minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public was present.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Marie Barth recapped the City's successes over the last year and stated that the bi-annual budget had been passed. Councilmember Barth also stated that the City was working on a new solution for a divider in Tillicum which was causing some traffic problems. The old divider was being removed and they were discussing a better solution to the traffic flow issue in that area.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

No one from the Fire Department was able to attend.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-Crime and Incident Report (October 2014)

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro answered questions regarding the monthly statistics. Alan Hart asked about the number for homicides stating he thought it was off by one. Assistant Chief Zaro agreed and stated he would look into it further.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro gave a hiring update, emphasizing that we need to hire people as soon as possible. Discussion over hiring and the recent unrest caused by the Ferguson Grand Jury decision ensued.

Bryan Thomas asked about a recent article in the News Tribune, "Dangerous Cities in Lakewood" which listed Lakewood as #14, specifically inquiring as to where they get their numbers. Discussion ensued.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro also discussed an article in the Suburban Times regarding Problem Gambling Grant money which was reallocated, after approval of written request submitted to the Grant Board, to purchase Jet Ski's for the Department. These Jet Ski's would enable the Department to monitor more than one lake at a time during the summer months, something the citizens of Lakewood had been requesting for some time now.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

No one from the Youth Council was able to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Handout-Shopping Cart Survey

Ray Dotson passed around a handout with information he had gathered regarding shopping carts from a few local businesses. Discussion ensued. Assistant City Attorney Kimberly Cox stated that she had been checking with other jurisdictions and so far none of them seemed to be having very much luck with their programs, but stated she would look into it further and get back to the PSAC members so they could make a final decision. Councilmember Marie Barth

suggested posing the question, survey style, on Facebook to find out how important an issue the citizens felt the shopping cart issue was.

Assistant City Attorney Kimberly Cox stated that she hadn't had a chance to look into the "wall of shame" idea yet, but she would get to that one as soon as she could. Councilmember Marie Barth suggested we post this question on Facebook, as well, to try and determine citizen's level of concern with this issue. Assistant City Attorney Cox agreed she would talk to Brent Champaco about this.

Assistant City Attorney Kimberly Cox stated she had looked into the solicitation ordinance and it was already a misdemeanor to solicit, within City of Lakewood city limits, without the proper paperwork and permits. There really wasn't anything more to be done there, other than educating the public that this was the case, so they could "enforce" it when people/solicitors came up to their door. Bryan Thomas agreed this was information we could pass on to the Neighborhood Association Meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Joanna Nichols confirmed that the next meeting for the Springbrook/Pacific Neighborhood Association would be on January 27th, 2015.

Bryan Thomas and Sheri Badger announced that the February 4th PSAC Meeting would be held at the Emergency Management Center located at 2501 S. 35th Street in Tacoma, at 5:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

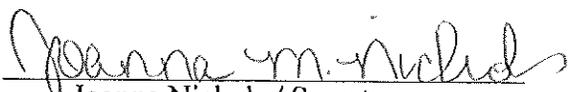
Michael Lacadie motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Attest:



Bryan Thomas, Chair



Joanna Nichols / Secretary