

## **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 4, 2015  
Lakewood Police Department  
9401 Lakewood Drive SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

### CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: Lonnie Lai

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: none

City Councilmember Present: Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth

Lakewood Youth Council Present: Riki Takeuchi.

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alan Hart motioned to approve the February minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

## CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Marie Barth gave an update on some of the upcoming economic developments expected and suggested we have Becky Newton come and speak to the Committee sometime. Councilmember Barth also reminded everyone about the toxic algae warning at Lake Steilacoom and the Father/Daughter Dance coming up on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Marie Barth stated that the City Manager, Mayor and Deputy Mayor went to Washington D.C. recently to meet with the Representatives there and it went very well.

Councilmember Marie Barth added that two problem hotels, the Rainier and Vagabond were gone and Curbside Motors was going to be moving in soon.

Councilmember Marie Barth gave an update on the Steilacoom barn and stated that Representative Dick Muri has taken that on; hopefully they will get some money to clean it up soon.

## FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth stated that the Fire Department was up about 5% in calls for the year and discussed a recent HazMat incident at a Lakewood apartment. Assistant Chief Roth stated that the Department is attending bicycle training in preparation for the US Open. Assistant Chief Roth also stated that their next CERT training would begin April 25<sup>th</sup>, and the training that was currently underway was going well.

Assistant Chief Karl Roth reminded everyone that Disaster Preparedness Day was March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Bryan Thomas stated that the email response they had received from Rachel Adler regarding Councilmember Brandstetter's question about fire extinguisher requirements for apartment buildings seemed to confirm that they have a reasonable policy on this and no further action was required by the Committee. The Committee agreed.

## POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Chief Farrar announced to everyone, in case they hadn't already heard, that he was retiring effective April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and thanked everyone for their service over the years.

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

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro answered questions regarding the monthly statistics and stated that the annual report would be ready next month; he would be taking it to Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Discussion ensued.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro gave a hiring update, stating that Lateral Oral Boards were happening next week and that we would have another retirement in May. Assistant Chief Zaro also discussed the New World Bar, stating that CSRT is working closely with the military to get a handle on the situation there. Discussion ensued.

Bryan Thomas asked if it was too soon to look at numbers from the mental health grant/project. Assistant Chief Mike Zaro stated he didn't have the numbers on him, and it was too soon to use the numbers to judge the efficacy of the program, but we can definitely look at the activity at the next meeting. Discussion ensued. Bryan stated he was interested in having the new Mental Health Professional come to a meeting and Assistant Chief Mike Zaro agreed this could happen; Joanna Nichols will schedule that.

#### YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

Riki Takeuchi discussed all the upcoming events the Youth Council would be participating in, to include the Daddy/Daughter dance and Relay for Life.

Riki Takeuchi also stated they are trying to be more creative with their fundraisers this year, so there is a lot of brainstorming going around that.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### **Handout-Shopping Cart Memo**

Assistant City Attorney Kimberly Cox discussed what she had learned regarding the shopping carts program. Her recommendation at this point was to start light. Bryan stated that the committee needs to come to a consensus on their recommendation regarding this issue. Discussion ensued. It was decided that Ms. Cox will draft up a letter stating the Committee's recommendation which can be given to City Council for approval; PSAC will look at that letter, make any changes they feel necessary, or approve as is, and move forward from there.

Assistant City Attorney Kimberly Cox stated that the abandoned homes issue was still on her plate, she just hadn't had a chance to look into it further.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas asked about SummerFest, which will be on July 11<sup>th</sup> this year, and the possibility of having someone from the Charity come to the next meeting to discuss whether they would be interested in the Committee doing another booth this year. Discussion ensued. Joanna Nichols will look into the availability of a Charity Board member for the next meeting.

#### REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

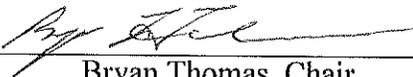
There were no reports from board members or staff this month.

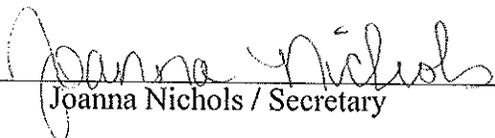
ADJOURNMENT

Sheri Badger motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Attest:

  
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Bryan Thomas, Chair

  
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Joanna Nichols / Secretary