

## **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 5, 2015  
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, Bob Saul, John Fuller, Charles Ames

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: Alan Hart and Michael Lacadie

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: Julio Perez-Tanahashi and Ken Witkoe

City Councilmember Present: Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present: No Fire Department personnel present

Lakewood Youth Council Present: Out for Summer

Staff Present: Interim Chief of Police Michael Zaro, Assistant City Attorney Kimberly Cox and Committee Staff Support, Joanna Nichols, Administrative Assistant.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joseph Boyle motioned to approve the July minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.

### INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Bryan Thomas asked new committee members to introduce themselves.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public present. Jordan Michaelson arrived later and asked about body cameras. Discussion ensued.

## CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

City Councilmember Marie Barth recapped National Night Out, stating that her biggest impression from the evening was that the citizens of Lakewood love their city.

City Councilmember Marie Barth discussed their Legislature wish list, listing examples such as the I-5 JBLM corridor 4<sup>th</sup> lane, the connector road for Gravelly Lake and Thorne Road, among many others, stating we had been lucky enough to be granted everything on the list, so those would be coming over the next several years. Discussion ensued.

City Councilmember Marie Barth discussed some of the new businesses that would be coming to Lakewood soon, some of which had already opened, such as the Habitat for Humanity Store. Discussion ensued.

## FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

No Fire Department personnel present.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Unfinished business was moved due to Assistant City Attorney Kimberly Cox needing to leave early to attend another meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the Shopping Carts issue. Kimberly Cox will resend the letter to Chief Zaro for his approval and then move forward in putting to City Council by sending it to Alice Bush. Joanna Nichols will resend letter to new members, as well.

Assistant City Attorney Kimberly Cox stated she is still working on the abandoned homes issue; she had finally spoken with someone from Auburn but had a few follow up calls to make still. Discussion ensued. City Councilmember Marie Barth suggested we invite Jeff Gumm from Community Development to come speak to the committee about abatements.

Bryan Thomas stated that the dunk tank at SummerFest last month had earned \$580 for the Lakewood Officers' Charity, which was more than last year. Based on this Bryan asked if everyone wanted to do it again next year. Discussion ensued.

## POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

### **Handout-Crime and Incident Report (June 2015)**

Interim Police Chief Michael Zaro stated he had been out of state the last few weeks, attending the Senior Management Institute for Police training in Boston, Massachusetts. Discussion over that training ensued. Chief Zaro discussed case review and also stated that he has been looking into trying to track how often our officers are successful at de-escalating a situation/call to which they respond.

Interim Police Chief Michael Zaro informed the Committee that Investigator Jeff Martin had been selected as Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Officer of the Year.

Bryan Thomas asked about staffing and Interim Police Chief Michael Zaro stated that we are still hiring; we have two new entry-levels who graduated from the Academy last month and we are looking to hire at least one more entry-level before the list expires. Discussion ensued over targeted recruiting.

Bryan Thomas asked if there had been any news regarding the Chief selection. Interim Police Chief Michael Zaro stated that he was anticipating the process to begin in the next couple of weeks.

#### YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Youth Council is off for the summer; no comments from them.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas informed the new members that this is the time of the meeting where members are encouraged to bring any new issues to the committee that they'd like the committee to consider tackling and/or learning more about.

John Fuller mentioned a couple of safety issues he'd noticed such as the Lakes High School track team using the left side of the road on Military Road, where there was no sidewalk and a couple of intersections where he felt the stops signs were too far back. Discussion ensued.

Charles Ames asked about less lethal options for officers. Bryan Thomas stated that the committee had reviewed the Use of Force policy last year and they will again after the first of the year. Discussion ensued regarding oversight versus review.

Bryan Thomas reminded everyone that if they wanted to do a ride along, they needed to get their paperwork to Joanna Nichols and she would make it happen.

#### REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Bryan Thomas stated that he wanted everyone to take a look at the Community Outreach page of their packet and consider if they might be able to commit to attending one of those meetings every month. If they could, they just needed to let Joanna Nichols know and she'd update the list. Discussion ensued.

Robert Saul asked about inviting other committees to our meeting, or vice versa, to discuss issues with them that might cross into both committee areas, such as the remote control planes/drones being legal at Fort Steilacoom Park soon. Discussion ensued.

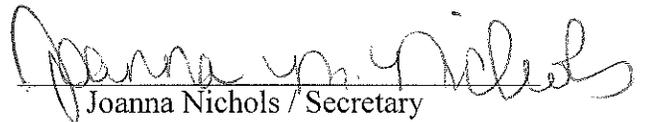
ADJOURNMENT

Robert Saul motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Attest:

  
Bryan Thomas, Chair

  
Joanna Nichols / Secretary