



## **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 2, 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, Alan Hart, Michael Lacadie, Julio Perez-Tanahashi and Ken Witkoe

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: None

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: None

City Councilmember Present: Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present: Rachel Adler and Corbin Richman, Americorps member for West Pierce Fire and Rescue.

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

Joanna Nichols pointed out the correction she made to the minutes between sending them via email and the ones included in their packets. Bob Saul motioned to approve the August minutes with the correction. All ayes; minutes were approved.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public present.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### **Handout-Abatement List**

Guest Speakers: Assistant City Manager Dave Bugher and Community Development Program Manager Jeff Gumm.

Unfinished business was moved to allow our Guest Speakers, Assistant City Manager Dave Bugher and Community Development Program Manager Jeff Gumm to leave in time for their next meeting. Dave Bugher and Jeff Gumm gave PSAC members a summary of what abatements are, how the program worked in the City of Lakewood and where most of the current abatements are within the City. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that Jeff would send Joanna Nichols the Substitute Senate Bill 5694 information as well as the state representatives name, in regards to the Bill that had been defeated, which would have helped the City enforce abatements a little more aggressively, thereby ensuring quicker compliance.

Bryan Thomas asked if we could get someone from Code Enforcement to pick up where Assistant City Manager Dave Bugher and Community Development Program Manager Jeff Gumm had left off. Interim Chief Michael Zaro stated he would find someone for the next meeting.

## CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

City Councilmember Marie Barth discussed the recent windstorms and park closures, as well as replacing the lighting system, which the City was moving forward with now that the money for that had come through. It is a great thing as it will save the City a substantial amount of money.

Bob Saul asked about a timeline for the Steilacoom Barn. Councilmember Marie Barth stated she would ask for a more specific timeline from the Council and let PSAC know.

City Councilmember Marie Barth stated that she had run into a citizen who has been taking pictures of the shopping carts he sees around the city, every day; she asked him to bring the pictures to the meeting tonight. He was not there, so she stated she would contact him and ask him to bring the pictures in to Joanna Nichols.

## FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Rachel Adler stated that the West Pierce Fire and Rescue would be holding their annual 9/11 ceremony at Station 31 at 7:30 p.m. as well as attending the City Hall ceremonial lowering of the flag at 8:30 a.m.

### **Handout- CERT Training Announcement**

Rachel Adler stated their upcoming CERT class, in September/October was full and they were already planning for their next session in February.

Bob Saul asked if WPFR had any personnel over in Eastern Washington. Rachel Adler stated that Hallie McCurdy was still there, and several other staff members had been there, helping in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) but none of their fire fighters were there on the front lines, so to speak.

### 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

Bryan Thomas asked about the Chief of Police position. Interim Police Chief Michael Zaro stated that the announcement had gone out the other day, internally, and the announcement closes on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued regarding the process.

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

Interim Chief of Police discussed the Crime and Incident Report, explaining some of the numbers in greater detail, such as prostitution and larceny numbers. The Department had done an emphasis prior to the US Open, in an attempt to get the word out that Lakewood was really cracking down on that activity, in the hopes of deterring any extra activity that might have been thinking of coming into town during that time. As for the vehicle prowls, the officers were working those hard, and NPO's, etc. were talking to the Neighborhood Associations, reminding people NOT to leave valuables in their car, or at least not in plain view. Discussion ensued.

Alan Hart asked about a US Open report. Interim Chief of Police Michael Zaro stated he would get that out to them; Joanna Nichols will email it out.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas asked again about the Neighborhood Association Meetings. After much discussion it was agreed that Charles Ames would report back on the Springbrook meetings and would attend tomorrow night's Tillicum meeting. Bob Saul will take over the Tillicum meetings starting October. Bob Saul will also take over the Lake City meetings, and Julio Perez-Tanahashi will attend the Lakeview meetings.

Joanna Nichols reminded everyone that next month would be elections, so bring your nominations and be ready to vote, with a reminder that everyone's attendance would, therefore, be greatly appreciated and needed.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

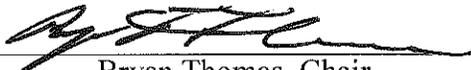
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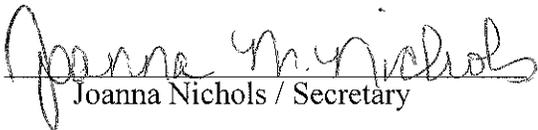
ADJOURNMENT

Alan Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Attest:

  
Bryan Thomas, Chair

  
Joanna Nichols / Secretary