



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 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, Bob Saul, John Fuller, Charles Ames, Alan Hart, and Michael Lacadie

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: Joseph Boyle, Julio Perez-Tanahashi and Ken Witkoe

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: Ayana Rice

Staff Present: Lieutenant Heidi Hoffman and Committee Staff Support, Joanna Nichols, Administrative Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alan Hart motioned to approve September's meeting minutes. All ayes, minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Harry Black spoke about shopping carts and the homelessness issue in Lakewood. He stated that both were a big problem and that he was very glad to hear that PSAC was looking into the issues, as he feels the shopping carts needlessly sully the City's image. He wants everyone to see how beautiful Lakewood is, and the shopping carts do not project that beauty.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

City Councilmember Marie Barth discussed her meeting with Mr. Mike Johnson, of the Tacoma Rescue Mission, which was changing its name to "Rescue Mission" because it is a county-wide issue, not just Tacoma. Mr. Johnson is developing a beta program and will be bringing it to the Council when it is more defined and ready for presentation.

City Councilmember Marie Barth stated that the City Council was busy coming up with a vision plan for how they'd like the City to look when the 30th Anniversary comes around.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout- Alarm Summary (September 2015)

Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth discussed the alarm summary data, stating they were up 1,000 calls for the year to date.

Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth shared that the Fire Department had been awarded a grant to help purchase a new fire engine; they had just completed CERT class #28 with 27 individuals graduating and added that class #29 would begin in February, and handed out a flyer for the Fall Fun Days happening on October 24th. Alan Hart asked about the new ordinance for fireplaces and stoves, which was passed on October 1st, wondering what, if any, exceptions there were to the ordinance. Chief Roth stated he would research it further and get back to everyone.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-Crime and Incident Report (August 2015)

Lieutenant Heidi Hoffman discussed the Crime and Incident Report and a discussion about the Police Chief position, the interviews which were held today, and when a final decision could be expected ensued.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ayana Rice was in attendance and introduced herself. She attends Clover Park High School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Handout-Municipal Code excerpt

Guest Speakers: Community Development Building Official Leonard Yarberry and Building Inspector Ron Baer

Leonard Yarberry and Ron Baer discussed the abatement process, and passed around examples of houses currently on the abatement list. Bryan Thomas asked how a property was brought to Community Developments attention. Discussion over the entire process ensued.

Alan Hart asked about the US Open numbers. Joanna Nichols stated she would work on getting these for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas opened the floor for Chair and Vice Chair nominations. Discussion over process ensued.

Bryan Thomas nominated Alan Hart for Chair. Alan Hart accepted the nomination. Alan Hart nominated Bryan Thomas as Vice Chair. Bryan Thomas accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Bryan Thomas called for a vote for Alan Hart for Chair. All ayes; Alan Hart is the new Chair.

Alan Hart called for a vote for Bryan Thomas for Vice Chair. All ayes; Bryan Thomas is the new Vice Chair.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Charles Ames gave a report on the Tillicum Neighborhood Association meeting for September. He stated that David Anderson was voicing his concern over the Lethal Force policy. Discussion ensued. Robert Saul gave a report on the Tillicum Association for October; he gave a brief recap to include one concern from the group being kids on bikes roaming the streets at night and pulling out in front of cars.

Robert Saul also gave a report on the Lake City Neighborhood Association meeting. He stated that there was concern about what was going to happen to the Lake City Elementary School, as it was currently a potential hotspot for vandalism and homeless encampments. Discussion ensued.

Robert Saul mentioned that the Northeast Neighborhood Association had expressed some concerns at the Council meeting and was curious if those concerns had been dealt with: their concern was a specific house (4115 108th St SW) and the need for a speed hump on one of their streets. Discussion ensued.

Bryan Thomas asked about the Teriyaki place which had burned down on 100th Street. Lieutenant Hoffman didn't have anything new to report on that one, but thinks it's possible they are battling with the insurance company regarding rebuilding.

ADJOURNMENT

Alan Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Attest:

Bryan Thomas
Bryan Thomas, Chair

Joanna Nichols
Joanna Nichols / Secretary

by Alan Hart
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