

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 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: Alan Hart, Bob Saul, John Fuller, Charles Ames, Joseph Boyle, Julio Perez-Tanahashi, Ken Witkoe and Michael Lacadie

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: Bryan Thomas

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: None

City Councilmember Present: Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present: Rachel Adler

Lakewood Youth Council Present: Ayana Rice

Staff Present: Lieutenant John Unfred, Chief Michael Zaro and Committee Staff Support, Joanna Nichols, Administrative Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michael Lacadie motioned to approve October's meeting minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.

Alan Hart asked for a motion to congratulate Chief Michael Zaro on the official promotion to Police Chief. Michael Lacadie motioned to congratulate Chief Zaro; all ayes.

Charles Ames motioned to congratulate Councilmember Marie Barth on her successful campaign for Councilmember; all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Briana Bradley from UW-Tacoma presented their concerns regarding sidewalk issues in Lakewood, with specific emphasis on the sidewalk, or lack thereof, outside the Community Center, etc. on Lakewood Drive Southwest. Handouts and pictures were passed around. Discussion ensued.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

City Councilmember Marie Barth passed around a letter the City Council had received from a citizen commending Lieutenant Jeff Alwine for assistance he had recently provided.

City Councilmember Marie Barth discussed the road work projects underway, the sewer project, the Army's scheduled downsizing, and gave an economic update.

Robert Saul asked about progress on the removal of the barn. Councilmember Marie Barth stated she would ask again for a timeline regarding that issue.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout- Alarm Summary (October 2015)

Rachel Adler discussed the Alarm Summary for October and discussed their last CERT class. They had added 94 new volunteers (through CERT) this year alone.

Rachel Adler discussed the Train Derailment Exercise which WPFR, LPD, and St. Clare Hospital all participated in last week. Lieutenant John Unfred debriefed everyone further, stating that further training would be forthcoming for all Emergency Management members.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-Crime and Incident Report (September 2015)

Lieutenant John Unfred asked everyone to save their questions regarding this handout for Chief Zaro.

Handout- US Open Report

Lieutenant John Unfred gave a recap on the US Open, complete with PowerPoint presentation handouts.

Handout-Okanogan County Wildfires Report

Lieutenant John Unfred gave a recap on the Okanogan County Wildfires and his participation with the Emergency Management response, complete with PowerPoint presentation handouts.

Handout- 3rd Quarter Report

Chief Michael Zaro went over the 3rd quarter report handout. Discussion ensued.

Julio Perez-Tanahashi presented some questions he had been asked from some citizens. Discussion ensued.

Joseph Boyle asked Chief Michael Zaro if he had considered submitting articles to the Suburban Times regarding LPD events, issues, and the like. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that Joseph would arrange a meeting between the Suburban Times and Chief Zaro, along with perhaps PIO Lawler.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ayana Rice discussed some of the events the Youth Council had been involved in, such as Truck and Tractor Day and Make a Difference Day, as well as some of their upcoming events, like Stuff the Bus.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Robert Saul asked about last month's citizen speaker, Mr. Black. Chief Michael Zaro stated that Officer Rocco had been in touch with Mr. Black. Councilmember Marie Barth stated that Mr. Black had emailed her as well and was happy with what PSAC had suggested as well as the actions they were taking. Councilmember Barth stated that Mr. Black, Jr. had expressed an interest in applying to be on PSAC.

Joanna Nichols informed the committee that she had mailed out the shopping cart letters to the top 10 stores, list provided by Sergeant Eakes, this week. We will check back with Sergeant Eakes and the NPO's in a couple of months to see if they have noticed any improvements in the shopping cart issue.

Alan Hart asked about the abandoned homes issue and the Wall of Shame. Discussion ensued. Assistant City Attorney Kimberly Cox will touch base with Auburn, again, to see what their process is for placing houses on the Wall. Joanna Nichols will re-send the email from Auburn, which Assistant Attorney Cox had shared with PSAC a couple of months ago, and place this on next month's agenda for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Handouts- Alan Hart's Proposed Work Plan and Projects

Alan Hart asked everyone to look over the work plan for next year, as well as current ideas for projects for PSAC to tackle and requested that any new ideas to add to the list, and/or work plan, be emailed to Joanna Nichols. Alan also suggested that members start thinking now about next year's SummerFest, and any other community events they wanted to participate in and/or attend.

Chief Michael Zaro stated that the City Manager was planning on sending out a citizen survey, and there would be public safety questions on the survey; to try to send out a second survey, as suggested in Alan's list, would be a duplication of efforts and time and possibly frustrating to citizens. In addition, the WPCR was conducting a survey right now, as well, and PSAC might want to consider reviewing their survey, too. Alan Hart asked Rachel Adler to send a copy of the WPCR citizen survey questions to Joanna Nichols. Rachel stated she would send them as soon as she could.

Chief Michael Zaro reminded everyone that the 6th Annual Fallen Officer Food Drive was scheduled for November 25th from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. here in the parking lot at the station. Joanna Nichols will send the sign-up sheet again, in case anyone on PSAC wanted to help out.

Charles Ames asked about a joint meeting with the University Place and Tacoma PSAC's. Discussion ensued. Charles will contact them to schedule and let Joanna Nichols know.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Robert Saul asked about the Community meetings, stating he believed their attendance was important. Discussion ensued.

Robert Saul gave a recap on the Lake City meeting, stating that Investigator Sean Conlon's gang report was excellent and he was going to suggest to the Tillicum meeting that they invite Investigator Conlon to give the same presentation to them.

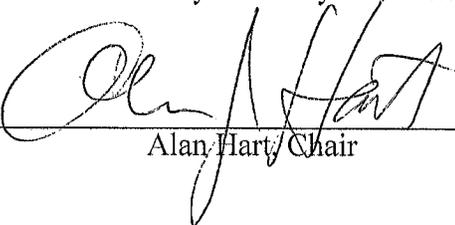
Robert Saul asked for clarification on the process for issues brought to the PSAC members. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that Joanna Nichols would ensure that issues brought up at a meeting would be placed on next month's meeting agenda for further discussion/review and that all decisions would be shown in the minutes.

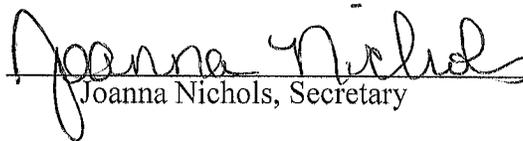
ADJOURNMENT

Joseph Boyle motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Attest:


Alan Hart, Chair


Joanna Nichols, Secretary