



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 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: Alan Hart, Bryan Thomas, Bob Saul, John Fuller, Charles Ames, Joseph Boyle, Ken Witkoe and Michael Lacadie

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: None

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: None

City Councilmember Present: City Council Liaison out sick.

Fire Department Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth

Lakewood Youth Council Present: Ayana Rice

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public was present.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Marie Barth is out sick and unable to attend the meeting.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth discussed some of the latest fire incidents and stated that they had begun the testing process for five new fire fighters; they would be sending them to academy on February 1st, 2016. Discussion ensued regarding some of the fire incidents.

Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth stated that Santa would be coming to town starting next week. Joanna Nichols will share their posts on Facebook.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-Crime and Incident Report (October 2015)

Chief Michael Zaro discussed the stats, stating that the new CAD system was making it difficult on our Crime Analysts to extract numbers, but that would get easier in a couple of months.

Chief Michael Zaro stated we are still waiting for final numbers from the Food Drive but that it went very well. Chief Zaro stated that West Pierce Fire and Rescue were a big help throughout the entire day.

Chief Michael Zaro stated that the Lakewood Officers' Charity would be hosting their Holiday meals on December 18th, at the Station and Shop with an Officer on December 20th, at the Lakewood WalMart. Discussion ensued regarding the Charity and how to donate. Joanna Nichols will send out the website information.

Chief Michael Zaro informed everyone that John Unfred is our new Assistant Chief, effective December 1st and Chris Westby will be the newest Lieutenant, effective January 1st.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ayana Rice discussed some of the events the Youth Council had been involved in, such as Stuff the Bus, where they raised \$3,000, as well as their upcoming events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alan Hart asked where the Committee wanted to go with the Abandoned Homes issue. Discussion ensued. Bryan Thomas suggested tabling the issue till the next meeting, and Assistant City Attorney Kimberly Cox will try to send a draft of the recommendation to Joanna Nichols to send out to PSAC members, hopefully by the next meeting, for their perusal and comments.

Alan Hart asked about the sidewalk issue presented by the citizens at last month's meeting. Chief Michael Zaro stated that the City Manager had called him regarding this issue and the City is already working on the sidewalk issue. They had placed the request for money to put in sidewalks in their last grant proposal but it had been denied; the City is aware of the issue and they are actively working on it. It was agreed that PSAC will make the recommendation that the City continues to work on this issue, and asked Joanna Nichols to put it on the calendar to revisit in a year.

Handouts- Surveys from City Manager and West Pierce Fire and Rescue

Alan Hart asked if, after reviewing the handouts, the members were still interested in doing their own survey, as well. Discussion ensued. It was agreed PSAC would wait and see what comes back from these two surveys.

Alan Hart stated he wanted the committee to start thinking about, and working on, the SummerFest dunk tank. SummerFest is on July 9th this year. Discussion ensued. Robert Saul and John Fuller will form a subcommittee and start working on the details, like contacting the Lakewood Elks, and figure out how we are going to haul the tank to the park, work with WPFER to fill up the tank, etc. Joanna Nichols will get the contact info to Robert for the Lakewood Elks.

Joseph Boyle stated that Chief Michael Zaro and Ben from the Suburban Times had met and they agreed they would try to use each other for positive stories involving the LPD.

NEW BUSINESS

Handouts- Citizen Concern Guideline

Robert Saul discussed the handouts he had created after a discussion with Alan Hart. It outlines the process PSAC will follow when an issue is brought to them from an outside citizen. Chief Michael Zaro stated the spreadsheet was very helpful.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Charles Ames discussed the joint Lakewood/UP PSAC meeting; the December UP PSC meeting had been cancelled and they informed Mr. Ames that they would begin working through the process of making this happen. Discussion ensued.

Robert Saul discussed the Steilacoom Barn. Mary Dodsworth had stated they were working on it and it would be cleaned up closer to the end of December so they would wait to see if that happened before deciding to do anything further about it.

Robert Saul suggested the Parks and Rec's advisory board try working with the train people regarding the Ponders Corner. The "park" that they have located there is already dangerous and will only be more so when the trains start coming through. Mr. Saul feels this is something we should try to keep an eye on.

Robert Saul discussed some of the concerns from the Tillicum/Woodbrook Neighborhood Association Meeting, and stated that Abby Henning, a member of the Tillicum/Woodbrook Neighborhood Association, had requested having the Gang Violence presentation Mr. Saul had listened to at another neighborhood association meeting, done at the Youth Center. Mr. Saul will contact the new direction of the Youth Center to discuss this request and let them know the appropriate contacts.

Robert Saul discussed the school tear down concerns from the Lake City Neighborhood Association meeting. They were hoping there would be a possibility of saving the basketball shelter and courts; he gave them the info for whom to contact to discuss that option. He also stated there would be no December meeting for Lake City.

Robert Saul asked about business cards for PSAC members. Joanna Nichols will look up what was decided about business cards in the previous month's meeting minutes.

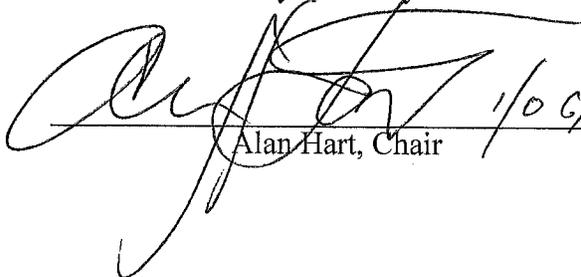
Robert Saul mentioned that at the Tillicum meeting, the members gave a review over what took place during the shooting incident out there; many people had positive things to say about the Police Department's response and the school Principal had high praise for everyone involved in that incident.

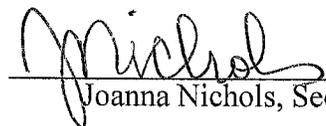
ADJOURNMENT

Bryan Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Attest:


Alan Hart, Chair 1/06/10


Joanna Nichols, Secretary