CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 5:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members present: Aaron Young, Alan Hart, Ray Dotson, Bryan Thomas, Malcolm Russell, and Sheri Badger

Public Safety Advisory Board Members absent: Sam Ross

Councilmember(s) present: Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present: Deputy Fire Chief Mitch Sagers

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alan Hart motioned to approve the March meeting minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.

PRESENTATION

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro presented the partnership between the Prosecutor’s office, Evergreen Council for Problem Gambling, and the Lakewood Police Department which will be using the DOJ/JAG Grant for a new program called the Problem Gambling Court, giving an explanation of the goals of this program, as well as answering questions. LPD will be responsible for the administration part of the program.
PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Marie Barth stated that the City Council is looking forward to PSAC’s CABC Session on April 9th at 7 p.m.

Councilmember Marie Barth stated that there are two Marriott’s coming to Lakewood; they are hoping to begin construction in the next 4-6 months. Also, the railroad is still coming so they are working with that, as well. Assistant Chief Mike Zaro stated that several of our officers have already received special training for railroad safety, and we are looking to get them scheduled for some refresher courses soon.

Councilmember Marie Barth stated the Council is expecting the Camp Murray Gate answer to come in soon and they are continuing to look for some alternative solutions in response to the continually declining revenues.

Bryan Thomas asked about the liquor privatization issue, especially in relation to revenues. Councilmember Marie Barth stated it is still unknown how much of an effect this is going to have on revenues.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-West Pierce Fire and Rescue Fire and EMS Report/March 2012
Deputy Fire Chief Mitch Sagers went over the handout.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-Crime and Incident/Year End Report (February 2012)
Assistant Chief Mike Zaro went over the handout. Property Crimes have gone up but we are trying to increase the amount of people in our Property Crimes Unit. Alan Hart asked about the increase in court order violations, wondering if this is simply due to the change in reporting or something else. Assistant Chief Zaro will look into it.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro stated that the crimereports.org is up and running for Lakewood.

Malcolm Russell requested there be an addition to the Agenda every month, under Police Chief Comments, for CSRT Monthly Report. Assistant Chief Mike Zaro will discuss it with Mauer and see what can be done.
NEW BUSINESS

Ray Dotson asked if it might be possible for PSAC members to have some kind of badge/identification as PSAC members for public contacts, when they attend outside meetings, etc. Chief Bret Farrar stated he would ask Legal about this, but since we give them to volunteers and PSAC members are volunteers, he can see a precedent for it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The PSAC Work Plan changes/additions are as follows:

- Page 1 add Assisted with Parking/Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance
- Page 2 first bullet, change the word “man” to “staff.”
- Page 2 second bullet, change the word “availability” to “visibility.”
- Page 2 fourth and fifth bullet, change Lakewood Fire to West Pierce Fire and Rescue.
- Page 2 fifth bullet, change “help champion the newly developed CERT” to “promote the on-going Community Emergency Response Team”
- Page 2, add bullet stating “Explore Public Safety issues related to people who are homeless.”

Bryan Thomas brought up the issue of people who are homeless in Lakewood, and it was agreed that we will have speakers come to future meetings to discuss this issue further, to include someone from Greater Lakes Mental Health, LASA, and Kim Dodds from Human Services.

Joanna Nichols will remind Chief Bret Farrar about looking into ID badges for PSAC Members.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Kalina Miller’s resignation from PSAC was announced; Alice Bush, City Clerk, will be posting notice of the two open positions as well as the four term expiration positions at the end of the month. Ray Dotson, Alan Hart, Malcolm Russell, and Sheri Badger were informed that if they were interested in re-applying for the position, they would need to fill out and return the application form prior to the closing date, which is unknown at this time, but will be listed in the announcement.

Alan Hart discussed a 100th birthday party they had for a woman in his neighborhood. Councilmember Marie Barth asked the committee to notify the Council of things like this, in future, so that they can try to attend as well.

Malcolm Russell announced that Keep Lakewood Beautiful now has a “small works” program which will give up to $250 for “right of way improvements.” Also, Keep Lakewood Beautiful will be hosting a Litter Clean up on May 19th. Registration begins at 9 a.m., clean up begins at 10, and there will be a barbeque lunch immediately following from 12-1 (food provided by Keep Lakewood Beautiful.)
Assistant Chief Mike Zaro stated that if PSAC were interested he could come to a future meeting and give a presentation on the METRO SWAT Team. Councilmember Marie Barth asked if he had done one already for Lakewood United. Assistant Chief Zaro said he had not, but he could do that as well.

Joanna Nichols asked for a head count of who would be attending Monday night’s City Council/PSAC meeting. It was agreed that Aaron Young, Bryan Thomas, Alan Hart, Sheri Badger, Ray Dotson and Malcolm Russell would attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Malcolm Russell motioned to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Attest:

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Aaron Young, Chair                          Joanna Nichols / Secretary