CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Present: Bryan Thomas, Aaron Young, Ray Dotson, Renee Hanna, Lonnie Lai and Alan Hart

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: Sheri Badger, Julio Perez-Tanahashi and Sam Ross

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: none

City Councilmember Present: Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present: Colleen Adler

Lakewood Youth Council Present: Riki Takeuchi

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alan Hart motioned to approve the November meeting minutes with correction regarding Ray Dotson’s motion to adjourn. All ayes; corrected minutes were approved.
PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public was present.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Marie Barth mentioned upcoming City events such as the Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday. Councilmember Barth stated that we have a new Councilmember, Mr. John Simpson, as well as a new Municipal Court Judge, Mr. Grant Blend.

Councilmember Marie Barth mentioned some of the new businesses moving into Lakewood and presented PSAC members with a map for perusal. Discussion ensued.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handouts-November Alarm Summary Report, Santa Claus is Coming to Town Flyer and Annual Christmas Project Flyer
Colleen Adler passed out the November Alarm Summary report; discussion ensued.

Colleen Adler passed out the Santa Claus route map/flyer and schedule, as well as a flyer on their annual Christmas Project. Discussion ensued.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-Crime and Incident Report (October 2013)
Assistant Chief Mike Zaro stated he would answer any questions regarding the statistics. Discussion ensued with some questions regarding our number of homicides being higher than what was on the report. Assistant Chief Zaro agreed and stated he would find out from our Crime Analyst, Doug Strand, the possible reasons for that discrepancy.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro discussed the recent activities of the Lakewood Police Officers Charity to include Moody’s Meals and the upcoming Shop with a Cop on Sunday.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro discussed the 10 year anniversary for the Lakewood Police Department and our plans to do something every month, along with the desire for PSAC to be a part of this planning. Assistant Chief Zaro specifically asked for their assistance with the month of July. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that Bryan Thomas will contact Mary Dodsworth to find out how much money is necessary for a 5K at Fort Steilacoom Park, and to ensure there are no scheduling conflicts. It was agreed that the Committee will vote in January on whether they want to do a 5K, based on the information Bryan is able to bring back. It was also agreed that Joanna Nichols would send out “Event Calendar,” and event reminders each month, to all PSAC members once it was finalized, hopefully in January.
Assistant Chief Mike Zaro stated we have three new officers who graduated from the Academy in October. They are all doing extremely well and we’re very excited to welcome them to the department.

NEW BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas discussed the additional meetings which Joanna Nichols had placed on the Outreach Spreadsheet in their handouts, asking for members to let him and Joanna know if they planned on attending any of these new meetings.

Bryan Thomas and Joanna Nichols stated that our next regular meeting fell on a City Holiday, January 1st, and we needed to either reschedule or cancel. Ray Dotson moved to reschedule the meeting to January 8th. All ayes; January’s meeting will be on January 8th, at 5:15 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Lakewood Police Department’s Use of Force Policy was discussed. It was agreed last month that Joanna Nichols would send the Use of Force Policy to the members for their perusal, which she did. Bryan Thomas asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns regarding this issue. No one had anything to add. Alan Hart motioned that the Committee go on record as supporting the LPD Use of Force Policy, as is. All ayes, motion approved.

It was brought to the Committee’s attention that we had forgotten to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair at October’s meeting. Alan Hart nominated Bryan Thomas to continue as Chair. Aaron Young seconded the nomination. Bryan Thomas accepted the nomination and recused himself at that time. Sheri Badger was not in attendance so the meeting was turned over to Renee Hanna for voting. All ayes; Bryan Thomas was re-elected as Chair.

Alan Hart suggested nominating Sheri Badger as Vice-Chair again; Bryan Thomas suggested we table Vice-Chair nominations and elections until next month, so that Sheri had the opportunity to accept or decline the nomination. It was agreed to table the Vice-Chair nomination and election until January’s meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Riki Takeushi was introduced to everyone once again. He stated that the attendance at our monthly meetings would be filled by either him, Olga Legkun or Amanda Thomas. Joanna Nichols will do up nameplates for them.
ADJOURNMENT

Alan Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

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Bryan Thomas, Chair  Joanna Nichols / Secretary