CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 5:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members present: Lonnie Lai, Alan Hart, Bryan Thomas, Sam Ross, Ray Dotson, Sheri Badger, Julio Perez-Tanahashi and Renee Hanna

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members excused: Aaron Young

City Councilmember Present: Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present: No Fire Department staff present.

Staff Present: Lieutenant Jeff Alwine and Committee Staff Support Joanna Nichols, Administrative Assistant

Guest Speakers: Linsey Singleton, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Maternal Child Outreach Team

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Renee Hanna motioned to approve the February meeting minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public was present.
GUEST SPEAKERS

Linsey Singleton explained her role with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, stating that the rate of homeless and pregnant women in Pierce County is high. Discussion and question and answer session ensued. There is a possibility the program will be closing by June 1st, due to funding issues. Bryan Thomas told Linsey that Little Church on the Prairie had a parish nurse, which may be helpful to her for her work.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

City Council Member Marie Barth discussed the railroad issue, explaining what steps we’ve taken and where we currently are with the situation.

City Council Member Marie Barth gave an update on the City Manager position and search.

City Council Member Marie Barth gave an update on the budget and new businesses coming into Lakewood. She also stated that the Farmers Market would be returning in June, on Tuesdays, and they were adding 10-15 new vendors this year.

City Council Member Marie Barth discussed the new traffic lights with cameras that Public Works would be installing soon, stating they would need some policies and procedures for PDR’s, etc. regarding those cameras and suggested this might be something PSAC could assist with. Discussion ensued. Bryan Thomas will contact Public Works/Interim City Manager and get more information regarding the time line for implementation; we may possibly have someone from Public Works do a presentation on the cameras at a future PSAC meeting.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

There was no Fire Department staff present to give monthly numbers. The department monthly stats were emailed to Joanna Nichols and included in the agenda packets. Colleen Adler will possibly be the representative at next month’s meeting.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-Crime and Incident/Year End Report (February 2012)
Lieutenant Jeff Alwine went over the crime statistics. Council Member Marie Barth asked if Lakewood has a large gang problem; Lieutenant Alwine stated we do not have a large gang problem. The difference in our gang problem from 10 years ago to now is pretty drastic and Lieutenant Alwine reiterated that we no longer have a large gang problem.

Ray Dotson mentioned the car prowls in his neighborhood. Discussion about pawn shops ensued.
NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas thanked Sheri Badger for hosting last month’s meeting at the Pierce County Emergency Operations Center. Bryan Thomas also stated that he would like to see us revisit the homelessness issue sometime in the near future.

Handout-Shelter/Trailer Supply List
Lieutenant Steve Mauer forwarded the list of supplies needed and list of supplies already in hand for the Emergency Management/Shelters in Lakewood. PSAC members went over the lists and discussion ensued. Joanna Nichols will ask Lieutenant Steve Mauer and Christine Badger to come to the June meeting to discuss these lists and needs, as well as the guidelines for donating said items, further. Bryan Thomas discussed a letter he wrote, personally, to Little Church on the Prairie regarding becoming a source/shelter/help site for the City during an emergency situation. He stated they have questions as well, which will hopefully be able to be answered by Lieutenant Mauer and Christine Badger at a future meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Renee Hanna wanted to pass along a thank you to Lieutenant Steve Mauer for the School District training he mentioned at last month’s meeting. Her daughters’ teacher mentioned to her how very appreciative she was for that training and how beneficial it was for new teachers especially. Renee’s daughter attends Idlewild Elementary.

Future training opportunities were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Alan Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Bryan Thomas, Chair

Attest:

Joanna Nichols / Secretary