PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 1, 2013
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: Lonnie Lai, Aaron Young, Alan Hart, Bryan Thomas, Ray Dotson, Sheri Badger, Julio Perez-Tanahashi and Renee Hanna

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members excused: Sam Ross

City Councilmember Present:  Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present:  Colleen Adler

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sheri Badger motioned to approve the April meeting minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linsey Singleton from Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Maternal Child Outreach Team stated that her job is safe for now, but they may be moving buildings due to a rent increase. Linsey also gave updated homeless numbers from her presentation last month.
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

City Council Member Marie Barth stated that Lane Bryant had opened in the Towne Center. Bryan Thomas asked about economic development in the Towne Center, with a specific question about Gottschalk’s, and mentioned the Colonial Motel. Council Member Marie Barth stated that what was happening with Gottschalk’s was still unknown but they were feeling hopeful about the Colonial’s new owners.

City Council Member Marie Barth stated that there were some recent traffic revisions in the North Gate area and they were hoping these would help with some of the traffic.

City Council Member Marie Barth stated that PSE would be digging for the next 8 weeks in the Nyanza Road area.

City Council Member Marie Barth discussed the USGA Golf Tournament which is coming to Chambers Bay Golf Course soon.

City Council Member Marie Barth discussed the Survival Mindset training she attended, stating it was a great training and she wishes everyone (public) could attend because it was so beneficial and educational.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Colleen Adler stated that since it was only the first of the month, the Fire Department numbers had not been compiled yet so she was unable to bring them to tonight’s meeting. She is hoping to have them for next meeting.

Colleen Adler stated that they just commissioned their new boat, the Endeavor, which they acquired through their security grant.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-Crime and Incident/Year End Report (March 2012)
Assistant Chief Mike Zaro asked if there were any questions regarding the handout. Discussion ensued.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro discussed the Active Shooter Training coming up on May 17th at Clover Park Technical College. PSAC members expressed an interest in attending/observing; Joanna Nichols will look into this and let everyone know.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro discussed the possibility of creating a Traffic Diversion Program for the City of Lakewood. Discussion ensued. They are hoping to present the idea to City Council on May 13th; PSAC is very interested in helping with this project. Assistant Chief Zaro will let the members know if it will not be presented on the 13th after all.
Sergeant John Unfred was moved up on the agenda because one member needed to leave early. Discussion ensued regarding Assistant Chief Mike Zaro’s request for ideas from the Committee on “How do we expand diversity in our Department through recruiting?” Sergeant Unfred explained current procedures and efforts. Discussion ensued over possible avenues/opportunities. It was agreed that Joanna Nichols would email committee members our current job description for Police Officer. Bryan Thomas stated he would like the committee to discuss this issue in greater detail next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas presented the need to come up with our 2013-2014 Work Plan for PSAC’s meeting with the City Council scheduled for May 13th. This needs to be completed and sent to the City Clerk for inclusion in the agenda packet no later than May 6th. Discussion ensued. Joanna Nichols will email out the re-worked “rough” draft to the committee. Pending corrections, the “final” draft will be emailed to the City Clerk on Monday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ray Dotson asked about the DOT cameras mentioned last month. Bryan Thomas stated he was getting nowhere fast with DOT. It was decided Mr. Thomas will contact Public Works instead as it is believed the cameras are a Public Works project, rather than DOT.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

No new reports from Board Members and Staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Julio Perez-Tanahashi motioned to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee           Attest:

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Bryan Thomas, Chair                Joanna Nichols / Secretary