CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members present: Sheri Badger, Julio Perez-Tanahashi, Bryan Thomas, Aaron Young, Lonnie Lai, Alan Hart and Ray Dotson

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members excused: Renee Hanna and Sam Ross

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members absent: none

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

Aaron Young motioned to approve the July meeting minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.
PUBLIC COMMENT

Linsey Singleton from Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Maternal Child Outreach Team stated she and her program would be around until December for sure. Beyond that nothing was sure or known at this time.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Marie Barth stated that the new City Manager, John Caulfield had officially started on Tuesday.

Councilmember Marie Barth stated that the Farmers Market would be coming to a close in the next couple of weeks (September 17th would be the last day.)

Councilmember Marie Barth stated that they had received notice that there would be some extensive roadwork being conducted on I-5 between Madigan and Logistics Center Gates beginning Saturday and some of it would continue on into December.

Bryan Thomas asked about the Stryker Brigade Welcome Home Parade on September 15th. Councilmember Marie Barth stated it would start at 9 a.m. and we need help spreading the word. They are hoping to have people lining the streets to welcome these soldiers and heroes home to our area once again.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-9/11 Reflection Park Ceremony and Gig Harbor COAD flyer
Colleen Adler discussed the 9/11 Reflection Park Statue Ceremony they will be holding next week, passing out flyers for everyone. Colleen also mentioned that they are holding testing for dispatchers this month.

Colleen Adler showed a video regarding COAD’s. Discussion ensued following the video and Colleen handed out a COAD flyer from Gig Harbor as an example. It was decided to invite Lieutenant Steve Mauer to the October PSAC Meeting. Alan Hart motioned to table further discussion on the COAD idea until next month. Julio seconded the motion and all ayes. Joanna Nichols will ask Lieutenant Mauer to attend next month’s meeting to discuss the issue further.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-Crime and Incident Report (June and July 2013)
Assistant Chief Mike Zaro went over the June and July statistics. Alan Hart asked if the committee could see numbers of traffic stops at the next meeting. Assistant Chief Zaro stated he would ask Doug Strand for those numbers.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro discussed the high rise in mental health issues calls the department has been dealing with lately, stating they are looking at a new type of partnership with Greater
Lakes Mental Health and the possibility of having a mental health professional respond to these calls with officers in order to accurately and immediately get them the assistance they need. Assistant Chief Zaro stated they were hoping to go to City Council to discuss a possible reallocation of Human Services funds to help with this approach; Tacoma Police Department has been doing something very similar for a while now and San Diego has been doing something similar for roughly 20 years now. Discussion ensued. Assistant Chief Zaro stressed that this idea was still in its infancy and there was still a lot to figure out before presenting it to Council; Bryan Thomas also stated there had only been two meetings so far regarding this idea, which he had been invited to participate in, so it was still early in the process.

NEW BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas mentioned the fireworks and wake boating emails (included in packets) stating he was unsure what could be done about either issue. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that PSAC Members would spread the word about the rules/distribute the flyers regarding fireworks provided by the LPD and encourage their neighbors/friends to call 911 if someone was breaking said rules. If the PD doesn’t get the calls, they can’t respond/help and it doesn’t get documented as a problem. For the wake boats Sheri Badger motioned that PSAC take the concern under advisement. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ray Dotson discussed the clothing/jacket idea, passing around examples of the items in the form of a baseball cap, jacket and polo shirt. Discussion ensued. It was stated that members would be the ones responsible for paying for any items they decided upon. It was agreed that the committee should vote on the logo. Julio Perez-Tanahashi motioned to accept the logo Ray had presented. Motion passed. Ray will email price list to Joanna Nichols for dissemination to PSAC members if Assistant Chief Mike Zaro gets the go-ahead from City Manager/City Council for them to use the approved logo on, and purchase, clothing. Ray will also be the go-to person for any member wishing to place an order once said approval is received.

It was agreed PSAC would table Diversity in Recruiting for now. Bryan Thomas asked Joanna Nichols to confirm that she had sent out requested materials regarding Department Recruiting guidelines. Joanna stated she would.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Bryan Thomas stated that during his tour of National Night Out events, he repeatedly heard the question “Where is PSAC?” It was often followed up by “No one is coming to our Neighborhood Association Meetings anymore.” Bryan asked members to renew their efforts to attend the meetings they signed up for and went over the Association list again. LAAPAC has been disbanded so Joanna Nichols will remove them from the list. Julio Perez-Tanahashi stated he will attend the Lake City meeting. Bryan will attend the Tillicum meeting; he again asked everyone to try to make their meetings this month.
ADJOURNMENT

Aaron Young motioned to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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Bryan Thomas, Chair              Joanna Nichols / Secretary