CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Present: Bryan Thomas, Sheri Badger, Aaron Young, Lonnie Lai and Alan Hart

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: Sam Ross, Ray Dotson and Renee Hanna

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: Julio Perez-Tanahashi

City Councilmember Present: Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present: no Fire Department Staff present

Lakewood Youth Council Present: Riki Takeuchi and Amanda Thomas

Staff Present: Assistant Chief Mike Zaro, Assistant City Attorney Anita Booker-Hay and Committee Staff Support Joanna Nichols, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sheri Badger motioned to approve the December minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.
PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public was present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We moved the agenda around because our guest speaker needed to leave early for another meeting.

**Handout-Fun Run Planning 101**

Mary Dodsworth spoke about what was entailed in hosting a 5K run/walk as part of the LPD’s 10th Anniversary Celebration. Discussion ensued. It seemed that everyone was in agreement, after Mary’s presentation, that this was a tremendous amount of work that was a bit too much for PSAC to tackle. Other ideas were suggested for doing something at SummerFest such as a dunk tank or selling the 10th Anniversary hats and maybe t-shirts.

It was agreed that we would discuss this further at the next meeting and Joanna Nichols will ask Sergeant Andrew Gildehaus, from the Lakewood Officer’s Charity board, to come to the next meeting; perhaps PSAC can work with the Charity in regards to doing something fundraising-wise at SummerFest.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Marie Barth stated that we have a new “State of the City” PowerPoint presentation which we can schedule a viewing of here at one of our PSAC meetings if we would like. It’s also available online on the website. The highlights were discussed.

Councilmember Marie Barth stated that graffiti seemed to be a recurring issue they were trying to tackle right now. Discussion ensued.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

No Fire Department personnel present.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

**Handout-Crime and Incident Report (December 2013)**

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro went over the Crime and Incident Report. Discussion ensued.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro discussed structure fires and the seemingly high number we have seen recently. Assistant Chief Zaro stated he has already asked for some numbers from West Pierce Fire and Rescue and this is something they are looking at following up on; it seems to be an issue we need to look at and see if we can address somehow.
Assistant Chief Mike Zaro stated that we have hired 3 new, entry-level, officers who will be starting the Academy next week. We are in the process of scrubbing our entry-level list and creating a new one with new applicants; there are some new ideas for targeted recruitment that they’re getting ready to implement as well, so we’re excited about that. Bryan Thomas stated that the Pierce County Civil Service Commission had discussed recruitment and we are hopefully going to be getting some material from the Sheriff’s Department regarding their recruitment processes.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro stated that we have had to change our plans a little for our 10 year anniversary celebration. Instead of doing an event every month we will be having one big celebration at the end of the year/close to our actual anniversary date. More info will be forthcoming as plans for that celebration solidify.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

Amanda Thomas and Rikki Takeuchi discussed the various events the Youth Council has been involved in, as well as some of the upcoming events they are looking forward to participating in. Bryan Thomas stated that PSAC was especially interested in having the Youth Council’s presence at PSAC meetings so they could share with the group issues/concerns regarding safety that face them and their peers.

Amanda Thomas stated that a big concern right now was the fact that Lakewood teens currently have nowhere to go after school; a “youth center” was a big need for kids to have a safe place to hang out, where they could get homework help, that was free (no charge) for all.

Rikki Takeuchi stated that he was working on a Student Court program (possibly part of his Senior Project) and Bryan Thomas stated that PSAC would be interested in hearing what he finds out in his research of this project. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas stated that the Tillicum/Woodbrook Association meeting tomorrow would be discussing the “No smoking in Lakewood parks” proposal which was scheduled to be voted on by City Council on Monday. Discussion ensued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We moved the agenda around because our guest speaker needed to leave early for another meeting; the rest of “Unfinished Business” was discussed later/in its usual placement on the agenda.

Bryan Thomas stated that at the January PSAC meeting Sheri Badger had been nominated for the Vice-Chair position for another year and we were now asking if she would be willing to accept that nomination. Sheri accepted. Aaron Young motioned for Sheri Badger to be Vice-Chair. All ayes; Sheri is the Vice-Chair.
REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

No new reports.

ADJOURNMENT

Alan Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Attest:

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Bryan Thomas, Chair          Joanna Nichols / Secretary