CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: Sheri Badger and Aaron Young

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: none

City Councilmember Present: Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth

Lakewood Youth Council Present: Amanda Thomas

Staff Present: Lieutenant Chris Lawler and Committee Staff Support Joanna Nichols, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alan Hart motioned to approve the February minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public was present.
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Marie Barth discussed DSHS and the WSH Enhanced Service Facility move which would enable WSH to place patients into Oakbrook group homes. Councilmember Barth stated that the Council had prepared a resolution and were asking citizens to send their written comments to the City. Discussion ensued.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth stated that WPFR was looking into the accreditation process; it could end up being too cost-prohibitive but they were researching it.

Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth stated that they had received a letter from the Washington State Surveying and Rating Bureau who will be coming in and rating the department. They did it last prior to the merger, to it will be interesting to see where they stand now. It is WPFR’s hope that the merger will help the department pick up a point or two.

Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth discussed WPFR numbers. Discussion ensued.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-Crime and Incident Report (January 2014)
Lieutenant Chris Lawler discussed some recent cases while going over the monthly report. Discussion regarding gangs and gang activity in Lakewood, specifically, ensued.

Lieutenant Chris Lawler stated that Washington’s Most Wanted would be featuring a recent DV case, because we can’t find the suspect and need help locating him. It is on the CrimeStoppers website as well.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

Amanda Thomas discussed what the Youth Council was doing, to include the Father/Daughter dance on the 15th and the fact that they were all getting their food handler’s permits in order to help at events. Biggest public safety issue for them still was the safe place for teens to go after school.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We moved the agenda around for our guest speaker, Sergeant Andy Gildehaus.

Sergeant Andy Gildehaus explained the Lakewood Officer’s Charities- the Make a Difference Fund and the Benevolence Officer Down Fund and the differences between the two, as well as what events the Charity was involved in and fundraising efforts both past and future. Bryan Thomas stated that PSAC wanted to do a fundraiser for the Make a Difference Fund; currently they were looking at having a dunk tank at SummerFest. Sergeant Gildehaus stated he thought this was a good idea. Other ideas were thrown out and discussion ensued. It was agreed that Renee Hanna would check with her PTA, who does a dunk tank every year, and Ray Dotson would check with JBLM for quotes on the price to rent a dunk tank and get those numbers to
Joanna Nichols. Joanna will also check with Assistant City Attorney Anita Booker-Hay on any possible liability issues with having the dunk tank.

When the Committee has made a decision, they will bring their idea to the Charity for consideration and we will go from there. A final decision will be made at next month’s meeting regarding which idea to bring to the Charity for consideration, based on cost, manpower needs, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas stated that he felt the committee was floundering a little bit. They had a couple of new projects like the diversity in recruiting but Bryan felt it might be time to request a meeting with the City Council and/or City Manager to garner input from them as to what they wanted the committee to do next. He was asking for permission from the Committee to make this meeting happen. Councilmember Marie Barth typed up an email to Council while the discussion ensued; it was agreed to send an email through Councilmember Barth requesting that the Council give more direction to PSAC in regards to what they want them to accomplish and tackle next, as everyone on the Committee wants to be productive and useful to the City. This is why they joined PSAC and they are feeling very underutilized right now. They will wait to hear back from Councilmember Barth on what the next steps will be with this request.

Joanna Nichols reminded everyone of the Blood/Bone Marrow Drive happening on March 17th, and handed out flyers asking each member to take those to their Neighborhood Association meetings this month and to help spread the word. Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth told Joanna to contact Hallie McCurdy at WPFR so she could put the flyer up on their reader board. Councilmember Marie Barth told Joanna to contact Mike Larson at Harold Allen Real Estate to do the same.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Bryan Thomas stated he would be attending the Tillicum Neighborhood Association Meeting and they had said they would be discussing the no smoking but drinking okay in Lakewood parks concern that had come up at the last meeting, apparently.

ADJOURNMENT

Renee Hanna motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Bryan Thomas, Chair                  Joanna Nichols / Secretary