CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 5:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Present:  Bryan Thomas, Ray Dotson, Aaron Young, Alan Hart and Julio Perez-Tanahashi

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: Sheri Badger, Lonnie Lai and Sam Ross

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent:  Renee Hanna

City Councilmember Present:  Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present:  No Fire Department Personnel Present

Lakewood Youth Council Present:  No Youth Council Present-spring break

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alan Hart motioned to approve the March minutes.  All ayes; minutes were approved.
PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public was present.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Marie Barth mentioned the PD Open House on Sunday the 13th.

Councilmember Marie Barth also stated that the City lost the lawsuit against the railroad/DOT, last Friday. The Council is trying to decide if they will be appealing that decision or not. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Marie Barth read off some of the ideas the Chief of Police and City Council had come up with as options for future projects for PSAC.

1.) Shopping cart ordinance/policy to include what happens after they are picked up, etc.
2.) A policy for dealing with abandoned/foreclosed homes- does the code need more teeth in it? Homework would be required to find out if there is already a state ordinance and/or Pierce County’s ordinance for this one.
3.) Suggestions for how to assist the homeless and mentally ill.
4.) Fires/Squatters- people squatting in areas/homes and starting fires.
5.) Metal Thieves-Could Committee do some research on this issue? Bryan Thomas asked if someone from the Metal Theft Task Force could come speak to the committee for educational purposes if they decided to tackle this one; Lt. Chris Lawler stated that Investigator Pete Johnson would be the perfect person to speak to. Joanna Nichols will make this happen if the committee decides to look into this further.
6.) Any ideas that the Committee wants to work on.

Aaron Young asked about residence tagging, the specific case where the resident/victim was getting in trouble for not cleaning up the tagging quickly enough. There is concern about the victims being punished for someone else’s crime. Councilmember Marie Barth stated that might be another good idea.

Bryan Thomas asked if PSAC could hear the breakdown/numbers from the websites for complaints/tips regarding shopping carts and graffiti. Lieutenant Chris Lawler stated he could ask Lieutenant Dave Guttu, as he believes that falls under CSRT, to get those numbers to Joanna Nichols for PSAC.

It was agreed that all of these were great ideas and that Joanna Nichols would send out an email with all of these ideas listed to all PSAC members. PSAC members would pick their top 1, 2, and 3 and bring those with them to the next meeting for discussion. Joanna will also ask Assistant City Attorney Anita Booker-Hay to attend the next meeting for some clarifications on current codes and policies.

Aaron Young asked about the smoking in public parks discussion mentioned from the month before. Councilmember Marie Barth stated it had been decided they had to stay a respectful 50
feet away from an event. The Department will be looking at any violations as an educational opportunity only.

Bryan Thomas asked about the proposed amphitheater in Lakewood that was being considered. Councilmember Marie Barth agreed that this was currently under discussion, the Rotary had asked to be the lead and Council had agreed with this; no money has been committed on the part of the City. It could be a good thing for the City but they did not have enough details yet to make a decision, or even say much about it at this point.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

No Fire Department personnel present.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

**Handout-Crime and Incident Report (February 2014)**

Alan Hart asked about the spike in prostitution and weapon law violation numbers; Lieutenant Lawler discussed some recent task force arrests as well as other cases. Discussion ensued.

Lieutenant Chris Lawler discussed the Jermaine Kearse event which was happening April 12th at Harry Lang Stadium. There weren’t a lot of details as the City was trying to keep it relatively quiet for the moment.

Bryan Thomas asked about the US Open and the City committing to helping with parking at Ft. Steilacoom Park for the event. Lieutenant Chris Lawler stated he did not know anything specific to the parking. Bryan was concerned whether the City would be responsible/liable if those cars were broken into while parked at Ft. Steilacoom. Discussion ensued.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

No Youth Council attendance as it was Spring Break.

NEW BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas discussed the Tillicum Association Meeting and stated that they had a lot to say about the smoking in public parks issues. He also said that they felt very strongly about the train issue and would probably have a lot of questions about the City’s next steps, as well as costs of lawsuit and appeal, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas went over the email from Renee Hanna regarding the cost of the dunk tank for SummerFest. Ray Dotson brought his flyer from the base with their prices. It became clear
that the base was the better deal. Discussion ensued. Joanna Nichols will get Bryan an appointment to meet with the Charity Board as soon as possible to present the idea to them.

Bryan Thomas stated the things we need to work on next month are:

1.) How much are we going to charge for the citizens to play?
2.) Commitments from the Command Staff to be in the dunk tank
3.) Who would be the money handler?

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Alan Hart stated he had gone onto the Seattle PD website to look into how they promote diversity recruitment. Discussion/brainstorming session for recruitment ideas ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

Ray Dotson motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Bryan Thomas, Chair

Attest:

Joanna Nichols / Secretary