PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 7, 2014
Lakewood Police Department
9401 Lakewood Drive SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

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, Aaron Young, Alan Hart, Sheri Badger, Lonnie Lai, Renee Hanna, Sam Ross and Julio Perez-Tanahashi

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: none

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: none

City Councilmember Present: Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present: No Fire Department Personnel Present

Lakewood Youth Council Present: Amanda Thomas

Staff Present: Lieutenant Dave Guttu, Assistant City Attorney Anita Booker-Hay (via phone) and Committee Staff Support Joanna Nichols, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wanted to speak.
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Marie Barth mentioned the Housing Forum coming up on May 15th at the Sharon McGavick Center from 9-12 which was open to anyone interested in attending.

Councilmember Marie Barth discussed the proposed Amphitheater and stated there would be an informal discussion on May 8th at 6 p.m. at the Fort Steilacoom Barn for anyone interested in attending and hearing more about it.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

No Fire Department personnel present.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-Crime and Incident Report (March 2014)
There were no questions regarding the Crime and Incident Report this month.

Lieutenant Dave Guttu gave the proposed JAG Grant overview. Discussion ensued.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

Amanda Thomas gave an update on Youth Council projects to include their team for Relay for Life Lakewood

NEW BUSINESS

Alan Hart asked about the Disabled Parking Enforcement program. Joanna Nichols stated it had not been disbanded; it was just very small as a couple of the members had passed away recently. Discussion ensued over PSAC helping to recruit and grow the program again. Joanna will try to have training information available for handing out at SummerFest, and asked everyone to wait on making any decisions until she had a chance to discuss the program with the Traffic Sergeant, who was currently out on L & I. She is new to the Traffic Unit and may have some plans for revamping the program.

Alan Hart asked about speed limits in reference to a recent letter from a citizen in a local paper. Discussion ensued but Lieutenant Dave Guttu stated there is no leeway. The speed limit is the limit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas stated we had reserved the dunk tank for SummerFest and Joanna Nichols will bring a sign-up sheet to the next two meetings for coverage at the event.
Bryan Thomas stated that homework from last meeting was that everyone was supposed to go over the list provided via email from Joanna Nichols, and pick the top three issues they would like to see PSAC tackle in the next year. Discussion ensued with each member naming off their top picks.

Original list was:

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.

Alan Hart suggested the Chair poll the committee members for their top two choices, which seemed to be #1 and #2 on the list. Aaron Young seconded the suggestion. Bryan Thomas polled the committee. It was 5 yea and 2 nay for this order of priorities. It was agreed that we would look at Bellevue and Auburn for their current ordinances for the shopping cart issue, possibly to use as a model for ours, and to see if Doug Price could come to the next meeting for the abatement issue.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Bryan Thomas stated he would be at the Tillicum Association Meeting tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Sam Ross motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Attest:

Bryan Thomas, Chair

Joanna Nichols / Secretary