CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Present: Bryan Thomas, Joseph Boyle, Alan Hart, Michael Lacadie, Aaron Young, Lonnie Lai, Ray Dotson and Sheri Badger

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: Julio Perez-Tanahashi

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: None

City Councilmember Present: Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth and Emergency Management Coordinator Rachel Adler

Lakewood Youth Council Present: Riki Takeuchi.

Staff Present: Assistant Chief Mike Zaro, Committee Staff Support, Joanna Nichols, Administrative Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Aaron Young motioned to approve the December minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Councilmember Marie Barth stated there would be a meeting regarding trees on the golf course tonight, as well as an Army listening session on January 21st at the Sharon McGavick Center from 10-12. She encouraged PSAC members to attend to show their support. Discussion ensued.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout- December 2014 Alarm Summary Report
Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth went over statistics (see handout) stating that numbers were on the rise and sharing how their grant funded smoke detector program had helped save lives at a recent call.

Emergency Management Coordinator Rachel Adler stated they would be having another CERT training on February 23rd and discussed recent 1st Aid/Disaster Preparedness training they were holding at Tyee Park Elementary, with emphasis on the Hispanic population. If the program grew the way they were hoping it would they would take the training to Tillicum and other area elementary schools next. Sheri Badger asked if they had considered holding/having a teen CERT. Rachel stated that they were working on it.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro was delayed by a previous meeting, so the schedule was moved around to accommodate hearing from him when he arrived.

Riki Takeuchi discussed recent Youth Council events, as well as some upcoming events they were working on, such as the “I'm Okay Celebration” on January 17th and the Lions Club Crab Feed on January 31st. The successful Harrison Prep Clover Park School District Open House was discussed as well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Assistant City Attorney Kimberly Cox asked if everyone was satisfied in regards to her report on the solicitation ordinance at last meeting. Alan Hart agreed that he had received the information he had inquired about, and was able to bring it back to his neighborhood block watch people.

Assistant City Attorney Kimberly Cox discussed the shopping cart issue, stating that she wanted to talk with Bellevue and Yakima, still, but had been making phone calls and had heard back from several cities already. She will bring back the information she gathers from Bellevue and Yakima, if she finally gets a hold of them, to the next meeting. Discussion ensued.

Assistant City Attorney Kimberly Cox stated she also wanted to look into the Wall of Shame more as she had not had a chance to delve into that as much as she had hoped, but so far she had seen no reason, legally, why we should not proceed with the idea. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that some of the most important things to find out were: whose responsibility it
would be to keep the wall updated and what kind of success rate Tacoma felt they had with the program.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-Crime and Incident Report (November 2014)
Assistant Chief Mike Zaro answered questions regarding the monthly statistics. Alan Hart asked about the number for homicides again and Assistant Chief Zaro stated he had not had a chance to check on that number but he would do so and would get the information to PSAC as soon as possible.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro gave a hiring update, stating that we were offering conditional offers to 3 entry-level and 3 lateral applicants over the next few months. The Academy is still a problem, simply because they are so full, but we’re making good progress at getting our entry-level’s in as soon as possible and have at least one in the March session. Discussion ensued.

Alan Hart asked about body cams. Assistant Chief Mike Zaro stated the big stumbling block with those had more to do with PDR’s and the manpower involved in fulfilling the requests where body camera footage was concerned. Discussion ensued.

Bryan Thomas asked about marijuana stores in Lakewood. Assistant Chief Mike Zaro and Councilmember Marie Barth both stated that it is still against Federal Law and that was the City’s stance.

Bryan Thomas asked about the US Open. Discussion ensued; more information would be available the closer it got.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

No new reports from the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Sheri Badger motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Attest:

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Bryan Thomas, Chair                          Joanna Nichols / Secretary