



## LAKWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, May 3, 2018

American Lake Conference Room

Lakewood City Hall

Lakewood, WA 98499

7:30 am – 8:30 am

### CALL TO ORDER

Ellie Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.

### ATTENDANCE

**Promise Advisory Members Present:** Ellie Wilson, Elise Bodell, Dr. Michele Johnson, Judi Weldy, Dr. Joyce Loveday, Beverly Howe and Ron Banner for Debbie LeBeau

**City Council Liaison:** Mary Moss

**Staff Present:** Karmel Shields

**Youth Council Liaison:** Karina Mercado (excused)

**LPAB Members Excused:** Clayton DeNault, Debbie LeBeau, Mary Dodsworth, Echo Abernathy

### PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Michele Johnson moved to approve the April 5, 2018 Promise Board minutes as written.

Ms. Judi Weldy seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Muriel Herrera-Velasquez and Lisa Solon from the CHOICE coalition presented information on the coalition's current programs and activities. There are two different parent education courses offered each year and an additional course is offered in Spanish. The coalition provides a curriculum-based support group for Lochburn Middle School youth in partnership with Greater Lakes Mental Health and Communities in Schools Lakewood.

The coalition partners with the Lakewood Boys and Girls Club to offer the Springbrook summer day camp. LPAB members were invited to participate in the coalition's Springbrook neighborhood block party on Friday, July 27, Noon – 3:00 pm.

### COORDINATOR'S REPORT

**Monitoring Safe Places where youth can interact with Caring Adults.** Ms. Shields presented school tracking information provided by youth-serving programs receiving City human services funding. The highest school/youth numbers typically come from programs that are provided on school sites. The large number of youth not reporting their school is typical for drop-in or single

event programs. Ms. Shields identified that there is an opportunity for Promise to engage with these programs and link these youth with other neighborhood or school-based programs.

**Conversations on the What's UP! Lakewood newsletter offered in Spanish.** The spring edition was distributed to the CPSD early learning programs. The staff expressed the need to have the newsletter translated into Spanish to reach the majority parents with children enrolled in their program. Park Lodge also recently requested 135 copies in Spanish. Ms. Shields will be exploring the possibility of offering the summer edition in English and Spanish. The newsletter would be reduced to two pages and focus only on summer camps and free community activities. The summer edition would be released the in early June before the school year ends.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**What's UP! Lakewood newsletter budget for 2019 will need to be determined.** Currently, the Lakewood Parks Department is funding the newsletter printing. There will be additional costs to producing the newsletter in Spanish. The Promise Board may need to consider having two different methods for distribution; one being on Peach Jar and the other being a printed Spanish version for parents of pre-school and elementary age children. Mr. Banner encourages the Board to continue to provide news and information to middle school youth and families. Resources begin to shift away from these families at an important time.

**Summer Outreach at the Lakewood Farmers Market** Promise will host an outreach table at the Farmers Market every other week. Space is limited and community partners will be invited to sign up for a morning or afternoon time. Kids Day at the Market will be August 14.

#### **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Pierce County Library Meet the Author Event: Friday, May 11, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- CPTC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on Saturday, May 19 at 7:00 pm, McGavick Center

#### **UPCOMING LPAB MEETING TOPICS**

June 7                      Lakewood's Promise summer outreach activities and CELT update  
No meetings in July or August

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, Ms. Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:33 am. The next Promise Board meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2018 at 7:30 am.

Ellie Wilson                      7 June 2018                      Karmel Shields  
Ellie Wilson, Chair                      date                      Karmel Shields, Promise Coordinator