



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
Lakewood Police Department
9401 Lakewood Drive SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Present: Alan Hart, Ken Witkoe, Mark Peila, Michael Arnett and Michael Kelly

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: James Hairston

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: Johnny Williams

City Councilmember Present: Councilmember Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief Hallie McCurdy

Lakewood Youth Council Present: Lynese Cammack

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark Peila motioned to approve January's meeting minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Ames asked for more information regarding Officer Eric Bell and asked what PSAC was going to do about the measles outbreak.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Handout- Public Works Roadway Safety

Jon Howe and Weston Ott, from Public Works gave a presentation on Roadway Safety and how studies are done, as well as upcoming projects around the city, such as sidewalk and light installations. Discussion ensued.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Marie Barth talked about the recent weather, Clover Park School District being the highest 4 year graduation rate in the area (89.9%), algae treatment at American Lake, the Rental Housing Program, and sales tax collections.

Youth Councilmember Lynese Cammack asked if the City Council was involved in the Superintendent hearings and Councilmember Marie Barth stated that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and City Manager had all attended two of them so far; they are definitely paying attention to the selection process.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Fire Chief Hallie McCurdy gave an update on their numbers, stating that, in 2018, they reached 16,000 calls for service for the first time ever. Alan Hart asked if the Fire Department had Adult Family Homes response data; Assistant Chief McCurdy stated they do and she will bring it to the next meeting.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Chief Michael Zaro discussed recent cases. The homelessness issue came up and Assistant City Attorney Kymm Cox discussed the Point in Time Homeless Count done by Pierce County. Discussion ensued. Chief Zaro also stated that the contract for the Mental Health Professional, for the Behavioral Health Contact Team (BHCT) had been renewed for another two years, as well.

Chief Michael Zaro informed everyone that this year's Pierce County Law Enforcement Memorial will be happening on Thursday, May 2nd at the McGavick Center.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

Youth Councilmember Lynese Cammack stated that the Youth Council was working on the Youth Summit which would be the second weekend in May, as well as collaborating with Steilacoom Councilmembers to create a Youth Council in their city, as well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Michael Zaro brought everyone's attention to the fact that Fireworks had been added back onto PSAC's 2019 Work Plan. Chief Zaro stated that while it is too late to make any recommendations for this year's 4th of July, it is not too late for 2020 and that the City Council is looking for some kind of a formal recommendation to be presented to them, for the purpose of evaluation of whether or not there should be any policy changes made.

NEW BUSINESS

Alan Hart asked if the Police Department and the Fire Department could supply the Committee with fireworks calls for service for the last couple of years. Chief Zaro agreed and stated he had sent an email requesting the same information from other agencies around the state, for comparison purposes. Assistant Fire Chief Hallie McCurdy stated she will also work with St. Clare and Tacoma for their numbers, as well. Alan Hart asked Assistant Fire Chief McCurdy for the number of charities that put in for licenses/permits to have fireworks stands, too, since they are the ones who supply those permits. Councilmember Marie Barth stated that it was important to address how you would enforce a ban, if you tried to implement one. Discussion ensued.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Mark Peila stated that he accidentally missed the North Lakewood Neighborhood Association Meeting and no one else had any reports to give.

ADJOURNMENT

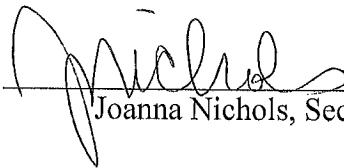
Alan Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee:

Attest:



Michael Kelly, Chair



Joanna Nichols, Secretary