



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 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, James Hairston and Michael Kelly

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: None.

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 and Dante Ost

Staff Present: Assistant Chief John Unfred and Committee Staff Support; Joanna Nichols, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Ames asked for more information regarding Officer Eric Bell and asked PSAC to consider what they could do about the issue of teen suicide and the opioid problem.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Marie Barth talked about Economic Development and the new website, encouraging everyone to check it out. She also stated that Lakewood had been ranked #16 in the News Tribune's safest cities article.

Councilmember Marie Barth discussed Steilacoom's interest in creating their own Youth Council and the meetings that Lakewood's Youth Council and Steilacoom were scheduling to help them accomplish that.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

West Pierce Fire and Rescue- Annual Report

Assistant Fire Chief Hallie McCurdy gave an update on their calls for service and then discussed the adult family home and fireworks numbers, as requested from last meeting. Discussion ensued.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Chief John Unfred addressed the question from the public, stating that Officer Eric Bell had been terminated and that was all he could share at this time, as it was still an ongoing legal case.

Assistant Chief John Unfred talked about the 4th Quarter Report for 2018. Discussion ensued.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

Youth Councilmembers Dante Oste and 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.

Youth Councilmember Lynese Cammack stated that they had met with the new school Superintendent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Michael Kelly stated that the City Council wanted them to look at Fireworks and asked if anyone had questions after the new information provided by the Fire Department. Discussion

ensued. City Councilmember Marie Barth stated that they needed to bring a recommendation to the Council, but if it was for banning fireworks, they needed to include things like how it should be enforced and they could consider doing a public event, like other cities, but who would pay for that? The impact on non-profits, who sell fireworks to raise money, was also mentioned. Discussion ensued.

Michael Kelly asked Assistant Chief John Unfred if he could supply statistics on animal control calls for the days before and after, as well as on Fourth of July. Assistant Chief Unfred stated we would get those for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Alan Hart mentioned the date on the work plan was wrong 2018-2019- Joanna Nichols will change.

Michael Kelly asked if it were possible to get someone in to speak for the adult family homes, just to give them both sides of the issue. Assistant City Attorney Kymm Cox stated she would ask and let us know. Discussion ensued.

Youth Councilmember Lynese Cammack mentioned the high school student who committed suicide this week and asked if anyone there had suggestions or ideas on how to prevent teens from getting access to guns, to possibly keep them from killing themselves. Discussion ensued.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

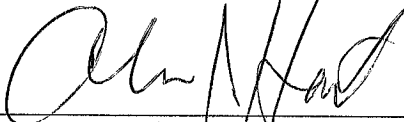
No one had any new reports to give because most meetings were cancelled due to all the snow we had been having.

ADJOURNMENT

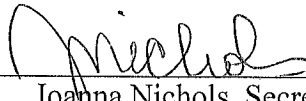
Alan Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee:

Attest:



Michael Kelly, Chair
Alan Hart



Joanna Nichols, Secretary