



**LAKWOOD PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday October 22, 2019 – 5:30 PM  
City Hall, Council Chambers  
6000 MAIN ST SW  
LAKEWOOD, WA 98499**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vito Iacobazzi called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**PRAB Members Present:** Vito Iacobazzi, Sylvia Allen, Alan Billingsley, Mike Darrah, Susan Dellinger, Michael Lacadie

**PRAB Members Excused:** Jason Gerwen

**Staff Present:** Mary Dodsworth – Director, Nikki York – Office Assistant

**Council Liaison:** Don Anderson

**Youth Council Liaison:** Gloria Arauja Ruiz, Yajaira Gonzalez-excused, Anaya Davis-absent, Brian Noel-absent, Kayala Purdie, Samantha Reed-absent, Kloe Salazar-absent

**Guests:** Darryl Owens, Sally Martinez, Brynn Grimley

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Alan Billingsley moved and Sylvia Allen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2019 meeting. MPU.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Special Events Update:**

Concerts: Darryl Owens, Arts Commission member provided an update on the Summer Concert Series. It has now been branded as Summer Nights at the Pavilion. The wonderful poster design was done by Arts Commission Member Pattie Belle. Most of the concerts had an average attendance of 200-250 people. The largest attended concert was the Lonely Hearts Club with 450 people in attendance. All of the performers were impressed with the Pavilion. They will probably have an earlier start time for next year. The Youth Council liaisons were asked what would make kids their age more likely to participate. They suggested having kids their age performing, putting up flyers at the schools, and getting the information to them electronically.

Famer's Market: Sally Martinez shared that the Farmer's Market had its 8<sup>th</sup> season. She shared all of the exciting things happening at the market including, international performances in between the entertainment, promotional videos created by the interns, interview videos with the vendors, and healthy bucks. Word of mouth is the number one way that people find out about the market. Five farms are needed to qualify as a farmers market. Lakewood had thirteen for the 2019 season. There was a 21% increase in opening day sales. Sally found that many people are visiting the market for the experience. They had over 250 kids participate in a kid's activity at the City booth each week. Sally thanked everyone for supporting the market.

SummerFEST: Sally Martinez shared that the SummerFEST event is a 23 year Lakewood tradition although this year was 40% were first time visitors. This year's event had an estimated 50,000 visitors. The event has great sponsors, entertainment, international performances, and lots of great experiences for kids. The parking plan is being reviewed for next year. The Partners for Parks car show had 141 cars.

**MyLakewood311 Update:** Brynn Grimley presented the myLakewood311 app. It is a free, easy to use way of tracking issues throughout the City. Brynn showed the group how to use the app. Issues can be reported anonymously and privately. The largest numbers of requests entered are for the operations and maintenance department. Once a request is submitted, it is automatically routed to the correct department to respond. Brynn handles all of the general questions and routes them to the correct department. Brynn shared the monthly and annual reporting. Pothole requests have been reduced significantly. This is mostly due to the fact that the City has done major street improvement projects. The app is a great tool for reporting many types of issues throughout the City but citizens should still call 911 if there is an active crime.

**Directors Report:** Mary Dodsworth reviewed the Directors Report including, 2019 Capital projects updates, Kiwanis Park playground installation and dedication, Truck and Tractor day, Community Healthcare Hero award, the Legacy Plan update, Make a Difference day and community outreach.

**Board Comments:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the American Lake Room at the Lakewood City Hall

**ADJOURNMENT:** Michael Lacadie moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Darrah seconded. MPU. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

  
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Jason Gerwen, Chairman

  
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Nikki York, Office Assistant