

LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD Thursday, October 3, 2019 American Lake Conference Room Lakewood City Hall Lakewood, WA 98499 7:30 am – 8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Promise Advisory Members Present: Ellie Wilson, Elise Bodell, Mary Dodsworth, Andie Gernon,

Wanda Elder, Christie Flynn (representing Dr. Michele Johnson)

City Council Liaison: Mary Moss Staff Present: Brian Humphreys

Youth Council Liaison: Abel Alvarado

PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mary Dodsworth moved to approve the September 5th, 2019 Promise Board minutes as written. Andie Gernon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The board's new liaison from the Youth Council, Abel Alvarado, introduced himself and talked about his interest in the work of Lakewood's Promise.

Board members discussed the distribution mechanisms for the What's UP! newsletters. Staff will follow up with Clover Park School District to discuss the possibility of digitally distributing the newsletter to more students and families. There is interest in making this available to middle school and high school students and families.

Board members reviewed the memo list of 2019 work plan accomplishments to be submitted to the City Council for the joint session on October 28th. Staff will send out an invitation for the joint session, and board members who are able to attend will accept the invitation. Staff will then send out a draft script that members will meet to practice before going into the joint session.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Christian Flynn shared that Dr. Julie White is the new President for Pierce College's Ft. Steilacoom campus. Pierce's enrollment numbers are steady. Pierce also participated in a survey with other colleges from around the country about what the obstacles are for low income parents trying to get through training programs. Staff will follow up with her to get a copy of the report since it aligns with the community needs survey currently being conducted by human services.

Elise Bodell shared that Pierce County Library System is participating on a community engagement taskforce for the WorkSource system. The taskforce has some funding for United Way youth action boards. The taskforce will also look at ways to build capacity of front line staff at various organizations. There is an event on October 8th of authors who were formerly incarcerated. There is also a food justice conversation on November 16th.

Mary Moss shared the City Council had a retreat with legislators about their dream funding allocations. Mary toured the new Wellstone apartments in Springbrook. The Truck and Tractor Day is October 12th. The City is being awarded \$80 million to establish no fly zones over Lakewood businesses located in danger zones near the base. The new colonial plaza is also open.

Andie Gernon shared the 50th anniversary event for Community Health Care event is happening at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma on October 30th. The City of Lakewood is going to receive an award at the event.

Ellie Wilson shared Communities in Schools is having a fundraiser on October 9th.

ADJOURN

Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:36 am.

Brian Humphreys, Coordinator

Date