



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
Lakewood Police Department
9401 Lakewood Drive SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Present: Alan Hart, James Hairston, Ken Witkoe, Ray Dotson, and Mark Terry

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: Mark Peila

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: None

City Councilmember Present: Councilmember Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present: No one from Fire Department able to attend. Santa Holiday event same day/time.

Lakewood Youth Council Present: No one from Lakewood Youth Council present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ray Dotson motioned to approve October's meeting minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Marie Barth asked if there were any questions about the bike lane maps she had sent to Joanna Nichols for distribution prior to the meeting. No one had any questions.

This was Councilmember Marie Barth's last meeting and everyone thanked her for her service to the City and the Committee.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

No one from Fire Department was able to be present as they had a holiday event scheduled for the same evening.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Chief Michael Zaro discussed the Fallen Officer Food Drive numbers (16,000 pounds of food, \$20,000 and 45 blood donations), as well as the Remembrance Ceremony on November 29th. Chief Zaro shared the upcoming speed emphasis for the month of December and the Bike Patrol Retail Theft emphasis scheduled for Black Friday.

Chief Michael Zaro discussed some recent cases to include the currently closed Déjà Vu business. Discussion ensued.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

No one from Youth Council was present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The fireworks letter of recommendation was discussed. James Hairston made a motion to approve the letter as written. All ayes; letter will be sent to Briana Schumacher for City Council.

Ken Witkoe stated that he would be interested in finding a way to educate the public on alternative options regarding the fireworks. Chief Michael Zaro stated he would ask Communications Director Brynn Grimley if she could add it to a Connections Magazine issue, as well as putting it out on social media. Mr. Witkoe also asked about the City providing "media kits" that PSAC members could take to the Neighborhood Association Meetings to educate people directly. Chief Zaro stated it would be possible to take whatever we put out on

social media and create a "packet" or hard copy for this purpose, and we would work on that closer to July, probably around June.

Bicycle traffic safety was also discussed again, and it was requested that perhaps more education of the public could happen regarding that, also. Chief Zaro stated he would put that request in to Brynn Grimley, as well, for a future Connections Magazine issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Witkoe stated that they needed to complete the Work Plan for 2020. Discussion ensued. It was agreed to add the fireworks letter, adult family homes and the various train and traffic safety issues which have cropped up since it was announced that the trains would be coming through Lakewood, under accomplishments. For next year's work plan it was agreed to list PSAC recruitment and infrastructure safety issues as areas of focus. Each meeting was discussed and every month was filled except August.

Ken Witkoe discussed the By-Laws and Mission Statement for PSAC, with a question regarding the idea of becoming an ad-hoc committee. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that going to every other month was a great place to start in regards to feeling useful and not wasteful of everyone's valuable time. While issues for PSAC to tackle may not be plentiful at the moment, there are times that PSAC input and outreach will be needed, and it is important to have a committee in place for those times. It was also agreed that recruitment effort for the committee is important, and something each member should be assisting with, as well as outreach via the Neighborhood Association Meetings.

Ken Witkoe asked if Alan Hart would be willing to head up an organization effort for the Neighborhood Association Meeting outreach. Mr. Hart agreed. It was requested that Joanna Nichols confirm those meetings which are active versus dormant. Councilmember Marie Barth suggested that each member actively commit to attending the Neighborhood Association meetings, ask to be placed on the agenda's in January/February, and bring PSAC applications with them to let it be known that they are actively recruiting for the Committee.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

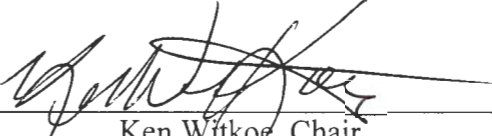
Members discussed their Neighborhood Associations, as applicable. Ken Witkoe read Michael Arnett's last report from Lake City into the record.

ADJOURNMENT


Alan Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee:

Attest:



Ken Witko, Chair



Joanna Nichols, Secretary