



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alan Hart • James Hairston • Ken Witkoe

Mark Peila • Ray Dotson • Mark Terry

Council Member Michael Brandstetter, Committee Liaison

Police Chief Mike Zaro, Committee Staff Support

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 5:15 p.m **Zoom Virtual Meeting**

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. City Council Liaison Comments
6. Fire Department Comments
7. Police Department Comments
8. Unfinished Business
 - Joint Meeting with City Council, August 24th- Recap
 - Recruitment for PSAC
9. New Business
 - Nominations and Elections for Chair and Vice Chair
 - Preview of Next Meeting (December 2nd)
10. Reports from Board Members & Staff
 - Community Outreach Reports & Open Discussion on Public Safety
 - Pending Policy / Ordinance Changes
11. Adjournment

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Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 3, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: None

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: None

City Councilmember Present: Councilmember Mike Brandstetter and Councilmember Mary Moss

Fire Department Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams

Lakewood Youth Council Present: School out for summer; no Youth Council reps at this time.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Ames emailed a two part question, which was read into the record by Chair Ken Witkoe.

PRESENTATION: Councilmember Mary Moss presented information about the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition. Discussion ensued.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Mike Brandstetter stated that the Covid-19 mandates are making it difficult for the City Council to get new things moving forward and reminded everyone that the City Council would be listening to public comments regarding Fireworks on September 8th and the Council's plans from that point forward.

Councilmember Mike Brandstetter stated that the City Council had appointed 23 students to the Youth Council.

Mr. Ray Dotson asked about a Suburban Times article, which he stated makes erroneous and out of context claims regarding PSAC, and asked what his limitations are regarding a response. Discussion ensued.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

No Youth Council (school is out).

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams discussed the Fire Department's 4th of July call response, and stated it was about the same as last year.

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams stated WPFR has a new vehicle, called Squad 21, and explained the types of calls they have been helping with. Chief Adams also updated everyone on WPFR's Covid staffing and safety measures, as well as shared information regarding the Pierce County Public Health and DEM sponsored Covid-19 testing they and LPD assisted with recently. Over 300 people showed up for testing.

Mr. Mark Terry asked if there was a plan to do some education around escape plans, smoke detectors, etc. since so many people will be at home doing distance learning during this time. Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams stated they are planning on doing some educational videos in September and October.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Chief Michael Zaro went over the LPD Quarterly Report and addressed the public comment, stating LPD is still waiting for the outside investigation to be completed; they are being told that is several weeks out still. Discussion ensued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Ken Witkoe discussed the upcoming Joint Meeting with the City Council and asked Vice Chair James Hairston to explain to the committee the Clover Creek railroad crossing issue which had recently come up again, when Mr. Hairston learned it was not on the “to do list” for Public Works. Discussion ensued. It was agreed to ask Councilmember Mike Brandstetter to bring the issue back up to City Council, so it could hopefully be added back onto the to do list.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Ken Witkoe discussed next month’s meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Members discussed their Neighborhood Associations, as applicable; most are not meeting right now.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee:

Attest:

Ken Witkoe, Chair

Joanna Nichols, Secretary

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) 2020 ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Members:

Chair Ken Witkoe	Mark Terry
Vice Chair James Hairston	Ray Dotson
Mark Peila	Alan Hart

Council Liaison:

Councilmember Michael Brandstetter

City Staff Support:

Police Chief Michael Zaro
Administrative Assistant Joanna Nichols

Meeting Schedule:

1st Wednesday of every other month, 5:15 p.m., Lakewood Police Station

2020 Work Plan:

1.	Recruitment
2.	Infrastructure Safety Issues
3.	
4.	
5.	
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Date	Topic(s)
2/5	Western State Hospital and SummerFest Prep
4/1	Reserve Program Presentation and SummerFest Prep
6/3	Coalition Presentation and Final SummerFest Prep
8/5	
10/7	Election and Work Plan for 2021
12/2	Work Plan and Joint Meeting Prep

Special Events:

Date	Event
May 5	Pierce County Law Enforcement Memorial (6 p.m. at Sharon McGavick Center)
June 22	City Council/PSAC Joint Study Session
July 11	SummerFest

PSAC 2019/2020
WORK PLAN AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Members:

Chair Ken Witkoe	Mark Terry
Vice-Chair James Hairston	Ray Dotson
Alan Hart	
Mark Peila	

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Accomplishments:

Date	Topic(s)
12/16/19	Fireworks Recommendation letter to City Council submitted
	Gathered and evaluated information regarding Adult Family Homes. Conclusion: the City is being as proactive as they can be and nothing more can be done via PSAC.
	Worked with City engineers/Public Works regarding train tracks/safety concerns, to include discussion of possible solutions and specific concerns such as Clover Creek train intersection. It is an on-going challenge that the City is staying on top of as best they can.

(Current Year) Work Plan:

1.	Recruitment
2.	Energize Neighborhood Associations
3.	Infrastructure Safety Issues
4.	
5.	
6.	

		Primary	Backup
Tillicum/Woodbrook Tillicum American Lake Gardens Community Center 14916 Washington Ave SW 6:30 p.m. 1st Thursday of the Month	Active	James	Mark P
Lake City West Pierce Fire Station 22 8517 Washington Blvd. 7 p.m. 2nd Thursday of the Month	Active		
Lakeview West Pierce Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW 7 p.m. 4th Thursday of the Month	In hibernation	No rep needed	
Springbrook/Pacific Centerforce 5204 Solberg Dr SW 6 p.m. 3rd Thursday of the month	In hibernation	No rep needed	
North Lakewood Elks Lodge 6313 75th St W, Lakewood 7 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday, every other month (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov)	Active	Mark P	Ken
Northeast West Pierce Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW 7 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of the Month	In hibernation	No rep needed	
Springbrook Connections 5202 Solberg Dr SW 2 p.m. 2nd Thursday of the month	Active	Alan	

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