



## **LAKWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD**

**Thursday, December 5, 2019**

**American Lake Conference Room**

**Lakewood City Hall**

**Lakewood, WA 98499**

**7:30 am – 8:30 am**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ellie Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:09 am.

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Promise Advisory Members Present:** Ellie Wilson, Elise Bodell, Andie Gernon, Wanda Elder, Dr. Michele Johnson, Leanna Christian, Ron Banner, Beverly Howe, Dr. Joyce Loveday

**City Council Liaison:** Mary Moss

**Staff Present:** Brian Humphreys

**Youth Council Liaison:** Abel Alvarado

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NONE**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Joyce Loveday moved to approve the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Promise Board minutes as written. Dr. Michele Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Members reviewed the 2020 Lakewood's Promise work plan submitted to the City Council and discussed next steps for a family-focused workforce development strategy and youth mental health strategy.

Dr. Johnson and Dr. Loveday discussed their colleges' interest in one or two higher education weeks that would be an opportunity to emphasize workforce development pathways at those institutions. Dr. Loveday has been discussing this with a City Council member already, so she will facilitate the coordination of these conversations. A realistic timeframe would be to have an initial higher education week in October 2020 that would celebrate higher education, and then have a larger event in February 2021 that could become an annual recurring event. Key elements of this strategy would be to raise awareness, involve businesses, and create more job-shadowing opportunities for middle-school youth.

Ron Banner discussed the Three to Succeed model from Fairfax County that the Clover Park School District is adapting. The school district aspires to create a tool kit to expand this model to the rest of

the Lakewood community. Ron will provide more updates over the next few months of Lakewood's Promise meetings. Abel Alvarado confirmed that a major asset for youth is having authentic relationships with adults, especially teachers.

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

Elise Bodell shared there is a new Lakewood library branch manager named Amy Anderson.

Beverly Howe shared that now that the hospital is renamed Common Spirit, there have been a lot of changes and staff turnover. Common Spirit also has a new leader who is committed to improving health in Lakewood.

Mary Moss reminded members that the city tree lighting will take place on the afternoon of December 7<sup>th</sup>. The City Council will meet with legislators on the evening of December 5<sup>th</sup> to talk about their dream list of priorities. The Adriatic at Oakbrook is ~~not~~ <sup>now</sup> open, having moved from its former location near the Tacoma mall. BH

Ron Banner shared there is a new school district board member, Anthony Veliz. The board was also recognized as the State of Washington's board of the year. A levy vote is taking place February 11, 2020.

Andie Gernon shared she did a presentation about the Social Determinants of Health and their relationship to the mission of the YMCA. She presented, and was reminded, how complex and intertwined those determinants are.

Leanna Christian shared there is a Senior Youth Director position open. The YMCA also has a promotion for December with no cost to join as a member.

**ADJOURN**

Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:35 am.

Ellie Wilson 2/6/2020  
Ellie Wilson, Chair      Date

Brian Humphreys 2/6/20  
Brian Humphreys, Coordinator      Date