



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 5, 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.

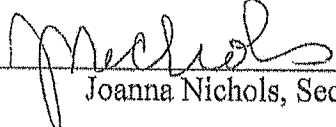
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee:

Attest:


Ken Witkoe, Chair


Joanna Nichols, Secretary