



LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, November 5, 2020

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Lakewood, WA 98499

7:30 am – 8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

Ellie Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:32 am.

ATTENDANCE

Promise Advisory Members Present: Ellie Wilson, Dr. Joyce Loveday, Andie Gernon, Dr. Wanda Elder, Beverly Howe, Mary Dodsworth, Leanna Christian, Dr. Michele Johnson

City Council Liaison: Mary Moss

Staff Present: Brian Humphreys

Youth Council Liaisons: Sarah James, Hank Jones, Brandon Elliott

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

MEETING MINUTES

October 1st meeting minutes unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The three new Youth Council liaisons introduced themselves and gave an update about the Youth Council so far.

Ellie Wilson acknowledged that Mary Dodsworth received the Health Hero award from Community Health Care.

Members discussed the October 26th joint meeting with the City Council. The discussion largely focused on the issues of workforce development and youth mental health, and overall it seemed to go well. The Youth Council representatives talked about their thoughts on the issue of youth mental health. They would like to see more community engagement around this issue. Specific issues related to youth mental health include: stress, pressure, local family struggles, national social justice issues, feeling burned out and fatigued, and the fact that students also experience the political divisions similar to the rest of the country. They recommend a facilitated conversation with the broader Youth Council in 2021 to talk about youth mental health and systemic racism.

Members decided the 2020 work plan is relevant for 2021, so the human services coordinator will update the document.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Andie Gernon recommends adding an emphasis about systemic racism and cataloguing who else is having this conversation in Lakewood.

Leanna Christian shared about possible opportunities for Lakewood's Promise to increase its capacity for communications about issues related to the work plan. Michele Johnson recommended partnering with the local community and technical colleges to have students serve as interns on this type of project.

ADJOURN

Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 am.

Ellie Wilson (digitally signed) *December 3, 2020*

Ellie Wilson, Chair

Date