



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alan Hart • James Hairston • Ken Witkoe
Mark Peila • Ray Dotson • Mark Terry • Tod Wolf
Council Member Michael Brandstetter, Committee Liaison
Police Chief Mike Zaro, Committee Staff Support

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, April 7, 2021 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. Presentation- Public Works City Lighting Update - Weston Ott and Jon Howe
6. City Council Liaison Comments
7. Fire Department Comments
8. Police Department Comments
9. Youth Council Comments
10. Unfinished Business
 - Clover Creek Railroad Crossing
 - Dashboard Review
11. New Business
 - Preview of Next Meeting (June 2nd)
12. Reports from Board Members & Staff
 - Community Outreach Reports & Open Discussion on Public Safety
 - Pending Policy / Ordinance Changes
13. Adjournment

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Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: None

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: James Hairston

City Councilmember Present: Councilmember Mike Brandstetter

Fire Department Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams

Lakewood Youth Council Present: Yajaira Gonzalez

Staff Present: Chief Mike Zaro, Assistant City Attorney Samantha Johnson and Committee Staff Support, Joanna LaVergne, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark Peila motioned to approve the December meeting minutes. All ayes; minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Ames' email was read into the record.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Council member Mike Brandstetter discussed the road construction projects around the City, to include Gravelly Lake Drive and Nyanza. There will be a lot of roundabouts going in, four in total.

Council member Mike Brandstetter gave a Fireworks Ordinance update; City Council has handed it off to Lakewood Police Department and PSAC for education purposes, so it will be on the Work Plan for a while. Councilmember Brandstetter stated that the City Council had also added reviewing the Lakewood Dashboard on the City website, to give a public perspective on what maybe needs to be updated and/or refreshed, as well as what they'd like to see on the dashboard. There is no due date for PSAC's report.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams discussed recent cases, to include the January 4th fire, as well as giving an update on West Pierce Cares, and the Larry Saunders Award recipient, all of whom worked together to place an AED at Ft. Steilacoom Park. Discussion ensued.

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams stated that they had added a part-time Bi-lingual (Spanish speaking) Outreach Coordinator to their staff and added that Martin would love to help with the Fireworks Ordinance education outreach.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Chief Michael Zaro stated that he has no new information regarding the public comment; still waiting for the investigation to be wrapped up.

Chief Michael Zaro also gave an update on PCFIT (Pierce County Force Investigation Team). They interviewed 60 applicants for the investigator positions, in roughly 2.5 days.

Chief Michael Zaro briefly highlighted the 4th quarter report. Discussion ensued.

Chair Ken Witkoe asked about jail booking restrictions due to Covid. Discussion ensued.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

Yajaira Gonzalez gave a Youth Council update, stating they were working on the Lakewood Parade. She will give more of an update at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Ken Witkoe asked Joanna LaVergne to add "Review the Dashboard" to the Work Plan, then asked the members to review the dashboard themselves, and send their thoughts to Joanna

prior to the April meeting. Mark Peila asked for clarification regarding what Council wanted PSAC to review. Councilmember Mike Brandstetter stated they wanted PSAC to focus on all public safety issues and what they would like to see captured on the Dashboard.

Chair Ken Witkoe made a recommendation to table recruitment from the Work Plan, for the foreseeable future. Mark Peila made a motion to table recruitment until Covid restrictions have been lifted and City Council is looking at applications again. Alan Hart seconded the motion. Mark Terry stated he was in the process of recruiting someone. Discussion ensued. All ayes; recruitment tabled for now.

Chair Ken Witkoe asked Ray Dotson to give an update on the PSAC gear. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Ken Witkoe asked Joanna LaVergne to play the YouTube video he had found in relation to the Clover Creek railroad crossing. Discussion ensued. Chair Witkoe stated he will ask Councilmember Brandstetter for some options that PSAC can do to keep this crossing on everyone's radar; he will ask Chief Zaro to assist, as well.

Chair Ken Witkoe stated he had wanted to ask, and will save it for the next meeting, if Chief Zaro had a budget for the Fireworks Education worked out yet.

Chair Ken Witkoe previewed next month's meeting; Joanna will reach out to Public Works to try to schedule the City lighting update.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Peila motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee:

Attest:

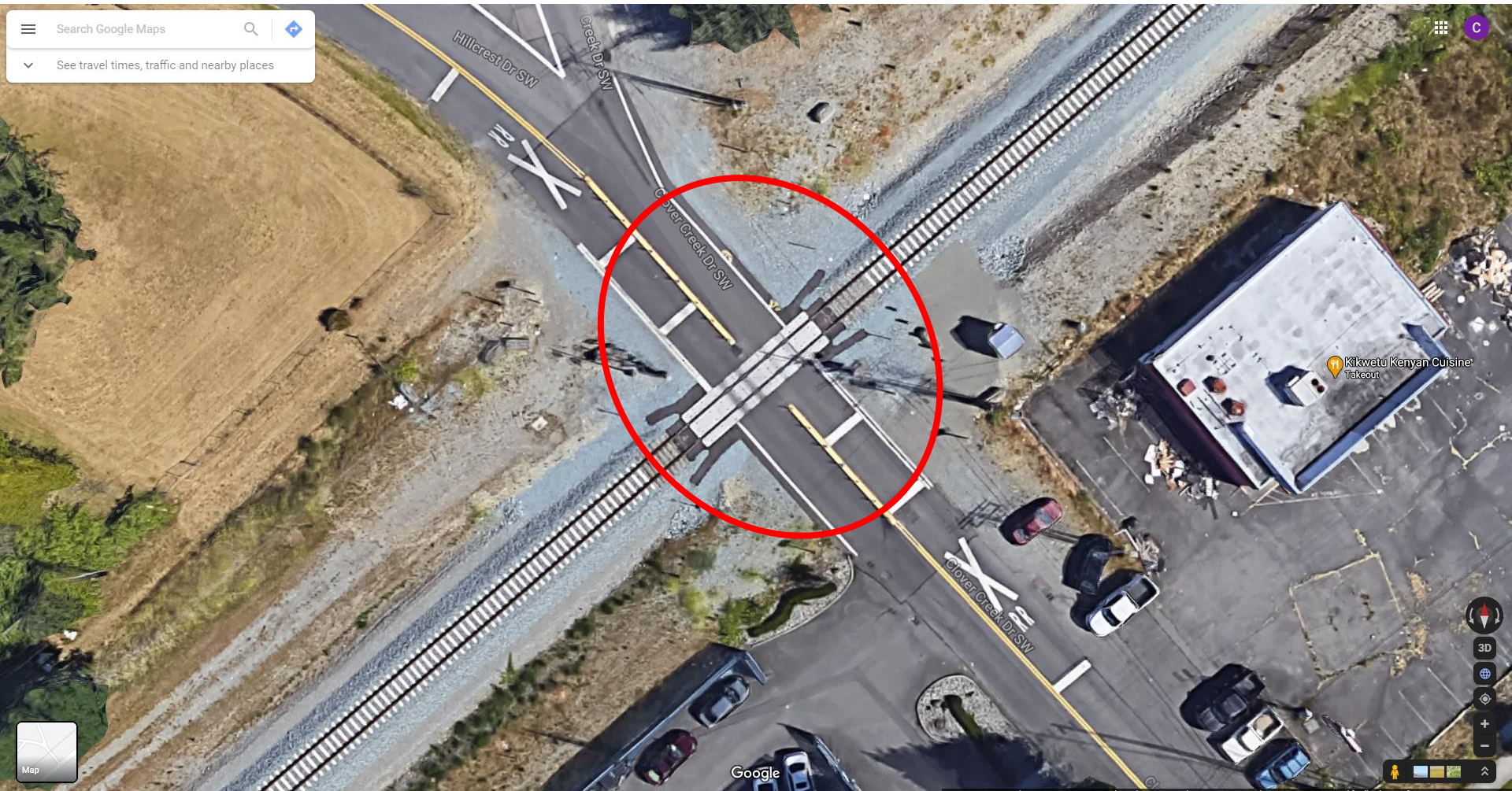
Ken Witkoe, Chair

Joanna LaVergne, Secretary

Clover Creek Dr SW

RR Crossing Pedestrian Mobility Safety Issue

Clover Creek Dr SW



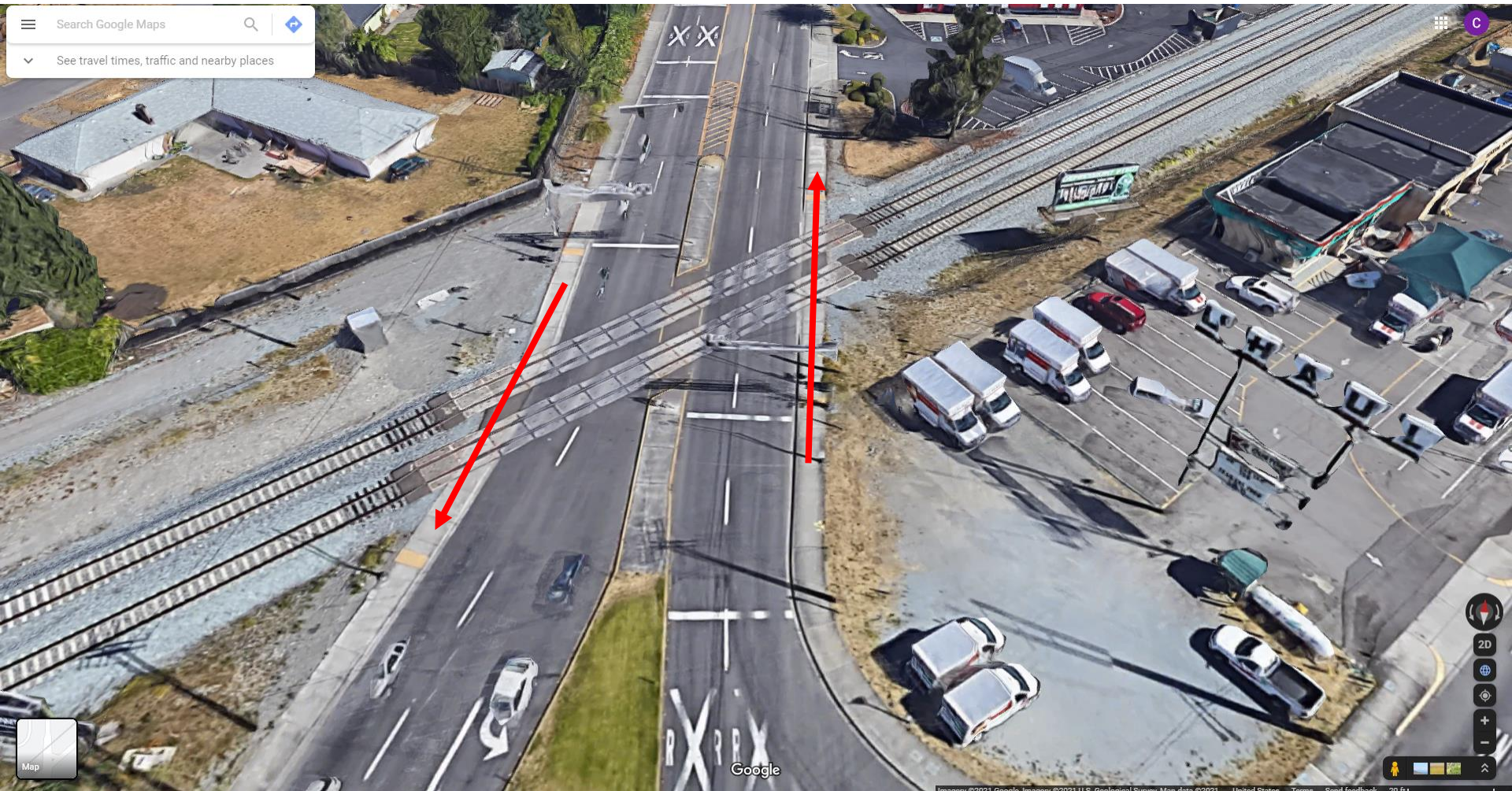
Make Clover Creek Dr SW a safe Pedestrian Crossing site

Clover Creek Dr SW



No side has a safe place for a pedestrian, wheel chair, motorized chair to cross at this site.

Bridgeport Way



Both sides are safe for a pedestrian, wheel chair, motorized chair to cross at this site. Site has a continuous sidewalk on both sides of the street.


Thorne Lane at Interstate 5



At least **one** side of the site is safe place for a pedestrian, wheel chair, motorized chair to cross at this site.

WA State Joint Transportation Committee Rail Study

<https://leg.wa.gov/JTC/Pages/Road-Rail-Study.aspx>

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Study of Road-Rail Conflicts in Cities

Final Report, Prioritization of Prominent Road-Rail Conflicts in Washington State

Road-Rail Conflict Map and Database

Access the database

Meeting Materials:

Study Work Plan (describes tasks and schedule)

Advisory Panel Members:

Sean Guard, Mayor, City of Washougal

Paul Roberts, Councilmember, City of Everett

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner, Skagit County

Al French, Commissioner, Spokane County

Kevin Murphy, Executive Director

Ashley Probart, Executive Director

Dave Danner, Chairman

James Thompson, Senior Director, Trade and Transportation

Ron Pate, Freight Systems Director

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Sheri Call, Government Relations

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Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board

WA Utilities and Transportation Commission

WA Public Ports Association

WA State Department of Transportation

BNSF Railroad

WA Trucking Association

Advisory Panel Meeting Schedule:

May 23, 2016 (10:00 am - 2:00pm)

Olympia, Red Lion Hotel

Agenda

Presentation

Data handout

August 2, 2016 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Seatac, The Conference Center at Seatac Airport

Beijing Room


Agenda

Presentation

Defi Database Report Card

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2016 Database information for the Road-Rail Conflict Prioritization Study.

Three PDF documents with context information and data documentation:

- Data Context and Documentation summarizes the data available and how it was used in the study process
- Appendix A from the study Final Report contains data documentation information
- Appendix D from the study Final Report contains a user guide for the Online Mapping Tool

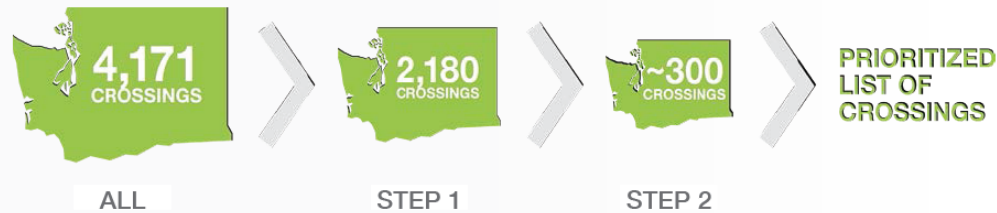
Three spreadsheets with data measuring and scoring impacts at at-grade crossing locations:

- The Step 1 data spreadsheet includes the data collected for all 2,180 study crossings for the purpose of identifying the crossings with the highest likelihood of impacts
- The Step 2 data spreadsheet includes more in depth data collected for just the 302 prominent crossings.
- The Step 2 notes spreadsheet includes more data documentation information for a subset of the criteria: emissions, level of safety protection, network sensitivity.

Note for users who download this data: If you modify the data for your area, please document the changes. The intent of the study was to make this information publicly available. As users make changes to the data, however, the various copies of spreadsheets will no longer be comparable or produce consistent results. By documenting your changes, any statewide update of the data can benefit from your work.

WA State Joint Transportation Committee Prioritized RR Crossing List Process

Figure E-1. Overview of the Prioritization Approach



PRIORITIZATION PROCESS AND RESULTS

The prioritization approach included a preliminary screening process of the 4,171 total crossings statewide followed by two steps as illustrated in Figure E-1. The preliminary screening process removed crossings that were private, grade-separated, or inactive, which left 2,180 crossings. The first step was meant to “filter out” railroad crossings that did not meet defined thresholds and create a manageable number of crossings to evaluate in more detail. This filtering process left 302 prominent crossings. The second step “sorted” the remaining crossings by the evaluation criteria to create a ranked list of crossings. The two step prioritization process helped address the fact that detailed data was not available for all crossings.

Of the 302 prominent crossings identified after the first step:

- ▶ 84% have over 10 freight trains per day
- ▶ 79% do not have a nearby alternative route with a grade separated crossing
- ▶ 77% have unit trains present (long, slow trains)
- ▶ 71% are on major collectors, arterials, or state highways
- ▶ 41% have a regionally prioritized project identified
- ▶ 35% have 2 or more mainline tracks for vehicle traffic to cross
- ▶ 33% have over 8,000 daily vehicle trips
- ▶ 31% have more than 10 passenger trains per day

From: [Alan Hart](#)
To: [kenwitkoe](#)
Cc: [Joanna LaVergne](#)
Subject: Dashboard thoughts
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 9:25:09 AM

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Ken,

As you requested I have looked over the city webpage on the city government performance. It looks fine except for a what I consider a major weakness. For every page the comparison is only to an internal issues compared over time. There are no comparisons to other areas either local, regional or national.

If the City wishes to communicate only positive, internal to Lakewood trends, what is presented is sufficient. If the City wishes to communicate that Lakewood is a great wonderful and safe place, based upon the information provided, I cannot make a decision.

People may choose where to live, play and work. The City needs to have the courage to present the comparisons so people have a factual basis for considering Lakewood better than UP, Tacoma, Steilacoom, Pierce County, etc.

Cheers,

Alan

Objectives:

- 3.1 Improve community safety and reduce crime through data driven processes.
- 3.2 Match Perception of public safety with reality.
- 3.3 Provide resources to support the health, welfare, and safety of the community.
- 3.4 Expand community outreach and educational programs.

General thoughts

What exactly is “Reduce crime through data driven process”?

3.1 What is the public “perception” and what is reality of public safety?

Satisfaction with Police Services

3.4 of the objectives says, "expand community outreach and educational programs “. what are other community outreach programs and educational programs the city is considering besides NPO's, the partnership with greater lakes mental health and the behavioral health content teams.

Feelings of Safety

Why is the City target for “overall feelings of safety” only 50%?

When and how is the national citizen satisfaction survey going to be administered?

RHSP

How is the Rental Housing Safety Program being “policed”? Who are the inspectors? How many inspectors are there? May I, or any other PSAC member, tag along on an inspection?

Alternative Sentencing

Explain what a “Community Court based on the Veteran’s Court model” is. And, what progress on the “research” has there been? Is there a measurable for this research?

Police Response Time

What needs to be done for the department to hit the city target of 3.5 mins average response rate to priority calls?

Abatelements

What happens to the properties that have been razed? Do the property owners pay for the demolition?

From: [Mark Peila](#)
To: [Joanna LaVergne](#)
Subject: Re: Dashboard check and thoughts
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:07:29 AM

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How is overall community safety determined? How often is this rubric applied?

How was the 3.5 minute Priority 1 time response determined? As the City and traffic increase has this response remained realistic? When was it last reviewed/updated?

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Should Police satisfaction survey be performed on a required schedule? They have been completed in 2015, 2017 and proposed for 2021. Is five years between surveys too long? It seems to me that 2 to 3 years would detect trends much better.

Pg. 11

Is the reduced inspection due to Covid 19? If so it should be noted on page.

Pg. 19

Transportation completion rate is to be updated quarterly. Last data was 2018.

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Yearly update. Last data 2017

(Need a way to move or select pages easily)

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 2, 2021, at 4:36 PM, Joanna LaVergne <JNichols@cityoflakewood.us> wrote:

Good afternoon!

This is just a reminder that Chair Ken Witkoe asked everyone to take a look at the Dashboard section of the City's website and provide any feedback you may have to me, prior to next month's meeting (April 7th.)

If you need a reminder on where it is located (since my computer wasn't cooperating that night) here is the link:

<https://cityoflakewood.us/lakewood-dashboard/>

As always, please remember to send them only to me (not Reply All) if you have thoughts to share.

Thank you in advance,

***Joanna LaVergne
Administrative Assistant
Office of the Chief of Police
Lakewood Police Department***

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

2021 ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Members:

Chair Ken Witkoe
James Hairston
Mark Peila
Alan Hart

Vice Chair Mark Terry
Ray Dotson
Tod Wolf

Council Liaison:

Councilmember Mike Brandstetter

City Staff Support:

Police Chief Michael Zaro
Administrative Assistant Joanna LaVergne

Meeting Schedule:

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

Overview: The role of the Public Safety Advisory Committee is to provide citizen input and advice to the City Council in developing and monitoring public safety policies. The Committee will report to the Council and will also assist the Council in assessing that department resources allow for compliance with City and department policies.

2021 Work Plan:

1.	Recruitment
2.	Road Structure and Roundabouts Education Efforts and Updates
3.	Fireworks Ordinance Education Efforts
4.	Railroad Station/Clover Creek Crossing Updates
5.	City Lighting Plan Update with Public Works
6.	Review the Lakewood Dashboard metrics related to Public Safety

Date	Topic(s)
February 3	Fireworks Ordinance Education Efforts
April 7	Public Works Presentation - City Lighting Update
June 2	Road Structure and Roundabouts Education Efforts and Updates
August 4	Railroad Station/Clover Park Crossing Updates
October 6	Election and Work Plan for 2021
December 1	Work Plan and Joint Meeting Prep

Special Events:

Date	Event
August 9	Joint City Council and Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting
July 10-12	SummerFest
November	Fallen Officer Food Drive

		<u>Primary</u>	<u>Backup</u>
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	

02/06/2020