



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, June 2, 2021 at 5:15 p.m **Zoom Virtual Meeting**

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Public Comments will only be accepted via mail or email. Comments should be sent to Joanna LaVergne, Administrative Assistant at 9401 Lakewood Drive SW Lakewood, WA 98499 or jlavergne@cityoflakewood.us. Comments received up to one hour before the meeting will be provided to the Public Safety Advisory Committee members electronically.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. Presentation- Public Works City Roundabout Update – Capital Projects Division Manager Ted Hill and Civil Engineer Troy Pokswinski
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 Recommendation Review/Approval
11. New Business
 - Preview of Next Meeting (August 4th)
12. Reports from Board Members & Staff
 - Community Outreach Reports & Open Discussion on Public Safety
 - Pending Policy / Ordinance Changes

13. Adjournment

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PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 7, 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, James Hairston, and Mark Terry

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: None

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: Tod Wolf

City Councilmember Present: Councilmember Mike Brandstetter

Fire Department Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams

Lakewood Youth Council Present: No Youth Council Present.

Staff Present: Chief Mike Zaro 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

No public comments.

PRESENTATION: PUBLIC WORKS

Weston Ott and Jon Howe gave a presentation on Roadway Safety, to include lighting, sidewalks and traffic lights updates. Question and answer session with discussion ensued. Joanna LaVergne will email out the presentation slides to the members.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Council member Mike Brandstetter discussed the passing of the “Possession of controlled substances” Ordinance, 9.06.045, on 4/5/21. Discussion ensued.

Council member Mike Brandstetter discussed the City’s attempts to educate residents and visitors to parking etiquette on Veteran’s Drive.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams stated it was WPFR’s 10th anniversary of becoming WPFR (merging University Place, Lakewood, Steilacoom and) and discussed the new AED which was placed at Fort Steilacoom Park thanks to the Seldon Family (winners of the Larry Saunders Award), as well as WPFR’s Annual Report.

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams stated they were ready for their Squad 21 update in June, as well.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Chief Michael Zaro discussed the year-end report, which will be available by next meeting, and gave an update on police department retirements.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

No Youth Council present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Ken Witkoe asked about the Clover Creek Railroad Crossing. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that the Committee will continue to try to keep this crossing on the City’s radar.

Chair Ken Witkoe gave an update on the City of Lakewood Dashboard. Discussion ensued. Chair Witkoe will come up with a report to send to the City Council for committee approval at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Co-Chair Mark Terry started a discussion about dog attacks, and asking what citizens could do when they happen. Chief Mike Zaro stated they need to report any and all attacks to Animal Control. There is a process that must be followed to keep track of menace/nuisance dogs and a report to Animal Control is what starts that process. Discussion ensued, some questions about how to educate the public on the reporting process for these incidents. Chief Zaro will reach out to our Animal Control Officers to see if there has been an uptick in dog bites/attacks and to see if they have done any outreach themselves yet.

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 6:40 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee:

Attest:

Ken Witkoe, Chair

Joanna LaVergne, Secretary

Police

Performance Measure	Target	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Measure- Specialty Units					
# of traffic stops	9,000	1,616	1,148	1121	1136
Property Room Audits	1	0	0	1	1
Animal Complaints	2,600	424	238	332	307
# of captures by K9	25	3	6	4	3
Marine Service Hours	90	8	56	140	12
SRT Missions	10	3	3	2	2
SRT Training Days	31	6	7	11	8
Civil Disturbance missions	0	0	8	0	1
Civil Disturbance Team Training Days	13	1	1	0	0
Vehicle Collisions (Fatality)	0	0	2	1	0
Vehicle Collisions (Injury)	250	51	37	54	52
Vehicle Collisions (Non-Injury)	2,100	252	153	221	206
Measure- Criminal Investigations					
Cases assigned for follow up	1,000	257	230	n/a	132
Cases cleared by investigation	700	183	190	n/a	93
Amount of narcotics seized (lbs)	30	2.5	0.25	n/a	42
# of findings during Special Operations quarterly audits	0	0	0	n/a	0
Measure- Patrol					
# of arrests	2,500	554	351	459	442
# of self-initiated calls for service	2,200	4,431	3,012	3415	3541
# of minutes to respond to call for service	12	19.19	18.31	19.54	19.01
Top Priority calls: Average time from receipt to dispatch (in minutes)	3	2.5	2.8	3.18	3.11
Top Priority calls: Average time from dispatch to arrival on scene (in minutes)	3.5	3.72	3.86	4.2	4.09
Total calls for service	55,000	12,250	12,195	13,471	11,558
Measure- Professional Standards					
% of officers meeting state requirements for annual training hours	100	100	100	100	100
# of training hours provided	8,080	3,163	1,475	3,545	3,007
Successful WASPC accreditation	Yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
# of internal investigations conducted	8	5	3	4	1
Use of force as percent of arrests	0.03	0.04%	0.09%	0.05%	0.07%
Uses of force as percent of calls for service	0.10%	0.21%	0.26%	0.16%	0.22%
Pursuits	35	3	12	11	13
Pursuit Terminations	15%	2	4	4	6
Promotional processes completed	2	0	0	0	0
Hiring processes completed	4	0	0	0	2
Measure - CSRT					
Total number of code enforcement complaints received	600	115	210	186	108
Average calendar days: Code complaint to first investigation	7	2	2	2	3
Total code enforcement cases initiated during the reporting period	500	106	113	179	105
Code enforcement cases resolved through voluntary compliance	300	47	44	78	33
Code enforcement cases resolved through forced compliance	0	18	20	24	10
Code enforcement: Average calendar days, Inspection to Forced Compliance	60	4	3	3	0
Code enforcement: Average calendar days, Inspection to Voluntary Compliance	14	14	12	13	17
Community Meetings Attended	120	14	3	3	8

Note:

- Community Meetings Attended - Many meetings were cancelled due to COVID-19.

June 2021

To: Lakewood City Council

From: Public Safety Advisory Committee

Re: Evaluation, suggestions for the Public Safety section of the Lakewood City Dashboard

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.

Is there a required length of time needed to determine citizen "satisfaction" with police services? The dashboard seems to indicate that the survey is done randomly between 2 and 4 years.

On page 6 of the dashboard "Satisfaction with Police Service" it states data show "improving "It shows data for 2015 and 2017. It states data to be collected again in 2021. How often should this survey be completed? 2015-2017 is two years. 2017-2021 is for years. Is this data being collected in a timely manner? A lot of change can happen in four years. How do you make appropriate changes to service provided if something occurs in 2018 to reduce public satisfaction and you do not discover it until 2021?

Feelings of Safety

Why is the City target for "overall feelings of safety" only 50%? How is this determined?

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?

Is Covid19 the reason for reduced inspections? Should the reason for reduced inspections be noted on the dashboard?

Dependable Infrastructure

Mobility on (pg 16) double words “IMPROVING” and states yearly update. Last data 2017

Transportation completion rate (pg 19) states it is to be updated quarterly. Graph shows Last update was 2018.

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?

Why is the 3.5 min response time the goal? How is this goal affected by changes in population and civilian traffic constraints?

Abatements

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

Other notes:

Transportation completion

If the city wishes to only communicate the positive internal trends, what is present is sufficient. However, consider a comparison beyond internal issues to other areas either local, regional, or national to communicate to that Lakewood is a wonderful, safe place to live and possibly relocate to.

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?

Need a way to move or select pages easily instead of having to click back through the pages to find what you are looking for.

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

		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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