



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, August 4, 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- Tiffany Speir, Community Development Department, American Rescue Plan Act Presentation
6. City Council Liaison Comments
7. Fire Department Comments
8. Police Department Comments
9. Youth Council Comments
10. Unfinished Business
 - Clover Creek Railroad Crossing
11. New Business
 - Noise Complaint on Facebook
 - Joint City Council/PSAC Meeting Reminder/Prep Discussion (August 9th)
 - Dashboard Recommendation Memo
 - Accomplishments List
 - PSAC Presence at the 25th Anniversary Party in September (non-meeting month)
 - Preview of Next Meeting (October 6th)

12. Reports from Board Members & Staff

- Community Outreach Reports & Open Discussion on Public Safety
- Pending Policy / Ordinance Changes

13. Adjournment

The Lakewood Police Station is accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons requesting special accommodations or language interpreters should contact Joanna LaVergne, 830-5002, as soon as possible in advance of the meeting so that an attempt to provide the special accommodations can be made.



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Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 2, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: None

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: None

City Councilmember Present: Councilmember Mike Brandstetter

Fire Department Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams and Fire Chief Jim Sharp

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 April meeting minutes. All ayes; minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

PRESENTATION: PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Capital Projects Division Manager Ted Hill and Civil Engineer Troy Pokswinski gave a presentation on the roundabouts, both current and pending, in the City of Lakewood. Discussion/Q & A ensued.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Fire Chief Jim Sharp gave a presentation on the entire Squad 21 program and its efficacy. Q & A session ensued.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Mike Brandstetter discussed recent Legislature, which seemed Public Safety heavy. Councilmember Brandstetter also discussed the Covid grant money and what the City was doing to make sure they weren't duplicating efforts/spending of that money.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Chief Michael Zaro discussed Policing Legislature that Councilmember Brandstetter mentioned and then asked the members for ideas regarding the education blitz the City and Police Department want and need to do in preparation for next year's Fireworks Ordinance change. Discussion ensued. Chief Zaro asked for ideas on how to spread the word about said Ordinance change. Chair Ken Witkoe suggest requiring vendors to have flyers educating about the new ordinance to hand out with every sale. The Lakewood Connections, the 25th Anniversary Party and Farmer's Markets were also suggested.

Alan Hart asked about the year-end stats; discussion ensued. Chief Michael Zaro confirmed Mr. Hart was looking at the quarterly performance measures, not the year-end stats and more discussion ensued.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

No Youth Council present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Ken Witkoe asked if the committee wanted to move the Clover Creek railroad crossing to next month or if someone had an update they wanted to give tonight. Councilmember Brandstetter stated it had been added to the project list and would probably be a 2022/2023 project. Discussion ensued.

Chair Ken Witkoe asked if everyone had had a chance to look over the Dashboard Review Recommendation Memo. Discussion ensued. Typos were discussed. Mark Peila motioned to

submit the recommendation with typos corrected. All ayes; Joanna LaVergne will submit the recommendation to City Council for review.

NEW BUSINESS

It was agreed that the August 4th PSAC meeting would held as an in-person meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

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

Council member Mike Brandstetter reminded everyone about the 25th Anniversary party which would be held in September. He felt it would be a great opportunity for PSAC to show a presence and suggested further discussion of this at the August meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Peila motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee:

Attest:

Ken Witkoe, Chair

Joanna LaVergne, Secretary

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 contact 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 shows "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 four 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 minute average response rate to priority calls?

Why is the 3.5 minute 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 increased 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.

PSAC 2020/2021
WORK PLAN AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Members:

Chair Ken Witkoe
James Hairston
Alan Hart
Mark Peila

Vice Chair Mark Terry
Ray Dotson
Tod Wolf

Council Liaison:

Councilmember Mike Brandstetter

City Staff Support:

Chief Michael Zaro
Admin Assistant Joanna Nichols

Meeting Schedule:

1st Wednesday, every other month, 5:15 p.m., Police Department

Accomplishments:

Date	Topic(s)

(Current Year) Work Plan:

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Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) 2021 ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE

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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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