



LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, June 3rd, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting
Lakewood, WA 98499
7:30 am – 8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

Ellie Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:31 am.

ATTENDANCE

Promise Advisory Members Present: Ellie Wilson, Andie Gernon, Mary Dodsworth, Dr. Michele Johnson, Superintendent Ron Banner, Leanna Christian, Elise Bodell, Beverly Howe,

City Council Liaison: Mary Moss

Staff Present: Brian Humphreys

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

MEETING MINUTES

May 6th meeting minutes unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Lakewood Police Chief Mike Zaro discussed the relationship between Lakewood police and the community. Some officers have resigned or become more withdrawn because they feel unappreciated by the community. There is new state legislation about policing that Chief Zaro is going to dissect and try to better understand over the coming weeks. One example of new legislation is use of force, which means officers cannot detain someone who matches the description of a crime. Another example is that user amounts of narcotics are no longer illegal, although dealing it still is. The challenge with that is user amounts of narcotics are almost always a secondary charge for someone who was detained for a different crime. The police department is also attempting to hire officers, and would like to increase the diversity of the police staff. Officers feel supported by local community members, but are discouraged by the state and national condemnation they hear. Chief Zaro talked about the success of the collaboration with Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare, and the investment in that behavioral health intervention team might increase. He also affirmed that we collectively are living in the safest and healthiest time in history, so hopefully we can resolve some of the social issues so that we can appreciate that.

Tiffany Spier from the City of Lakewood Community Development department facilitated a discussion about ARPA stimulus dollars and how they might be invested. (LET'S KEEP SUPPORTING WHAT WE'RE ALREADY DOING

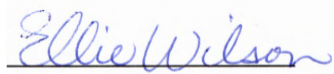
ACKNOWLEDGED BEVERLY HOWE, LEANNA, AND ANDIE'S SERVICE SINCE THEIR TERMS ON THE BOARD ARE ENDING

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

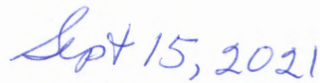
Ron acknowledged school will be in person in the Fall with a virtual option.

ADJOURN

Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8: am.



Ellie Wilson, Chair



Date