



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alan Hart • James Hairston • Ken Witkoe

Mark Peila • Ray Dotson • Mark Terry • Tod Wolf

Karen Ferreira • Teresa King

Council Member Michael Brandstetter, Committee Liaison

Police Chief Mike Zaro, Committee Staff Support

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 5:15 p.m Zoom Virtual Meeting

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<https://www.youtube.com/user/cityoflakewoodwa>

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. City Council Liaison Comments
6. Fire Department Comments
7. Police Department Comments
8. Youth Council Comments
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - Work Plan for 2022
 - Preview of Next Meeting (December 1st)
11. Reports from Board Members & Staff
 - Community Outreach Reports & Open Discussion on Public Safety
 - Pending Policy / Ordinance Changes
12. Adjournment

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Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 4, 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, Tod Wolf, Mark Terry and Karen Ferreira

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

Lakewood Youth Council Present: No Youth Council Present; out for summer.

Staff Present: Chief Mike Zaro and Committee Staff Support, Joanna LaVergne, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

PRESENTATION: Tiffany Speir, ARPA Funds

Tiffany Speir gave a presentation regarding the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) and asked for input from PSAC/community members with how the money given to the City of Lakewood could best be used. Discussion ensued. Ms. Speir will send the presentation information to Joanna LaVergne, who will send it out to the PSAC members for continued perusal and any comments can be sent back to Joanna or Tiffany.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Mike Brandstetter stated that 2021's National Night Out was smaller than usual, but it did happen, and the events were all well attended. Councilmember Brandstetter stated that the City Council approved a purchase for the Chief to purchase a 3D crime scene scanner to replace an outdated version currently in use.

Councilmember Brandstetter stated that there had been a lot of Legislative changes in the last couple of months, and a lot of them had to do with Public Safety. One item of discussion for the City Council was using the ARPA funds to purchase body cameras for the police officers.

Mr. Mark Peila asked if the City had a list of food banks within the City and if it was possible to get that list. Councilmember Brandstetter stated there is a list and he will get it to PSAC.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams echoed Councilmember Brandstetter's summary of National Night Out, and agreed that the Fire Department had fun getting out and connecting with community members. The Fire Department lobbies are back open and they will return to in person meetings starting August 16th.

Assistant Chief Adams gave an update on Squad 21. Assistant Chief Adams discussed the wildfires and the call volume related to those, as well as the cooling stations which WPFR, LPD and the City worked together to open during the heat waves.

Assistant Chief Adams gave a 4th of July recap as well as upcoming events such as September 11th and Fall Safety Day in October.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Chief Michael Zaro gave a presentation on the 2nd Quarter Crime Stats and then did some Legislature updates. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Alan Hart asked about recruitment efforts. Chief Zaro stated the Department is working very hard on recruitment of both entry-level and lateral hires. Discussion ensued.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

No Youth Council present; out for the summer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Ken Witkoe asked if there were any updates on the Clover Creek Crossing; Councilmember Mike Brandstetter had left so couldn't comment.

Ray Dotson showed off his PSAC gear, which was previously discussed, and stated that he will send the digitals to Joanna LaVergne, in case any other PSAC members are interested in purchasing some for themselves.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Ken Witkoe asked about the noise complaint that had been sent in by a member; Mr. Alan Hart stated he was worried about speeding through neighborhoods. Chief Zaro directed everyone to MyLakewood311 to report speeding so that patterns and needs could be quickly and easily addressed. Mr. Hart had forwarded a Facebook complaint regarding car stereos and Chief Zaro stated that noise complaints are subjective, both to the person and per the RCW so those are harder to enforce.

Chair Ken Witkoe reminded everyone that the Joint City Council/PSAC meeting is next week, August 9th and went over the accomplishments list for that meeting. Discussion ensued.

Chair Ken Witkoe asked about PSAC recruitment. Joanna LaVergne explained the PSAC selection process was solely at the discretion of the City Council, who have repeatedly said they were okay with the current number. As of Monday, they have appointed two new members, and the

The City is hosting the 25th Anniversary on September 18th. Discussion around PSAC having a presence at the event ensued. It was agreed the committee didn't have enough members available to pursue the idea.

Chair Ken Witkoe reminded everyone that the October meeting was "scheduled" to be face to face, but in light of changing mandates, etc. he suggested we not bank on that right now, but rather keep it open to being another Zoom meeting, for now.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

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

Mark Peila asked if there was a list of the Neighborhood Association meetings to include a contact email or number, so they could ensure the meetings were still taking place. Joanna LaVergne stated she would check with the City Clerk to see if such a list existed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Terry motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee:

Attest:

Ken Witkoe, Chair

Joanna LaVergne, Secretary

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Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

2021 ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE

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James Hairston
Mark Peila
Alan Hart

Vice Chair Mark Terry
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Tod Wolf

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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

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1.	Recruitment- Minority focused
2.	Railroad Station/Clover Creek Crossing Updates
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5.	
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Date	Topic(s)
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4/6	
6/1	
8/3	
10/5	
12/7	

Special Events:

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July?	City Council/PSAC Joint Study Session
July ?	SummerFest
November 29 th ?	Fallen Officer Food and Blood 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	

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