

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

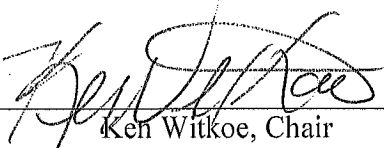
Members discussed their Neighborhood Associations, as applicable; most are either not meeting or meeting via Zoom right now.

ADJOURNMENT

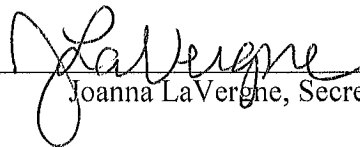
Mark Peila motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee:

Attest:



Ken Witkoe, Chair



Joanna LaVerne, Secretary