



## LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 5th, 2022  
7:30 am

Members and the public are able to join the meeting in-person or virtually.

In-person: 6000 Main St SW Lakewood, WA 98499,  
American Lakes Conference Room (first floor lobby)  
Access Virtually: Zoom link or by dialing in by phone.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86078582138>

Meeting ID: 860 7858 2138

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

### MEMBERS

Ellie Wilson, Chair  
Community Volunteer & CISL founder  
Dr. Joyce Loveday, Vice Chair  
President, Clover Park Technical  
College  
Ron Banner  
Superintendent, Clover Park School  
District  
Elise Bodell  
Teen Services Librarian, Lakewood  
Library  
Mary Dodsworth  
Director, Lakewood Parks & Recreation  
Kerri Pedrick  
Executive Director, Communities  
in Schools of Lakewood  
Megan Dempsey  
St. Clare Hospital Representative  
Dr. Michele Johnson  
Chancellor, Pierce College  
Dr. Wanda Elder  
Community Member  
Kyle Mangloña  
Community Member  
Mary Moss, City Council Liaison  
Shannon Bennett, Coordinator

### GUESTA

Joshua Chambers, Youth Wellness  
Specialist, Clover Park School District

### AGENDA

WELCOME - CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEETING MINUTES

- Review/approve April 7, 2022 meeting minutes

NEW BUSINESS

- Introduction to Joshua Chambers, Youth Wellness Specialist, Clover Park School District
- Youth Council Summit Update & Discussion

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

FUTURE MEETING DATE / AGENDA ITEMS

- Thursday June 2nd, 2022 – 7:30 am  
Regular Meeting, Hybrid Format

ADJOURN

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**LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Thursday, April 7th, 2022**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting**  
**Lakewood, WA 98499**  
**7:30 am – 8:30 am**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ellie Wildon called the meeting to order at 7:36 am.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

**Promise Advisory Members Present:** Dr. Joyce Loveday, Dr. Michele Johnson, Mary Dodsworth, Elise Bodell, Kerri Pedrick, Superintendent Ron Banner, Dr. Wanda Elder,

**City Council Liaison:** Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor

**Staff Present:** Shannon Bennett, Human Services Coordinator

**Guest Presenter:** Sherrana Kildun, The Pierce County Habitat for Humanity

**Guest:** Sally?

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

Dr. Joyce Loveday moved to approve the March 4, 2022 meeting minutes. Dr. Wanda Elder seconded the motion. MPU

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Sherrana Kildun, Chief Philanthropy Officer at The Pierce County Habitat for Humanity (TPCHH) gave a presentation on The Tillicum Development Project, to include showing a homeowner video and corporate sponsor project video.

Kerri asked if homeowners for the Tillicum project would be chosen from Lakewood residents. Sherrana said homeowners have to be Pierce County residents, but they do target Lakewood in outreach efforts.

Mary, asked how groups would get involved in volunteer day? House Sponsorship opportunity may guarantee a team build day. Team Habitat allows people to participate on a small financial way. Currently have more sponsors and volunteers than they have meaningful work so are trying to prioritize.

Ron thanked TPCHH for what they are doing and would love to be in contact in terms of orienting the families in terms of making sure the families have the proper information and hopefully lower their anxiety.

Ellie mentioned the Promise Board would like to sponsor a houses in honor of Claudia Thompson. Mary reminded the members that Lakewood's Promise is a City Board and we can share information with the Board. City already a great partner with TPCHH. Mary recommends a conversation happen offline about supporting TPCHH and the dedication to Claudia Thompson.

What is the percentage of resident turnover? 89-90% of households sold to over 35 years have stayed in their homes. There is a recent uptick in homeowners selling due to family's growing or moving out of town. TPCHH is implementing a new sales model. Due to rising costs of everything, the subsidy between what the homeowner can bring to the table and the cost of the home, is continuing to rise. Due to land and rehab houses harder to find due to rising values, TPCHH board moved to resale restrictive model. Similar to a land trust. TPCHH will retain rights an ownership to the land. Homeowner buys house for price they can afford and promise to sell home to low income first time homebuyer. Homeowner will walk away with equity.

Shannon gave a Youth Summit update. Registration for the event beginning in April. Marketing includes online media, ad time on popular social media platforms, inclusion in school announcements and COL staff presence at high school lunch periods. Mary recommended the Nisqually Tribe be involved in the event by performing an opening ceremony. Nice acknowledgment of Nisqually people being on this land for 10,000. Ron agreed. Extremely powerful

## **BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

Michele announced Pierce College (PC) started the quarter on Monday in a masks encouraged environment. PC selected by The Achieving the Dream and Center for Racial Equity at USC. One of ten colleges looking to at Racial Equity Leadership Academy. PC Strong commitment to serving black and brown excellence of our students to stop thinking of the deficit model and recognize the major hiring going on to reflect our Supports Claudia Thomas project. Lisa Boyd will be the new Trustee.

Kerri shared that the Champions of Youth fundraising breakfast was a huge success and that they exceeded their monetary goal. 13 scholarships were given away during the breakfast. Transportation and housing are a huge barrier to student's academic success. Communities in Schools (CIS) is currently leveraging with community partners to address these barriers, to include submitting a proposal to get more bus passes to City Council and strengthening their partnership with Shared Housing and The REACH Center to help ensure kids heading into spring break have safe and stable housing.

Ron Banner announced masks are now optional, but encouraged and is urging everyone to respect everyone's individual choices. Putting lessons into play to respect everyone's personal decision. April is month of Military Child, "Purpling Up" on 4/15. There have been issues with misinformation being disseminated about Clover Park School District (CPSD) recently adopted discipline policy. CPSD does not discipline white students more harshly. Their policies are RCW's that have been fully vetted by a legal team legally.

CPSD is receiving nationwide negative feedback and is asking to refer all complaints or need for clarity to CPSD for further factual information. Not going to engage in the national argument. Will continue to focus on students and families in Lakewood. 6 CPSD students won Act 6 scholarships; 4 CPHS, 2 Harrison Prep. Out of 29 students in the South Sound region, 20% went to CPSD students. Virtual Steam Fair happened on March 30th. 91.5% student's families attending spring conferences. Which is a big deal...means the family or the adults in a student's life and are active and engaged in their child's education. Kindergarten registration opens soon. Years of Service celebration on 4/11 at Board meeting for 30 and 35 year. Equity and Inclusion in Leadership statement made by Michelle. Taking a positive and growth minded approach. Data since Ron took over as Superintendent says 50% of new hires and promotions were person of color and 66% of the new hires have been women. Started shifting language staying away from putting "qualified" in of a persons of color. Putting "qualified" in front of "persons of color" it is part of a deficit mindset. As if justifying the decision for hiring the person of color was necessary. Our job is to reach and bring.

Joyce announced Clover Park (CP) began last Monday and are also a mask optional, but encouraged college. The new ctcLink system, Go-Live goes live this month. CP is the last of 6 colleges to go live and the roll-out is an all hands on deck effort. The Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) breakfast is the morning of April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am at Clover Park. Advisory Board members are invited to sit at her table. Lots happening at LASA to include changes in plans and in leadership in the next coming month.

Elise announced the Board hired a new Executive Director (E.D.), Gretchen Cazzarotti (sp/) will begin her duties in mid-May. Georgia Lomax's last day is May 4. Library's roof needs to be replaced; it cannot be repaired. Different options, to include temporarily pausing services, temporary relocation while renovation is being done, and demolishing the existing building and constructing a new building are all on the table. The new E.D. will bring options to the Board. Elise asked Advisory Board members to help get the word out about the roof to generate community support and that the solution will need to be creative, but she's excited to bring a new structure to the public.

Mary announced Parks and Rec have an ambitious summer program to include 10-12 special events for families that are no or low cost. To include a dance party in Colonial Plaza following the Youth Summit on May 21<sup>st</sup>. June publication of Connections Magazine will include full schedule of events. Springbrook Connections is an engaged neighborhood, very isolated economically, socially and geographically. Will be renting space at Center Force to run their operations from.

Michelle reported the Legislature recently gave the CTE's \$80k to work with Community based organizations to do FAFSA and give individuals increased awareness of the ability to use financial aid. To be aware of grants that give free tuition. Don't know the housing amount, but all colleges will be getting money for housing. Talking with other agencies and organizations, Like Pierce County on how to leverage the funds and make dollars go further rather than keeping them in isolated events. We'll all be much better off.

Shannon announced the City of Lakewood Mortgage and Rental Assistance program has exhausted the federal funds used to administer the program and effective, March 29<sup>th</sup> is no longer accepting applications.

**ADJOURN**

Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:54 am.

Ellie Wilson, Chair

Date

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