

## **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 6, 2022  
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, Ray Dotson, Mark Peila, James Hairston, Tod Wolf, Mark Terry, Karen Ferreira, Ken Witkoe, Martin Pullman and Teresa Imholt King

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: None

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: None

City Councilmember Present: Michael Brandstetter

Fire Department Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams

Lakewood Youth Council Present: Josephine Kaiser

Staff Present: Assistant Chief John Unfred and Committee Staff Support, Joanna LaVergne, Administrative Assistant

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark Peila had an amendment to the minutes; he was also placed on the SummerFest Dunk Tank Special Committee, and was not listed in the minutes. Mr. Peila motioned to approve the amended February meeting minutes. All ayes; minutes approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

#### SPEAKER: Public Works Engineering Manager Weston Ott

Weston Ott answered questions from PSAC members regarding red light cameras and school zone lights and cameras. It was a consensus on the PSAC board that more cameras need to be placed around the school zones. Youth Council Liaison Josephine Kaiser suggested doing a survey of school students to gauge how prevalent “close encounters/calls” are around the various Jr. High and High Schools, as she feels she knows a lot of people that have nearly been hit just among her friends. Discussion ensued. It was suggested that maybe the Youth Council could spearhead the survey for the school students; Josephine stated they could work with the Clover Park School District and their City of Lakewood Liaison on the project.

#### CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Mike Brandstetter discussed South Sound 911’s newest enhancements, such as their new building, as well as the Youth Council’s upcoming Youth Summit with special emphasis on youth mental health concerns.

Councilmember Mike Brandstetter stated that at Monday night’s City Council meeting, the Mayor suggest asking PSAC to spearhead a survey of local businesses in Lakewood, regarding how they feel about public safety issues and what should be the priorities of the City/Police Department. Councilmember Brandstetter stated that if the Committee wanted to take this project on, they could strategize how to implement it later; there was no time line or deadline at this point. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that this may be something PSAC would like to tackle and add to their work plan. Vice Chair Teresa King, Tod Wolf, Karen Ferreira and Mark Peila agreed to be on the sub-committee.

#### FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams discussed call volume, recent events and their upcoming CERT and Safe Sitter classes, as well as their year-end report which is up on their website.

#### POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Chief John Unfred gave a hiring update, and discussed the year-end report, as well as the new Body Worn Camera Pilot Program. Discussion ensued.

#### YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

Youth Council member Josephine Kaiser gave an update on what the Youth Council is up to, as well as some of the focus of their upcoming Summit on financial health as well as mental health.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Alan Hart asked members to send any Park Safety suggestions from the previous guest speaker, to Joanna LaVergne.

Members Ray Dotson, James Hairston and Mark Peila gave a SummerFest Dunk Tank update. They will pass around the sign-up sheet to work the Tank at June's meeting; "dunkee" sign-up sheet will be started/circulated in July. Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams gave a brief summary of the WPFR Charity, CARES. PSAC will split all profits from this year's Dunk Tank between CARES and the Lakewood Officer's Charity.

Joanna LaVergne stated that Mark Peila had let her know she forgot to include the follow up discussion about Fireworks Education on the Agenda. Discussion ensued. It was agreed to table this until June's meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

Chair Alan Hart reminded everyone that next month's meeting will be about the trash issue around the City, with a speaker from Public Works. Joanna LaVergne will work to get that organized. They will also discuss the Fireworks Education issue and Park Safety, as well as a progress report from the subcommittee regarding the new City Council Business Survey suggestion.

### REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

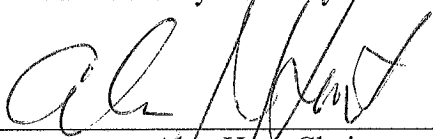
Members discussed their Neighborhood Associations, as applicable. The Citizens Coffee was well received and had a great turnout, as well.

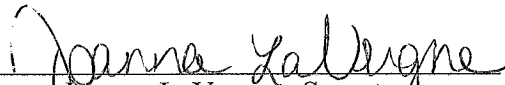
### ADJOURNMENT

Mark Peila motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee:

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Alan Hart, Chair

  
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Joanna LaVergne, Secretary