

	<p><b>LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD</b>  <b>Thursday, June 6th, 2022</b>  <b>Zoom Virtual Meeting</b>  <b>Lakewood, WA 98499</b>  <b>7:30 am – 8:30 am</b></p>
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Ellie Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:16 am

**ATTENDANCE**

**Promise Advisory Members Present:** Ellie Wilson, Kerri Pedrick, Wanda Elder, Megan Dempsey, and Ron Banner

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

**Staff Present:** Mary Dodsworth and Nikki York

**Guest Presenter:** None

**Guest:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**MEETING MINUTES**

May meeting minutes were not available to approve.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Youth Summit update – Mary Dodsworth

Overall everyone was so pleased with the YS. The structure, format and layout was something we'd been trying to implement for several years. In March of 2020 YS was cancelled due to Covid-19. This year we held an all-day event at Harrison Prep / 4 Heroes elementary school. 120 kids participated with 13 break-out sessions that included art, music, fitness, meditation, meet the Mayor and financial literacy. Over 35 agencies and businesses participated in the vendor fair which was extremely popular and the youth really enjoyed interacting with the companies represented. A drum ceremony by the Nisqually Tribe and welcome by our Mayor and Superintendent along with two amazing keynote speakers set the tone and kicked off the event. A DJ, free lunch, transportation, game truck, open gym, and amazing prizes were extremely popular. Collaborations with current and new partners helped set the course for new ways to connect our youth and community. A debrief will be held with youth council at their June 6th meeting.

Ron Banner thought it was an impressive event and the bar was set for future events. No going back. Community and parents will expect this and more in future years. The break-out sessions were pivotal in supporting students for things they have asked for along with what we thought would benefit them. "It was very meaningful to the kids." It was strategic on our parts to incorporate the student voice.

Mary Moss enjoyed her duties greeting the students. Vendors were very engaged and accommodating, addressing issues and working together to solve problems. Really a team effort. Break outs were enjoyable. Students are our future so we need to listen to them.

Ellie Wilson loved the YMCA session included stress relief. 10-12 students attended and were extremely interested in way to eliminate stress.

Kerri Pedrick provided feedback from CIS Team members who attended. They noted that kids had fun and got something out of the event, which is a goal of CIS. The team enjoyed being there. She asked how we can bring partners on-board earlier in the process and iron out transportation issues early in planning. She was grateful to 828 Flow for helping not only with organizing the vendors, but also the partners. How can we increase the student voice in future planning? It will be powerful to share back with young people what local elected learned from the Youth Summit.

#### Strategic Initiative - Mary Dodsworth

Community Services Advisory Board (Board) and city staff are currently working with Council on preparing the application and rating program to support the human services grant program. Applications for the 2023-2024 grant program should be released in July. Non-profits will have until the end of August to submit, with review of applications occurring in September and October and presentation of a \$390k funding packet to Council for approval in November. The Board is recommending to continue using the existing five strategic initiatives which are: Emotional support for kids, housing and homeless prevention, crisis, stability and advocacy, access to healthcare and mental health, and access to food. Application will include questions regarding how agencies are doing outreach, gathering client voice, supporting equity, inclusion and empowerment and providing specific measureable outcomes.

### **BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

Kerri- CIS is excited to celebrate their seniors and transitions. 42 seniors, which reflects 100% in their caseload, will graduate this year and three are scholarship winners. CIS recognizes the challenges young people are facing as they complete a really hard year, head into the summer and feel the stress of transition and unknowns. CIS received funding from Pierce County and will be able to expand their support of students through hiring new staff.

Ron – Graduation ceremonies on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The Open Doors will have 91 graduates this spring and had around 40 graduates during the winter break. The Open Doors program was accredited by National Cognea, which is done for schools implementing continuous improvement and who submit for internal and external review. This means that the program is functioning at very high levels to help get kids graduated. All three of the other CP high schools have also earned the accreditation. Employee of the Year rewards went our last month and on June 13<sup>th</sup> the district will host a retirement party. Lemonade Day is Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and is a partnership with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce to support entrepreneurship within our



youth. CP students and staff put on the Arlington Project to pay tribute to our fallen soldiers throughout Memorial Day weekend. It was a great event and highlights can be seen on the CP YouTube channel. Summer Lunch programs happening again this year. Any child 0-18 years old can get a free lunch this summer at a designated site. Kindergarten registrations are going on and the last day of school is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Megan – St Claire scored an A on Leap Frog scores which is for patient safety. Our Covid-19 number are coming back up, but patients not seeming as sick as they were in January.

Ellie – Friends of Claudia Thomas will be doing a presentation to Council on Monday night focusing on the Habitat for Humanity project honoring Dr. Claudia Thomas. Feel free to reach out to her for additional information.

Mary M – Council members (CM) are busy attending events in the community. Mayor Whalen did a Memorial Day ceremony at Mountain View cemetery and have been meeting with congress and senators to educate them on the needs within our community. On June 1st, Mary attended Buffalo Soldiers grand opening in DuPont. There was a good turnout and it's an impressive facility. New police officers will be commissioned on June 6<sup>th</sup>. She is always impressed with the local groups and volunteer's willingness to support and give back to the community, which helps council get things done. Council will be doing a proclamation in honor of Juneteenth.

Marty D – Gearing up for a busy summer. Farmer's Market starts next week and will be on Tuesday's from 3-7pm. We will now support SNAP at the market and thanks to sponsorships, Healthy Bucks for Kids provides kids with \$2 vouchers to get fruits and vegetables. Concerts in the Park start towards the end of June on Tuesday nights. Summer Camp is coming up as well as lots of events for kids and families to choose from. Our Connections magazine just came out. SummerFEST will occur on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be held at Fort Steilacoom Park. Mary gave an update for the library on behalf of Elise Bodell: Last month the Lakewood library announced that it will be closing. Mary asked that members reach out to Elise and library staff to offer spaces and support for the library programs. Ellie adjourned the meeting 9:01 am.

#### **ADJOURN**

Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:01 am.

Ellie Wilson, Chair

Date

*Ellie Wilson*

*Sept 1, 2022*