

## **LAKWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD**

**Thursday, December 1, 2022**

**In-Person and Zoom Virtual Meeting**

**Lakewood, WA 98499**

**7:30 am – 8:30 am**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ellie Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:35 am

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Promise Advisory Members Present:** Ellie Wilson, Joyce Loveday, Wanda Elder, Michele Johnson, Ron Banner and Mary Dodsworth

**Promise Advisory Members Absent:** Megan Dempsey, Kerri Pedrick and Kyle Manglona

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

**Youth Council Liaison:** Cynthia Rodriguez, Hank Jones, Fatima Hernandez, Alli Laska

**Staff Present:** Shannon Bennett

**Guest Presenter:** None

**Guest:** Julie White, President, Pierce College and Sunny Disney, Pierce County Library

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Michele Johnson moved to approve the October 6 and November 3rd, 2022 meeting minutes. Wanda Elder and Joyce Loveday seconded the motions respectively. MPU.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Shannon provided an update on LPAB's presence at the City of Lakewood annual Christmas parade.

Shannon provided an update on compiling an ad hoc committee to work on the LPAB communication Plan. Committee will include community leaders and community members and an initial meeting will be held in January. Mary D. suggested giving ad hoc committee members an orientation on Lakewood's Promise and let them come up with some action plans. Michele Johnson suggested the communication efforts be geared to the youth and the community. Hank Jones confirmed youth council members will participate on the ad hoc.

New member and guest introductions were conducted.

## **BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

Hank reported Youth Council (YC) will be having a very busy week. Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> YC will host a roundtable discussion about youth homelessness at CPHS library from 2:30-4:00 and will be helping with the December 10<sup>th</sup> Holiday parade.

Joyce reported that CP Tech will have Collaboration for a Cause on campus today (Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>) for students and community members to learn about available wrap around services covering social, educational, housing and health services for community members. In addition, next week (Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup>) their manufacturing programs department will be hosting an open house and staff will lead a free workshop on how to use Industry 4.0 with the purpose of strengthening student skills and how to help positively impact the manufacturing industry in Pierce County.

Mary M announced Council recently held a joint meeting with State legislatures, which went really well. She also complimented Hank and YC on their good work and offered Council support with their initiatives. Council will be hosting members from Sister City's from Korea the week of December 5<sup>th</sup>. Linda Farmer has been appointed as Pierce County Auditor so Council will be focusing on naming her predecessor. Lastly, Mary urged members to attend the art show at City Hall on Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.

Mary D announced City staff is out making sure the roads are cleared. Tree lighting is on Saturday immediately following the parade. Monday night Council will be providing their decision on the Human Service recommendations.

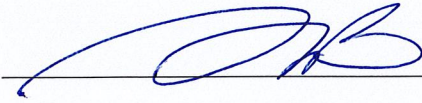
Wanda urged members to check on their elderly neighbors during the snowy weather.

Michele announced Dr. Julie White has been named as the new Chancellor of Pierce College. The Community and Technical College system will hold their statewide presidents and chancellors meeting today and tomorrow (Dec 1 & 2) with the purpose of trying to prepare for the legislative session and budget request. The four districts meet together and add UWT at legislative breakfast to prepare for their budget requests to include two key areas: Compensation for employees and resources to help with their equity initiatives as well as their workforce and equipment. In addition, Pierce College received a \$300k Achieving the Dream grant for the Puyallup campus nursing program. Its purpose is to focus on equity and looking at black and brown student's excellence. The focus of the grant is to help continue to diversify the nursing program and produce quality nurses and quality healthcare that better reflect our diverse community.

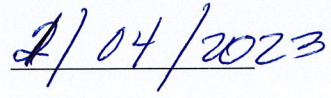
Ron reported that CPSD chose their Daffodil Princesses. A hiring event will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Repeating the bonuses for several positions to include \$3,500 for nurses and bus drivers and \$500 para-educators. Asked members to help spread the word about available jobs. Just hosted a Future Chefs cooking competition where students chose and prepared a dish for prizes. CPSD will have 40+ students, parents and family participating in the December 10<sup>th</sup> holiday parade. During the inclement weather it's been determined that Lakewood roads are drivable and so buses will be running as regularly scheduled. CPSD recently hosted a quarterly parent connections council meeting to listen and receive feedback on current successes and suggested improvements. Finally, CPSD is creating learning in motion videos that highlight actual classroom lessons throughout the year and can be viewed on CPSD social media outlets.

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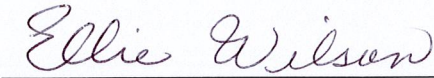
Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:28 am.



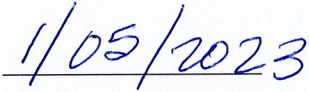
Prepared by: Shannon Bennett, Human Services Coordinator



Date:



Ellie Wilson, Chair



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