

***Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes***

MEETING PLACE/DATE:

Thursday, October 5, 2023

In-Person and Zoom Virtual Meeting

American Lake Conference Room, City Hall Lobby

6000 Main St SW Lakewood, WA 98499

7:30 am – 8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER:

Kerri Pedrick called the meeting to order at 7:34 am

ATTENDANCE:

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Present:

Kerri Pedrick, Megan Dempsey, Dr. Joyce Loveday and Julie White

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Excused:

Ron Banner, Mary Dodsworth, Ellie Wilson, and Kyle Manglona.

Staff:

Shannon Bennett, Human Services Coordinator

Tiffany Spier, Planning Manager- Long Range/Strategic Planning, Community & Economic Development, City of Lakewood

Chris Davis, Program Coordinator - Neighborhood Connections, Community & Economic Development

Youth Council Liaison:

Alexis Lynn, Alli Laska (not present), Katherine Kaiser and Launa Nieto-Johnson

Council Liaison:

Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Quorum not present. No minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

Kerri asked members to introduce themselves providing their name, pronouns and favorite Fall tradition.

Chris shared his goals for fulfilling the duties of his new position related to community outreach and bridging the gap between City staff/departments and the community.

Kerri reminded members of our purpose for the January 27th youth focused adults' summit: organizations focused on young people want to recommit to our young people and to do better and be better at providing our youth with safe spaces and genuine relationships with adults and their peers. She shared the draft plan with the members and asked for their feedback. Planning committee is currently focusing on invite list, which will include agencies and youth serving organizations already focusing on young people for this first meeting. Parents and other folks who care about our youth will be invited to future like events. The most important part is that we listen to our young people. We want directors of agencies and programs to hear young people's definition of safe spaces and figure out how within their current framework they're able to work towards fulfill the youth's communicated needs.

Mary shared she's been working a lot with youth with Multicultural Coalition. Youth are asking for a Youth Day where they can hang out together and suggested the two organizations work together to plan this for the youth.

Launa expressed said she liked the idea of having a Youth Day. Maybe somewhere they can be bussed in or walk to and that emails should be sent to parents. Possibly an event at Fort Steilacoom Park with games and activities for youth only.

Shannon raised the point that we need to hone in on what decisions we're asking attendees to the summit to make. Kerri suggested an example could be to make a commitment to creating a safer place for young people who are experiencing mental health issues. And a commitment to be better trained or prepared to serve youth with mental health issues. Shannon asked the Youth Council members to weigh in on what's important to them. Alexis said it would be nice to interact with people they'd not normally have the opportunity to interact with and to build more of bond with their community.

Kerri informed members the planning committee will be meeting in a couple of weeks to finalize an invitation, format and an agenda.

Mary Moss said Council will be present at the summit.

Joyce expressed her full commitment to the event and asked if there will be a speaker or somebody to help facilitate the conversations that the planning

committee will be working to secure.

Megan suggested that the topic of youth mental health and safe spaces is so broad and asked that we narrow our topic down to make the conversation more productive and solutions more clear.

Launa expressed her observations of younger students acting out at school and getting into fights. Suggested we focus on engaging students more with conversations and materials that will help them be kinder to others.

Kerri announced CIS will be holding the Great Kindness Challenge in February and suggested the Youth Council Social Health sub-committee help with the planning.
Council Comments:

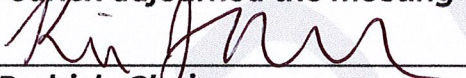
Board Comments:

Julie shared her appreciation to the community for their patience shown during the cyber security breach and that the problem has been pretty well resolved.

NEXT MEETING:
November 2, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Kerri Pedrick adjourned the meeting at 8:30 am.



Kerri Pedrick, Chair



Shannon Bennett, Staff Person/Minutes