



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

MEETING PLACE/DATE:

Thursday, November 2, 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 7:31 am

ATTENDANCE:

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Present:

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

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Excused:

Ron Banner and Kyle Manglona.

Staff:

Shannon Bennett, Human Services Coordinator

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

Youth Council Liaison:

Alexis Lynn, Katherine Kaiser and Launa Nieto-Johnson

Council Liaison:

Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor

Guests:

Shelby Epps, Pierce County Libraries

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 5th meeting minutes unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shelby, Teen Services Librarian, shared an update of the Pierce County Library's presence in the City of Lakewood. PC libraries currently has 19 locations and nine teen dedicated staff. Have a great teen volunteer program going. Teens received

resume building, workforce development and college prep resources. Currently do not have a specific Lakewood location, but do conduct pop-ups and outreach to our local youth. The plan to reopen a library in Lakewood includes being in the process of getting interim building built. It will be modular building set a couple of blocks north of where the old building is. Currently going through the permitting process. It's anticipated to be open sometime in the first half of 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

Kerri asked members to introduce themselves and to describe their practice for dealing with their mental and emotional well-being.

Kerri provided the Board with an update of the January 7th youth facing adult's event. The emphasis will be around youth mental health and the title for the event will be Partnering for Progress, facilitators for the event will include counselors in the schools and youth focused agencies and invitations will be issued immediately following Thanksgiving and again before Holiday break to a focused and selective list of attendees.

Mary D expressed her excitement for this event to be a catalyst for more collaboration in our community. Recommended we include arts in our curriculum, to include drums, journaling, crafts, etc. She also referred to the prior strategic plan and come up with one joint initiative to adopt at the event. Something the community can do citywide in support of positive mental health; something similar to The Great Kindness challenge.

Launa, Alexis and Katie all expressed their appreciation and excitement for the event.

Julie committed to having Pierce College staff at the event and also offered to get us in contact with Taiko drumming group.

Shelby offered to help with the event in any capacity necessary, to include contacts for performers.

Megan said she'll ask a nurse practitioner who deals in palliative care to attend the event.

Kerri reminded members to send out their board updates to Shannon prior to the next meeting.

Shannon will check with the City Clerk to see if there are any open positions on the Board. Shelby shared due to her military status she cannot commit to being a permanent Board member, but is willing to serve in a liaison capacity.

NEXT MEETING:
December 7, 2023

Council Comments:

Mary M shared her and the City Manager attended the AWC meeting in Olympia. A stern request was issued to our legislators about public safety, especially for our senior population.

Board Comments:

Julie shared that Pierce College was once again named to the Aspen Institutes top 150 community colleges list.

Ellie shared status of the Habitat for Humanity Dr. Claudia Thomas house in Tillicum. Recently 12 Concordia students drove out from Minnesota to help build the townhouses. The first family has been announced. A single mom and her two teenage daughters are hoping to move into their new home next summer.

Kerri shared CIS's national office received \$175 million in expansive dollars from the Ballmer Group to support their efforts to build out new schools over the next three years

Mary D reminded everyone of the December 9th Parade of Lights. Members decided not to participate with a float in this year's parade.

Joyce shared that CPTC enrollment is up a small amount this fall. Opened a new male engagement center that's open to all men and is focused on belonging and support for black identifying men.

ADJOURNMENT

Kerri Pedrick adjourned the meeting at 8:28 am.


Kerri Pedrick, Chair


Shannon Bennett, Staff Person/Minutes