



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

MEETING PLACE/DATE:

**Thursday, December 7, 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 7:35 am

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Present:**

Kerri Pedrick, Megan Dempsey, Ellie Wilson, Dr. Joyce Loveday, Ron Banner, Julie White and Mary Dodsworth

**Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Excused:**

Kyle Manglona.

**Staff:** Mary Dodsworth provided staff support

**Youth Council Liaison:**

No youth councilmembers attended

**Council Liaison:**

Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ellie made a motion and Julie seconded to approve the November 2, 2023 meeting minutes which were unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Youth focused agencies summit planning efforts:** Kerri provided the Board with an update of the January 27<sup>th</sup> event we are now calling Partnering for Progress. The event

will be at the Lakewood Boys and Girls Club and emphasis will be around youth mental health. Thirty five (35) agencies have been invited to include Mental Health Pierce County and mental health professionals will help facilitate the various conversations. We have space for 130 people and want a balance between adults and youth and are looking for up to 2 reps per agency. Invites are being developed and will be sent soon. Kerri will send out a new / updated flyer. You can register on the City's website /Lakewood Promise page.

**Election of Officers:** Kerri asked each board member to share why serving on the Lakewood Promise Board is important. Responses included: we support youth becoming the best they can be, collaboration helps both the community and us individually, continuing the vision of supporting youth that was set when the City incorporated, reminding the community that we have a community of collaboration – that's how we do it, connecting and working together, having a place for new people to join in the community, our community collaboration and connection is unique and impressive (other communities strive for this but don't always do it), we model and teach skills for youth to learn and use in the future, allows groups to work outside their silos. We keep the message of supporting youth and families alive!

In preparation of electing officers in January, Kerri asked members to consider being the chair knowing that this board is supported by staff and others will step up to vice chair.

**BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:** Mary Dodsworth shared information in the ordinance that created the LPAB regarding size and membership. There are four open seats and board members shared potential youth serving agency/members to recruit to include the Library, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA and Oasis Youth Center. Diversity and support of underrepresented people or areas should be considered. Members offered to reach out to the agencies to share opportunities to participate. All individuals would need to apply and the Mayor / Council approves all Board members.

Ron noted that CPSD will be running a replacement levy and there is a citizens committee helping to promote the need / impacts of the District.

**MEETING ADJOURN:** Kerri Pedrick adjourned the meeting at 8:25 am.

**NEXT MEETING:**

January 4, 2024 – 7:30 AM.



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Kerri Pedrick, Chair



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Shannon Bennett, Staff Person