



City of
Lakewood

**Lakewood Public Safety Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

MEETING PLACE/DATE:

Lakewood Police Department, February 7, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

5:17 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Lakewood Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Present: Alan Hart, Mark Piela, Karen Ferreira, James Hairston, Kamarie Wilson, Ray Dotson, Tod Wolf, Teresa Imholt-King, and Martin Pullman

Lakewood Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: Ken Witkoe

Staff: Lieutenant Chris Westby, Assistant Chief John Unfred and Committee Staff Support Joanna LaVergne, Administrative Assistant

Youth Council Liaison: Kaitlyn Miller, Lincoln Estrada Perez, and Kimberly Estrada

Council Liaison: Trestin Lauricella

West Pierce Fire and Rescue Liaison: Assistant Fire Chief Michael Dobbs

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alan Hart motioned to approve the minutes. All ayes; minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

Lieutenant Chris Westby, Lakewood Police Department

Lieutenant Chris Westby gave a presentation on the speed cameras survey results from the school zones and red-light cameras. They are hoping to have the new cameras installed by summer. Discussion ensued.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS:

Councilmember Trestin Lauricella discussed the citizen survey, the upcoming Farmers Market, which would be starting again soon, and gave an update on their efforts to speak to State Legislature on public safety issues, as well as the construction projects around the City. Discussion ensued.

Committee member Mark Piela asked about the state law re: ADU's. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Trestin Lauricella stated that the next town hall meeting regarding ADU's would be on February 28th and invited everyone to attend.

FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

Assistant Fire Chief Michael Dobbs gave a summary of their call volume, and stated that they had responded to a lot of burst pipes during our recent freeze.

POLICE COMMENTS:

Assistant Chief John Unfred recapped Shop with an Officer and Holiday Meals, as well as giving a hiring update. We are currently fully staffed, though quite a few of those new hires are still going through the academy, so it will be a little longer before we see the numbers reflected on the streets.

Assistant Chief John Unfred went over the 4th Quarter stats, and let everyone know that we would be presenting the Year End Report to City Council next week. That report would be uploaded to the website after the presentation. During his presentation Assistant Chief Unfred noted that juvenile crime has continued to skyrocket and stated there was a deep need for safe spaces for teens to go to keep them off the streets where they can find themselves getting into trouble. Discussion ensued.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Lincoln Estrada Perez gave a recap on the Youth Council's last meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Board Comments:

Neighborhood Connections Program Coordinator Chris Davis gave an update on his plans for revitalizing Neighborhood Associations. Discussion ensued.

Chair Kamarie Wilson asked about the Business Public Safety Survey. Discussion ensued. It was agreed the subcommittee would come up with a new list of questions based on the Chief's input, making sure to steer clear of questions already asked in the Citizen Survey put out by the City last month, to present to the Committee at the April meeting for approval/suggestions. Secretary Joanna LaVergne will make sure this is added to the April agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Comments:

Preview of next meeting included confirming if the Emergency Management plans would be ready to look at in April. Assistant Chief John Unfred did not think they would be, but they could have West Pierce Coalition do a presentation on the entity and their goals and plans going forward.


REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF:

Board Comments:

Members discussed their Neighborhood Associations, as applicable. Secretary Joanna LaVergne will update the Lake City meeting times on the handout- next meeting will be in March, not February, and Tod Wolf will try to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alan Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.


Kamarie Wilson, Chair


Joanna LaVergne, Staff Person/Minutes