



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

MEETING PLACE/DATE:

Thursday, April 11, 2024

In-Person and Zoom Virtual Meeting

Lake Steilacoom 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 7:36 am

ATTENDANCE:

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Present:

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

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Excused:

Ron Banner and Kyle Manglona.

Staff: Shannon Bennett provided staff support

Youth Council Liaison:

Katie Keiser, Launa Nieto Johnson, and Alexis Lynn

Council Liaison:

Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor

Guests:

Alice Fong, Center for Ethical Leadership.

Chris Davis, Neighborhood Coordinator, City of Lakewood

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The March 7th minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Lakewood's Promise role in Partnering for Progress Initiatives discussion – Shannon provided members with a brief description of the purpose for the Partnering for Progress event that was hosted by LPAB, planned by a steering committee, and held in January. It was an intentional discussion between adults and youth about how we can better serve our youth and youth serving adults for the betterment of our community and all our mental health. The big takeaway was that youth want more safe spaces to hang out, expanded late nights, expanded spaces, more events in their schools and workforce development to include job opportunities available now and in the future. Since the event, the steering committee has been focusing on one or two takeaways that can be easily implemented by the community, to include gaining community support for programs already happening in Lakewood (YMCA & the Boys & Girls Club). Another initiative is to create a community communication system (example: Padlet) that allows youth serving agencies to get on the same page and share community events, as well as their needs and resources. It is a way to practice our collaboration. Steering committee members are currently practicing Padlet to see if it will work for our purposes.

Youth Empowerment Summit update and discussion - Shannon provided members with an update on event planning. Confirmed Saturday, May 25th is the confirmed date of the event. Monique Ferrer is a consultant working to confirm local resources to participate in the vendor fair. Youth Council members have provided predetermined questions for City Council members to answer during the event. Mary D. recommended City Council members participate in a "Speed Dating" rather than panel discussion. Either Chik-fil-A or Jimmy John's will provide lunch, per YC member request. A photo booth and coffee truck are confirmed. Facilitators for four of the five break-out sessions have been confirmed: College prep (financial aid and essay writing), job prep (resume building and interview skills), confidence building (communication skills and cultural enrichment). Julie White suggested Pierce College students may be willing to lead political advocacy session and promised to provide contact information. A flyer is in the final draft and will be distributed to school administrators and asked to be distributed to adult and youth influencers in each of the middle and high schools. No transportation plan is in place. Methods currently under consideration are to mimic the transportation plan executed during the 2022 youth summit when middle schoolers were bussed in and/or approach local churches to donate vans and drivers shuttle youth to the event via a predetermined route that includes stops at the local middle schools.

Julie requested a copy of the LPAB guiding documents. Shannon agreed to deliver.

BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS: Ron Banner provided his updates and Shannon distributed them to the members in advance of the meeting. Members agreed all board updates provided prior to each meeting should be distributed with the agenda packet.

Julie shared that Pierce College is seeking new members for their Board of Trustees and is trying to build a roster now and asked members to consider people they might know. They currently have a diverse Board of ethnicity and gender and are looking for increased multigenerational diversity. A small stipend is offered, and candidates are appointed by the Governor.

Joyce announced the annual LASA benefit breakfast is on Wednesday, May 17th at the McGavick Center.

MEETING ADJOURN: Kerri Pedrick adjourned the meeting at 8:45 am.

NEXT MEETING:
April 11th 7:30 AM.


Kerri Pedrick, Chair

 5/05/2024
Shannon Bennett, Staff Person