



**Lakewood Public Safety Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**MEETING PLACE/DATE:**

Lakewood Police Department, April 3, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER:**

5:17 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Lakewood Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused:** James Hairston, Ray Dotson, Martin Pullman, and Ken Witkoe

**Staff:** Acting Captain Brian Markert and Committee Staff Support Joanna LaVergne, Administrative Assistant

**Youth Council Liaison:** Kaitlyn Miller, and Dylan Pant

**Council Liaison:** Trestin Lauricella

**West Pierce Fire and Rescue Liaison:** Deputy Chief Hallie McCurdy

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mark Peila motioned to approve the minutes. All ayes; minutes approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment.

## **PUBLIC SPEAKER:**

Serena Rotondo and Nathan Johnson, Emergency Management Coordinators, West Pierce Coalition

Serena Rotondo and Nathan Johnson presented the West Pierce Coalition and their purpose and goals to the committee. Discussion ensued.

## **CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Trestin Lauricella discussed the City Council Retreat, where it was agreed that Public Safety was still their top priority, as well as improving the downtown area.

Councilmember Trestin Lauricella invited everyone to come out for Parks Appreciation Day on March 27<sup>th</sup> to help clean up the area parks. Fort Steilacoom, Springbrook, American Lake and Harry Todd were all participating this year.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

Deputy Chief Hallie McCurdy discussed WPFR's call for service for the month of March, which saw a 6% increase from last year, and also stated that they had just held their 50<sup>th</sup> CERT class. Discussion ensued.

Committee member Alan Hart asked about their Squad program as well as their CARE program. Discussion ensued. Deputy Chief McCurdy will connect Joanna LaVergne and CARE Nurse Karen Gilbert to schedule her to present the CARE Program to PSAC.

## **POLICE COMMENTS:**

Acting Captain Brian Markert discussed the change in legislature regarding pursuits. Discussion ensued.

Committee member Tod Wolf stated that he had gone on a ride along with Sergeant Fraser and he had really enjoyed it, and felt he learned a lot. Committee Chair Kamarie Wilson and Committee member Teresa King shared their ride along experiences as well. All three found it educational, and fun, and highly recommended it to any members who had not gone yet, and thanked LPD for allowing them to participate.

Acting Captain Markert stated that the Citizens Academy was another great

way to learn more about the PD; Joanna LaVergne shared that the next Citizens Academy starts June 11<sup>th</sup>, and she would notify PSAC as soon as the application process opened.

Acting Captain Markert informed everyone about the Lieutenant to Captain title change within LPD. Discussion ensued.

### **YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Dylan Pant stated he had nothing new to share, but the Youth Council had some things they were working on.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **Board Comments:**

Chair Kamarie Wilson asked about the Business Public Safety Survey. Discussion ensued. Vice- Chair Karen Ferriera stated that the sub committee needed the results from the City's Citizen Survey, sent out in January, so as not to replicate questions. Joanna LaVergne will reach out to Michael Vargas to come present the results to PSAC, and she will get a copy of the survey to send to the subcommittee (and all PSAC Members) so the subcommittee can complete their recommendations list to present at next meeting.

Chair Kamarie Wilson asked about Truck and Tractor Day. Discussion ensued, but because Committee member/subcommittee member Martin Pullman was out, this will have to be discussed further next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Board Comments:**

Preview of next meeting included confirming if Community Involvement in Legislature was still an active topic. Councilmember Trestin Lauricella stated that was mostly for the last legislative session, so this could be removed for now.

Alan Hart stated he hasn't been able to find the Dashboard on the website and asked where it went. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Trestin Lauricella said he would ask City Manager Caulfield, and Joanna LaVergne stated she thought Communications Director Brynn Grimley had removed it to revamp it, so she would check in with her, as well.

**REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF:**

**Board Comments:**

No committee members had an update to share.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mark Peila motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

*Joanna LaVergne* 10/2/24  
Joanna LaVergne, Staff Person/Minutes