



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

MEETING PLACE/DATE:

Thursday, June 6, 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 7:32 am

ATTENDANCE:

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Present:

Kerri Pedrick, Julie White, Dr. Joyce Loveday, Alice Fong and Mary Dodsworth

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Excused:

Ron Banner and Megan Dempsey

Staff: Shannon Bennett provided staff support

Youth Council Liaison:

Katie Keiser, Launa Nieto Johnson, and Alexis Lynn

Council Liaison:

Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor

Guests:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The March 7th minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Youth Summit debrief and Youth Council liaisons recognition.

Shannon reported to members, of the 115 students who registered for the May 27th Youth Empowerment Summit, 87 attended. Upon entry students were greeted by our Youth Council members and given a free Youth Council drawstring bag to house all of the fun swag handed out by seventeen local resource vendors who engaged the youth with fun activities. One of the many highlights of the day included City Council Speed Round when students enjoyed the opportunity to interact with our City Council members through asking them a series of questions. Breakout sessions provided students the opportunity to learn life skills related to college and job prep, political advocacy, life balance and cultural wealth. Delicious coffee drinks were provided by Bean Water coffee truck along with a Jimmy John's catered lunch. The youth enjoyed using a photo booth and props to document memories with their student colleagues and adult chaperones. Other fun activities included video and lawn games, and to round out the day, eight prizes provided by the event's sponsor Twin Star Credit Union were randomly awarded.

Shannon shared that the application for the 2024/25 school year is currently open and will close on June 16th. The application can be found on the City's website.

Members thanked the Youth Council liaisons for all of their hard work during the year.

Reflect on the 24-25 LPAB year and share hopes for the coming year.

Kerri advised members we'll be taking a break from meeting in July and invited members to share their thoughts about a success for the current year and hopes for next year. The information will be used to put together the school year 2024/25 workplan during the August meeting. Kerri started by saying she loved hearing from Alexa that there's a group of adults that care and are willing to take action. Mary D. said she appreciated seeing the initial conversations by the different communications people and wants to see more of an outcome/action around the information shared; maybe holding a communications summit at the beginning of the year. Collaboration builds relationships and trust and we need to fill the gap in reaching folks. Kerri mentioned a success this year was the Partnering for Progress summit and the ideas that came out of that; with an emphasis on the organizations becoming more familiar with each other and brainstorming how we can all work together. One of her hopes is supporting out of school time, beginning with supporting agencies already holding youth events and enhancing their programs offered. Kerri suggested we recraft the member highlights with not only reporting organizational successes, but also their needs. Julie loves the communication, collaboration and relationship building piece of the group. Wants to see some of the policy issues brought forward by the Youth Council students and see if we can figure out ways to support them and give our

students increased opportunities to build their advocacy skills and get in front of decision makers. Kerri suggested LPAB facilitates more opportunities for students to spend quality time with City Council. Mary D. reported City Council expressed interest in sending more fun time with the Youth Council and that they possibly be involved in an event at the beginning of the school year. Shannon suggested getting the groups together during the kick-off event. Alexis agreed it would be nice to have more opportunity to spend time with City Council to humanize them.

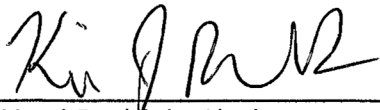
Kerri suggested having fun together for LPAB members and their families in August. Announced August 1st will be this year's Leader's of Change presentations occur and asked if members bypassing August's meeting and hosting a social event that month instead. Julie shared she liked the idea of the group becoming more active and not just coming together to simply report things. Wants to maintain connections built at Partnering for Progress and continue bringing youth serving agencies together.

BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

MEETING ADJOURN: Kerri Pedrick adjourned the meeting at 8:46 am.

NEXT MEETING:

September 5, 2024.



Kerri Pedrick, Chair



Shannon Bennett, Staff Person