



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

MEETING PLACE/DATE:

Thursday, October 3, 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, Ron Banner, Megan Dempsey, Alice Fong

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Excused:

Julie White, Dr. Joyce Loveday and Mary Dodsworth

Staff: Shannon Bennett provided staff support

Youth Council Liaison:

Alicia Stanford, Ava Qualls, Britany Robles, Elijah Sta Ana, Gabriel Flores, Jada Martin, Kasia King and Sophia Lana Castro

Council Liaison:

Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor

Guests:

Christopher Davis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The September 5th, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved, as corrected to address grammatical errors.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Members came up with the following SMART goals and associated strategies and agreed to present them to Youth Council for their input and buy-in during their October 21st meeting.

Goal 1: Get More Community Members Involved in Supporting Youth and the Five Promises through a Campaign

- **Specific:** Plan a communications campaign for 2025 to tell people about the "5 Promises" through examples and to move them to action by presenting community members with tangible ways they can help—by volunteering, mentoring, supporting youth events or programs. In late 2024, we'll compile a list of stories from LPAB & youth-serving agencies of successful examples of the "5 Promises" AND a list of "calls to action." We will utilize LPAB members communications channels and encourage youth-serving agencies (and other interested groups/individuals)
- **Measurable:** By December 2024, confirm 5 partners who will help spread the message, and find 3 success stories (matched with 3 ways to get involved) to inspire others.
- **Achievable:** We'll partner with LPAB leaders and youth-serving agencies (from Partnering for Promise) to get the word out.
- **Relevant:** This will help adults in the community take action and support youth in real ways, like becoming chaperones, mentors or volunteers.
- **Time-bound:** Launch the campaign by February 2025 and aim to get 50 community members involved/signed up by June 2025.

Goal 2: Support Youth to Lead, Learn, and Thrive in Safe Spaces

- **Specific:** Increase opportunities for Lakewood youth to lead, learn new life skills, and thrive in safe, supportive spaces. Focus on empowering the Youth Council, enhancing out-of-school programs, and partnering with youth-agencies to offer workshops that teach important skills that youth are requesting (like financial literacy). Strengthen partnerships between youth-serving organizations to achieve these objectives.
- **Measurable:** Engage at least 100 youth across different initiatives
- **Achievable:** Build on LPAB's existing network and successful past events like the Partnering for Progress summit. Partner with local organizations, community leaders, and youth-serving agencies.
- **Relevant:** This goal supports the overall mission of creating opportunities for youth to be leaders, while providing safe environments to grow and learn.

- **Time-bound:** Plan and prepare throughout late 2024, with full implementation starting in January 2025 and continuing through the year.

Possible Supporting Strategies:

Strategy 1: Youth-Led Advocacy Opportunities

- **Specific:** Partner with Pierce College (or other partner?) to provide advocacy training to the Youth Council and/or existing youth programming; facilitate a youth/City Council policy roundtable in 2025.
- **Measurable:** Have a training plan for at least 10 youth members by December 2024 and host at least one “Policy Round Table” with youth and the City Council.
- **Time-bound:** Begin meetings with the City Council by June 2025.

Strategy 2: Youth Program Collaboration Summit

- **Specific:** Host a collaboration summit in January 2025 that brings together local youth-serving organizations to discuss ways to improve and enhance safe out-of-school spaces.
- **Measurable:** Confirm 20 participating organizations by December 2024 and develop an action plan for better collaboration by January 2025.
- **Time-bound:** Hold the summit in January 2025, and continue collaborations throughout the year.

Strategy 3: Provide Opportunities to Learn Important Life Skills

- **Specific:** Plan and host two financial literacy workshops in 2025 to teach youth essential skills for managing money and planning for their future in partnership with existing youth programming (e.g. Youth Summit; Late Night; after school club).
- **Measurable:** Partner with financial experts by December 2024 and reach at least 50 youth through the workshops by June 2025.
- **Time-bound:** Complete both workshops by mid-2025.

BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

Julie shared that Pierce College is opening a new science building dedicated to Michelle Johnson and is hosting an open house on October 16th from 3-5pm. In addition she asked members to think of new trustee recommendations and forward their information to her.

Chris Davis shared the neighborhood groups are “growing some legs” and are looking for ways to have more youth voices represented during their meetings.

Megan reminded everyone of the St Clair job shadowing opportunities and asked


interested students to contact her directly. Kasia and Elijah said they're interested.

MEETING ADJOURN: Kerri Pedrick adjourned the meeting at 8:36 am.

NEXT MEETING:

~~December 5, 2024.~~

November 7



Kerri Pedrick, Chair



Shannon Bennett, Staff Person