



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

MEETING PLACE/DATE:

Thursday, November 7, 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, Megan Dempsey, Alice Fong, Joyce Loveday, Mary Dodsworth, Julie White

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Excused:

Ron Banner

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, Program Coordinator- Neighborhood, City of Lakewood

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The October 3rd, 2024, minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Elijah gave members an update on the LPAB SMART goals discussion, and their feedback Kerri led them in during their October 21st meeting.

In response to our youth's request for youth increased youth focused events coupled with learning new skills, members shared their ideas for resources and fun educational opportunities.

Mary was excited to read the info and ideas and thanked everyone for their participation. Suggested the library may have programs for us to partner up with and will come into your location to teach building skills and Toastmasters offers public speaking classes.

Kerri mentioned youth are interested in trying new hobbies and tying their interests to career.

Elijah mentioned the Youth Council recently set their breakout sessions around learning life skills, like cooking and how to destress.

Julie offered business courses, to include how to start a business.

Joyce asked us to turn to Clover Park as well for learning opportunities, to include hosting a meeting at the Science Dome.

Kerri suggested partnering persons possessing business skills with persons experienced with leading youth.

Alice suggested having Your Money Matters lead the financial literacy session and to reach out to service clubs for spaces to host events.

Kerri asked members to think of places for to host events, like the Boys and Girls Club and YMCA.

Megan suggested using the Lakewood Racquet Club to host open house for students to play tennis.

Kerri asked for feedback from youth about their anticipation in going to the Teen Late Night or Boys and Girls Club. Elijah said the Boy's and Girls club appears to cater to middle schoolers, but YMCA sounds like it would be cool. She also suggested hosting Youth Council meetings at Boys & Girls Club, or the library and bringing in experts to teach students skills for the first hour of the meeting.

Mary suggested Youth Council and Lakewood's Promise consider hosting meetings at the Lakewood Playhouse.

Joyce suggested hosting cooking classes that aren't heavy on demonstration and more interactive.

Megan suggested Virginia Mason has student job shadowing of biomed, Radiation tech, ultrasound jobs.

The Youth expressed liking to hang out with their friends at Barnes and Noble and Town Center.

Next Steps:

- Invite the library and Boys and Girls Club and YMCA, Asia Pacific Cultural Center to our next meeting to talk about what's currently happening with their youth events and how we can capitalize on existing programs.
- Create a calendar of events from there. Find out their restrictions and barriers so we're fully informed.

BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

Kerri shared that CISL is hosting an open house at their new space on Monday, November 18th from 4-6. 10828 Gravelly Lake Dr SW. Suite 201.

Alice shared the Center for Ethical Leadership will be kicking off in the new year programming for how to engage volunteers.

Joyce shared this fall CPTC is partnering with CPSD for training in the science are on the campus for 4th graders. Investigation of science principals. Held in

Gabrial shared he's attending the Black and Brown Male Summit in November.

Ava is interested in forensic scientists. Mary suggested getting in touch with Lakewood PD to schedule a job shadowing with our forensics team.

MEETING ADJOURN: Kerri Pedrick adjourned the meeting at 8:35 am.

NEXT MEETING:

December 5, 2024.


Kerri Pedrick, Chair


Shannon Bennett, Staff Person