



Lakewood Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

MEETING PLACE/DATE:

Lakewood Police Department, December 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

5:16 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Lakewood Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Present: James Hairston, Mark Peila, Kamarie Wilson, Teresa Imholt-King, Julius Brown and Ray Dotson

Lakewood Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: Kristofer Alston

Lakewood Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: Ken Witkoe

Staff: Assistant Chief John Unfred and Admin Assistant Joanna LaVergne

Youth Council Liaison: No one from Youth Council was in attendance; Efren Lopez and Lui Owejan asked to be excused.

Council Liaison: Councilmember Trestin Lauricella

West Pierce Fire and Rescue Liaison: No one from WPFR were able to be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. James Hairston motioned to approve the October 2, 2024 minutes. All ayes; minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

GUEST SPEAKER

Neighborhood Connections Program Coordinator Chris Davis gave an update on his Neighborhood Association Revitalization efforts, which included three new neighborhood associations, as well as the new Neighborhood Connections Leadership Group (NCLG) which would meet every month. Discussion ensued. Joanna LaVergne will update the neighborhood association list and send the presentation to PSAC members.

As part of the neighborhood association discussion Mr. Ray Dotson brought up the PSAC clothing that he had created several years ago. Discussion ensued. Mr. Julius Brown motioned to send the shirt and hat through to City Council for approval for PSAC members to wear to PSAC visibility events, as well as neighborhood association meetings. All ayes; Mr. Dotson will send pictures to Joanna LaVergne to provide to City Council for consideration.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS:

Councilmember Trestin Lauricella gave an update on projects such as the Sound Transit funding for sidewalks for East Lakewood, as well as upcoming events like the Holiday Parade on Saturday and the Jingle Bell 5K on the 14th. He also stated that the City Council had passed an ordinance re: exposing children to illegal substances, raising the level of offense to a gross misdemeanor, which is the highest the City can raise it. The goal is to push State Legislature to make it a felony, statewide.

FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

No one from West Pierce Fire and Rescue was able to attend the meeting.

POLICE COMMENTS:

Assistant Chief John Unfred discussed the 3rd Quarter Report and explained the new Business District Car (BDC) which had been created by LPD. The BDC consisted of a one officer patrol vehicle that would be assigned solely to the business district of Lakewood, 7 days a week, in an effort to further curb retail theft. Assistant Chief Unfred also discussed the Black Friday retail theft

emphasis, the Flock camera system, and stated that the PD is currently fully staffed. Discussion ensued.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS:

There was no Youth Council present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Board Comments:

Chair Kamarie Wilson discussed the Truck and Tractor Day, stating it was a good event and they talked to lots of parents. Discussion ensued, to include a suggestion about having something to hand out to the kids, next year, to help them bring more adults to their table, as well as making sure that the table and tent which had been requested for their booth were actually put up for them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Comments:

Chair Kamarie Wilson stated it was time to work on the 2025 Work Plan, stating that at the joint meeting, the City Council really liked the idea of PSAC making themselves more visible in the community. Chair Kamarie Wilson opened the floor for discussion regarding PSAC committing to 1 Tuesday a month, to man a booth at the City's Farmer's Markets during the summer. It was agreed that they would look at doing 1 Tuesday for all three months (June, July and August). It was also agreed to keep Truck and Tractor Day on their work plan under PSAC Visibility.

Chair Kamarie Wilson asked about the Neighborhood Association Revitalization. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that PSAC would continue to try to attend meetings and look at introducing themselves at the new Neighborhood Connections Leadership Group (NCLG) meeting, which happens the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Secretary Joanna LaVergne went over what she had down for the Work Plan, and discussion ensued over which speakers they would like to see at their meetings. Secretary LaVergne will send the completed Work Plan to Michael Vargas for presentation to the City Council.

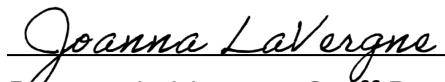
REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF:

Board Comments:

No committee members had an update to share.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. James Hairston motioned to adjourn; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.



Joanna LaVergne, Staff Person/Minutes