

**LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING AGENDA****DATE: October 1, 2026 @ 7:30 a.m.****How to attend****In-person:** American Lake Conference Room (first floor lobby), Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW.**Virtually:** Online or by phone. Online: [Link to join Webinar https://cityoflakewood-us.zoom.us/j/82615177912](https://cityoflakewood-us.zoom.us/j/82615177912) Enter meeting ID: 82615177912**Livestream:** [YouTube.Com/CityofLakewoodWA](https://www.youtube.com/CityofLakewoodWA)

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WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/ICEBREAKER – *What was your favorite safe space outside of home and school?***PUBLIC COMMENT****MEETING MINUTES**

- August 6, 2026, meeting minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Focus on Promise #2 – Safe Spaces – Alice Fong
 - Review list of Youth Resources
 - [South Pierce County Youth Activities | Active Youth Coalition](#)
 - [Supporting Youth to Thrive | Pierce County, WA - Official Website](#)

LPAB Question: How do we best inventory, share and promote youth opportunities in Lakewood for Lakewood youth?

NEXT STEPS

- What actions do we recommend for advancement of this promise?

BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**FUTURE MEETING DATE / AGENDA ITEMS**

- Thursday, November 5, 2026 – 7:30 am
Regular Meeting, Hybrid Format

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2026 Work Plan:

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11/5	- Officer Nominations - Continued discussion of Promise #2: Safe Spaces - Colonial Plaza opportunities.
12/3	- Finalize Lakewood's Promise 2027 work plan - Elect 2027 Officers - Focus on Promise #3: Healthy Start - Discussion w/ Shannon Bennett on how HS grants and Community Collaboration are helpful to Promises.
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* February	- Focus on Promise #5: Opportunity to Help Others - Look at Youth Council and summit.
* March	Youth Council – Present on Summit Theme / Third Space Asset Mapping
* April	Develop community campaign and outreach strategy



5 Promises
Caring Adults
Safe Places
A Healthy Start
Marketable Skills
Opportunities to Help Others

The Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board (LPAB) works with families, schools, community groups, and local organizations to ensure all Lakewood youth receive the **Five Promises** – proven supports that help young people succeed.

Promise 1: Caring Adults

Caring adults play a central role in the growth and success of Lakewood youth. Parents and caregivers come first, but young people also rely on teachers, mentors, coaches, neighbors, program leaders, and other trusted adults in the community. These relationships help youth build confidence, develop resilience, and stay connected to positive opportunities.

Promise 2: Safe Places

Lakewood is committed to providing safe, structured, and supportive environments where young people can learn, explore, and build healthy relationships. Safe places include homes, schools, local parks, recreation facilities, after-school programs, libraries, and summer sites. Community partners—such as the Boys & Girls Club, YMCA programs, and neighborhood-based youth activities—also play an important role in ensuring youth have places where they are welcomed, supervised, and encouraged to grow.

Promise 3: A Healthy Start

Lakewood supports the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of youth so they can focus, learn, and thrive. Access to nutrition programs, healthcare providers, recreation activities, early learning programs, and safe opportunities for physical activity helps young people build strong foundations for lifelong health.

Promise 4: An Effective Education

Lakewood partners with schools, youth-serving organizations, and community programs to ensure all young people have access to supportive learning environments and the skills needed to succeed. This includes high-quality classroom instruction, tutoring, enrichment programs, career exploration, and opportunities for skill development inside and outside of school.

Promise 5: Opportunities to Help Others

Lakewood encourages youth to contribute to the community through volunteerism, leadership roles, and service projects. Whether through school-based service, neighborhood improvement efforts, faith communities, or City-supported volunteer opportunities, giving back helps youth build character, confidence, and a sense of pride and connection to Lakewood.





**Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board
August 6, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

MEETING PLACE/DATE:

Thursday, August 6, 2026

In-Person and Zoom Virtual Meeting

Lake Steilacoom Room, City Hall Lobby

6000 Main St SW Lakewood, WA 98499

7:00 am – 8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER:

Alice Fong called the meeting to order at 7:34am

ATTENDANCE:

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Present:

Alice Fong, Megan Dempsey, Joyce Loveday, Kerri Pedrik, and Roxanne Miles

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Excused:

Ron Banner and Julie White

Staff: Shannon Bennett, Amanda Enright

Youth Council Liaison:

Not in session

Council Liaison:

Ryan Pearson

Guests: Ava Qualls and Irie Henkle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Joyce motioned to approve minutes as revised, and Megan seconded. 6/04/2026
Minutes unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

CADCA Conf Report Out – Irie Henkle, Ava Qualls and Shannon Bennett debriefed members about their experience and lessons learned at the CADCA Mid-Year Event July 12-16, 2026 in Orlando Florida.

Guests presented about the importance of opioid prevention, Naloxen, safe disposal DeTerra, and Community Asset Mapping.

Focus on Promise #1 – Caring Adults – Alice Fong

Roxanne emphasized focus groups on identifying and strengthening the relationships in City of Lakewood to help the space and Caring Adults work together. Alice discussed a need for a variety of accessible safe spaces, such as Pierce College, Clover Park College, CPSD, non-profits, service clubs that connect our neighbors as caring adults.

Alice and Amarylis met and discussed criteria for businesses and non-profits to be vetted and engage volunteers.

Kerri suggested Teen Mental Health touches on the Naloxen training. People feel safe when they know people and feel welcome. Establishing connections for young people to feel belonging.

Alice wants to have the council decide on the focused campaign that we approach Council about the anti-drug campaign that involves out advisory boards, youth and the community.

Alice suggested next steps for the next meeting to take the asset mapping and community action plan and come back to the next meeting as a discussion item and come up with something to take back to Council.

Megan shared that St. Clare is a safe place for youth to volunteer. St Clare is doing physicals at Harrison Prep this Saturday, August 8 from 9am-12pm There are volunteer opportunities for youth.

Kerri said that the Harrison Prep physical checks overlaps with the Caring for Kids Event – a lot of great services happen at that event.

ACTION: The Youth Council will be developing the third space community asset mapping over the year and will be able to help identify caring adults (beyond parents) in the community. We can build this into our review and advancement of the promises. One of the goals on the work plan is to build toward recognizing persons within the community identified by youth as being caring adults in their life.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Joyce announced she will be retiring this year, a new President will be appointed. They are developing the selection process now.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Alice Fong at 8:33 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

September 3, 2026.

Alice Fong, Chair

Amanda Enright, Staff Liaison



LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD 2026 AMENDED ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Members:

Chair: Alice Fong (2026)
Vice Chair: Dr. Joyce Loveday (2026)
Julie White
Ron Banner
Megan Dempsey
Kerri Pedrick

Council Liaison:

Councilmember – Ryan Pearson

Youth Council Liaisons: (subject to 2026-2027 renewal)

~~Ava Qualls~~
~~—— Elijah Sta Ana~~
~~—— Lincoln Estrada Perez~~
~~—— Nathalye Lopez~~
~~—— Amaryllis Flores~~
~~—— Jasleen Nguyen~~
~~—— Daniella De Jesus~~
~~—— Mary "Mia" De Vega~~

City Staff Support:

Director – Roxanne Miles
Coordinator – Amanda Enright

Meeting Schedule:

First Thursday of each month at 7:30 am in the American Lake Conference Room

2026 Work Plan:

1. Review annual initiatives (Youth Mental Health, Safe Spaces and Genuine Adult and Peer Relationships)
2. Plan and host no less than one workshop in 2026 to teach youth essential skills for life and/or their future.
3. Work together and capitalize on school events, family nights and other youth activities.
4. Coordinate with Youth Council on annual summit

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Special Events:

Date: