City of Lakewood

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

LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING AGENDA
DATE: November 5, 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

Enter meeting ID: 82615177912

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WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/ICEBREAKER – Alice Fong

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEETING MINUTES

- October 1, 2026, meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

- Review list of Youth Resources:
  - Supporting Youth to Thrive | Pierce County, WA - Official Website
  - South Pierce County Youth Activities | Active Youth Coalition
- Lakewood's Promise Interactive Webpage Sub-Committee

NEW BUSINESS

- Continued discussion of Promise #2: Safe Spaces – ~~Colonial Plaza opportunities~~ LPAB EXPO:
  - Experience Lakewood's Promise: Pathways to Possibilities — a vibrant community expo designed to connect residents with local programs, services, and opportunities. Explore hands-on activities, meet community partners, discover new pathways for recreation, learning, career development, and wellness, and be inspired by the possibilities that Lakewood has to offer. Whether you're looking to get involved, find support, or spark new ideas, this event is your gateway to connection and opportunity.
  - Summary: Sat. March 13, 2027 at McGavick Conference Center
  - Invite local providers & Community – Focus: Spring Breaks, Summer Break, year-round youth services, youth resources, employment opportunities, internship & apprenticeship opportunities
- LPAB Membership Recruitment
- Officer Nominations - Alice Fong

NEXT STEPS

- What actions do we recommend for advancement of this promise?
- Population of Sub-Committees: Website, Expo and Youth Employment Opportunities

BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

FUTURE MEETING DATE / AGENDA ITEMS

- Thursday, December 3, 2026 – 7:30 am
  Regular Meeting, Hybrid Format

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2026 Work Plan:

Date	Topic(s)
1/8	• Elect 2026 officers and discuss 2026 work plan.
2/5	• Begin discussions on hosting no less than one youth workshop. • Prep for March 9 joint session w/ Council. Moved due to date change.
4/2	• Finalize Youth Summit planning. • Set Advance timeline
4/18	• Volunteer at Youth Summit
5/7	• Advance held
6/4	• Report out of Advance and update work plan. • Share June 8 joint meeting materials.
7/2	• Off for 4th of July Holiday.
8/6	• Focus on Promise #1: Caring Adults
9/3	• Meeting Canceled – No Quorum • ~~Focus on Promise #2: Safe Spaces.~~ • ~~Discuss K-12 Resources List~~ • ~~General discussion of Parks legacy plan.~~
10/1	• Focus on Promise #2: Safe Spaces. • Discuss K-12 Resources List • General discussion of Parks legacy plan.
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.
*2027 FUTURE PLANNING	

* January	• Focus on Promise #4: Effective Education - High school & beyond transition • Workforce Central: City of Lakewood will be host site for internship opportunities
* 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

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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.

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Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board
October 1, 2026, Meeting Minutes

MEETING PLACE/DATE:
Thursday, October 1, 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 7:33am

ATTENDANCE:

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Present:
Alice Fong, Dr. Joyce Loveday, Kerri Pedrik, Roxanne Miles and Ron Banner

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Excused:
Megan Dempsey and Julie White

Staff: Amanda Enright

Youth Council Liaison:
Not in session

Council Liaison:
Ryan Pearson

Guests: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dr. Joyce Loveday motioned to approve minutes as revised, and Ron Banner seconded. The 8/06/2026 Minutes unanimously approved.

Alice requested two changes on 8/6/26 minutes. Under New Business, paragraph 6, sentence should be revised to state, Alice suggested Council decide on the focused campaign regarding the anti-drug initiative involving our advisory boards, youth and the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Focus on Promise #2 – Safe Spaces – Alice Fong

Alice opened a discussion on safe spaces. Roxanne referenced the South Pierce County Youth Activities – Active Youth Coalition and the Supporting Youth to Thrive – Pierce County website links as examples of central hubs for listing Lakewood youth activities and programs, with active links to each provider.

Both websites were displayed for the board. Roxanne highlighted the activity-provider login feature, noting that providers can update their programs to keep opportunities current on the site.

Roxanne briefly reviewed the Legacy Plan on the City's website and thanked members for submitting feedback on the youth programming chapter, which closed on 9/30. She continued the discussion on central website examples. Ron noted he likes the AYC platform and suggested CPSD could list school sports under the "Explore Activities" section. Ron and Joyce supported having a central resource for community use and asked who would manage the platform. Roxanne stated that the Advisory Board should first identify what content to include on this platform, before determining management. Roxanne suggested the platform could be housed on the City website, and referenced past successful grant fund partnerships involving consultants. She envisioned collaboration among CPSD, the City, and third-party partners to maintain accuracy, noting that providers would benefit from metrics collected for future funding.

Ron suggested adding the Five Promises with active links and starting small before expanding. Roxanne noted that commissions lack budgets, but the Advisory Board could propose one for Council approval and form subcommittees. She added that a foundational model exists, as the Youth Council is already working on Promise #2.

Kerri suggested piloting a one-season approach using a simple tool, such as a MS form, before investing in a full website. Roxanne agreed the AYC site serves as a helpful visual example but would take time to replicate.

Joyce supported Ron's Five Promises idea and suggested making the platform interactive with visual elements such as a map. Roxanne recommended featuring rotating headlines to highlight upcoming programs. Alice proposed including culture navigators to ensure the platform is accessible to the entire community and supports connections between adults, families, and businesses.

Roxanne asked whether Clover Park Technical College or Pierce College might have resources to assist with development. Joyce noted CPTC does not have web-build capacity. Kerri emphasized the importance of provider buy-in and suggested involving them directly in building the content. Alice agreed and referenced Youth Council activities that boost engagement. Roxanne noted many partners already look to the City but emphasized the need for a multigenerational, central resource. Alice asked the board to consider potential messaging recommendations for Council.

NEXT STEPS:

Alice asked the Advisory Board what actions are needed to advance the platform and encouraged members to share ideas with providers to build buy-in. Roxanne suggested establishing small working-group subcommittees that meet regularly through January. Alice recommended testing provider-focused messaging and forming workgroups. Ron stated CPSD is willing to participate but needs a clear project scope and timeline.
Roxanne proposed asking key partners like the Boys and Girls Club and YMCA what they could contribute. Alice suggested reaching out to Daniel at Tacoma Public Health; the board agreed he would be a good fit. Kerri asked for clarity on the workgroups' scope and timeline. Roxanne confirmed the short-term group would work through January to define the platform concept. Kerri emphasized that the platform should reflect what youth and families want and raised concerns about avoiding stagnant or outdated content. Roxanne said she would explore what is possible within the City's website system.
Kerri noted that meeting-frequency limitations may require involvement of the Youth Council. Alice asked the board to consider the composition of the workgroups, and Kerri suggested this could support LPAB recruitment and provider engagement. Alice encouraged members to reflect on this and stay connected.

LPAB MONTHLY MEETING:
Kerri shared that historically, if a board member could not attend, a proxy from their organization could participate to help ensure quorum. Alice added that having community leaders at meetings is beneficial because of their experience and ability to contribute meaningfully.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES: None

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned by Chair Alice Fong at 8:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:
November 5, 2026.

Amanda Enright

Alice Fong, Chair

Amanda Enright, Staff Person