

OBSERVER REPORT FORM

Lakewood City Council Study Session

Date: September 27, 2021

Name of Observer: Deanna George

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: No roll call taken

Absent: n/a

Others present: The Joint Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board, The Community Services Advisory Board, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Dave Bugher

The Joint Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board (LHAB) presented its 2020-21 accomplishments and work plan.

Its accomplishments included:

- Implementing the first round of the historic streets recognition program.
- Exploring ways to increase youth engagement, such as a website update and launching the update of Lakewood touring map.

The LHAB work plan includes:

- Continuing to work with Clover Park School District to incorporate local Lakewood History into the Curriculum.
- To create short “History of Lakewood” videos to post online to engage with youth and online viewers. Consider a partnership with Clover Park School District to create the videos or offer them as a resource for students to learn more about local history.

The Council discussed ways to increase awareness of local history. Points made in the discussion included:

- Making the City of Lakewood’s walking tour map interactive
- Including walking tour maps in welcome packets for renters

The Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB) made the following recommendations regarding Human Services General Funding allocations:

- Approve funding for the 2022 General Fund human services contracts
- Approve funding to support human services that align with Council goals and Lakewood’s Promise strategic initiatives: Lakewood Thrives Workforce Development and Youth Mental Health.

Dave Bugher, Assistant City Manager reviewed the City's Tree Preservation Code. The Council discussed possible updates for the code. Points made in the discussion included:

- Encouraging the removal of non-native trees
- Adjusting the fee schedule for tree removal permits
- The preservation of Gary Oaks

The Council discussed its procedures for virtual meetings. The discussion included:

- Whether to continue to meet in person or return to virtual meetings.
 - A number of Council members expressed health concerns and proposed returning to virtual Council meetings.
 - **The Council decided to return to virtual meetings starting on Monday, October 4.**
- Whether to adjust the allotment of time given for each speaker during public comments according to the number of speakers signed-in to address the Council
- Explaining the rules of public comments prior to comments
- Codifying the rule allowing the public to submit written public comments

Time I left the meeting: 9:20 pm

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