

**PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL
JOINT MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2022**



CALL TO ORDER

Lakewood Mayor Whalen called to the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Board members present were Jamilyn Penn, Pat Jenkins, Neesha Patel and Pam Duncan. Abby Sloan was excused. Councilmembers present were Mayor Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Patti Belle, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi. Don Anderson was excused. The meeting was conducted in person, with the option of virtual attendance.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Whalen and City Councilmembers introduced themselves and shared how long they have served on the City Council. Brian Murphy, Berk Consulting and Ginny Rawlings and Darwin Peters II, Community Advisory Committee members introduced themselves. Board Chair Penn and trustees introduced themselves and shared how long they have served on the Board of Trustees.

REVIEW OF LAKEWOOD COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) RECOMMENDATIONS

Darwin Peters II, Community Advisory Committee Member reviewed the CAC recommendations for the Downtown Library which is to keep the library at the same location but build a new library on that site. If that is not feasible, the recommendation is to build a new library in an equally accessible location. Discussion ensued.

Ginny Rawlings, Community Advisory Committee Member spoke about Tillicum community and services currently provided at the Tillicum Library location. She reviewed the CAC recommendations for Tillicum Library which is to renovate the existing building or rebuild on the existing site. If that is not feasible the recommendation is to pursue a location for a new library near the existing location. Discussion ensued.

CLOSING REMARKS

Board Chair Penn thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to partner in the conversation.

Mayor Whalen thanked the Pierce County Library System for their partnership and the Community Advisory Committee members for their service. He then spoke about opportunities for future civic engagement and economic development in Lakewood.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Whalen at 7:20 pm.

Gretchen Caserotti, Secretary

Jamilyn Penn, Chair