

Lakewood Youth Council Meeting Agenda
Thursday, April 23rd, 2026 6:00pm
Auditorium at Lakewood City Hall

Members in Attendance: Mel Diemert, Era Lulo, Brad Krischbaum, Gian Frederick, Alessio Matera, Archer Brandon, Landon Vincel, Maria Zajac, Cora Barcelona, Ceci Whiteamire, Porter Gilliland, Marin Petti

Members Absent: Caden Sandoval, Danica Herberger, Sean Miller

Brief presentation on upcoming school levy vote.

Meeting called to order by Mel Diemert at 6:26.

Ceci Whiteamire moves to approve the minutes from March meeting. Era Lulo seconds. Minutes approved with one change (deleting a superfluous word).

Danica Herberger (representing Environmental Committee), while ill, passed along a message that she had contacted the Tree Advisory Board about capability of increasing trees on tree lawns, and they have not responded.

Era Lulo (representing Mental Health Committee), had previously shared a survey about bands in Lakewood, and spoke about plans for advertisements (where to link the survey, how to advertise, etc.). Plans to submit the survey to Mr. Wayner to be posted on the city social media page in order to collect data to send to Lakewood Alive. This initiative will connect to mental health by building confidence and self-esteem, as well as bringing about a stronger “third space” for youth, something that has been severely cut down and had an adverse affect on mental health, something that can be seen since the COVID-19 pandemic. Perhaps there will be a second youth interest survey sent out later on.

Maria Zajac (representing Public Outreach Committee) had no updates, only to say that this committee would assist Mental Health Committee when necessary. Maria Zajac personally updated the council on the bike project (Lakewood Council believes survey’s information is redundant and therefore doesn’t think posting it will be worthwhile) and reminded everyone about the safe driver program upcoming at Lakewood High School. Maria Zajac would like to go to learn general attitudes towards biking, safety concerns, and desires. It was decided that Maria Zajac would put together something very specific that hopefully will eliminate any crossover that has already been gathered.

Sean Miller (representing Advocacy Committee) is absent, and therefore no updates were presented.

Motion to propose a vote in support of the levy made by Era Lulo, seconded by Landon Vincel. Unanimous agreement to endorse levy. This information will be passed on to Sean Miller to pass this endorsement on.

Mel Diemert asks for new business. Ms. Strebig spoke about the nature of skepticism.

Meeting adjourned by Mel Diemert at 7:05.