

Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Meeting of the Board of Directors of Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association was held via Zoom and called to order at 6:34 PM by Lillian Erwin

**Board members present:**

Lillian Erwin, President

Bill Lindekugel, Treasurer

Mark Rupert, Safety and Livability Chair

Hannah Carlton, Secretary

Marlene Gillis, Member at large

Robert Bowles, Argay Resident

Jessy Jacobs, Land Use/Transportation Chair

Andrew Callaci, Member at Large/ Social Media

Lynn Felton, Parks Chair

Katie Beymer, Events Chair

Andrew Callaci, Member at Large/ Social Media

**Board members absent:**

None

**Guests:**

Officer Snitily, Dee Dee Clark

**Meeting Business:**

Officer Thomas Snitily

Is currently on the FIT (Focused Intervention Team. Officer Snitily has been on the force for 20 years and has always worked in N and NE Portland. The main focus of FIT is reduction in gun violence and Officer Snitily is the

uniformed component. Works closely with the Enhanced Community Safety Team (investigative).

**Question** - We have concerns with the shootings in the area. Folks have to wait for 10 min or longer on the phone when they call 911. Folks love this neighborhood, keep the homes up, and really enjoy it.

**Question** - Who is shooting up our neighborhood and why?

We've seen over the last two years an huge increase of gun violence. Hard to tell who exactly are the perpetrators. It's new groups/gangs then who it was traditionally. These shootings can be gang related and gang affiliated, also seeing a lot of houseless shootings and domestic violence crimes.

Argay has been identified as a hotspot for gun violence. There are 6 hot spots in the entire city that see an increase in gun violence and ours is one of the six. This means we are going to get more focused attention from police and investigators.

**Question** - A lot of the shootings this year have happened at the same location (Darren's Place Apartments). What can we say to the owners of that land?

Your voice has weight as a neighborhood association with the city. You should go to the developer or the property manager and ask them questions about their process for background checks, eviction, and issues that arise. Ask how we can collaborate to not bring renters in that create additional gun violence issues. Ask what the management can do environmentally, i.e. adding some lighting or cameras. It shows the neighborhood association is paying attention.

We also might want to reach out to commissioners. There are rental laws in place that began in 2019 that says properties have to take the "first qualified tenant".

**Question** - How did Argay Terrace become a hotspot?

Economics have pushed a lot of the violence out to East Portland from North Portland and inner NE Portland. When Officer Snitily started the gang violence was in MLK, North Portland, and NE Portland. By 2008 - 2010 that bubble of violence had expanded out to East Portland.

**Question** - What is the size/area of the hotspot in Argay?

Goes from west of 122nd and east to 162nd, South to prescott. All up and down Sandy Blvd.

**Question** - Do you know what gangs are active in the neighborhood?

Same gang sets from a couple of years ago. Hoovers, Curbys, Rolling 60s, YCU is newer, 691 in SE Portland is newer. They are all causing a lot of the shootings. A lot of the gangs are all intermixed now and their territories cross over.

**Question** - What are the other 5 hotspots in the city? What happens now that we have been designated a hotspot?

Hot spots are MLK Corridor over by Emmanuel hostpo, Argay, Gateway area, 72nd and Woodstock area, one out in east Portland out toward Division and Powell.

FIT assigns two officers designated to the hotspot. We go in under the Community Oversight group. Which means those 12 officers and 2 sergeants do high visibility patrol and contacts when crime happens. We are showing a presence and reducing the opportunity for crimes.

Our designated officers for Argay Terrace are officers Flippo and Officer Lavato.

Patrols go from 2pm - 12am currently. Those hours are based on data for the number of shootings and when they happen.

The Oversight committee does their meetings every Thursday on Zoom. It's also on the city website and the meeting is public. I don't know what areas of the city where those folks on the committee live.

**Question** - Unmarked patrol cars?

That is us. A police car with no light bar and no markings is us. Unmarked gray and black cars.

**Question** - Are precinct level communications happen? How in touch are the precincts?

The precincts coordination is pretty good. Dispatch comes out of one place so anything if happening on the border of a precinct, both precincts will be aware of what is happening. Investigations go through a single branch/division, those are all city wide.

**Question** - There is a growing RV Camp on Shaver between 122nd and 129th. There is interaction between the gangs and the homeless campers. If we see a pattern of crimes happening, who do we contact with the city?

911 if there is an urgent situation. You can call non-emergency as well but there will likely be a wait. Gun violence information that could be valuable to a future investigation - email Flippo, Lavato, and/or Snitily. Anyone can email me but let's have it go through Mark. I'll then recognize your email and can respond to it accordingly.

Add contact info for Mark to the newsletter so he can funnel new to Officer Snitily. We can also make sure that folks know its anonymous.

**Question** - What is anonymity for leaving tips?

If you request anonymity it will remain completely anonymous. If you email Officer Snitily, he will always keep it anonymous.

Board of Directors Insurance - Bill

We do have insurance through Nov 2, 2022. It is liability insurance and goes through East Portland Neighborhood Inc.

Lillian to have a lawyer at her firm review documents to confirm coverage and pertinent details.

Letter to Friendly Village Strip Mall and Darren's Place - Lynn

Lynn to send a paper letter on ATNA letterhead. Jessy and Lynn to follow up a week after the letter with a phone call.

Darren's Place has two addresses, we will mail it to both.

**Reports:**

Safety and Livability - Mark

Mark to get in touch with FIT officers that are assigned to the Argay Terrace neighborhood. See if they can join some of our ATNA meetings.

Gang action has been less at Argay Park.

Sgt Butcher has transferred to a different position.

Lots of RVs on Sandy and the Shaver area with Rvs is growing rapidly.

The residents of Riverwood have done a great job with reporting and doing a weekly clean up on the right of way by their property. There was a death threat posted from one of the RVs near the property, this has been reported to the police.

Lynn also had a conversation with PBOT abandoned vehicles. He said if there are no license plates you should report it to abandoned autos. This will kick start getting rid of the vehicles and getting services to the people who need them.

#### Parks Report - Lynn

The sign at Argay Park is being repaired and Lynn also reached out to parks about the missing swing in Luuwit. Our Luuwit park also got a mention in the Willamette Week about being the number 12 reason to like Portland.

#### Land Use - Jessy

There is not a meeting this month. No updates.

#### KMart Site - Lynn

Prologis has applied for and gotten approval of their Land Use Compatibility Statement. There are trucks loading on the eastern side of the property and close to Hidden Oaks. Entrance is on Sandy Blvd. Controlled by ODOT not PBOT.

By next meeting I'd like to have more input from the environmental justice groups in the area. I'm also interested in inviting a Prologis representative to the next meeting to hear more from them about what they are planning for the development. Lynn to reach out to the representative and invite them to come to the April meeting.

#### Other Business - Lynn

Salina's Custom Kitchen Food Pod Coupon

Can we have folks post what they have purchased there and have

folks tag it? That is like the neighborhood endorsing a business which is against our bylaws. We can't make it about a single food cart, but we can say "visit the businesses and food carts".

We were thinking of doing a 20% coupon to visit any of the restaurants and the only one that was into it was Salina's kitchen. We were going to add that to the newsletter. We can send it personally but we cannot do it from ATNA. We cannot endorse a specific business, but businesses can do an advertisement. There are ways we can phrase this without calling out a specific business, we can just be clever about it!

Concordia does a newspaper each quarter and we sell ads for that newspaper. I do think we would be okay if we said, "Hey, go to these carts" vs "Hey, go to Salina's".

Storage unit - We have to start paying \$59/month starting April 1. We have 40 2x3 ft signs, some other stuff we might be able to toss as well. We need to go through it, move it, and store it somewhere new. Is there someone through EPNO who could tell us where we can store those. Jessy is happy to help and go through everything.

Giusto or Rossi might be able to help or point us to a place to store the items?

Vice President

Would like to find someone to fill that. If you know of anyone who is interested please send them my way. Andrew to also post on Facebook.

Social and Website - Andrew and Katie

\_\_\_\_\_All meeting minutes are up on the website except for July 2021.

Facebook - 452 people like the neighborhood associate page. 74% women, 24% men. Biggest demo is 35-44 in age.

Andrew to get access to Facebook and Instagram from Katie. Change passwords and login info to be more generic (not from a personal account).

Andrew to post letter ATNA wrote to the commissions on our Facebook page so other neighbors can see the actions we are taking.

Events - Katie

Tentative for last weekend in August for a movie in the park. Waiting

for more details and will follow up with more info when we have it. The cost is a \$1,000 donation. We can do that through neighborhood donations or sponsorships.

The concerts are only \$1,000 as well.

There is no money from the city coming to support the Neighborhood Clean Ups. We can apply for a grant but it doesn't seem likely. Most neighborhoods are running their clean ups through SOLVE.

Neighborhood Garage Sales, folks are asking about it.

### Meeting Minutes - Hannah

November and December Minutes are approved. Motion by Mark, Lynn seconded. Minutes are approved.

### **Action Items:**

- Mark to reach out to FIT team to see if the officers assigned to our neighborhood can attend a neighborhood meeting.
- Lynn and Jessy to send letter to Friendly Village Strip Mall and Darrens Place apartments regarding violence that has been happening in the area.
- Lynn to reach out to Hardesty's office to see if Andre can attend a meeting in the next couple of months.
- Lynn to reach out to the Prologis people to see if we can have their representative attend our March meeting.
- Lillian to have a lawyer at her firm review insurance documents to confirm coverage and pertinent details.
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Meeting adjourned 8:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Hannah Carlton, Secretary