

Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

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

Board members present:

Lillian Erwin, President

Bill Lindekugel, Treasurer

Mark Rupert, Safety and Livability Chair

Hannah Carlton, Secretary

Jessy Jacobs, Land Use/Transportation Chair

Andrew Callaci, Member at Large/ Social Media

Robert Bowles, Argay Resident

Marlene Gillis, Member at large

Lynn Felton, Parks Chair

Board members absent:

Katie Beymer, Events Chair

Guests:

Ashleigh Norment, Toril, Patricia Rees, Tama Marie October, Annette Adams

Meeting Biz:

Traffic Safety

Crossing Flags: Mark and Lynn to move ahead with the flags and buckets for the crossings. They will move it forward this month. Robert has buckets we can use.

PBOT and NE 141st: Lynn sent a summary of where everything stands with PBOT. This information has been sent to Mark, Jessy and Hannah. Mark to spearhead this initiative moving forward. Our main

contacts are Carlos and Janice with the city. Next Steps: Hold a sub-meeting on this to make sure we are all coordinated. Lynn will coordinate.

Oregon Walks NGO: Got a grant from Metro that will help put a safe walking corridor for Shaver and Parkrose schools. ODOT has given Parkrose Middle School a \$2M dollar grant as well.

Shaver Speed Bumps: They aren't making a lot of a difference as people tend to just drive through the ruts. It's better than nothing but it isn't slowing people down that much.

Fremont St: Need a new traffic count so that we can really get a sense of what is going on and back it with data. Will help us make arguments for crosswalks, speed signs, etc with the city.

Flashing Speed Signs on NE Fremont: Jessy hasn't gotten any traction with changes to make those flash the speed that people are driving. Will continue trying.

Reports:

Safety and Livability – Mark.

Mark has a couple of messages out to Sgt. Butcher but has not heard back. PPB is in their latest phase of rolling out the gang and gun violence reduction program.

Two dead in the first shooting of the year in Argay Terrace. Another shooting on 1/11. The second shooting was retaliatory and happened at the same location of the shooting on the 1st. Police did find shell casings but no other major evidence.

Large weapons cache was found in the apartments on NE 134th. The person was arrested and out of custody the same day on bail.

Last Wednesday (1/12/22) there was a running gun battle going around the neighborhood. There were 25-35 shots fired at Argay Park from at least 3 different guns used. Responding officers were following the gunfire, they stuck around for about 20 minutes and then had to go to the next incident. The responding officers are very aware that our neighborhood is a hot spot for gangs.

Lynn to follow up with the Safety Division contact. The City of

Portland gave out grants to nonprofits to help stop shootings. \$50k is still on the table to hand out. Lynn to see who got grants and then will reach out to see what those nonprofits are doing in our neighborhood.

Do we want to send a letter to the city as a neighborhood association about the recent shootings and the unacceptable response by the city? Bill motioned to send out the letter, Jessy seconded second it, Mark approved the motion.

Jessy to send newest version of the letter to Lillian. Lillian to send it out to the city.

Land Use – Jessy.

Land use meeting is tomorrow. Jessy will send out recording of the meeting and any callouts that might apply to our neighborhood.

Jessy will not be able to attend the meeting tomorrow but will still send the link afterward. Jessy will also send the agenda before the meeting tomorrow.

Parks - Lynn

Donuts were done in the upper and lower Luuwit View park areas again. There has been clean up of most of the graffiti around the park and in the skate park area.

Argay Park sign that is usually in the entrance flower bed was reported missing. Maintenance has taken it away for repair and we are going check to see when it will be re-installed.

If you see graffiti in the neighborhood, take a photo and send a photo and location to Mark. Mark has a resource that can ID gang graffiti. Could help us get a much better idea of who is operating in the neighborhood.

Other Business - Lillian, Jessy

New Board Member Roster

Send email to Lillian with address, cell, name, and email address. Lillian will then send the final roster to all board members once all info is in.

Thaan Charcoal Update

They have removed their permit for DEQ. They are not going to go ahead with the development.

Upcoming Board Meetings and Events

Katie will have a lot of updates until next month. Katie will email out details for Movies in the Park once she gets them. We need to get our application in early and be ready when it is announced since funds are limited this year.

Katie is waiting to hear back on a Neighborhood Clean Up and if that will be funded. Generally the budget isn't enough to cover everything but we can also collect donations to cover costs.

Halloween in Argay Park was a great success. Would love to do that again and help fund/organize around it.

Would love an annual meeting for the neighborhood in October. Ideally we can do it at the firehouse or Shaver School

Clean up is usually in May, Movies in the Park is usually in September, Neighborhood Garage Sale is usually in August.

Newsletter Update - Jessy

Sent a draft today to review by the board. Once all notes are in Jessy will complete it and send it out.

Kmart Site - Lynn

On Jan 10th there was a land use capability survey. There is a developer that wants to build an industrial distribution site at the current Kmart site. This will be a large distribution center on the doorstep of our neighborhood.

No one will want to live next to this. And this puts more diesel particulate into our air, which is already low quality. It looks like zoning will allow this development to go forward as the language in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan says it can be "small scale" but "Small scale" is not defined.

Wonder if the Rossi family knows about this or has a POV, he might be able to throw some weight behind it.

We need to make our voices heard though. Lynn will send out a list of things that we can do/say about this project and the reasons we have against it. Lynn reached out to Historic Parkrose but they have been lukewarm. Lynn has also notified Annette with the Parkrose Neighborhood Association.

Riverwood Homeowners Association - Ashleigh

The trailer on Shaver has been there for 3 years and they have had ongoing issues with drug addicted folks, recent murders, and retaliatory violence. We have had tagging of the condo walls and gun violence outside our windows. We have stolen cars left to be stripped. We do not feel safe and we feel powerless. We have a camper right outside our bedrooms right now. We keep reaching out to the city and no one is listening. Many of our elected officials are up for re-election this year and we need them to know that we are unhappy with how they are managing the city and this crisis.

There is a new tax, if you make \$100k or more they will tax you and give the money to a homeless program. The funds only go to areas inside of NE 82d though so will not help us.

Tama could write something up about all of the issues facing Riverwood and have ATNA cosign it.

Meeting adjourned 7:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah Carlton, Secretary