

Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Meeting of the Board of Directors of Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association was held via Zoom and called to order at 6:31 PM by Lillian Erwin

Board members present:

Lillian Erwin, President

Bill Lindekugel, Treasurer

Lynn Felton, Parks Chair

Robert Bowles, Argay Resident

Jessy Jacobs, Land Use/Transportation Chair

Hannah Carlton, Secretary

Marlene Gillis, Member at large

Mark Rupert, Safety and Livability Chair

Board members absent:

Andrew Callaci, Member at Large/ Social Media

Katie Beymer, Events Chair

Guests:

Janna Cash

Meeting Biz:

October board meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Mark. Second by Robert. Motion passes, board meeting minutes for October 2021 are approved. Andrew to post on Argay Neighborhood Terrace website and Facebook page.

Reports:

Safety and Livability – Mark.

Nothing new to report. We have speed bumps now on Shaver, this has caused some additional traffic on side streets but hoping it cuts down on speeding on Shaver.

Things have been quieter in the neighborhood. There was gunfire in Argay Park but it was nothing major.

There is not a large number of people camping / living on the street.

Things are much quieter. Might be the weather or the park rangers have been helping.

Land Use – Jessy.

Nothing to report. Jessy attended October land use meeting, there are no Land Use meetings in November and December. In October, they talked about the East Portland Office for Land Use is moving, the exact location is TBD.

PBOT folks at October Land Use meeting talked about transportation plan for 2035. There should be a recording of the meeting on YouTube, when available Jessy will send the link.

Land Use Compatibility Statement - Lin.

Thaan Charcoal -

The Waste Transfer station on NE 138th is leasing space to Thaan Charcoal. They (Thaan) want a DEQ air containment discharge permit. First step to get this permit is getting a City of Portland Land Use Compatibility Statement. Once that is approved, DEQ has no ability to stop the project. This is close to our neighborhood so we want to make sure it's okay for our air quality.

Lin talked to the Environmental Justice wing of the City of Portland and all of our air quality numbers for Argay are above city and state averages already.

We are going to have a hard time with the DEQ and fighting that battle because they have previously given permits to big incinerators. But maybe just making sure they are following the law of the DEQ.

I feel like we need to know more. If DEQ is able to regulate then I think it's okay. We need to know the DEQ's level of regulation before we go into it with all of the environmental justice groups. Columbia Slew Watershed Council might also be interested in this.

Get a timeline (several months), get Neighborhood Clean Air involved and reach out to the folks writing the proposal to get a clear idea of the plan. Lin talks to the Environmental Justice wing of the City of Portland and all of our numbers for Argay are above city and state averages for air quality. At the next meeting, let's have CORE and air quality experts attend so that we can get a better idea of what we want to do. Let's see if the Wilkes Neighborhood Association and Parkrose Neighborhood Associate wants to be involved if they are interested.

Thaan's representative is Toby Roberts. The company is a LLC.

Next Steps: Lin to get BDS City of Portland Person, get info about criteria and timeline. Send that info via email to the Board for review. After that we can invite Core, Clean Air, Wilkes, and Parkrose so we can discuss.

Kmart Building -

ProLogis went to the city to talk about developing the land. ProLogis is proposing a "new speculative building for parking and trailers. Seems to be a mix of manufacturers and a warehouse". It has now gone to the major development partner at the City. The woman in that department has not heard back from ProLogis re next steps. Timelines of this development are a mystery.

This is private property owned by a developer in New Jersey. Zoning requirements mandate 12ft with a 6ft hedge between the building and the Hidden Oaks apartments.

Pros to this development: It will make this area active vs just having an empty building. According to the city, it would also provide good paying jobs.

Negative to this development: Truck traffic, especially diesel trucks. There is another development going in by Costco. For the Kmart, you have air quality issues, 24-hr operations, noise pollution issues, livability issues, not going to create economic stimulus in the neighborhood for local stores. Our neighborhoods are carrying a lot of weight for the greater good right now. 2019 poverty report, our area has high asthma rates and is in a heat dome.

Would love some kind of institution like a college campus there instead.

ProLogis has a sustainability and environmental mission.

Need to know how many jobs this will provide. Need to know how many trucks/how much traffic. They should be sending us updates for their permitting, that's the law.

Shaver School - now rated a 7, it was at a 4 before. It's all due to the new principal. Highest rated elementary in the district.

Our city talks all about equity. And yet, when they build they are looking at putting waste transfer stations and developments in places that cut off and negatively affect the neighborhoods. We might be able to have some say with "good neighbor" protocols.

Next Steps: Lin to check on permits with the City of Portland. Get a ProLogis representative at the January Board meeting. Once we have that, let's seriously consider the impacts to our area.

Treasurer's Report – Bill.

The grant will go to ATNA through the East Portland Neighborhood.

Bill sent out the report. The \$500 from the community action fund was not included, it will be in the next report

501-c EPCO Grant - Bill

We want to use G-Suite. We can't get it for free because we are "c-4". We used to be a "c-3" but we somehow lost it. We re-applied for it and came back as a "c-4". Bill wants to re-apply as a 501c-3. We are going to work on it after Thanksgiving and see how complex it is and how much it costs.

This means no G-Suite unless we want to pay for it. Bill is talking to the IRS to get the copy of our application. Valerie Curry originally set it up as a "c-4" because it allowed the board to get donations. Katie might know Valerie and have her contact info.

Newsletter Update – Jessy.

All copies are in the magazine stand on the corner of 131st and Fremont.

We are also sharing them electronically with the River Wood location.

Social Media – Andrew/Katie.

No reps here tonight.

Wonder if around the holidays we post our Christmas Light decorations to drum up engagement.

Other Business - Lillian, Jessy

Wonder if we send Katie something for having her baby? Yes, we should. Maybe we ask Katie what would be helpful or we can just get her something from her registry. Lillian will do this and Bill can reimburse her. Let's ensure that our bylaws allow this, if not we can do it as friends/people.

December meeting - should we have it or not. Let's discuss closer to the meeting.

Speeding on Fremont - Jessy thinking of getting a radar gun to track speeding. Maybe we should do another traffic count.

Graffiti on NE 122nd near railroad crossing has been painted over.

Lin - Let's think about next year's goals for the association so we

have an idea of what we want to achieve. There is also about \$1,000 of money we can get from the community action fund next year if we have plans of what we want to do.

Thank you Janna for organizing the candy in the park. It was really fun!

There is a vaccine clinic at the Shaver School this Thursday.

Action Items:

- Lin following up re Thaan Charcoal development. To provide updates via email and discuss in December meeting.
- Lin following up re KMart development. To provide updates via email and discuss in December meeting.
- Bill following up re 501c-3 status. Bill will check in with Katie to get Valerie's contact info. Bill also to get old IRS application so we know what was in it.
- Lillian to purchase a gift for Katie's new baby.
- Mark to connect with Sgt Butcher to join our January meeting to talk about neighborhood association.

Meeting adjourned 7:5 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah Carlton, Secretary