

Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Meeting of the Board of Directors of Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association was held via Zoom and called to order at 6:39 PM by Lillian Erwin

Board members present:

Lillian Erwin, President

Bill Lindekugel, Treasurer

Lynn Felton, Parks Chair

Robert Bowles, Argay Resident

Mark Rupert, Safety and Livability Chair

Andrew Callaci, Member at Large/ Social Media

Katie Beymer, Events Chair

Jessy Jacobs, Land Use/Transportation Chair

Board members absent:

Hannah Carlton, Member at large/Resident

Guests:

Sgt Jennifer Butcher, PPB

Ashleigh Norment, Riverwood Home Owners Assoc

Tama Marie October, Riverwood Home Owners Assoc

Lillian asked the Board Members to introduce themselves to the guests.

Sgt Butcher introduced herself as the North Precinct Sergeant for the past 3 years. She has no officers working for her at this time, and staffing levels as we know are low. She is hopeful that with the new leadership of the Neighborhood Response Team, they will gain momentum. All parts of our city are suffering.

She received questions from the board prior to the meeting as follows;

Q. What is the best way for the Neighborhood Association to converse with PPB?

A. Board members can email her direct, but it may be easier to go through Mark or Bill who will forward these to Sgt. Butcher.

Q. How do individuals keep anonymity when calling PPB non-emergency line?

A. It's fine not to give your name or personal identification, as that is not required.

Q. Does PPB prioritize crime areas?

A. Areas are data driven. She understands that we may be tired of reporting crime information, but the police need that input. If we don't call or report, it appears that crime is down.

A. Suggestions for how to contact park rangers?

B. She will reach out to the Park Ranger Department and ask that someone there return a call to Mark. He said he would be happy to talk with anyone there. She stated they do have money to hire more Rangers.

Q. How do we find out which agencies/groups are active in our area that we could reach out to?

A. She will contact Mark with that information.

Lynn asked how we could give our support to Mingus Mapps to put pressure on City Council for more PPB officers. Sgt. Butcher let everyone know that we have the opportunity to go to the City Council and sign up for a 2-minute comment session.

Street Mural – Bill had extensive talk with Brynden McNew who is a resident that headed the mural on the street project on Prescott Dr and 134th Ave. The mural is a positive signal to the neighborhood. The project has to be maintained annually. Brynden organized a SOLVE campaign in his area and had a semi-truck full of garbage collected. He also put up signs for no parking and the city was going to fine him \$1200 if he didn't take them down in 30 days. The mural improved the vibe in the neighborhood. The former president of the Association said he was glad to see the mural.

Motion by Bill, seconded by Lynn to give Brynden \$500.00. Motion passed. It was noted that extra space future painting would need to be explored by grants, or other funding means.

Crime – Nothing more to report.

Community Safety Training – Lynn. It looks like October that the speed bumps will be installed on Shaver.

Through City of Portland crime reduction, we need five people to commit to Civic Life; Environmental and Housing. Lynn will check to see how much time would be involved. This is an education meeting only. Jessy suggested sending out something in the newsletter. Lynn will do that. Environmental would be the first meeting.

Land Use – Jessy. The Land Use meeting is tomorrow, September 22, 2021 and she will be gone. If anyone is interested in going, she will send out info to let them know the details.

September newsletter – Was sent out by Jessy. Nina at Shaver School is printing the newsletter in color for free. Fremont and 131st newsletter stand is up and running.

Lillian excused herself and left the meeting at 8:02

Motion by Katie, seconded by Bill by to approve July and August board meeting minutes. Motion passed

K-mart building – Lynn reported there is some movement by Pro Logis

Russell Neighborhood Association Letter -- Lynn asked if we wanted to sign their letter. There were some edits to that letter. Seemed like they were blaming PPB. We know PPB was hamstrung. Katie said we shouldn't put our name on something that is political as representing the neighborhood. Mark will go through the letter and respond to each point. Important that we work with other associations. Lynn would like to see the final edit after Marks changes before we sign off. Motion by Lynn, seconded by Lynn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Lindekugel, Scribe