

Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Meeting of the Board of Directors of Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association held via Zoom and called to order at 6:35 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

Board members absent

Jessy Jacobs, Land Use/Transportation Chair

Katie Beymer, Events Chair

Hanna Carlton

Guests

Brynden

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mark, seconded by Lynn to approve the May 18, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed

Crime – Mark talked with Sg Butcher. He has noticed an uptick in the response to non-emergency calls regarding Argay Park.

Mark has reviewed the data on Portland Police Bureau crime stats which usually run about a month behind. He has sorted that data listing our neighborhood at the top of the list and has sorted the data by types of

crime. He has asked Mingus Mapps about his plans for future reporting and finds that it is difficult to interpret the data. He is reviewing different types of crime in the neighborhood and at patterns of crimes in the area. He will continue to work to break down the incidents to allow the board to review.

Discussion about submitting this data on a map to show the Portland City council.

Mark talked to a woman at the safe streets project, she said right now there are no resources available for speed ticket vans. Sg Butcher said the Portland Police does not run those, but possibly the county. He will see who operates and what it takes to get them.

Graffiti- Mark talked to a man named Brad regarding graffiti and sent the board links to his website. He also talked with a woman named Juliette who is the program coordinator for graffiti abatement. She said residents should put in a report to pdxreporter.org when they see graffiti. Board members can send pictures to Mark and he will forward to Juliette.

Mark contacted Sophia at Parks and Rec to get email and address for the park ranger office. He sent email to that department and suggested we collaborate with the parks rangers and provide them with information that might help them. He asked questions as well about budget for rangers, etc. He's waiting to hear back from her.

Bill said the information that Mark sent was not only interesting but very informative and could be used as evidence exhibits if we appear before the city council. Lynn asked if it would be useful if we share that information with other agencies.

Lynn asked whether other neighborhood associations would donate and pool resources on the Maps by Mark. Mark will report back about what it would cost for different packages for the tools he could use.

Lynn brought up the subject of trauma that some residents may go through and wondered what resources the city has to assist with that. Our board needs to connect with other neighborhood associations and in doing so could have more power when interacting with the city council.

Lillian suggested we contact other associations to start a task force and put pressure on the city. Look at the month of August come together. EPCO should be coordinating this group of neighborhoods.

Lillian suggested we not hold a board meeting in July but meet again in August to set up a plan to meet with other Neighborhoods. Lynn suggested we meet on zoom just to discuss a plan and to establish who will be responsible for various tasks.

Lynn will work on who and where people can go to help with any trauma residents are experiencing due to crime in the neighborhood. Lillian suggested we give that information to Mark. Mark will compile all the information on crime for the board to review.

Homeless - Lynn reported on houselessness. We should ask residents to continue to send in reports on pdxreporter.org about camps in our area.

Brynden a resident joined the meeting. He suggested residents report them as abandoned auto not just homeless. He has contacted Hardesty who is on the city council. Brynden is organizing SOLV to keep the area clean but needs help. He said someone does check with those homeless people. He said the homeless in his neighborhood need emergency help.

<https://www.solveoregon.org/>

Newsletter - Lynn wants to make a June newsletter, she will work with Jessy on that.

Andrew reported on the newsletter. He now has access to the Facebook account. The most common thing that residents ask about is when are the board meeting. He will add them to the Facebook page earlier than in the past. Growing our media presence will help get other board members. Every social media should refer to the goals that the board has. Katie set up Instagram and she will try to get an admin function. Instagram is more suited for a younger group. Facebook is usually for older residents and includes more serious content.

Robert reported that Google Suite is \$12.00 per month and we pay for one year. Bill can use his credit card then get reimbursed from the board. Lillian suggested we try it for 3 to 6 months. Motion by Bill, seconded by Lillian to

pay the \$120.for the expense. Motion passed. Lillian will be admin and Robert will assist.

Lynn would like to have the newsletter translated to Vietnamese. Lynn will find out from EPCO who can translate that.

Lillian reported that she had signed up for Adopt a block.

Mark has been crafting a letter to the residents to let them know what we are doing. We want to encourage people about phone numbers to call, how to get involved, etc. Maybe make door hanger for homes in the neighborhood. He will post something on Nextdoor

Parks – Lynn reported that tables for Argay Park are on order. BBQ cleaning is the responsibility of the park bureau. Luuwit view park has some graffiti which the maintenance will be removing.

Meeting adjourned 8:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Lindekugel, Scribe

ACTION ITEMS

Mark will continue to work to break down the crime incidents to allow the board to review.

Mark will try and find out who operates the speed ticket vans and what it takes to get them.

Mark is waiting to hear from Sophia at Parks and Rec about the Park Rangers budget.

Mark will report back about what it would cost for different packages for the tools he could use to wade through the crime statistics to make it easier for the board to review.

Lynn suggested the board meet on zoom in July to discuss a plan and to establish who will be responsible for various tasks involved in connecting with other neighborhood associations to deal with crime.

Lynn will work on who and where people can go to help with any trauma residents are experiencing due to crime in the neighborhood and pass that information to Mark who will compile all the crime information in one document.

Lynn will find out from EPCO who can translate the newsletter into Vietnamese.

Mark will post something on Nextdoor to encourage about who to call with issues in the neighborhood and what issues the board is dealing with at this time.