

Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

DRAFT TO BE APPROVED BY BOARD

Meeting of the Board of Directors of Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association held via Zoom and called to order at 6:33 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

Katie Beymer, Events Chair

Guests:

Cheryl was a guest of Lillian

Those board members present introduced themselves and shared how long they had been on the board and what their role is.

Bernie Muller a resident of the Argay Neighborhood for 20 years asked to attend the board meeting and discuss the issue of speeding in the neighborhood. He has called TriMet to complain about speeding in the past. Signs are good and can help neighborhood. He suggested that enforcement is the issue. Speeders have not changed their habits just because there are signs up. Speed bumps do work and have been considered in the past and the city has been reluctant to help with that. Some residents have issues with speed bumps and say that they may cause damage to their cars. People with back conditions can have problems going over speed bumps. He talked about radar enforcement, the most promising strategy. The Portland Police don't have staffing for vans. He believes the police cannot support the neighborhood in this effort so we need to look at how can we help them.

Volunteers can be trained to operate the radar guns. He wants to consider asking the police chief to start a program for volunteers to use radar guns. He sees for radar and sees this as a city-wide program for all neighborhoods. Board members mentioned that there may be legalities to this issue. Lillian expressed that she talked with them a few years ago and they only had one van. Bernie said he talked with someone that said they didn't find any reason that it couldn't be done.

We will check with the guest speaker at the next meeting who is a Police Sargent at PPD.

Motion by Katie Seconded by Bill to approve the minutes of the January 2021 and February 2021 minutes. Motion passed

Old Business

Lynn discussed the K-Mart Plan overview that Lynn had sent out to the board prior to the meeting. The plan has not been approved and there are no permits for the main building currently. Lynn talked to Tyler about a month ago. They have shells to put in for restaurants, no names attached.

Bill reported on Police/Crime Issues

Police sergeant Butcher, Neighborhood Response Team (NRT), will come to our meeting next month. Bill will share Bernie's thoughts about radar in neighborhoods. Her purpose will be to let us know how we can help. She said to go to NOW (Neighbors on Watch) in Vancouver to see what they are doing.

Bill showed the video describing NOW to the board. Bill will send link to the board. She is asking for questions.

Katie suggested we toss the idea of the radar volunteers to the police officer prior to the meeting next month to let her know what we're thinking.

Lynn reported on Shelter to Housing status. If that passes, they could put a shelter in that old K-Mart building.

Lillian said she talked with a neighbor and testimony regarding the Shelter to Housing plan remains until tomorrow 3/17 at 2:00 for the city council. Bill filed a testimony about equity and that these places should be scattered around the city.

Jessy talked to several people today at Luuwit View Park when she gave them our newsletter and some were from our area and other neighborhoods as well. They are experiencing the same issues. If we could ban together with other neighborhoods, we may have more power

Lynn reported that Harm Reduction Clinic were close to schools, care facilities, etc. Lynn has pitched the story with Oregon Live. She talked about the money that was designated for homeless and the greatest area of need. Getting together with other neighborhoods would be helpful, a louder voice.

Look at the Shelter to Housing website. You can see everyone that has given testimony.

The Land use meeting is tomorrow. Jessy will send link to the meeting. Lynn will go with Jessy to the meeting. We can go to the live city council meeting. Shelter to Housing meeting can be reached through shelter to housing website

Katie discussed the Website, Facebook and Nextdoor status. She will update the website with minutes. She will look at Website and update what is necessary. Katie said there were a number of Instagram followers. Email for board should be on Newsletter so they can send email if they are interested in receiving one by email. Lillian asked Katie to post newsletter on the Website. Lillian sent email list to Lynn. EPNO might do translation service for the newsletter. Jessy will ask EPNO about this. We will probably not do cleanup this year. Robert said next year they may be funded. Robert suggested we contact the transfer station to see if they can help. Katie will reach out to them. Bill said we can ask for \$500 from EPCO by May 31, and the limit is \$500 Community Activities Fund. Jessy had a good experience at Luuwit View Park passing out newsletters and talking with people.

ACTION ITEMS:

Bill will take newsletters to Castlegate manager.

Bill will send a link of the NOW program in Vancouver to the board.

Katie suggested we toss the idea of the radar volunteers to the police officer prior to the meeting next month to let her know what we're thinking. (No one assigned)

Katie will update the Website, Facebook and Nextdoor status. She will also update the website with minutes and see if other things need to be updated.

Lillian asked Katie to post newsletter on the Website.

Jessy will ask EPNO if they might do translation service for the newsletter.

Robert suggested we contact the transfer station to see if they can help with cleanup. Katie will reach out to them. Bill said we can ask for \$500 from EPCO by May 31, and the limit is \$500 Community Activities Fund.

Meeting Adjourned 8:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Lindekugel, Secretary Pro-Tem