

Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, May 18, 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 6:37 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

Mark Rupert, Safety and Livability Chair

Mark Rupert introduced himself as a new board member and chair of Safety and Livability. Mark shared about himself. He has lived in Argay Terrace for the past 5 years. He believes that he can make a positive change in neighborhood by being on the board.

**GUESTS**

Nhan Nguyen joined the meeting as a visitor and has lived in Argay Terrace for the past 4 years.

Hanna Carlton was a guest and lives in Argay Terrace

Andrew Callaci was a guest and lives in Argay Terrace

Lillian introduced each of the board members to the visitors.

Motion by Lynn, seconded by Mark to **approve the board minutes**. Motion passed

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Newsletter update** – Jessy stated that the April newsletter was sent to the email list and distributed in the park with a good response. The newsletter was translated into Spanish. She also dropped some off at the Shaver Elementary which is 40% Spanish speaking. Nina at the school is the liaison for the Spanish speaking community. Jessy will send a copy in Spanish to Nina at the school. June will be the next newsletter. Trying to keep it to one-page front and back. If the board has anything they would like to have included, please let Jessy know.

**Parks report** – Lynn shared that a neighbor said that the park benches were taken out in Argay park. Mark said it has been two or three weeks that the picnic tables and benches have been gone. Lynn will contact the parks bureau to see what could happened. Graffiti has been taken off skate bowl and pretty clean in other areas. BBQ grills are really filthy. Does anyone know who takes care of those grills. There are no signs saying they should clean up after themselves. Lynn will find out who to talk to about signs, etc.

Lillian said only 1/3 of the park will be cleaned up each season. They don't have enough people to clean the entire park. Lynn will follow up next meeting.

Lynn said she is putting a group together to discuss cleaning up the park. Lillian wanted to know who would sponsor the cleanup.

Mark asked who the contact person was at the City Park Rangers. Mark will check into this and work with Lynn.

**Land Use** – Jessy Land use meeting tomorrow so she doesn't have anything to say at this time. The meeting is open to anyone on the board. The last meeting, was discussion of the different designs for Burnside bridge. Jessy will send her notes and the agenda for tomorrow.

Portland Maps puts out crime data every month and uses a rolling year.

Lillian asked Lynn to contact the county and find out what data they use to compile the crime data.

Lillian stated that we should be committed to help educate the residents of the neighborhood about crime in our area and where to go for help.

Information is in the newsletter about who to call for issues in the neighborhood. Discussion of how we can get our newsletter to all residents and what ways we can inform our neighbors.

Lynn will continue to put numbers to call about issues.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Adopt a block.** - Lynn said that we are all able to sign up for this. Individuals go to the web site and choose the block you want. They will come out to bring gloves, etc. Each person who signs up is obligated to pick up trash on the block they have chosen. Lynn will put this into the newsletter.

Bill brought up the NOW program that he had presented to the board a few months ago. This is something that has been successful in Vancouver. He will send that information to the board again.

Hanna will do some digging online to find out if there is a map of the city and adopted blocks.

Lynn brought up the cost of speeding signs that we can purchase for \$25. each to be placed on Fremont by the crosswalk to Shaver school and the crosswalk to the park on Shaver. There will be a reminder in the summer newsletter about slowing down.

Lillian said we need to continue to call 823SAFE to report speeding.

Lynn talked about having a bike ride through the neighborhood.

Jessy talked about having a police van on Fremont to remind people to slow down. Mark will check into getting that equipment.

Jessy talked to the city about a solar powered speed signs in the neighborhood.

**Neighborhood Watch** - Mark was asking if we still had the program. Robert said it was closed about 5 years ago. There was talk recently about reinstating the program.

Lillian asked Robert about cleanup in Cully Neighborhood where she saw a sign stating that it was not city sanctioned called "Emerson cleanup". Robert will reach out to neighborhood association in Cully to get more information.

**Social Media** – Lillian asked Andrew if he was going to help Katie with various platforms. He said he will post on Instagram and Facebook. He could also post minutes if requested.

**Plant exchange** - Jessy said it went well. This gave her a chance to engage with neighbors and to get email addresses for the newsletter. She told about the Buy nothing project website to help build community.

**Website** - Katie gave an update on Website. Lillian said Andrew will assist on social media. If anyone is interested in let helping, she will give access.

Lillian mentioned getting photographs on the website. Katie will get price of photos and video and get back to us.

Lynn asked if we should send photos of neighborhood to add to Facebook.

Jessy will report next month about **land use meeting**

Mark asked if anyone else has questions or want information that they would like researched, please let him know.

Lynn said there is a food pantry at Shaver Elementary every Wednesday

Ask if neighbors would like to be on a committee and let Lillian know. Open to have neighbors at our meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Lindekugel, Secretary Pro-Tem

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Lynn will contact the parks bureau to see why the park benches and picnic tables were missing from Argay Park. Lynn will find out who to talk to about

signs, etc. relating to the BBQ grills in the park and who is responsible for keeping them clean.

Lillian said only 1/3 of the park will be cleaned up each season. They don't have enough people to clean the entire park. Lynn will follow up at next month's meeting to discuss the cleanup of our parks each season; how often they are cleaned up, etc.

Lynn said she is putting a group together to discuss cleaning up the park. Lillian wanted to know who would sponsor the cleanup.

Mark asked who the contact person was at the City Park Rangers. Mark will check into this and work with Lynn.

Jessy will send her notes from the latest land use meeting and the agenda for the next meeting.

Lillian asked Lynn to contact the county and find out what data they use to compile crime data in our city.

Lynn will put information into the newsletter about adopt a block.

Bill will send information about the NOW program again to the board.

Hanna will do some digging online to find out if there is a map of the city and adopted blocks.

Mark will check into getting a speed enforcement police van on Fremont.

Robert will reach out to neighborhood association in Cully to get more information on their Emerson cleanup project.

Katie will bring information about the price of photos and video to add to the website.