

Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

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

Rick Okita, Member at Large

Katie Beymer, Events Chair

Jessy Jacobs, Land Use/Transportation Chair

Guests:

Robert Boles

Janis McDonald, Safe Routes

Absent:

Deanne Englund, VP

Lynn introduced Janis McDonald, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Active Transportation and Safety Division, PBOT.

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Janis explained that PBOT has what is called "Primary Investment Routes". They collaborated with the local schools and created 3-4 routes per school that would be safe for children and with their consultant they looked at what projects needed to happen to make it safer for kids to cross the street, sidewalks and pathways. An advisory committee helped PBOT to prioritize and to establish each school's equity score based on criteria such as; kids of color, low income, non-English speaking families and was given a 60% score, safety was given a score of 30% based on number of deaths and crashes and student density score was established at 10. Safety concerns come from the principals of the schools that they work with. Citizens can also call 823safe (8237233) with any safety concerns they may have.

Lillian has called 823safe numerous times and finally got a call back two months later. Janis said they were backed up. PBOT is looking at that to see if that is the best way to gather information. Janis did say that Lynn had called her and mentioned the issue at 132nd and Shaver being unsafe. Now

that Janis knows about this issue, she may be able to look for money for a project to make that a safer walkway. Janis said they do use all the info gathered from 823safe and other data gathered incorporated into the map.

Janis asked the board what other concerns they had that she could take back with her to PBOT. Discussion of the "cut through traffic" on Shaver and Fremont resulting in speeding in the neighborhood. If there were speed bumps Lynn said it would help on those streets, but would just cause a problem on other streets in the neighborhood.

Janis will take the boards concerns back to PBOT and look for money that could be appropriated for projects but be aware that it may take some time. A question was asked by one of the board members that if we as a community helped could we help to advocate for speed bumps by raising money. Janis mentioned they used to have a traffic calming program and may have money for that again in the future. There is upkeep issue even if speed bumps are installed. Janis will check get back to us on whether we can help with monies for speed bumps and will forward that information to Lynn.

Janis left the meeting at 7:00

Old Business

PBOT Safe Route to School program

This link will take you to the PBOT Safe Route to School program as well as the map that Janis was referring to;

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/71588#:~:text=Portland%E2%80%99s%20Safe%20Routes%20to%20School%20initiative%20is%20a, and%20neighborhoods%20are%20central%20to%20the%20program%E2%80%99s%20success.>

Lillian asked Lynn to follow up with Janis on the information we asked her for. Speed bumps, private funding, and any other info about any other assistance about other funds. Let us know about traffic calming project and whether it is a viable choice.

Motion by Lillian, seconded by Robert to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting.

G Suite

Robert reported on the information about G Suite. He applied for Google Suite which will be accessible when they verify we are a nonprofit. He gave the PO box as the address, and Lillian's phone number as the verification phone number. Once he gets the approval from Google Suite, he will notify the board and we will be able to load the financials and minutes onto that platform. There was a lengthy discussion as to how the email addresses will be structured for the board positions and committees. This will be determined at a later date. By using G Suites, the information and history for each position will follow the person who is in that role in the future. It gives a continuity to the history and knowledge of the association and its board members. Lillian and Robert have used this and it works very well for them.

Robert will set up Pres, Vice Pres, Treasurer and Secretary. Lillian asked Robert to set these four emails and then to report back to the board the number of email addresses we can have. He will give the board access in the beginning to all emails for practice.

Parks Report

Jessy was waiting for G Suite rather than having emails going to her personal email address. She suggested we may want to begin the project next Spring when the weather is nicer. Lillian suggested we choose a tentative date for the cleanup at the parks. Jessy will check with Kiersten to see when she is available to help. Maybe a schedule for once a month would be appropriate. Lynn reported that there were deep ruts at Luuwit park soccer field. She contacted the police and parks bureau. The east county maintenance person has not gotten back with her yet to see about repairs to the soccer field. Lynn will report back as to when the soccer field will be functional again.

Graffiti Abatement

The graffiti was removed from the ping pong tables and the rock-climbing wall in Luuwit view. The gang graffiti was removed from the Argay Park, port-a-potty. Jessy remarked that the city may have a regularly scheduled cleanup of graffiti. Lillian said that Lynn has been in contact with the city regularly reporting graffiti. Lynn said it is helpful to file with the Graffiti abatement department at the city so they are aware and can get that removed.

Bill said the significance was that this is how the gangs mark their territory and if they bother to mark it, they may also defend it. The graffiti is important to be aware of.

Getting rid of the graffiti shows the neighborhood that the association is actively working on this problem.

Abandoned cars and RV's

Lynn shared information about abandoned cars and RV's in the neighborhood. Shaver and 125th place. Encouraged the board to file reports about these vehicles as well as homeless camps. At any time, we have from 9-14 RV's making their homes on the street in our neighborhood.

Speed Reduction Plan (See attachment)

Lynn reported on the speeding reduction plan that she sent out.

Lynn asked if there were any questions about the plan. Radar gun will be taken out. Bill and Lynn spoke with Carlos this morning. He is the gentleman that did the speed count a few years ago. They will send engineer out to look at the crossing at NE 131st and NE Shaver. The minimum they will do is to post signs at the corner where the visibility is bad as well as NE 131st and Prescott and NE 141st. Another idea was information on a reader board. Bill and Lynn will talk to him again in February. Flashing speed limit signs fall under traffic police. Lynn suggested we go ahead with holding signs on street corners around the neighborhood and suggested that begin on January 23, 2021.

Bill talked with Craig a former board member and was the contact person to call for radar vans. Bill placed a call and waiting for a call back from Eileen.

Apparently, there is only one manned van for the entire city. We will put a request in for the van and see if it is available.

The speed has been lowered to 20 MPH on Shaver last week. Lynn asked if we were interested in her asking Carlos to advocate to lower the speed limit on Fremont to 20 MPH. Discussion followed. Carlos thought Fremont was a primary neighborhood collector street. Also talked about crosswalk going into Luuwit View Park entrance on Fremont. One has a sign and the other does not. Lynn will check it out and summarize an email to Carlos.

Jessy will attend the Land Use meeting tomorrow evening. Talked about the upcoming project widening Division street and the small businesses being destroyed. This is a project who was started years ago.

Katie was asked to post the new speed limit on Shaver to 20 MPH on the website

Lynn asked Paul Morris from Elevate Oregon to our next meeting to give information about Metro Enhancement grant which is in the process of being developed. Lynn will send information to the board about this for review before the next meeting.

Lynn talked with Bryan Atkinson who said he would be willing to take on the project of doing some advertising on Facebook.

Action Items

- Lillian asked Lynn to follow up with Janis on the information we asked her; speed bumps, private funding for speed bumps and any other info about other assistance about other funds as well as about traffic calming project and whether it is a viable choice.
- Lillian asked Robert to set up the four emails he spoke about and then to report back to the board the number of email addresses we can have.
- Jessy will check with Kiersten to see when she is available to help with park cleanup
- Lynn will report back as to when the soccer field will be functional again after the city maintenance takes care of the vandalism.
- Bill is waiting for the city to get back to him about getting a radar van.

- One entrance to Luuwit View park has a cross walk sign and the other does not. Lynn will check it out and summarize in an email to Carlos at the city
- Katie will post the new speed limit on Shaver to 20 MPH on the website
- Lynn will send information to the board about the guest speaker at the next meeting Paul Morris from Elevate Oregon

Meeting adjourned 8:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Lindekugel, Secretary Pro-Tem