

# Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Meeting of the Board of Directors of Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association held via Zoom and called to order at 6:31 PM by Lillian Erwin

**Board members present:**

Lillian Erwin, President

Bill Lindekugel, Treasurer

Deanne Englund, VP

Lynn Felton, Parks Chair

Rick Okita, Member at Large

Katie Beymer, Events Chair

Jessy Jacobs

**Guests:**

Robert Boles

**Old Business**

**Treasurers Report:** Motion by Bill, seconded by Lynn to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting. Motion passed

**Speeding in neighborhood:** Lengthy discussion of the issue of speeding in the neighborhood. Highlights as follows;

- Lynn will organize signs (cost of \$120.00) that volunteers would hold at street corners in the neighborhood
- Speed limit should be 20 mph for Fremont and Shaver. Carl Snyder Engineering Supervisor, City of Portland is in charge of making that change
- Would the board like to see reducing speed limits on Fremont and Shaver to 20 mph and 15 in the school zones?
- Could we get photo radar van on Fremont? This was done in 2017 and found that statistics showed it was residents speeding, not people traveling through the neighborhood. There were only 2 vans at the time and circumstances have changed due to Castlegate Apartments so the city may be open to doing this again

- Discussion of the dangers for citizens at Shaver and 131<sup>st</sup> and the exit entrance to Luuwit park
- Signs in residents' yards asking to slow down seem to be useless
- Bill will check with Shaver School and also with Craig Tolonen who was a former member of the ATNA and the one who successfully arranged for the photo radar vans.
- Lynn has done additional outreach to agencies.
- Bill suggested contacting a traffic engineer and he will take that task on. He will ask the traffic engineer to attend the next ATNA meeting. Bill and Lynn will work together on this project
- Lynn will get the signs and designate times on Facebook and ask for volunteers to hold these at the corners
- Katie will ask the city to install solar LED speed signs
- Lynn talked about exploring the community enhancement grant to improve economic opportunities, neighborhood livability, public safety in areas near the region's garbage transfer facilities
- Lillian suggested we not push out something to ask for volunteers until we have a plan

**Graffiti:** Lynn reported there has been increased graffiti in both Argay and Luuwit View parks. Discussion about cleanup. Lynn reports graffiti to the city abatement department [pdxreporter.org](http://pdxreporter.org) with photo. All board members should be mindful of and look for graffiti and begin reporting to the city. This cleanup should be added to the park cleanup as a regular item.

**Neighbor/Resident inquiries/complaints:** Lillian talked about the necessity of having a plan to track these issues. She had left a message with Resolutions Northwest but had not heard from them yet.

Robert suggested Google Suites for non-profits. He is familiar with how it works. It was the consensus of the board that this may work very well for keeping track of not only complaints/inquiries, but for all the boards business. The board will have until 11/2/20 to review the application and decide if it's something that would be useful. Robert will help the board with this.

**Website/Facebook/Social media:** Katie mentioned several postings to Facebook. She and Deanne will work together to get a link on ATNA website to the Facebook page so it's more visible.

**Board member recruitment:** Discussion as to the best way to recruit new board members. Jessy will contact the parks department about banners in the park.

**PDX Air Summit:** No one attended

### **New Business**

Treasurers report was sent to the board prior to the meeting. No questions. Bill reported that we received a \$743.00 allotment from EPCO Community Activities Fund

Lillian reported on Luuwit Park clean-up. She had talked with Kiersten who is in charge of landscape maintenance for the city who said she would be happy to work with our association to help clean up the park. Jessy has her email address. Lengthy discussion with highlights as follows;

- Put something on the website and Facebook to recruit volunteers for a monthly cleanup
- Jane Roffey Berry is the leader of the Argay Park group, folks that maintain the flower bed in front of the sign for Argay Park. They meet monthly
- Jane is a horticulturist and is familiar with the various plants and goes to other parks as well as Argay
- Bill mentioned the parks measure on the ballot regarding funding and asked if others were aware of it
- If we get enough people to volunteer, we can approach Kiersten for help
- Request for volunteers should be put on Nextdoor as well
- Jessy has talked with Kiersten
- Jessy will be the contact for volunteers and will have a different email address instead of her personal one
- Katie will put an ad on Facebook
- Reach out to Master Gardeners Group for assistance

Motion by Bill, seconded by Deanne to set a budget of \$50.00 to advertise for volunteers. Motion passed

## **Action Items**

- **Lynn** will organize signs. Cost of \$120.00 that volunteers would hold at street corners in the neighborhood asking people to slow down
- **Bill** will check with Shaver School and also with Craig Tolonen who was a former member of the ATNA
- **Bill** suggested and will take on the task of contacting a traffic engineer And will ask if that person will attend the next ATNA meeting.
- **Bill and Lynn** will work together on the specifics of a traffic safety plan
- **Lynn** will get the signs and designate times on Facebook and ask for volunteers to hold these at the corners
- **Katie** will ask the city to install solar led speed signs
- **The board** will have until 11/2/20 to review the application and Robert will help the board with this.
- **Katie and Deanne** will work together to get a link on ATNA website to the Facebook page so it's more visible.
- **Jessy** will contact the parks department about banners in the park to invite new board members
- **Katie** will put an ad on Facebook to invite new board members
- **Lynn** talked about a grant that we could possibly receive due to the transfer station

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Lindekugel, Secretary Pro-Tem