

Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, April 20, 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 6:30 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

Guest Speaker:

Sgt Jennifer Butcher, Neighborhood Response team PPD

Guests:

The following Argay Terrace residents joined the zoom meeting;

Hannah Carlton, Demetri Kassapakis, Annette Adams, Zach Cash, Mark and Amy Rupert, Patrick James, Jenny Stewart, Andrew

OLD BUSINESS

Lillian introduced the board members for the guests. They shared how long they have lived in the neighborhood.

Sgt. Jennifer Butcher introduced herself. She has been with PPB for 18 yrs. and a sergeant for 6 yrs. in North Precinct. She is with the Neighborhood Response Team and serves as a liaison to North and Northeast Portland. The team is committed to reengaging with residents so they feel connected. She has interacted with residents of Argay Terrace in the past.

Jessy talked with park rangers. Our parks are on their route twice a day. They just got funding for 37 more rangers.

Jessy reached out to the traffic division of PPD regarding speeding issues in the neighborhood. Staffing at traffic has been cut. Staffing at traffic division has been reduced and there is limited response. She was given 823-SAFE. Eileen Dent runs the program and looks at all the requests that come in.

Jessy talked about the crime stats for our neighborhood which are shown for the year. Theft and stolen vehicles are the ones being reported. We need to continue to call make police reports.

Lynn said we are nearing 300 shootings in Portland. Katie said neighbors should always call 911. The names of those who call can be done anonymously.

Voices of community members need to be heard. PPB lost 88 police members over the last year.

Mark Rupert said a number of times they have called the non-emergency number and are told they need all the personal information. Sgt Butcher said she would look into whether that information can be anonymous.

Mark Rupert asked if the rangers that are responsible for the parks are open to input from the citizens and how can they be contacted. Sgt. Butcher will get back to us on who to contact.

Jenny Stewart said she has called PPB because of crime by Giusto Farms, the information it is not accepted. Sgt. Butcher said to keep calling, PPB does need the information but gun violence is a priority at this time.

Sgt. Butcher said street racing happens every summer. Hundreds of cars show up at these events which is a huge safety problem. They make arrests and prosecute people.

Jessy asked about adding a speed sign along with the school. Sgt Butcher said the 823-SAFE is the best number to call.

Katie asked what we can do about resources for reporting camps. We would like to know who else to contact. PBOT is the best connection for that.

Camp cleanups are lower due to Covid. We should ask Johnnie Lewis to come to our meeting. Discussion of the Neighborhood cleanup.

Sgt Butcher left the meeting at 7:26 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Katie, seconded by Jessy, to approve the minutes of the March 16 board meeting. Approved. Lillian asked Katie to post those minutes to the website.

Lillian asked if there was anyone that would like the newsletter by email and if there are any ideas for the newsletter. Jessy talked with Mrs. Mershon who said the neighborhood association used to have a newsletter. Katie mentioned that people might want to have the newsletter in hard copy. Hard copies are a way to get it out to people who may want to be more involved. EPCO is helping to get the newsletter translated into Spanish. Katie will help Jessy with that and Katie will put it on the Facebook page.

Lynn shared that the Shelter to Housing Continuum continues to be discussed and April 28 will be the next meeting. She let us know that group homes can be established in the neighborhood without any notification to neighborhoods. Katie will post dates of upcoming meetings.

Katie, everything on the website should be updated. One of the neighborhood residents has volunteered to help with Facebook postings. Lillian suggested we might want to get new photos of the neighborhood to add to the Facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS

Lynn asked those that were guests to let us know what they would like to see on the Newsletter. One resident mentioned the noise from the trains.

Lillian stated that if any of the guests would be interested in knowing more about serving on the board, she would be willing to discuss the volunteer role with them. She put her email into the chat during the meeting. It was stated that these folks can attend the meeting without joining.

Lynn brought up adopt one block for cleanup.

Lynn talked about Neighborhood Watch and directory

One of the residents asked if we had a food pantry. She was informed that Shaver Elementary school does have a food pantry. Lynn will check into this further and report back.

Katie just set up an Instagram account. Andrew volunteered to help with Instagram. He mentioned Nextdoor

Lynn suggested that each of the visitors talk to others about the organization.

Lillian said Robert is putting together a tool library in a couple different parts of the city.

Mark discussed speed bumps

Meeting adjourned 8:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Lindekugel, Pro-Tem

ACTION ITEMS

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The following email was sent from Sgt. Butcher on 4/22/21 in response to questions at the board meeting.

Bill,

Thank you again for the invite to the meeting. I did my best to take notes on some follow up questions. I don't recall the names of everyone and I apologize for that but I'm hoping you can pass on the information.

- *For any information pertaining to Parks inside Portland please call the Ranger line at 503-823-1637.*
- *For calls to 911. BOEC (Bureau of Emergency Communications) **does not** require the caller to provide all of their contact information. They can remain anonymous.*
- *There was a question regarding community involvement to reduce the amount of violence. The organization I was attempting to recall was Office of Violence Prevention. It's a city run program. They can enter it into an internet search and locate information about that program. Another avenue would be to look into PCCEP (Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing).*
- *Speeding at 131st/ Fremont. I have entered an additional request for evaluation of that intersection.*

I think that was all. Please let me know if you or anyone has additional questions.

Thank you and take care,

Sgt. Butcher