

Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Meeting of the Board of Directors of Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association was held via Zoom and called to order at 6:50 PM by Lillian Erwin

Board members present:

Lillian Erwin, President

Bill Lindekugel, Treasurer

Lynn Felton, Parks Chair

Robert Bowles, Argay Resident

Mark Rupert, Safety and Livability Chair

Jessy Jacobs, Land Use/Transportation Chair

Andrew Callaci, Member at Large/ Social Media

Board members absent:

Katie Beymer, Events Chair

Hannah Carlton

Guests

Ashleigh Norment

Uyen

Tama

Jen Blew, Shaver School PTO Treasurer

Lillian introduced herself and the other board members to our guests.

Ashleigh Norment is on the board of the Riverwood Homeowners Association in the Argay Neighborhood.

Ashleigh said the residents in the condos are concerned about speeding on Shaver St. The campers parked in the neighborhood are affecting the neighborhood livability. The Association consists of 92 condo units. Some of

the residents are involved in other neighborhood action groups including the "adopt a block" program. Tama produces the newsletter for the Condo Association.

Lillian said that the Board is interested in working with other neighborhood associations that have similar issues. The Board is currently working on getting together with the Wilkes Neighborhood Association.

Jen Blew who is the Shaver School PTO Treasurer recently got involved with the PTO program which includes four others on that team. They are reaching out to parents and want to include everyone possible to make their program robust and to build a bridge with the Argay Neighborhood Association.

Lin suggested Shaver might want to submit articles for our monthly newsletter. Jen said she would be interested in doing that and will discuss it with her group tomorrow night at their meeting. They are getting ready for the new school year and working on their event calendar. She will reach out to us to put monthly events onto our website. She is also interested in getting involved with neighborhood cleanup.

Lynn spoke about the Safe Streets Program which has also been in contact with the Shaver PTO group. Another member of the PTO is working with PBOT and may possibly have a PBOT representative come to their meetings.

Jen left the meeting at 7:12 PM

OLD BUSINESS

Street Painting - Bill reported that Brynden McNew has the artist available to do the street painting project, but has not gotten the complete cost yet. Robert will contact Brynden to let him know that the City Repair Project (cityrepair.org) might be a good place to start.

East Portland Action Picnic - Lillian asked if anyone was planning to go. There was no interest from the Board.

EPCO Grant - Lynn is interested in submitting a grant through EPCO to work on building the information and connection within the community. Lynn and Jessy will be working on this project together. The grant funds will be used for the cost of newsletter and translation of the newsletter, flyer boxes (3) to house Welcome Packs which would include: history of the

neighborhood, who to call for various issues, and new neighbor card as a way of building contacts so they don't feel isolated (similar to the old welcome wagon). Lynn will be responsible for planning. She will write up the proposal and budget, Jessy will review it by the end of August. Funds from the grant will need to be separate from the ATNA regular account and receipts for all expenses must be kept for three years. The Board discussed and decided to have gift certificates included in the new member packet.

Land Use – Jessy said there was no Land Use Group meeting in July 2021. She has sent out an email to the Board with a link to the last meeting held.

Newsletter Distribution Status – Jessy will submit a bill for payment of printing of the August 2021 newsletter. Katie may have real estate flyer boxes that can be used to house newsletters in places around the neighborhood. It was mentioned that we should check with Bryan Atkinson for boxes as well. Jessy is trying to get newsletter translated into Vietnamese. Library boxes around the neighborhood may also be good place for newsletters.

Report on Crime – Mark stated that the Speed bumps on Shaver should be installed by end of August.

Lillian said she heard from neighbors that there was a radar speed van from Portland Police on Fremont Street recently. Mark will call the City again about the homeless parked in motor homes across from Argay park and let them know that visibility is poor from Shaver turning onto 141st because of the motor homes.

Lynn suggested we all submit reports to City of Portland about the motor homes and give the city a reason beyond just that they are there i.e. blocking driver visibility and the safety of those crossing the street to the Park. He said we are getting increased attention to our neighborhood because of his conversations with Sgt. Butcher. All reports are complaint based; the volume of calls gets attention.

Mark and Lynn were talking about a grant from the Department of Justice. As it is too late for this year, he will check into it for next year.

Lynn asked if we were interested in communication with Civic Life. Robert will send that information to Mark.

Lillian said we will invite Sgt Butcher back to our meeting. Mark will ask Board members for their suggestions for questions for the Sgt. so that the Board will have items to go over with Sgt. Butcher when she attends the meeting.

Lillian will reach out to Transitions Project speaker to see if that person could be at the next meeting. We will postpone this speaker if Sgt. Butcher will attend the Board meeting in September.

Social Media- Andrew reported various statistics for our social media platforms which suggest that there is that there is neighborhood resident interest. He will cut and paste onto the Facebook page items from the Newsletter.

Treasurer report – The report was distributed by Bill prior to the meeting.

Minutes from Board Meeting Board minutes from June meeting were tabled until the September meeting.

General Meeting - Discussion about whether ATNA should have a general meeting in October. Because of COVID, ATNA may not have a general meeting this year.

Goal Setting - Lynn suggested that the Board set goals at the next meeting for 2022. Lillian suggested we contact other Neighborhood Associations to see what they are doing with regard to goal setting. The Board should put together a document containing items the Board has been dealing with and what the Board has done with relation to those items; what the Board intends to do moving forward and ask for feedback from neighbors.

Neighborhood Clean Up - Lynn asked the Board if we were planning on having a cleanup day this year. Lillian said we cannot commit to clean up day for Argay because of COVID-19.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted;

Bobbie Lindekugel, Scribe

ACTION ITEMS

- Robert will get information on the City Repair Project to Brynden McNew for the street painting project he is proposing
- Lynn will write up the proposal and budget for the EPCO grant. Jessy will review the grant to be submitted to EPCO for community enhancement.
- Jessy is trying to get newsletter in Vietnamese.
- Mark will check into getting a grant for next year from the Department of Justice
- Mark will ask board members for input on topics we can discuss with Sg. Butchers.
- Lillian will reach out to Transitions Project speaker to see if that person could be at the next meeting.
- Board meeting minutes from June submitted at the September board meeting.
- Lillian will put together a document; what we have been doing and what we intend to do as a board in 2022. We will ask for feedback from neighbors.