



**NOCA Board Meeting  
January 15, 2018 – MINUTES**

**Present**

Eve Reinarz

Ian Easton

Janet Wright

Todd Trimble

Joy Adams Bauer

**Regrets**

Ian Knipe

Barbara Schreiber

1. **Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Joy Adams Bauer.
2. **Approval of agenda** – Eve requested the Discussion item “Blue Zone” be tabled to February’s meeting; the agenda was approved as amended. Moved by, Eve Reinarz, Seconded by, Todd Trimble, CARRIED.
3. **Approval of minutes from November 20, 2017** – the minutes were approved as circulated. Moved by, Joy Adams Bauer, Seconded by, Ian Easton, CARRIED.
4. **Directors’ updates (roundtable, for information only)**

**Treasurer’s Report** – No report, as Barb was absent.

**Joy:** Nothing to report re: variance and development permits. Joy has added herself to the City’s distribution list for notifications of Old City variances and development permit requests.

**Eve:** 1) The person Eve approached to join the board (was on the board some years ago) declined at this time. The board decided continue to seek interest in the NOCA board position and bring such names forward at the earliest board meeting. 2) The next Feel Good movie is Friday, Jan. 19 at 7 pm, and has been changed from Bonneville to Loving Vincent. 3) As Eve is unable to attend the Jan. 22 meeting of the Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network (NNN) Ian offered to attend in her place. [**Correction** provided by Eve following the board meeting: the meeting on Jan. 22 is the Good Neighbour Forum – Ian E. to attend; the next NNN is Feb. 27, which Eve will attend].

**Todd:** Todd attended his first meeting of the Homelessness Coalition (meets monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday). The “living room” concept was put forward, in which a day time drop-in and services such as laundry are available, and the facilities/services are managed by the users.  
2) Grants – Todd sees no grants that would apply to NOCA at the present time. Janet suggested that Todd bring information about grants available from the City to the board to inform us of the criteria for future ideas.

**Janet:** Nothing to report

**Ian E:** Ian is now working on the island!

## **Discussion Items**

**Community Block Party** – Eve and Ian will use the information from the City to organize with their Elizabeth St. neighbours and report to the board at a later date.

**388 Machleary working group** – Janet and Todd reported on activity since the November board meeting: 1) Mid to end November: working group members met (a) individually with most City Councillors and (b) staff from the Planning department to outline main concerns of the Molnar Group’s initial development ideas for the 388 Machleary St. property; 2) Dec. 11: on invitation by Mayor McKay, Joy made a presentation to the Committee of the Whole (public meeting of Mayor and Council) to highlight NOCA’s vision for the property; 3) Dec. 13: meeting initiated by the Molnar Group with working group members and 2 staff members from City’s Planning department. The Molnar Group plans to rework their proposal for the property and advise the community by mail of a 2<sup>nd</sup> community meeting they intend to hold, expected in February (date TBA). 4) Jan. 11: Mark Holland (working group member and professional planner) met with Andre Molnar by invitation. 5) The 388 Working Group intends to hold a NOCA-sponsored community meeting to seek input about the reworked Molnar Group concept for the Machleary St. property (date TBA).

**NOCA website working group** – Joy presented a mock-up of the vision for the new website Home page and three design themes chosen from Wordpress which may meet NOCA’s functionality needs: Twenty Sixteen, Twenty Twelve, and Lovecraft. Twenty Twelve was favoured by Eve, Ian E. and Todd (i.e. the non-working group members present). The working group will test the three themes’ ability to accommodate the new website content and functionality and report back to the board. Janet presented the new website tabs and drop-down topics. There are opportunities for involvement by interested members in researching/preparing text on some new topics. An e-blast will be sent out about this in the near future.

**Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**Next meeting – Monday, February 19, 2017 at 7 pm at Harris House Health Clinic.** Janet will be away Feb. 7-21, so Joy will circulate an agenda. Minute-taker TBD at the meeting.