



NOCA Board Meeting, April 16, 2018 - MINUTES

Present

Eve Reinarz
Ian Knipe
Janet Wright

Joy Adams Bauer
Todd Trimble

Regrets

Barbara Schreiber
Ian Easton

Guest

Joy Anderson

- 1. Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order by Joy Adams Bauer at 7:15 p.m.
- 2. Introduction of new board member** – Eve introduced Joy Anderson, a community resident who expressed interest in filling the board vacancy (left by John Tallerino last November). At the end of the meeting Joy and the members present confirmed her addition to the board. Welcome Joy!
- 3. Approval of agenda** – The agenda was approved as circulated. Moved by, Ian Knipe, Seconded by, Todd Trimble, CARRIED.
- 4. Approval of minutes from March 19, 2018 meeting** – the minutes were approved as circulated. Moved by, Ian Knipe, Seconded by, Joy Adams Bauer, CARRIED.
- 5. Directors' updates (roundtable, for information only)**

Treasurer's Report – Joy reported from Barb that NOCA's bank account balance is \$1065.78. A cheque for \$50 to St. Andrew's United Church for the use of the hall on March 27 (Community meeting re: 388 Machleary St.) was signed and given to Janet to deliver.

Eve informed the board that the film "Setting the Table" – a community documentary project about how people connect over food – will be shown at Bowen Park Auditorium at 6:30 on April 17.

Joy – re: the new website, Joy met with community resident Lisa Hemmingway of “Backyard Creative” who walked her through the ‘back end’ of Wordpress and has offered to work on getting NOCA’s logo onto the website. Nanaimo’s photography club was approached to take photos of the Old City for the website and they will be doing so on May 8.

Ian K, Janet, Todd – nothing to report.

6. Discussion Items

388 Machleary work group – More people than expected attended the March 27 community meeting (Todd); the meeting was well-organized (Eve); results of the questionnaire have been shared with the Molnar Group, City staff, and posted on NOCA’s website (Ian). Molnar’s response to the concerns of camping and garbage on the property was timely (laurel hedges and garbage removed) and they have given permission to the City’s bylaws department to attend the property if further concerns arise. Janet raised an email from resident (and former NOCA board member) Lawrence Reiper outlining concerns about the current Molnar proposal’s density and that the recent newspaper article (Nanaimo News Bulletin, March 29) suggests the project is a “done deal”. The possible use of the developer’s funds for amenities (\$1000 per unit) was raised, and Ian reported that he contacted Pawson Park’s committee rep, Jen Skogland, suggesting she consider park improvements or developments that amenity funds could be put toward. Janet will invite Jen to the next meeting for the annual update on Pawson Park and to further consider park improvements using amenity funds.

Elizabeth Street Party – Eve reported that a small committee has met and set Saturday, May 26 @ 9:00 am – 3:00 pm for the party of Elizabeth and Harvey streets. All are welcome!

Safety and Health Issues – Todd attended 3 meetings focussing on homelessness issues in the downtown area on April 12: the Coalition on Homelessness, and the City’s meetings for (1) Businesses owners and (2) Residents. He raised the question about if there might be a role for NOCA to get involved and what that might be.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting – Monday, May 28, 2018 at 7 pm at Harris House Health Clinic.