



NOCA Board Meeting, June 18, 2018 - MINUTES

Present

Eve Reinarz
Ian Knipe
Janet Wright

Joy Adams Bauer
Joy Anderson
Todd Trimble

Regrets: Barbara Schreiber

1. **Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order by Joy Adams Bauer at 7:01 p.m.
2. **Additions/approval of agenda** – Three items were added to the agenda under Discussion Items: Call for a new Treasurer (Joy Adams Bauer), Property border issue (Joy Anderson), and Clarification of board member roles (Eve Reinarz). The agenda was approved as amended. Moved by, Ian Knipe, Seconded by, Joy Anderson, CARRIED.
3. **Approval of minutes from May 28, 2018 meeting** – the minutes were approved as circulated. Moved by, Eve Reinarz, Seconded by, Todd Trimble, CARRIED.
4. **Directors' updates (roundtable, for information only)**

Treasurer's Report – Joy reported the Association's balance is \$963.99.

Ian Knipe – Ian proposed lobbying the City for a crosswalk at Machleary and Fitzwilliam Streets as a possible future project for NOCA.

Eve Reinarz – the Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network will be discussing issues regarding the City's automated waste collection (AWC) system at its next meeting (Todd Trimble will attend in Eve's place).

Joy Anderson – Joy raised the issue of safety for pedestrians because of the absence of crosswalk markings at the roundabout at Wentworth and Kennedy Streets. She will raise this with the City.

5. Discussion Items

Homelessness Issues – Todd reported (and discussion ensued) that:

- at a Homeless Coalition meeting no comments or ideas were given for what role neighbourhood associations could play in providing support for advancing solutions or ideas regarding homelessness in Nanaimo
- the City has authorized the use of most City parks for homeless people to camp overnight (but they must remove their tents during the day)
- the City has given the United Way additional funding to assist people on the street with particular needs
- the Coalition has agreed to speak about homeless people as a diverse group whose needs are not the same (i.e. there are different groups of needs within the larger body of homeless people in Nanaimo)
- suitable space is still being sought for a long-standing proposal of a daytime drop-in for street people

388 Machleary Working Group – Janet outlined developments since the last board meeting (NOCA sent a response to the May 17 letter from neighbours; expressions of interest to join the 388 Working Group were canvassed from the neighbourhood). A motion “to accept three people within the NOCA catchment area who expressed interest to join the 388 Working Group in addition to two other signatories to the May 17 letter” was proposed by Joy AB. Following discussion, the motion was Moved by, Joy Adams Bauer, Seconded by, Ian Knipe; Carried. Janet will contact the four who responded to the e-blast and Ian will ask Carol Evans for the names of the other two individuals and contact them. The next meeting of the Working Group is on Wednesday, June 27 at 7 pm at the Coach and Horses Pub. ****Change of meeting date:** Subsequent to the board meeting, due to meeting space availability the Working Group meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, June 28.

“Most Improved Property” – Joy AB explained this idea of one of her neighbours and the board decided to put it on the back burner for the time being.

Call for a new Treasurer – Joy AB reported that she spoke with Barbara Schreiber who, for personal reasons, would like to relinquish her position as Treasurer. As none of the other board members wish to assume the position, Joy will send an e-blast to NOCA’s distribution list for expressions of interest for the board’s consideration. Joy will follow up with Barb to clarify whether she wants to remain on the board.

Property borders – Joy A asked whether NOCA has in the past dealt with issues involving property borders between neighbours. The board felt these types of issues, if unresolvable by neighbours, would be appropriately raised with the City. Chris Sholberg, NOCA’s liaison with the City, is a useful contact.

Clarification of board member roles – Eve asked for more information about board members’ roles for the benefit of newer board members. Members present offered the following:

- to be a general voice of the community
- to bring forward feedback and issues from neighbours and community members
- to bring forward ideas for projects or issues of concern or interest to the community
- to represent NOCA in community meetings
- to provide information of interest or concern to the community

Summer board meetings – Joy AB proposed that board meetings continue through the summer, with attendance as members are available (re: vacations). Members present agreed to continue on the 3rd Monday (as usual) in July (16th) and August (20th). The July meeting to be at Harris House, and the August meeting at the Coach and Horses Pub, 321 Selby St.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next meeting – Monday, July 16, 2018 at 7 pm at Harris House Health Clinic.