



**NOCA Board Meeting, September 17, 2018 –  
MINUTES**

**Present**

Eve Reinarz  
Ian Knipe  
Janet Wright  
Todd Trimble

**Regrets**

Barbara Schreiber; Joy Adams Bauer; Joy Anderson

**Guest**

Shelley Serebrin

1. **Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order by Ian Knipe at 7:08 p.m.
2. **Approval of agenda** – The agenda was approved as circulated. Moved by, Eve Reinarz, Seconded by, Todd Trimble, CARRIED.
3. **Approval of minutes from July 16, 2018 meeting** – the minutes were approved as revised and circulated. Moved by, Janet Wright, Seconded by, Ian Knipe, CARRIED.
4. **Directors' updates (roundtable, for information only)**

**Treasurer's Report** – Barbara had forwarded the following statement of NOCA's finances: Opening balance \$911.99; Expenses (NISA internet service) \$136.50; Closing balance \$775.49.

**Todd** – Todd attended the Habitat for Humanity Open House regarding their development adjacent to the Cat Stream at Pine and Albert St. on Sept. 11. While he feels that another location could have been chosen so that the forest around the Cat Stream could be left as is, he doesn't think that NOCA has a role in the proposal. There was some discussion as to whether the properties in question are in NOCA's or the Harewood Community Association's boundaries.

**Eve** – Eve reported that the Friday Feel Good Movie Nights are on hiatus for the time being.

**Joy AB** – Joy sent the information that she will meet with candidate for City Council Jim Turley on Friday, Sept. 21.

**Janet** – Janet reported that she also attended the Habitat for Humanity Development Proposal Open House on Sept. 11 and has no concerns about the project.

**Ian** – Ian reported that nothing has been received from the City regarding the 388 Machleary St. property. Information received from the City indicated they are awaiting further information from the Molnar Group. Ian expects activity will be gearing up soon in the Fall. The last 388 Working Group meeting identified that issues focus on the density of the Molnar Group's proposal.

**Joy A** – will update the board by email about her contact with the City regarding installing crosswalks.

## 5. Discussion Items

**Proposal for Presentation at AGM** – Shelley Serebrin presented an idea have someone from the Island Community Solar Coop (ICSC) speak at the AGM to community residents about their coop and its program for installing solar panels as an alternative to hydro power. She has contacted the ICSC and received confirmation that they would be interested to speak at the AGM. Following Shelley's presentation, the board members present agreed to proceed with the idea. Janet will contact the ICSC to discuss details and expectations of the presentation for both NOCA and the ICSC.

**AGM Planning – Date** – to be confirmed when meeting location is confirmed – 1<sup>st</sup> choice is October 15 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday); alternate is Monday, October 22.

**Place** – Todd will contact Gordon Fuller regarding the availability of the Community Services Building and obtain keys (at Fitzwilliam & Prideaux); alternative might be St. Peter's Church (at Machleary & Fitzwilliam).

**Agenda** – as per previous AGMs: Minutes from 2017 AGM, Treasurer's and board member's reports, Election of board members, Guest Presentation.

**Tasks** – Ian: poster, agenda, poster distribution volunteers, coffee; Janet: copies (5) of NOCA Constitution & Bylaws, paper for ballots (if required in the event of more than 9 people nominated for the board), creamo; membership table: Barbara & Andra Dolan (TBC); meeting set-up @ 6:00 pm: all

Of those present at the meeting, Ian and Eve intend to let their names stand for another year on the NOCA board.

**Pawson Park Update** – Discussion about strengthening the connection between NOCA and the Pawson Park Committee as per the PPC Terms of Reference, e.g. inclusion in notices about the committee's meetings with park users, to be continued with the new board. The discussion ended with a recommendation that, in response to recent email correspondence to try to resolve

washroom access and a key registry, a face-to-face meeting be convened between a board member, Jen Skogland (Pawson Park Committee) and Al Britton (Parks Operations Manager).

**Applications for 2019 Downtown Event Grants** – The board has no plan to apply for this funding.

**Downtown Security Meeting** – As the NOCA rep on the Nanaimo Network of Neighbourhoods Eve was contacted by the City about this Sept. 19 meeting. She will be away and none of the board members present were available to attend it. Other members of the NNN will likely be in attendance and report back at the next NNN meeting.

**VIU Course for Neighbourhood Associations** – It was noted the course focus is on neighbourhood involvement in the community planning process and is meant for experienced community association members. None of the present board has expressed interest in the Oct. 18 course and felt it was not something to advertise on the NOCA website.

**Next meeting – Annual General Meeting, Monday October 15, 2018 @ 7 pm. in the Community Services Building (corner of Fitzwilliam and Prideaux Streets).**