



NOCA Board Meeting, January 21 2019– MINUTES

Present

Eve Reinarz	Brian Booth
Joy Adams Bauer	Kelsea Shadlock
Penny MacMillan	Ian Knipe

Absent: Joy Anderson **Guest:** Anna Mosolov

1) Call to Order – the meeting was called to order by Joy Adams Bauer at 7 pm. Joy welcomed Anna Mosolov, a guest of Eve Reinarz.

2) Approval of agenda – The agenda was amended to include a discussion of an education session on Personal/ Emergency Preparedness. The agenda was approved as amended: Moved by, Penny MacMillan, seconded by: Eve Reinarz CARRIED.

3) Approval of Minutes from November 21, 2018- Moved by Eve Reinarz, seconded by Kelsea Shadlock, Carried.

4) Directors' updates (roundtable, for information only):

Treasurer's Report – We've recently received \$50 in membership fees. Membership runs from October to October. Current bank balance is \$1,114.12

Good Neighbour Forum meeting on Dec 3, 2018 – Eve reported on recent updates given at the meeting.

- David Labarge (who was in charge of the RCMP bike detail) has moved to employment with the City of Nanaimo.
- The homeless issue in Nanaimo is not getting any better. It is hope the temporary housing being provided by BC Housing will help.

City of Nanaimo Public Engagement Session – Anna and Eve reported:

- The goal of the session was "Empowering Neighbourhoods."
- The "Young Professionals of Nanaimo" facilitated the session.

- Eve noted that many people at the session did not know about NOCA and what we do in neighbourhood. It appears NOCA has a low profile within the city.
- One of the Network Hubs in Nanaimo facilitated a session on how we can continue to revitalize the down town.

Tote bag fundraiser – Kelsea reported on a tote bag fundraiser she initiated at VIU. It may work for NOCA. She will bring a sample of the tote bag to the next Board meeting.

Response from city re Wentworth and Kennedy intersection – Joy AB reported that she has exchanged emails with Yong Zhang, (traffic specialist) who advises the city will set up a camera in the spring at the “traffic calming measure” to determine how pedestrians and vehicles are using the intersection.

Cold weather shelter at St. Peter’s Catholic Church – Joy AB reported that a cold weather shelter for both men and women was established in early December at St. Peter’s. It’s a 35-bed temporary shelter operating in the basement. It is open every day at 6 p.m. and closes at 7 a.m. until March 31, 2019. The shelter is operated by the Nanaimo Women's Centre and Nanaimo Citizen's Advocacy and is open to all.

Meeting request re home-based business bylaw review – Kelsea reported that meetings have been set up.

388 Machleary Working Group – Ian reported on some garbage that had recently accumulated on the site. The Molnar Group has arranged for site cleanup. Monitoring is ongoing. Ian noted that while NOCA has done a good job of engaging the neighbourhood about the form and character of the development, it appears our key areas of influence in the future include the re-zoning application and the application by the Molnar Group to amend the Official Community Plan. The 388 working group plans to focus on the issue of density and in the next few weeks will roll out a strategy to personally contact members of city council to talk about the application.

Emergency/Personal Preparedness session – Eve reported that she has contacted the Personal Preparedness Manager at the city and is looking at a date in April. More details at the next Board meeting.

4) Discussion items:

Tactical urbanism – Kelsea spoke about an idea she is exploring in her classes at University. It could be a good way for NOCA to raise their profile and gain members. Suggestions include chalking out a cross walk and offering “coffee on the corner”. More discussion to take place at the next meeting.

Jan 11, 2019 Molnar Group Open House

- The Molnar group brought in story boards, architectural drawings and other information for public review and comment. Andre Molnar, Greg Persanyi and David McGrath represented the Molnar Group.
- The presentation was intended to demonstrate how far the Molnar group had progressed and developed, including suggestions from the NOCA committee, and members of the public.
- The general feeling however was that the project was still far from complete and solidified. The feeling was that the process was just getting started
- The neighbourhood plan had not been addressed.
- The 388 Machleary working group noted there are still zoning issues that were not addressed, including a request for a substantial increase in the number of housing units; an increase in number of parking spaces; no more 3 bedroom units, the height of the buildings; traffic congestion.

Motion: On the recommendation of the 388 Machleary working group, **NOCA to write a letter to City Council calling for the reinstatement of the Community Planning and Development Committee.** Moved by Ian Knipe, Seconded by Kelsea Shadlock, Carried.

Ian will draft the letter; Joy will approve and send to city council.

Request from Nanaimo Foundation re Neighbourhood Small Grants – Joy AB reported that she has been contacted by the Nanaimo Foundation who is offering grants in the greater Harewood area. We can likely apply for a grant to fund our Personal/Emergency Preparedness session. Joy will send the information to Eve, who will contact the Foundation. Brian expressed an interest in serving on the grants committee. Joy will give his contact information to the Foundation.

New Board member – Anna was welcomed as our newest Board member.

Next meetings – mark your calendars! (Mondays at Harris House Health Clinic from 7 to 9 pm)

March 18	April 15
May 20	June 17
July 15	August 19
September 16	October 21 – AGM