

## **NOCA Board Meeting, January, 20, 2020 – MINUTES**

1. **In Attendance**: Joy Adams Bauer, Diane Caldwell-Demmon, Ian Knipe, Anna Mosolov, Eve Reinarz
2. **Call to Order** – by Joy at 7:04 pm
3. **Approval of agenda** – The agenda was approved as amended on a motion by Diane Caldwell-Demmon, seconded by Ian Knipe
4. Discussion Items
  - a. Bridget Deighton attended the meeting to talk about how NOCA can make better use of social media. The Board agreed about the importance of expanding the use of social media to encourage new membership and promote closer community ties within the neighbourhood. Anna will change the current FB group from private to public and board members are encouraged to promote the page.
  - b. Andrea Blakeman and other representatives of the Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society joined us to ask for NOCA support of their OCP amendment application for Prideaux St. properties. Members of the Board expressed support for the proposal, in principle. Joy will draft a message to inform NOCA membership of the request and solicit comments on the proposal. Comments will be accepted for 2 weeks. Joy will then draft a letter to be sent to NAHS.
5. Financial Report from Barbara, via Joy. \$961.69
6. The Board discussed the draft proposal for the OLD CITY QUARTER SAFETY AND SECURITY ALLIANCE. Concerns were expressed. A representative from the Old City Quarter Association will be invited to the next Board meeting to answer questions.
7. Official Community Plan Review update was pushed forward to city council meeting for February, 24, 2020.
8. Joy reported that, according to Brian Zurich (a Nanaimo city planner), there has been no further movement on 388 Machleary development proposal. The developer has three options at this point: (1) re-apply for the OCP/Zoning Bylaw amendment no earlier than the May 1<sup>st</sup> intake date; (2) Choose to comply with the OCP/Old City Neighbourhood Plan. If the property is re-zoned accordingly, proceed with a development under that zoning; (3) Choose to comply with the existing CS1 zoning and apply for a development permit.
9. Next meeting – February 17, 2020