

NOCA Board Meeting, February 1, 2021 – MINUTES

In Attendance via Zoom -

Board Members: Joy Adams Bauer, Diane Caldwell-Demmon, Erin Chaba, Chelsea Challis, Anna Mosolov, Mayta Ryn, Barbara Schreiber

1. Call to Order – by Joy at 7:02 pm
2. Approval of agenda – The agenda was approved on a motion by Diane, seconded by Erin. All in favour.
3. November 2020 meeting minutes approved on a motion by Mayta, seconded by Chelsea. All in favour.
4. Treasurer's report – Barbara reported \$802.19 on our January statement.
5. Joy reported all NOCA members are being invited via eblast to attend a virtual info session regarding the development permit application for proposed rental properties at Wentworth and Wallace Streets on Wednesday, February 10, 5:30 – 7:00 pm.
6. Mayta reported on the structure and method of a Neighbourhood Safety Audit. It will be used, among other things, as a data source for the Official Community Plan. Mayta will request that NOCA be included in the audit.
7. With the intention of advocating for more affordable housing, Mayta was interviewed for the Building (Permit) Function Review. A copy of the report, which was due in January 2021, will be available through Action Nanaimo Page at a time TBD. We will all check periodically to download a copy when it is posted.
8. Mayta clarified the response to the Animal Responsibility Bylaw and will keep us informed as the details of the bylaw are published.
9. Yearly goals were discussed:
 - Diane, Erin and Anna will meet to form a sub committee to promote a stronger community connection through Neighbourhood clean-up days, beautifying boulevards and cultivating sustainable gardening practices for private and public gardens.
 - Chelsea and Erin will help expand NOCA's online presence
 - Diane will approach the Nanaimo Historical Society about partnering to create an annual History Walk through the old city.

Next meeting – March 15, 2021