

NOCA Board Meeting Minutes, May 17, 2021

1. Call to Order – 7:01 pm.
NOCA board members in attendance: Joy Adams Bauer, Diane Caldwell-Demmon, Erin Chaba, Anna Mosolov, Mayta Ryn, Barbara Schreiber
2. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Barbara, seconded by Anna, carried.
3. Approval of April Meeting Minutes – Motion by Joy, seconded by Barbara, carried.
4. Treasurer's Report – our balance is \$909.19 due to new memberships paid.
5. Development Permit Applications – Joy reported on two recent applications brought to our attention by the City planning department. One is for a 6 story, 163 units at 340 Campbell Street (the former Caledonia Clinic) and one is for a 3 story, 16 unit multi-family building in an empty lot on Prideaux Street. Details were shared with our email contacts.
6. Report by Mayta from Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network (NNN). The NNN held a Zoom meeting to discuss the recent staff report “Neighbourhood Association Organizational Capacity Review” which was presented to City Council. Council is asking for feedback as they are contemplating creating criteria for recognizing neighbourhood associations. The report recommends a “Partners in Community” program, modelled on the successful “Partners in Parks” program. The city also wants to restructure community plans into a cyclical consultation process to regularly reset priorities. Discussions are ongoing as to how this will be facilitated and how city council will be held accountable for maintaining the integrity of the process. Mayta will follow up with Chris Sholberg from city planning with our comments.

Joy will contact Lawrence Reiper to find out what role NOCA played in the development of the Old City Neighbourhood Concept Plan.
7. Old City Safety Audit – Joy and Mayta (along with 8 others) participated. We all agreed the audit was highly valuable and Joy will follow up with Christy Wood to say “Thank You” and to highlight our hopes there will be regular safety audits. The report will be available sometime in the near future.
8. Increased Tree Canopy (City of Nanaimo initiative) - Diane will create a flyer to inform NOCA members of the tree canopy expansion project in the old city. Joy will post information on our website.

Next meeting: June 21, 2021 via Zoom