

NOCA Board Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2021

In attendance: Mayta Ryn, Joy Adams Bauer, Erin Chaba, Anna Mosolov, Diane Caldwell-Demon, Shelley Serebrin

Regrets: Barbara Schreiber

President Joy Adams Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Thank you to everyone who has paid their membership dues for the year.

The agenda, with the amendment of adding "executive positions" and "climate change actions" was approved on a motion by Shelley Serebrin and seconded by Mayta Ryn, CARRIED.

Executive for 2021/2022 – President, Joy Adams Bauer, Vice-President, Anna Mosolov, Treasurer, Barbara Schreiber, rotating secretary.

Treasurer's Report – Since the AGM we have received \$240 in membership dues to be deposited in our bank account. This will bring our bank balance to \$1,102.

Animal Control Bylaw - Mayta reported on the new Bylaw recently passed by City Council. The City has produced a "fast facts" brochure which we will post on our website. NOCA will play an educational role with our neighbours about the evolving relationship of pets to the neighbourhood. Animals cannot roam on property other than their owners. Fines will be imposed if animals do not have identification or have not been neutered. No food left out for any cats unless a recognized feral cat organization.

Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network (NNN) response to neighbourhood Safety Audit Reports – Mayta reported this topic has been discussed at recent NNN meetings. City Council passed a motion on November 1st that Council "will be supporting the City's Community Policing Team in securing a meeting with MLA Sheila Malcolmson to present the Safety Audit Reports and request a solution."

456 Milton Street – Mayta reported on her concerns about the proposed west coast modern design, as opposed to a design more fitting with the character of the old city. The City's Design Advisory Panel will have input into the design if the OCP Amendment and Rezoning are passed by City Council. They have passed second reading and a 3rd reading will be considered once a community amenity contribution and road dedication have been secured. A Public Hearing is scheduled for January 20, 2022.

Social media update – Erin shared her latest proposed content for our Instagram page. In January we can contact those on our e-blast list to ask folks to highlight their home and send us photos to post. Thank you to Erin and to Anna who posts to our Facebook group.

Climate Change actions as a neighbourhood – Shelley would like the association to think about things like highlighting and celebrating our walkable neighbourhood; gardening and an urban forest in the neighbourhood; solar power and asking how many people would be interested in group and batch buying and working with tax and municipality to help with upfront costs, influence net zero building. She will bring a rough proposal to the next Board meeting for discussion.

Next meeting- Monday, January 17, 2022 at 7 pm via zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.