

NOCA Board Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2022

In attendance: Joy Adams Bauer, Erin Chaba, Shelley Serebrin, Anna Moslov, and Mayta Ryn

Regrets: Barbara Schreiber, Dianne Caldwell-Demon

President Joy Adams Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Thank you to Erin for setting up the Zoom meeting.

The **Agenda**, with the amendment of adding “Beautifying the Boulevards” and “Climate Action Survey,” was approved on a motion by Shelley Serebrin and seconded by Mayta Ryn, CARRIED.

The **Minutes** from the last meeting on January 17, 2022 as circulated were approved on a motion by Joy Adams Bauer and seconded by Mayta Ryn, CARRIED.

Treasurer’s Report: Bank Balance is almost \$1,200. We recently paid our yearly bill to NISA Internet Solutions for the secure server certificate for our website.

456 Milton Street Public Hearing: Mayta attended the public hearing on February 17. She spoke (as an individual) in support of the variances requested but against the design which does not fit in a character neighbourhood. Pointed out to Council that not considering design until a building permit is applied for is bad process.

Agents of Change: Mayta is participating in Zoom meetings of the “ICLEI” – Local Government for Sustainability Committee. The latest project the committee hopes to launch is “Agents of Change” which supports building local volunteer engagement in climate change with the target of a reduction in emissions, which can be measured (e.g. solar panels). Dave Stewart (planner with the City of Nanaimo) and Jessica Beaubier (planner with the RDN) are putting forward an application to launch Agents of Change in Nanaimo. The deadline is February 27. Mayta is staying in touch with them both and will report back to the Board on progress.

Climate Change Actions as a Neighbourhood: Shelley presented the survey she has created, to be taken by NOCA members on their choice of possible actions. With a couple of tweaks, the Board agreed the survey was well written. Joy will check into creating a fillable form which we can post on our website and send in an e-blast. Shelley will check with Diane Caldwell-Demon about Google Docs and forms to see if Diane knows how to create a fillable form.

Beautifying the Boulevards: Erin reported that her committee has been hard at work and has selected Saturday, March 13 as the day to launch the project at Pawson Park. She has written a description which Joy will post on the website and send as an e-blast. The distribution of flyers is also being organized. The Board agreed on the date of Saturday, April 2 as our 2nd annual spring cleanup day.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 21st at 7 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8 pm.