

NOCA Board Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2022

In attendance: Joy Adams Bauer, Shelley Serebrin, Dianne Caldwell-Demon and Mayta Ryn

Regrets: Barbara Schreiber, Anna Moslov

President Joy Adams Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm. Thank you to Mayta for hosting us.

The **Agenda**, was approved on a motion by Joy Adams Bauer and seconded by Erin Chaba, CARRIED.

The **Minutes** from the last meeting on April 19, 2022 as circulated were approved on a motion by Joy Adams Bauer and seconded by Shelley Serebrin, CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report – \$934 (4 more memberships and payment for website hosting and domain name).

Mayta recommends NOCA continue to work towards having a seat on the city's Design Advisory Committee.

Feedback on community clean up

- We need clarity and confirmation the pick-up truck is booked appropriately with multi contacts.
- We need to be clearer in our communication that it's strictly street and alleyway pick up, no household items.
- Good idea to pre-pay for beverages/treats prior to event day.
- We should include the location on our advertising (old city and the boundaries of the old city) and specifics of what city will take (community litter pick up)
- Should we consider waiver forms for participants?
- Should have someone guarding the drop off spot to ensure only alley and street garbage is dropped off.
- Less time. 30 min pick up time and maybe 1-2 hours of clean up

Joy spoke with a bylaw officer about the long grass and weeds on the boulevards around 388 Machleary. The maintenance division of the parks department is responsible. There are a lot of boulevards that need attention by a small number of staff. Joy has a phone number to call if the boulevard isn't touched in the next while.

Beautify the boulevards wrap up update. Erin reported that Nanaimo Foodshare is coming. The team may beautify Pawson Park boulevard this spring for the event or wait until the fall. Christy Wood from city safety will walk through the Milton Franklyn park area this week.

Climate Change: Shelley is working on a spread sheet of the survey results. She has identified experts in solar power, master gardeners and volunteers. The top issue identified in the survey is boulevard beautification, then walkability (safety, scooters) and energy retrofits and how to finance

them. Met with Guy Dancy (communities' connectors/circles). City and regional district support community action. ICLY has \$4,500 in funding for Nanaimo and regional area. Hoping to use NOCA as pilot and other community groups.

Social media: Erin reported that Mayta is our local feature this month. Businesses being approached include BB, House, Cheryl Anne Massage, Bagel place, Black Rabbit Kitchen, Refillery. Post on asking if people want to be highlighted.

Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network: Recently held their AGM. Tim McGrath remains President. Mayta reported the city will roll out its "Development 101 workshop" for neighbourhood associations in September.

Google drive to keep information for the future board members. Diane will follow up with Erin.

Diane suggested the idea of a community picnic.

NOCA rep Doug Creba has the key for the bathroom at Pawson Park.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 20 at 7 pm at Diane's home

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 pm.