

NOCA Board Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2022

In attendance: Joy Adams Bauer, Brian Booth, Shelley Serebrin, Erin Chaba, Mayta Ryn

Regrets: Barbara Schreiber

President Joy Adams Bauer called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Welcome to Brian Booth who joins the Board. Brian served a year as a Director in 2017/2018. Thanks to Anna and Diane for their time on the Board.

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

The **Minutes** from September 19, 2022 as circulated were approved on a motion by Mayta Ryn and seconded by Shelley Serebrin, CARRIED.

Executive Positions – The following positions were agreed to on a motion by Mayta Ryn and seconded by Brian Booth, CARRIED.

Joy Adams Bauer – President and Secretary
Mayta Ryn – Vice-President
Treasurer – Barbara Schreiber
Erin Chaba, Shelley Serebrin, Brian Booth - Directors

Treasurer's Report – \$1285.21 in the bank. We have 59 paid up members.

Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network Update – Mayta reported that the members of the Network sent letters to the newly elected City Council asking for a meeting on November 30 to discuss the priorities of neighbourhood associations (as promised in the City Plan). The hope was to meet before the city starts budget deliberations. The Network meets again on November 16 and Mayta thinks it's not likely the meeting with City Council will happen before the spring. The Board brainstormed our priorities for 2023:

1. Continue our program of boulevard and alleyway beautification.
2. Promote safety in the neighbourhood through changes to the built environment.
3. Continue to promote walkability and a sense of community in our neighbourhood.
4. Continue to lobby to ensure the design of any new development respects the character of the neighbourhood.
5. Promote environmentally sustainable design for new and retrofitted buildings incorporating green space in its broadest sense (e.g. shade trees, pocket parks, food gardens).

Erin will post on our social media channels and Joy will post on our website, asking for input from members.

Social media: Erin continues to post information about what the Board is doing and will post the information Shelley has put together on the Climate Action Tours she has organized.

Discussion on new City Plan and neighbourhood plans - Mayta reported we need to be vigilant about the neighbourhood plans section of the City Plan to ensure the noted engagement opportunities take place between City Council and neighbourhood associations and neighbourhood plans “continue to serve as key guiding documents for development planning and approval review processes in their respective neighbourhoods.” (p. 226, City Plan)

Nanaimo Climate Pledge - Shelley reported on a request from the Program Manager for the Nanaimo Climate Pledge. The Board agreed to post information about the pledge on our social media channels.

Shelley has organized two climate action information tours of the homes of two old city residents. One tour is of a near passive house and the other is about solar panels for home heating and charging an electric vehicle. Joy will email the information to our members and Erin will post on FB.

Fall cleanup debrief - Erin reported that things went well with many participants, help from the city and a fun time enjoying coffee at the White Rabbit at the end of the day.

Old City Quarter AGM – Brian attended the OCQ AGM held on November 8. Updates on the Nanaimo Community Safety Officer program and the Downtown Nanaimo Business Association were given. There is continued concern from OCQ businesses about the growing social disorder downtown.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 17 at 7 pm at the Black Rabbit Kitchen

Meeting Adjourned at 9 pm.