

## **NOCA Board Meeting Minutes**

### **February 15, 2023**

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

**Regrets:** Barbara Schreiber, Brian Booth,

President Joy Adams Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

The **Agenda** was approved on a motion by Shelley Serebrin and seconded by Mayta Ryn, CARRIED.

The **Minutes** from January 17, 2023 as circulated were approved on a motion by Mayta Ryn and seconded by Shelley Serebrin, CARRIED.

**Treasurer's Report** – \$1221.21 in the bank. In January we paid our yearly Secure Socket Layer fee for our website.

**Climate Change** – tours continue of the near passive home on Machleary. Shelley is hoping to get a tour of a home with solar panels and a heat pump in March. A family on Milton Street has volunteered a tour of their solar panels in May. Shelley suggested we might hold an event at St. Andrew's to talk about what people learned through the tours, perhaps invite Deborah and Marvin and guest LCES in town.

The City of Nanaimo ACT team will hold a kickoff on Feb 25 which Shelley will attend. Shelley will send ACT a list of NOCA interests in the area of climate change (walkable neighbourhoods, pollinator gardens, food forests, cooling stations, natural capacity).

Seedy Sunday is March 5. Erin and Shelley are working on a waterway grant with the City.

**Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network Update** – Mayta reported on the January 18 meeting. The Planning 101 workshop is likely to be offered to neighbourhood associations in April. The Network is discussing an "Action Resiliency Team" and wants to be more proactive with vandalism and vacant properties. For example if a property is vacant for a period of time, the owner should need to get a permit and should also have a monitoring agreement. The Network plans to bring this suggestion to the March 15 meeting of City Council.

Perhaps NOCA could be a hub for Block Watch captains in the old City? Joy will follow up with Cst. Garry O'Brien.

**Concerned neighbours working group** - Erin reported that Todd Trimble, Doug Creba, Mayta Ryn and herself have expressed interest in doing this work. A first meeting has been scheduled for late February. Mayta and Erin will report working group activities to the Board.

**Good Neighbour Agreement - overnight shelter at St. Peter's** –Mayta attended the third neighbourhood meeting at the shelter. It was decided that a Good Neighbour Agreement was not the route to go. Instead, neighbourhood meetings will continue to be held. There will be one in March before the shelter closes on March 31 and one in September, before the shelter opens for the winter.

**Supportive Housing on Prideaux and Fitzwilliam** – Joy reminded the Board about the 51 units of temporary housing scheduled to open in July 2023. BC Housing provides the funding. The Connective Society of Nanaimo (formerly the John Howard Society) will operate the facility. “Supportive housing is subsidized housing with on-site supports for single adults, seniors and people with disabilities at risk of or experiencing homelessness. These supports help people find and maintain stable housing”.

**NOTE:** Supportive housing differs from the temporary supportive housing (modular housing units) set up by BC Housing in late 2018 as a temporary solution for Nanaimo tent city occupants. BC Housing purchased land at 250 Terminal Avenue for this purpose a number of years ago. The City made land available for additional temporary units at an unused portion of the City’s Public Works yard at 2020 Labieux Road in 2019.

**Benches at Franklyn and Milton** – Erin is very pleased with the number of neighbours who contacted the city about removing the benches. Sue Creba is working on a plan. More information to follow.

**Presentation on addiction to membership** – Joy reported that NOCA member Todd Trimble is willing to give a presentation on addiction to NOCA members and neighbourhood residents. Joy will contact Todd for more details and pass them on to Erin who will post on social media to gauge interest.

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 20 at 7 pm at Joy’s home. Future meetings will be held at Mayta’s home.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm.