

## NOCA Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2023

**In attendance:** Joy Adams Bauer, Shelley Serebrin, Erin Chaba, Mayta Ryn, Chris Los (guest)

**Regrets:** Barbara Schreiber, Brian Booth

President Joy Adams Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

The **Agenda**, as amended, was approved on a motion by Erin Chaba and seconded by Mayta Ryn, CARRIED.

The **Minutes** from March 20, 2023 as circulated were approved on a motion by Joy Adams Bauer and seconded by Erin Chaba, CARRIED.

**Treasurer's Report** – \$2181.61 in the bank. We paid for spring cleanup refreshments and paper for our flyers.

**April 26 neighbourhood engagement event with city council and staff** – Erin, Mayta and Shelley will attend. We have sent our priorities and actions to Chris Sholberg, as requested.

**Suggestions to celebrate the old city** – we got a number of excellent suggestions in response to our e-blast. We will discuss in detail at our May meeting and then ask for volunteers to organize an event.

**Neighbourhood associations meeting with Ministers Malcolmson and Farnsworth** – An April 13 Joy attended a meeting with the Ministers of Mental Health & Addictions and Public Safety. Recognized NA's were invited to learn about recent public safety measures announced by Premier Eby in Nanaimo on April 12. (\$16M over three years for police to target specific kinds of violent offenders and greater connection between detachments; 12 hubs around the province, including Nanaimo, to target repeat offenders; community transition teams for those leaving prison). About 10 associations were represented, with about 8 who didn't show up. A 45 minute meeting with an opportunity for NA reps to ask questions/share concerns.

**Spring cleanup debrief** – Not as many people involved, and not as much garbage. Thank you to the city for donating mulch, providing vests and grabbers and for hauling away the garbage.

**Climate change events** - ongoing home tours. Shelley is looking at walkable cities.

**Unsheltered Neighbours Working Group** – the group continues to work on refining its purpose. They have set up regular meeting dates until October.

**Grant from the city** – A \$100 donation (from the \$1,000 we received from the grant) was approved for the neighbours on the 200 block of Machleary (who have done a terrific job on beautifying their boulevards), on a motion by Erin Chaba and seconded by Mayta Ryn, CARRIED.

**Google Drive** – Erin is working on it.

**Short term rentals** – Mayta raised the issue of parking and short term rentals, especially Air BnB's. Amendments to the Nanaimo Zoning and Parking Bylaws were adopted in Feb, 2022, to allow and regulate the operation of short-term rentals within a primary residence in zones where residential use is permitted. Let's keep our eyes on this issue.

End of meeting. 9:10 pm

Next meeting – Monday, May 15 at 7 pm – Barbara's home.