

NOCA Board Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2023

In attendance: Joy Adams Bauer, Shelley Serebrin, Mayta Ryn, Barbara Schreiber

Regrets: Erin Chaba, Brian Booth

President Joy Adams Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm.

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

The **Minutes** from April 17, 2023 as circulated were approved on a motion by Joy Adams Bauer and seconded by Mayta Ryn, CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report – \$1980.60 in the bank.

April 26 neighbourhood engagement event with city council and staff – Erin, Mayta and Shelley will attended and felt the session went well. NOCA was very organized and Mayta had our priorities and actions on a handout which were given to all the members of council.

Suggestions to celebrate the old city – we got a number of excellent suggestions in response to our e-blast. We decided upon a potluck picnic and seed exchange in Pawson Park on Saturday, August 19 in the afternoon. Maybe the Tacomania food truck (that lives on 300 Kennedy St) could come? Joy will get in touch with those who volunteered ideas and with Monica Briggs at the OCQ Business Association who offered to donate some funds for the celebration. Deborah van der Goes was suggested as a musician, but unfortunately she is away in New Brunswick on August 19. **Perhaps Erin could ask her fiddler friends?** More discussion at our June meeting.

Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network – Mayta reported a meeting is scheduled for May 17. She is waiting for the Zoom invitation.

Climate change – Four people attended an information session with Shelley this past Sunday. May 17 is the ACT City of Nanaimo meeting. Ting Pan suggests that we pick a city councillor to champion the climate change initiative.

Unsheltered Neighbours Working Group – Mayta reported the neighbourhood was not invited to a final meeting about the overnight shelter at St. Peter's (as was promised) to debrief the impact on the neighbourhood. It is hoped we will have a meeting before the shelter opens in November/December.

For the good of our community – Mayta asked this be a standing item on our agenda where we can share success stories. She shared the Brechin United Church senior housing that recently opened. 74 units with all levels of government working together with the church, to offer affordable housing.

Next meeting – Monday, June 19 at Barb's home.

