

## NOCA Board Meeting Minutes

June 19 2023

**In attendance:** Joy Adams Bauer, Mayta Ryn, Barbara Schreiber, Erin Chaba, Brian Booth

**Regrets:** Shelley Serebrin

**Guest:** Tina Johnson

President Joy Adams Bauer called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Welcome to Tina Johnson who is our new social media volunteer. We are happy to have you as a neighbour, member and volunteer!

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

The **Minutes** from May 15, 2023 as circulated were approved on a motion by Erin Chaba and seconded by Mayta Ryn, CARRIED.

**Treasurer's Report** – \$1853.05 in the bank.

**Old city celebration** –date changed to the afternoon of Saturday, September 23. We will have live music, potluck and maybe a seed exchange in Pawson Park. Erin suggests we tie the celebration in with our fall cleanup and have them on the same day. **Shelley, what do you think?**

Joy checked with fiddlers Trish and Jeff Horrocks to see if they could play, but they are away in Sept. **Any other suggestions?** The OCQ business association is willing to pay for the musicians. Joy will check with the City about booking Pawson Park and about having the Tacomania Food Truck (owned by Ken who lives on Kennedy St.) parking on the street.

**Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network** – Greg Brown (president of the Brechin Hill Neighbourhood Association) is the newly elected president of the Network. He will run a tight ship. Nancy Mitchell (Newcastle Neighbourhood Association) was elected as secretary.

Mayta reported that Sharon Kofoed, of the Westwood Neighbourhood Association spoke at the last NNN meeting about “action groups” that are not NA’s. Sharon also wants to talk about “group dynamics” at the June 20 NNN meeting. Mayta will update us at our next Board meeting.

**GPC Meeting on June 12** – Mayta attended this meeting via Zoom. Nancy Mitchell (Newcastle Neighbourhood Association) said Newcastle’s priorities were not included in the staff document discussed at the meeting. Chris Sholberg assured Mayta that our priorities are included. Mayta noted that City Council will be discussing the Zero Carbon Step Code at their June 26 meeting.

**For the good of our community** – Mayta reported on the “City Forfeiture Grant Program Fund”. Associations can apply to the fund for community projects that make the community safer. You apply in the fall for the coming year.

**388 Machleary Street** – Erin noted there are rumours in the neighbourhood about the project being under review. Joy will check with Building Inspections. Joy spoke with Ryan who explained that any kind of review would be for minor changes or revisions to the **inside** of the buildings. No changes would be made to the outside of the buildings and there would be no impact on the community. Once a Building Permit has been issued, major changes cannot be made.

**Next meeting – Monday, August 21 at Erin's home.** (Regrets from Mayta)