

NOCA Board Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2023

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

Regrets: Barbara Schreiber

President Joy Adams Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

The **Minutes** from June 19, 2023 as circulated were approved on a motion by Erin Chaba and seconded by Mayta Ryn, CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report – \$1753.05 in the bank.

Next month's report will show a \$300 donation from Old City Quarter Business Association and a \$150 expense for the rental of the Pawson Park on Sept 23. Joy will ask Tina to post a thank you to the OCQ.

Old city celebration Saturday September 23 at Pawson Park from 1 pm-3 pm. Plant and seed exchange, Brett Gilmour will be on hand to talk about making houses more energy efficient, the Brian Garrish Trio are our musicians and people will be invited to bring a picnic lunch, snack for themselves.

Shelley asked to include information on regenerative gardening and bring electric vehicles and electric bikes for casual conversations, everyone agreed. Joy will also bring NOCA membership forms. Brian volunteered to print the flyers. Joy suggested placing some on poles, Shelley suggested around the OCQ. Joy will ask Tina to make a post to request flyer distributors via Instagram and Facebook. Joy will post on our website and send out an e-blast.

For future events, the Nanaimo Foundation offers grants for events like this. We need a volunteer to apply for us.

Unsheltered Neighbours Working Group. Next meeting, September 20 from 7 – 8 pm at the Black Rabbit.

AGM, Tuesday Oct 17, 2023 - Joy to book St Andrews United Church. Erin presented idea on approaching OCQ businesses for gift certificates/items for a silent auction. Joy will check with Monica Briggs at the OCQ to see what she thinks.

Climate Action: A month ago Brett Gilmour contacted NOCA to discuss how he can collaborate with us to empower the neighbourhood, and drive meaningful change in the area of climate action. By working together, we can provide the necessary assistance and support to homeowners, making energy-efficient upgrades more accessible and achievable. Information about his company is at <https://www.homeo.eco>. Joy and Shelley met with Brett to see his presentation. He was very impressive, down to earth and genuine and his presentation is very well done and easy to follow. He will come to our Sept 23rd event and be available for folks to speak with. We may ask him to be the guest speaker at our AGM.

City planning staff viewed the nearly passive home off the Kennedy alleyway.

On Aug 28th City Council is voting on zero carbon step at 7 pm. Shelley urged people to attend the meeting to show their support. Joy will ask Tina to spread the word.

Block watch theme. Erin to action

For the good of our neighbourhood – Mayta spoke about the city cleaning up large encampments yearly. She would like to know how they do that and why only once a year. What can we do to prevent people camping in environmentally sensitive areas? BC government has rebates for businesses to deal with repairs and preventative 10.5 million, 1 business can get \$2000 for repairs \$1000 for preventative. Civil forfeiture programs up to \$40,000 per project.

Next meeting – Monday, September 18, 2023. Location TBA. Possibly Nanaimo Ice Centre or SARC Boardroom, if we have a lot of interest in hearing guest John Horne update us on the supportive housing at 285 Prideaux Street.