

NOCA Board Meeting Minutes July 15, 2024

In attendance: Joy Adams Bauer, Brian Booth, Mayta Ryn, Barbara Schreiber.

Regrets: Shelley Serebrin

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

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

Treasurer's Report – \$2,747.63 in the bank. Barb will keep a cash float of \$70 for incidentals.

Spring cleanup and party in the park debrief – A very successful event with over 50 people attending the party in Pawson Park. Artists and craftspeople in the neighbourhood set up tables and the plant and seed exchange was a bit hit. Kudos to Erin for all of her work and thanks to those who came out for the cleanup and then celebrated community at the White Rabbit. The Nanaimo Fiddlers group was great!

Nanaimo Network of Neighbours - Mayta reported that the NNN has agreed to revisit their purpose and objectives and try to get back to being a group for NA's to share information, rather than a lobby group. The chairperson of the NNN can't speak on behalf of neighbourhood associations, and the group will not take a position on issues. The next meeting in September will hopefully finalize their purpose and objectives. Thanks to Nancy Mitchell for all the work she is doing.

Meeting with City Council, May 22 – Mayta and Brian represented NOCA. Good discussions were had with members of City Council. This annual event is being scheduled in accordance with the City's Neighbourhood Associations Support Policy and City Plan. Planning staff has been told to action the priorities listed by NA's so if we want action on certain items, we should ensure they are listed amongst one of our three yearly priorities.

On July 8 Council endorsed the updated neighbourhood association priority requests. The city's Integrated Action Plan appendix will be replaced to include the updated NA requests. You can learn more on the city website at <https://www.nanaimo.ca/property-development/land-use-bylaws/neighbourhood-and-area-plans/neighbourhood-associations>

Who you gonna call? Mayta will order more cards (she handed out some at the June party in the park) and include them with our next drop – for our AGM in October.

Parkette at Franklyn and Milton – We finally have some movement on changes to the parkette, thanks to including it as one of our priorities in 2023. The recent site visit with Charlotte Davis from the City went well. The benches will **not** be replaced. There was discussion about better lighting. We will monitor activity in the area, especially when the overnight shelter opens in the fall. It was interesting to discover a sprinkler system in the parkette. Who knew?

For the good of our community – We are happy to hear a site for the long-awaited Navigation Centre has finally been donated by the city. There will be 53 units, which will add to the many rental, supportive, affordable and seniors housing units being built in Nanaimo. The renovations of the overnight shelter at the Unitarian Congregation are also very good news!

Next Meeting: Monday, September 16 at 7 pm at Barb's.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm.