



Minutes NOCA Annual General Meeting October 21, 2019

Board Members Present

Joy Adams Bauer (President), Ian Knipe (Vice-President), Anna Mosolov (Director)

Board Members Absent

Eve Reinarz (Director), Brian Booth (Secretary)

In addition to the above members of the Board, 33 individuals were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Joy Adams Bauer who offered words of welcome and introduced the board members present, other volunteers and Chris Sholberg, NOCA's liaison with the City.

1. **Approval of agenda** – Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Crystal Carson, Seconded by Elizabeth Lorenz. CARRIED.
2. **Approval of minutes from AGM held on October 15, 2018** – Motion to approve the minutes from the 2018 AGM held on October 15, 2018. Moved by Nancy Jorgenson, Seconded by Anna Mosolov. CARRIED.
3. **Financial Report** – Our book keeper Barbara Schreiber presented her report for 2018/2019.
Opening balance = \$724.12
Closing balance = \$ 307.22

Expenses of \$982.89 (website, flyers for 388 Machleary, Pawson Park key deposit)
Revenue of \$530 (membership dues)

Motion to approve the financial report. Moved by Barbara Schreiber, Seconded by Nancy Jorgenson. CARRIED.

- **President's Report – Joy Adams Bauer**

Joy gave an overview of board activities for the past year. The Board:

- Kept an eye on development permits for properties in NOCA's boundaries and provided input as deemed necessary;
- A board member represented NOCA on the Nanaimo Network of Neighbourhoods (NNN), a collective of the City's neighbourhood associations which meets quarterly to inform members about goings on in their neighbourhoods,.
- A board member represented NOCA on the City's Good Neighbour Forum.
- We worked with the city engineering department on the suggestion for cross-walk markings at the roundabout at Kennedy and Wentworth.
- We helped to work out an arrangement with the Pawson Park committee and the city parks manager on access to the public washrooms at the park.
- Our 388 Machleary working group worked tirelessly on providing our input into the proposed development for the site
- We supported the Old City Quarter Business Association in their request of City Council to buy Cappy Yates Park and their desire to help with the planning, development and organization of landscape and activities at the park.
- We set up the NOCA Facebook group.
- A volunteer created tote bags featuring a stencil of the Bastion and the old city, as a fundraiser.

4. **388 Machleary Street Update**

Ian Knipe reported on the activities of the 388 Machleary working group over the past year. The working group reports to the Board and is made up of both Board members and association members. It was a very busy year including:

- attending an Open House organized by the developer in January
- developing and distributing a survey about the developer's proposal – 148 responses were received
- sending NOCA's official response to the city of Nanaimo
- organizing one-on-one meetings with councillors and working group/Board members
- appearing as a delegation at city council when council voted on the OCP amendment
- organizing the neighbourhood to present at the fall public hearing

Ian noted that the application by the developer to amend the Official Community Plan was defeated 6 to 3 by council on October 9. He shared an update from the city planner on the file who notes that throughout the process, the Molnar Group has said to the city that they would pursue a seniors' development if the residential project failed. However, he is not sure whether the developer will proceed. If the Molnar Group does submit an application for a seniors' development, he expects they would not be in a position to do so before Christmas. It's also important to note that the developer has the option to bring

back the same proposal within 6 months of the date of the "no" vote OR the option of making a new application to amend the OCP with a new proposal.

5. **Pawson Park Update:** Joy Adams Bauer gave an update on Pawson Park (corner of Machleary and Franklyn streets). The Pawson Park Committee notes the park was well used this summer. All of the raised beds were rented and produced well. Committee rep Myra Thompson, and Al Britton, city parks manager attended a NOCA Board meeting to work out an arrangement to keep the washrooms opened when special events were being held at the park. The washrooms are no longer open during daylight hours due to ongoing vandalism. Myra also tried to get the city to deal with the weeds in the path area.

6. **Vote on constitutional amendment** – Joy Adams Bauer

Joy reported that in the last year we were asked to consider extending our eastern boundary by one block from Albert Street to Hecate Street. The Board discussed the request and agreed to bring it to the AGM. There is no recognized neighbourhood association in the Knob Hill neighbourhood. Joy called for someone to move and second the following motion:

to change the wording in the NOCA constitution that defines "neighbourhood" to, "neighbourhood means the area in the City of Nanaimo bounded by Comox Road, Bowen Road, Howard Avenue, Elizabeth Street, Pine Street, ***Albert to Macheary Street, to Hecate Street, to Cavan Street*** to Wallace Street." The area extends to the center lines of the border streets, except for Elizabeth Street where the area extends to both side of the street." Moved by John Tallerino, Seconded by Shelley Serebrin.

Discussion ensued with concerns raised about chopping up the neighbourhood, and the implications of adding to our area, and whether we want to put our energies into this kind of issue. Chris Sholberg and Lawrence Rieper provided history and context on our boundaries.

The motion was defeated.

7. **Election of new board members** – the following members of the association put their names forward to serve as members of the Board:

Joy Adams Bauer

Ian Knipe

Anna Mosolov

Eve Reinarz

Diane Caldwell-Demmon

Barbara Schreiber

Motion to accept the following as the NOCA Board of Directors for the 2019/2020 year.
Moved by Kathy McKay, Seconded by Crystal Carson. CARRIED.

8. **Question and Answer**

Shelley Serebrin asked if any home owners were interested in solar panels. Our association has a membership in Energy Solutions for Vancouver Island (who made a presentation at our 2018 AGM). This gives us a deal. It was agreed Shelley would put together a proposal and bring it to a Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.