



**Minutes NOCA Annual General Meeting
October 14, 2022
St. Andrew's United Church**

Board Members Present

Joy Adams Bauer (President), Barbara Schreiber (Treasurer), Shelley Serebrin (Director)

Board Members Absent

Mayta Ryn (Director), Anna Mosolov (Vice-President), Diane Caldwell-Demon (Director)

In addition to the above members of the Board, 24 individuals were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Joy Adams Bauer who offered words of welcome.

1. **Approval of minutes from 2021 AGM** – Motion to approve the minutes from the 2020 AGM held on October 19, 2020. Moved by Sue Creba, Seconded by Shelley Serebrin, CARRIED.

2. **Financial Report** – Joy Adams Bauer presented the financial report for 2021/2022.
Opening balance = \$772.69
Closing balance = \$ 784.61

Expenses of \$383.08 (website hosting and domain name registration - \$213.15); (paper for flyers - \$49.93); (refreshments for neighbourhood cleanup and boulevard beautification - \$50); (church rental for AGM - \$70)

Revenue of \$395 (membership dues).

Motion to approve the financial report. Moved by Deborah Van der Gos, Seconded by Ellis Richer, CARRIED.

3. **Report on 2120/2022 activities– Joy Adams Bauer.**

Board members participated in a meeting with city planning staff and other neighbourhood associations to discuss a staff report on **Neighbourhood Association Capacity and Governance** that city council was to vote on. This work is to ensure those who present themselves as representatives of a NA to city council, do indeed represent that NA. NOCA agreed with the governance option recommended by staff:

1. An elected executive that meets at least once a year (we meet 10 times)
2. Hold an AGM and provide a copy of the minutes to the city with updated membership numbers.
3. Keep minutes for executive and general membership meetings.
4. Engage with the neighbourhood for input prior to responding to city development referrals (we use our e-blast and our website, and sometimes community meetings)
5. Periodic updates to members of the association about activities (we use our e-blast, website, FB page and Instagram page)

Erin has done wonderful work keeping our **FB and Instagram pages** up to date and engaging. She highlights local businesses and residents in the old city. If you want to be featured, let me know!

Shelley is our **climate champion**. She developed a survey to determine the interests of neighbourhood residents in the area of climate change. The survey was sent to the 143 people on our contact list and had a pretty good response. The top three actions identified were: lane way gardening; energy home improvements; increased walkability in the neighbourhood. Shelley continues to work on this issue and will be arranging a tour of a home in the old city that is using solar panels.

Erin and her committee organized a **spring cleanup** in April and our **fall cleanup** will be held a week tomorrow on Sat Oct 22nd. They also organized our first **Beautify the Boulevards and Alley ways** in March 2022. They partnered with the city who provided vests, gloves, pickers and picked up the garbage collected. Organized a **seed swap** in Pawson Park in May and a new **Seed Library** on the 100 block of Milton St.

Board members participated in the community surveys for the **new City Plan** and we sent out information to our members encouraging them to participate. We shared our concerns about the old city neighbourhood section of the new City plan and were invited to meet with city planning staff to talk about our concerns. Staff agreed to a couple of our recommendations:

Density in the old city was going from 20 to 50 units per hectare. We convinced staff to recommend 40 units per hectare. We convinced staff to strengthen language referencing neighbourhood plans – from plans as “supporting” documents, to “key”. And finally, we agreed that we could live with 5 story buildings in “strategic locations” (e.g., on a slope). And of course, the development has to follow the Old City Design Guidelines. We continue to lobby for development to fit in with the overall “feel” of the neighbourhood.

285 Prideaux – work is finally starting on the 51 units of modular supportive housing. NOCA has let BC Housing know we wish to participate in the Community Advisory Committee once it is in place (typically once the build is finished)

388 Machleary – Building permit applied for in March of this year. Takes a minimum of 6 months for planning to review. If a BP is issued, the applicant has 6 months to begin construction before the BP expires.

4. Guest Speaker – Chris Sholberg, community/heritage planner for the City of Nanaimo gave a presentation on the new City Plan and how it affects the old city. Chris noted that while neighbourhood plans are key supporting documents for the City Plan, they are no longer part of the City Plan. See section E1 of the City Plan.

Election of Board for 2022/23 – the following members of the association put their names forward to serve as members of the Board:

Joy Adams Bauer

Erin Chaba

Brian Booth

Mayta Ryn

Barbara Schreiber

Shelley Serebrin

Motion to accept the following as the NOCA Board of Directors for the 2022/2023 year.
Moved by Marvin Svingen, Seconded by Doug Creba, CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.