

NOCA Board Meeting Minutes January 20, 2025

In attendance: Joy Adams Bauer, Brian Booth, Alan Drexhage, Basia Henoach, Twila Konynenbelt, Mayta Ryn, Barbara Schreiber

Guest: Michael Sharratt

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

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

Approval of minutes from last meeting – the minutes of the November 18, 2024 meeting were approved on a motion by Joy Adams Bauer and seconded by Shelley Serebrin. CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report – \$3,245.25 in the bank. Barb will keep a cash float of \$70 for incidentals. We have received \$50 in memberships and expect our City of Nanaimo grant at the end of the month.

Presentation on personal preparedness - Jenna Krajinovic, (Emergency Support Services & Resilience Coordinator for the City) is willing to host a presentation on personal preparedness for our membership if we are interested. We are. **Joy will follow up with Jenna and determine time of year and location.**

Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network – Next meeting is February 18. Mayta and Brian will attend meetings.

Form and character guidelines review – Mayta responded to the city's survey. Contact her if you have any questions.

Neighbourhood priorities for 2025 suggested by members – Several suggestions were made in response to the call for ideas. Mayta worked them all into a priority document which she shared with the Board. She will contact those members whose priorities are not actionable via the City Plan. Mayta will re-work her priority table and bring it to the next meeting.

Issues at Pawson Park – Michael Sharratt, who lives right next to the park has been in touch with the association about safety concerns. The building in the park is used for shelter and drug use when the washrooms are open. He has had valuable items stolen from his backyard. He has been in touch with the parks department who trimmed the trees. The city won't agree to building a better fence between his property and the raised garden beds. At present people can simply hop the existing chain link fence. He grew up in the old city and would like to raise his children there.

We recommended he stay in touch with the CSOs and the Clean Team. He should also consider establishing a Block Watch for the 400 block of Machleary Street. One of our 2025 priorities will be addressing hot spots in the old city, including Pawson Park and the overnight shelter at St. Peter's Church.

Traffic calming measures at Campbell and Machleary Streets – a meeting will be scheduled between the folks who live close to the intersection and who have been in touch with NOCA. Joy will arrange for a representative from the city transportation department to attend and explain the city's rationale around any changes to that intersection.

Next Meeting: AGM, Monday, February 24 at 7 pm – 212 Milton Street.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm.