

NOCA Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2024

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

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

The **Agenda**, as amended, was approved on a motion by Barbara Schreiber and seconded by Twila Konynenbelt, CARRIED.

Board Orientation – the following member (Alan Drexhage), who put his name forward after the AGM, was elected to the Board on a motion by Joy Adams Bauer and seconded by Mayta Ryn, CARRIED.

Joy handed out information for the new Board members and the following were elected to the executive:

President and Secretary – Joy Adams Bauer
Vice-President – Mayta Ryn
Treasurer – Barbara Schreiber

Directors – Brian Booth, Alan Drexhage, Basia Henoach, Twila Konynenbelt, Shelley Serebrin
Reps to Nanaimo Network of Neighbours – Brian Booth and Mayta Ryn
Tracking development and building permits and re-zoning applications – Joy Adams Bauer and Twila Konynenbelt

Approval of minutes from last meeting – the minutes of the September 25, 2024 meeting were approved on a motion by Joy Adams Bauer and seconded by Shelley Serebrin. CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report – \$3,294.25 in the bank. Barb will keep a cash float of \$70 for incidentals.

Climate action update – Shelley organized two groups (6 people at each) to learn about the thermal imaging camera in partnership with the Rock City Neighbourhood Association. Joy will develop a waiver to borrow the camera and send an e-blast to members telling them they can borrow it to check the energy efficiency of their home.

Shelley's climate action team currently consists of herself, Ian Knipe, Deborah Van der Gos and Theresa Van der Gos. More members are welcome.

Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network – The group now meets three times a year. Mayta and Brian will attend meetings.

Northwest Nanoose Residents Association (NNRA) – contacted NOCA to raise their concerns about the RDN's budgeting and financial planning practices. No NOCA rep was available to attend their meeting and share our views.

Traffic calming measures at Campbell and Machleary Streets – NOCA has been contacted by some members who are concerned about the traffic at this intersection in light of the many children and parents who walk to Ecole Pauline Haare. They (and NOCA) have been in conversation with city staff about a crosswalk or speed bumps. Staff reports the traffic does not warrant such a measure at this time. NOCA agreed to hold a neighbourhood meeting in the New Year between interested neighbours and relevant city staff. There was also neighbourhood discussion around the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Machleary to 30 kilometres.

Members input on priorities for 2025 – A member suggested we do a call out to members asking what their priorities are for the coming year. We will also post on our social media channels. We did that two years ago and only got one suggestion, but the Board agreed to do the call out in January. Our current priorities are:

1. Promoting Safety by Creating a Clear and Actionable Set of Passive, Safety Measures that will Lessen Fear and Crime.
2. Supporting Connection and a sense of Community through the continued action of the Design Advisory Panel in Enforcing the Historical Design Guidelines.
3. Working on Sustainable Improvements to the Quality of Life in Our Community.

Community Concerns – increased garbage from folks leaving the overnight shelter with their take away breakfast. Volunteering opportunities at the shelter include making soup. Cornerstone is also happy to receive donations of books, magazines, puzzles.

Neighbourhood Association City of Nanaimo grant – Erin Chaba has agreed to apply for the \$1,000 yearly grant on behalf of NOCA.

Next Meeting: AGM, Monday, January 20 at 7 pm – 212 Milton Street. Just a reminder, if you don't feel well, please do not attend the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm.