

## **NOCA Board Meeting Minutes**

### **May 20, 2025**

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

**Regrets:** Shelley Serebrin

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 Brian Booth, CARRIED.

**Approval of minutes from last meeting** – the minutes of the March 17, 2025 meeting were approved on a motion by Barbara Schreiber and seconded by Alan Drexhage. CARRIED.

**Treasurer's Report** – We have \$4,335.57 in the bank.

**Tour of tiny homes project** – Andrew Ferguson, ED of Connective Support Society contacted Joy about a tiny homes project they are initiating in south Nanaimo. He offered us a tour. The Board is interested. Joy will let Andrew know.

**2025 Priorities** – Lisa Brinkman, Manager of Community Planning for the City of Nanaimo has confirmed our 2025 priorities with a few wording changes.

1. Promote safety by using passive safety measures for the Old City that can be introduced at the following "hot spots" to lessen fear and crime in the neighbourhood: Pawson Park and St. Peter's Church Overnight Shelter.
2. Promoting Community Safety and Well-Being by focusing on the neighbourhood as a model for Active Transportation and Complete Streets, and address traffic and parking problems in the Old City. The Intersection of Machleary and Campbell Streets is the Hot Spot that our priorities are focusing on for 2025.
3. Promoting Community Well-Being through work on sustainable improvements to the quality of life in our neighbourhood by increasing biodiversity through tree canopy coverage up to 33% of the land area and landscaping on boulevards and parkettes (like Franklyn and Milton Streets) with landscaping similar to the Old Firehall and the Italian Fountain. Increase the number of trees to a minimum of 50 in areas identified as prime locations for climate change mitigation such as streets, boulevards and parks.

**Suggestions for summer activities in the neighbourhood** – two neighbours suggested a pick up baseball game at Gyro Fields or garden tours. The Board likes both ideas, however the baseball game idea is more complicated as we would have to check with the city to use the fields and pay some kind of insurance in case of injuries. The garden tours could include a prize for the best flower garden and

food forest with coffee and treats at the White Rabbit after the event. Joy will send out an e-blast and see what kind of interest we get.

We have quite a bit of money in the bank. Perhaps we could look at beautifying more of our alleys and give neighbours funding for flowers, mulch, artwork etc.?

**Parking issues** – Brian has been having problems with parking in front of his house (people are calling bylaws) and has a meeting with the city to talk about permits for those with disabilities. He will report back at our next meeting.

**For the good of our community** – lots of great things going on – 50 temporary spaces in Chase River; 59 on Old Victoria Road; 78 supportive units on Nelson Road and more!

**Next Meeting: Monday, June 23 at 7 pm.** Basia sends her regrets

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm.