

NOCA Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2025

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

Guests: Sandra Mazzei, Terre Flower

President Joy Adams Bauer called the meeting to order at 7 pm and welcomed Jamie to the Board and Sandra and Terre as our guests.

The **Agenda**, as circulated, was approved on a motion by Barb and seconded by Brian.

The minutes of the September 15, 2025 meeting as circulated, were approved on a motion by Mayta and seconded by Twila.

Executive Positions for 2026/2027 – The following executive was approved on a motion by Jamie Molloy and seconded by Twila:

President and Secretary – Joy Adams Bauer

Vice-President – Mayta Ryn

Treasurer – Barbara Schreiber

Moved by Brian Booth and seconded by Konynenbelt that Joy Adams Bauer, Barbara Schreiber and Mayta Ryn are signers on our bank account held at BMO Terminal Park, any two of the three to sign.
CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report – We have \$4,493.47 in the bank. No activity since the last Board meeting.

Alley beside The Willston (388 Machleary Street) – Sandra Mazzei (who lives on the alley) and Terre Flower spoke to the Board about their concerns with the traffic that will use the alley coming off both Fitzwilliam Street and Machleary Street. They feel there has been a lack of communication between the neighbours and the developer.

They plan to create a NOCA working group which will report to the NOCA Board of Directors and operate under the following guidelines:

1. All members of the working group are members of NOCA.
2. When the group holds a meeting, someone should take notes so there is a record of decisions made. A representative of the group should attend NOCA board meetings and update the Board.
3. NOCA will assist the group with Board approved messages to old city residents via our e-blasts and posts on our website.
4. NOCA will assist the group with expenses for the printing of flyers (if the group wishes to communicate with the neighbourhood in this way).

5. The working group operates under the auspices of the Nanaimo Old City Association and will abide by the Bylaws and Constitution of the Association.

Terre will chair the group and Sandra will take minutes. Members of the group (Lin Hammill, Sue Creba, Terre Flower and Sandra Mazzei) plan to meet with Caleb Horn (the city planner on the development) and send him a letter outlining their concerns.

Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network meeting with the city – scheduled for Tuesday, January 20 at 7 pm at the SARC. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the yearly engagement event between the city and neighbourhood associations. Joy and Mayta will attend.

Machleary and Campbell intersection – The bollards have been installed! The city has arranged an open house with the artist on Monday, November 24 from 4 to 6:30 pm at the Bowen Park clubhouse. Information has been sent to our e-blast list and posted on our website. The Board agreed we will contribute some funds to the art project. Shelly noted that she still has \$200 from her climate project.

St. Peter's Catholic Church is having a neighbourhood meeting about its overnight shelter (which opened on November 1) at the same time as the artist open house. Mayta will attend the shelter meeting and report back to the Board.

Pollinator Project – Basia reported that the Nanaimo Area Land Trust (NALT) is involved with pollinator projects in which native plants that attract pollinators are planted in neighbourhoods. The south end community association is involved. We agreed to invite Linda Brooymans NALT Stewardship Manager to a Board meeting in December to speak to us about this project

Connecting with the businesses in the old city – Jamie spoke of the importance of making connections with businesses in the old city. He asked if we had a business membership. Joy explained businesses belong to the Old City Quarter Association. Jamie wondered if home-based businesses (of which there are many in the old city) could belong to NOCA. Joy will sound out Monica Briggs from the OCQ Association. Jamie will start making connections with businesses.

For the good of our community – Joy reported on additional funding for Nanaimo's Community Safety Officers (\$444,000 from Health Canada).

Don't forget to support local businesses. "Deni's Dynamite Deals" on Bruce Avenue gives lots back to the community.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 8 – only item of business is Linda Brooymans from NALT.