



Minutes NOCA Board Meeting July 21, 2014

Present

Barbara Schreiber
Joy Adams Bauer
Michele Hillier
Ian Knipe
Andrea Blakeman
Lawrence Rieper

Regrets

Jenn Skogland
Dean Forsyth
Alexia Penny

Guests

Brock Snobelen
Mark Tuit

Presentation about movie in Pawson Park

Brock and Mark were invited to attend the Board meeting to talk about showing a movie in Pawson Park. Brock lives on the 300 block of Kennedy Street and for the past two summers, the neighbours on the block have shown a kids' movie as part of their block party. Brock approached members of the Board at our Urban Farm Faire in May to ask if NOCA might be interested in participating in the movie showing.

Mark is a local filmmaker with his own equipment which can screen a movie outside for about 50 people.

Discussion ensued about the use of Pawson Park and whether there was a role for NOCA. The Board agreed that using Pawson Park as a venue was a good idea provided the surrounding neighbours were informed, and the Park was booked with the City. The evening of Saturday, August 30 was agreed upon. Mark will propose to those organizing this year's block party, that they schedule the party on the same day. Flyers will be distributed in immediate neighbourhood along Kennedy, Milton and Machleary, and to Malispina Gardens.

Michele and Ian agreed to work on the poster/flyer.

Ian will check with Doug Creba about using his tents as cover for the equipment.

If the showing is a huge success, the movie could be shown a 2nd time on Saturday, September 13. This will be determined after the first showing.

Approval of the agenda – the agenda was approved – Joy Adams Bauer/Barb Schreiber

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

- Small lot development – Lawrence
- BC Magazine – Lawrence
- Community bookcases – Michele
- 95 Milton Street – Joy

Approval of previous meeting minutes – the minutes of June 2, 2014 were approved – Ian Knipe/Joy Adams Bauer

Director's Reports

Barb presented the Treasurer's report – we have \$1,164.14 in the bank.

Lawrence spoke to the highlights of his written report about city parking planning. He feels we need to be proactive and respond to the report. The Board agreed that NOCA will write a letter stating our objection to parking fees in the old city; the critical importance of enforcing the current 2 hour parking restrictions; and our view that the city should not expand the "resident exempt" parking areas until they need to.

Lawrence agreed to write the first draft of the letter, and send it to Andrea and Ian for editing. It was agreed that NOCA would share the final letter with the Friends of Knob Hill and ask them to add their signature.

Discussion Items

Small Lot development

Lawrence spoke to the issues of small lot development and the unique agreement currently in place in the old city. The City's Development Process Review Committee is currently examining the issue of small lot development. Lawrence is concerned that our unique agreement may be jeopardy. The Board agreed that we need to be vigilant to ensure we do not lose our protection. Perhaps this should be made an election issue?

BC Magazine

Lawrence circulated copies of *BC Magazine*, each issue of which includes a section entitled "My Hood". He suggested we submit an article about the old city. Andrea and Michele agreed to write the article.

Community Bookcases

Michele reported that she has written a second proposal, this time to the Nanaimo Community Foundation for \$1,000. Her first proposal submitted to the city was lost by the city. We should get a decision in January 2015. Regarding funding for community bookcases, City Council voted no at their last council meeting.

Michele noted that part of her work as Literacy Coordinator is to promote community bookcases. The Board agreed that NOCA is 100% in support of community bookcases. The two currently located in the neighbourhood are well used and appreciated.

Michele volunteered to put together a Power Point presentation about community mailboxes for the AGM in October.

95 Milton Street

Joy shared a written notice personally delivered by the new owner of 95 Milton Street to those who live close to this two story house that sold earlier in July. The notice informs neighbours that a major corrective renovation will be taking place under the direction of ATC Home Solutions. It also provides the name and telephone number of the new owner and project manager and invites neighbours to get in touch if they have any questions or concerns. The Board agreed this type of communique was very helpful to the immediate neighbours.

Next Meetings

Monday, August 18, 6 pm at Fibber McGees

Monday, September 15, 7 pm at Harris House Clinic

Monday, October 20, 7 pm – AGM at the Community Services Building on Fitzwilliam Street

ACTION ITEMS

- **Michele and Ian** to work on the poster/flyer for the movie night in Pawson Park.
- **Ian** to check with Doug Creba about using his tents as cover for the equipment.
- **Lawrence** to write the first draft of the letter to the city re parking planning, and send it to **Andrea and Ian** for editing.
- **Andrea** to share final version with the Friends of Knob Hill and ask for their signature.
- **Andrea** and Michele to work on an article about the old city for submission to BC Magazine.
- **Michele** to put together a Power Point presentation about community bookcases for the AGM in October.