



Minutes NOCA Board Meeting, January 18, 2016

Present

Alexia Penny
Ian Knipe
Barbara Schreiber
Joy Adams Bauer
Katarina Litva

Regrets

Michele Hillier
Matt Baillie

Guest

Chris Sholberg, City of Nanaimo

1. **Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order by Alexia Penny at 7 p.m.
2. **Approval of agenda** – The agenda was approved as amended. Moved by Barbara Schreiber, Seconded by Ian Knipe, CARRIED.
3. **Minutes from November 21, 2015** – The minutes were approved as circulated. Moved by Katarina Litva, Seconded by Barbara Schreiber, CARRIED.

4. Discussion Items

- **Malaspina Gardens** – Chris Sholberg informed the Board that while the “old hospital building” is not designated as a heritage building, it does have a “statement of significance” which means it is listed on the provincial and federal heritage registries as a building of historical significance (an iconic, landmark building). This does NOT give the building any heritage protection. Chris also noted that the land is NOT currently zoned multi-family, but zoned for things like seniors housing, student housing, office buildings. The land is privately owned.

Ian will check about a previous letter sent to Chartwell about the future of the building once the residents move out. The Board agreed that we will make the initial contact with Chartwell to open a discussion about what their plans may be.

- **Rod Davison’s response to letter re parking issues** –Alexia reported that she has received a response from Rod which notes that he has asked the traffic engineering department to review parking restrictions in the Old City Quarter. The city is currently

conducting an occupancy study which will be the basis for any changes. Alexia will write a follow up letter and circulate it to the Board for approval.

- **Update on old city listed under “filters” on “What’s Building in my Neighbourhood (www.nanaimo.ca)** Joy reported that she has spoken with the manager of planning and design at the City of Nanaimo (Bruce Anderson) and he will ensure the old city is added to the “downtown” filter on the site. NOTE: It was added as of January 19, 2016.

- **Board profiles for the NOCA website** – Board members are welcome to send biographical information about themselves which Joy can post on the Board section of our website. Discussion about using the website as a way to involve residents in NOCA.

- **Pauline Haarer Elementary School** – Ian reported that he has been contacted by a couple of neighbourhood residents about the lottery system for enrolment in French Immersion schools in School District #68. Board members agreed there was a concern that residents of the old city neighbourhood do not get registration preference.

- **Tree planting program on Machleary, Milton and Wentworth Streets** – Ian will check with Alan Kemp about the species we can choose from; how many trees the city has for the program; the locations and the time frame.

- **NOCA Borders** – The Board agreed that we should send a letter to Bruce Anderson, Manager of planning and design at the City of Nanaimo, asking the city to add the south side of Elizabeth Street to the NOCA area. Alexia will check with the two women who live on Elizabeth Street to see if they would write a letter of support for NOCA to include with our request to the city.

- **2016 Heritage Summit** – Takes place on Wednesday, February 17 from 7 to 9 pm. Ian and Katarina will attend. Katarina will check with Matt to see if he would also like to attend.

5. Director’s Reports

- Treasurer Barbara reported that our current balance is \$826.72

6. **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

7. **Next meeting – Monday, February 15, 7 pm at Harris House Health Clinic.**