



NOCA Board Meeting, December 12, 2016 - MINUTES

Present

Janet Wright	Matt Baillie
Joy Adams Bauer	Michele Hillier
Ian Knipe	Helena Green
Bruno Bodnar	

Regrets

Katarina Litva	Steven Johns
Barbara Schreiber	

1. **Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order by Matt Baillie at 7:05 p.m.
2. **Approval of agenda** – The agenda was approved as amended. (addition of constitutional amendment and communication guidelines) Moved by, Matt Baillie, Seconded by Janet Wright, CARRIED.
3. **Approval of minutes from November 21, 2016 meeting** – the minutes were approved as circulated. Moved by, Joy Adams Bauer, Seconded by Matt Baillie, CARRIED.
4. **Items tabled from November 16 meeting:**

Boulevard trees and Helena`s experience with vandalism – during the summer, a boulevard tree on the 300 block of Machleary Street was badly trimmed beyond repair/virtually maimed. Two more boulevard trees were completely removed. Helena also witnessed the vandalism of a tree by the Malaspina Gardens parking lot. She contacted Patrick MacIntosh (the new city arborist) about her concerns. She feels the city needs to hear a message from NOCA about the importance of trees in the old city and the fact that residents should not be able to cut down healthy trees without any consequences. The Board agreed. **Helena volunteered to draft a letter to the city and circulate it to the Board for approval.**

Parking concerns – Discussion of visibility issues on the corner of Fitzwilliam and Machleary Streets due to cars parking on the street. Could the city reduce the area on Fitzwilliam where cars park, by adding some yellow lines, like they did on the corner of Campbell and Machleary? **Joy volunteered to contact the city to see if there have been any recent traffic**

studies in this area and to relay our concerns.

Follow up on the 400 block of Machleary – Helena reviewed her concerns with neighbours in the 400 block and the role she has taken on as block watch captain. She also thanked NOCA for their letter of support sent in the summer. While two bylaw officers did come to her home to discuss her concerns, not much has changed.

5. **Director's Reports**

- Janet reported on how to amend our constitution to change the boundaries to include the south side of Elizabeth Street. An amendment can be made at a general or a special meeting provided members are given appropriate notice (e-blast, notice on our website). This item could be added to the agenda of the special meeting being held in the new year to discuss the future of the Malaspina Gardens property.

6. **Discussion Items**

- **Communication guidelines** – Helena circulated a sheet with group communication suggestions that she has found useful with other Boards of which she has been a member. The Board agreed the suggestions were helpful as communication guidelines. Helena agreed to circulate the sheet to the Board.

- **Work plan for 2016/2017**

Various suggestions were discussed. There was a consensus around holding some kind of fun event that builds community. Suggested events included a movie night, a picnic/soccer or baseball game at Gyro Park; a Mardi Gras event with live bands, a garden tour and tour of character homes. The Board agreed to give the Urban Farm Faire a year off.

Goals for the year also included increasing the participation of members in association activities; increasing our membership; revamping our website; developing a good neighbour bylaw.

Report from the Malaspina Gardens work group – Ian reported that he left a voicemail message for his Chartwell contact to let her know that NOCA is planning a community meeting in February. He will follow up with an email. The Board agreed that an e-blast would be sent to all members inviting interested volunteers to join the work group.

7. **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. **Next meeting – Monday, January 16 at Harris House Health Clinic.**