



NOCA Board Meeting, February 20, 2017 - MINUTES

Present

Janet Wright	Matt Baillie
Ian Knipe	Helena Green
Bruno Bodnar	Barbara Schreiber
Katarina Litva	Michele Hillier

Regrets

Joy Adams Bauer	Steven Johns
Bruno Bodnar	

1. **Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order by Matt Baillie at 7:07 p.m.
2. **Approval of agenda** – The agenda was approved as amended (add attendance of Directors at Board meetings). Moved by, Barbara Schreiber, Seconded by Ian Knipe, CARRIED.
3. **Approval of minutes from January 16, 2017 meeting** – the minutes were approved as circulated. Moved by, Barbara Schreiber, Seconded by, Janet Wright, CARRIED.
4. **Directors' reports**

Finances - Barbara reported that our bank balance is \$1642.08

Variiances - Matt reports that the city received NOCA's comments re variiances at 429 Milton St and the developer has altered plans to plan for more parking in the rear of the property. The city notes the plans will not interfere with future waste removal via the alley.

Harris House open house - Michelle attended and reported learning a lot about addictions and the current opioid crisis.

5. Discussion Items

Report from the Malaspina Gardens work group – Janet reported that the public meeting to be held Sunday March 5th at St Peter's Catholic Church. An agenda has been drafted which Janet reviewed with the board. Ian reports that Chartwell is not planning on attending or writing a

letter. Ian reports that a press release has been written. After some discussion the press release was amended to remove the words future & fate. Further discussion re trees on the Malaspina Gardens property. Ian motions that the working group be authorized to spend up to \$200. Motion carried.

Helena's letter to the city re boulevard trees – Helena brought new draft and read it out loud. Discussion re how to change letter to make it acceptable for the group to send. Some language and elements were changed. More changes to be made via mass emailing.

Honorarium to 7-10 club for AGM meeting space - Michelle reported that the thank you honorarium of \$100 that NOCA wrote to the 7-10 club has not been delivered. Cheque was written 6 months ago, the decision to deliver the cheque or not was called into debate. Motion to donate \$100 to the 7-10 club proposed by Ian, seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

Pawson Park Agreement - Discussion re background. Agreement reached to write letter to the effect that "NOCA has considered and encourages the city and the Pawson Park Committee to come to a new solution."

NOCA Facebook group - Janet looked into it, reports that Colleen Parsley is the only administrator. Consensus among the board was that it is an issue and we will invite her to work closely with NOCA in the future. Discussion of goals for the Facebook page tabled to next meeting.

Discussion re Spring/Summer Event - Ian suggested aiming for a June walking tour. Chris Scholberg from the City of Nanaimo has offered to host a tour.

Movie Nights - Michelle has come up with a small working group (including Rev. Ron Bonum) for movie nights. The idea is to show movies on a regular (monthly) basis. The probable location is St. Andrews Church [on Wesley St]. Michelle wants to show 'Lovely Little Movies'.

NOCA Boundaries - Discussion re city being wrong on their website for our boundaries. Board elected to take no action.

Attendance of Board members at Board meetings - Suggestion was made to invite Board members to more activities.

Email chains – discussion re business conducted by email.

Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. **Next meeting – Monday, March 20, 2017 at Harris House Health Clinic.**