

Minutes of NOCA Board meeting March 19, 2012

Present

Lawrence Reiper
Doug Creba
Dean Forsyth
Ian Knipe
Barbara Schreiber
Alexia Penny

Regrets

Hugh Mcleod
Andrea Blakeman
Michele Hillier
Ember Cathers

1. Approval of the Agenda – as amended. m/s/c Alexia/Ian

2. Approval of Minutes for February 20, 2012 – as amended m/s/c Lawrence/Barbara

3. Director's Reports

a) Treasurer Report – report attached; 2 cheques and 1 deposit outstanding; current balance of \$1515.26.

b) Lawrence – re: City Council meeting March 12, Andrea did a presentation re: NOCA concerns about certain items in the new zoning by-law. Council voted to reverse their earlier decision by 6 – 3; by-law will be amended to reflect the following: no over-height accessory buildings, no corner duplexes and minimum lot size goes from 600 to 500 square meters and no alley bonus allowed.

c) Website – Dean has worked on website, asked for help in regularly checking the site for emails coming in – Barbara will check regularly along with Dean.

- Dean had been working on contact list and members in good standing list, which he broke out so that the good standing group can be used as a separate contact list.

- Request for minutes to be posted on the website. **Motion:** from this meeting forward the minutes of NOCA Board meetings be posted on the NOCA website. m/s/c Doug/Barbara

4. Discussion Items

a) May 5th NOCA Farm Fair – officially to be called NOCA Urban Farm Fair. Confirmed: mason bees, seed table, music (Paul Gogo, Trish and Geoff); still working on Poultry Collective, Nanaimo Recycling, food.

- Ian to organize flyer distribution

- Doug – food and drink

b) Pawson Park – Doug – new community committee met on March 5, one member had prepared a draft terms of reference. Board approved. Two keys to the washroom building were handed out.

c) Historical Neighbourhood Walk – Lawrence suggests we move forward in having a walking tour pamphlet done for our neighbourhood.

d) Pauline Haarer – NOCA board received a letter from community members (attached) re: registration process, requested our support in their meeting with the School Board. Alexia to draft letter to give to the group in support of their efforts. m/s Dean/Ian

4. Next Meeting – April 16, 2012 at 7:00 at Harris House.