



## Minutes NOCA Board Meeting June 15, 2015

### Present

Alexia Penny  
Ian Knipe  
Barbara Schreiber  
Lawrence Rieper  
Joy Adams Bauer  
Michele Hillier

### Regrets

Matt Baillie

1. **Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order by Alexia Penny at 7:10 p.m.
2. **Approval of agenda** – The agenda was approved as amended. Moved by Michele Hillier, Seconded by Lawrence Rieper, CARRIED.
3. **Minutes from May 11, 2015** – The minutes were approved as circulated. Moved by Michele Hillier, Seconded by Ian Knipe, CARRIED.
4. **Director's Reports**
  - Treasurer Barbara reported that our current balance is \$890.65.
  - Director Lawrence handed out copies of the *Old City Neighbourhood Concept Plan* and highlighted various portions. Discussion ensued. Directors were concerned that in the Plan the boundaries of the old city have changed, with part of what used to be included in the old city neighbourhood plan area now part of the downtown plan area.

**Motion** – That the Board give Lawrence Rieper authorization to communicate to the City of Nanaimo that we would like our old boundaries back, and that NOCA is not happy with the lack of consultation for such a change. Moved by Ian Knipe, Seconded by Alexia Penny, CARRIED.

### 5. Discussion Items

- **555 & 575 Milton Street:** Director Lawrence reported that NOCA's letter has been

sent to the City stating that we have no objections to the development (which is located in Knob Hill).

- **Materials received from BC Hydro:** Tabled to the next meeting.

- **Sub-division application for 70 Kennedy Street** – Co-President Ian reported that the City of Nanaimo has informed us they have been asked to approve a plan by the new owners to build a second house on the property.

- **Re-zoning application for 305 Milton Street** – Co-President Ian reported that a local realtor has informed NOCA about his re-zoning application for the 5 story condo at 305 Milton Street. The building pre-dates the old city plan (which has a height restriction of 3 stories). Discussion ensued. Directors do not object to the city amending the plan to allow the building to remain at 5 stories. Ian will inform the realtor.

- **Community Bookcases:** Director Michele reported that the Nanaimo Foundation has turned down our grant for additional community bookcases in the old city. The Foundation feels that with the bookcases being distributed throughout the city by Play Nanaimo, and the fact we have 6 in the old city already, this is not the time to fund additional bookcases in the old city. Treasurer Barbara reported that she has spoken with Ed Poli and he is happy to build us bookcases. The Board agreed that Barbara will follow up with Ed to let him know the Board is very happy with his offer.

- **Grant for Urban Farm Faire:** Director Michele reported that our annual Urban Farm Faire does not fit with the City of Nanaimo`s focus for community grants in 2016.

The Board agreed with Michele`s recommendation that she not apply to the city for a grant for community bookcases, given the work of Play Nanaimo in this area.

6. **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

7. **Next meeting – Monday, August 4 at 6 pm -- summer get together at the Milton Street Public House Restaurant.**