

## Newcastle Community Association

### Minutes of a regular meeting – Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

**Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by President Karen Kumica.**

**1) Review and Adopt minutes**

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Regular meeting minutes: motion to approve by Nancy Mitchell, seconded by Robin Louise Pile.

**2) New Business:** no new business

**3) Treasurer Needed, Board duties/work:** The Association needs a Treasurer, it is mostly a “paper” position, maintain a spreadsheet; you may wish to try the position for a few months until our next AGM; anyone interested is invited to contact Karen Kumica.

**4) Illuminight Update:** We received approval to hold a block party at the 500 block of Vancouver Avenue; the event will be held December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 4 to 8 PM. The street will be closed from 1 to 9 PM and local traffic will be managed by volunteers at both ends of the block. There will be barricades. Food truck, games, selfies booth, media coverage. The evaluation of the Christmas light displays will take place on December 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a large sign announcing our event. The event is supported by the Chamber of Commerce. Posters will be distributed with details to the neighborhood residents. Let’s “illuminight” our neighborhood for the month of December! Hot beverages will be on sale by donations to fund raise for the association.

**5) Notice of Motion City Council Meeting:** Councillor Sheryl Armstrong presented a motion related to the recent Safety Audit and Councillor Erin Hemmens presented a motion on a cap of 35 residents for wet housing. Mayor Krog replied to the NCA Executive members’ letter about the 250 Terminal development project concerns. Mayor Krog encourage lobbying BC Housing.

**6) NNN – Neighbourhood Engagement Public Survey:** the city is seeking input on neighbourhood associations; please go to “Get Involved Nanaimo” before November 15<sup>th</sup> to complete the short survey. Thank you to Nancy Mitchell, for providing a summary of the survey questions.

- 7) **NCA Website:** A local Website Designer and Association member is creating our website; it should be ready by the end of the year; working on format, content, and tabs.
- 8) **Development update:**
- Husky Gas Station:** company applied for a demolition permit and should be issued by end of the year; the soil will be removed and replaced with cleaned soil; the property should be put for sale by late Spring or early Summer; in the interim the company made a commitment to maintain security. The site is an eye sore to the gateway of our neighborhood. Over the Thanksgiving weekend the property was broken into; this abandoned property has been very stressful for the staff at the Travelodge.
- 250 Terminal:** it was noted that the 250 Terminal temporary housing project is now entering its 4<sup>th</sup> year; no zoning application from BC Housing yet.
- Others:** NCA sent a letter to support the project application for 360 Stewart/345 Newcastle; Waterfront Suite withdrawn its application for development; 475 Stewart property was vandalized, it was inspected by the bylaws officer and RCMP, bylaws officer is liaising with property owner, property has been secured.
- 9) **“Who to Call”/Welcome pamphlet:** Our neighborhood information and contact pamphlet is coming soon and will be distributed to every resident.
- 10) **Neighborhood updates:** A beautiful suite with a fabulous view is up for sale located at 35 Newcastle Avenue condominium building.
- 11) **Block Watch update:** Our Block Watch sign by the Funeral Home was taken down by vandals. Thank you to Don Fowler for putting it back up! 542 Vancouver, corner of Cypress, renters have left, new owner will be moving in. New encampment erected in our neighborhood along Caledonia following the dismantle of the encampment behind the old Fire Hall building on Nicol. Bylaw officers were called, and the tent were removed. Vandalism took place on vehicle parked on Stewart and Townsite.

Next meeting: December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Submitted by Suzanne Groulx