

## Newcastle Community Association

### Minutes of a regular meeting – Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by President Karen Kumica.

**1) Review and Adopt minutes**

Clarification about agenda number 7 of minutes dated December 7<sup>th</sup>2021 was provided and a motion to approve was raised by Nancy Mitchell and seconded by Peter Giovando. Carried.

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

**3) Illuminight – Results Review and home for Santa & Sign**

An event report will be submitted to the city as they had granted NCA \$2000. Neighbours observed that there were more Christmas lights from last year; more participations; there was a sense of positivity about the event; people liked it, it was nice to see family with children and dog walkers. Thank you to volunteers from the city lead by Christy Woods, Community Policing. Thank you to the owner who put the Illuminight sign on their lawn; it was a favourite site to take selfies. The weather co-operated; however, the tent was appreciated. Thank you to the owner who provided the electrical power for the tent and the food truck. Many thanks to the volunteer “beverage ticket seller” much appreciated. The event was a success for its first time; looking forward to the next. We need a place to store the Santa and the Illuminight sign. Please contact Karen Kumica.

**4) Block Party Review Revenue:** Fred MacDonald presented the Illuminight Financial Report, see attached. Party supplies included the hot beverages and gifts for the evaluators.

Nancy Mitchell provided a break down of the Illuminight Block Party as follows:

Sale of hot drinks: \$142.00

New memberships and membership renewals: \$290.00

Donations: \$54.00

Total number of current NCA members: 78

**5) NNN – Neighbourhood Engagement Delegation**

Nancy Mitchell and Karen Kumica attended the City’s Governance & Priorities Committee meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. NCA support the following recommendations: Neighborhood associations to have AGM, meeting minutes, memberships, and policy on how the city relates to neighborhood associations. Thank you, Nancy Mitchell, for providing support to other city neighborhood associations to get organized.

**6) March 2022 AGM & Elections**

Our 4<sup>th</sup> election will be held at our March 2022 NCA meeting. If you are interested in getting involved, an option could be co-chairing in sharing the duties with a member. Consider what skills set you have to offer, how much time you have available. Do not hesitate to contact members of the NCA for more information.

**7) Neighbourhood Update (Stewart crosswalks)**

Peter King and Peter Giovando addressed the issue with the signage on Newcastle Avenue. There is no overnight parking signage on the ocean side of Newcastle Avenue. Peter Giovando wrote to the city.

There had been a lot of complaints about the snow removal. Apparently, the city has 22 service vehicles and only 11 were in operation; some city staff were on vacation; the city ran out of salt.

There were encampments across the White Spot and other areas throughout the city; people selling Christmas decorations and orchestrating traffic. The encampments were dismantled.

There was a flood at the White Spot, restoration vehicles were on site. Lots of garbage was found on site.

The city opened 3 warming centers.

**8) Block Watch update.**

Crime activities is slow probably due to the bad weather.

Christie Wood, Community Policy and Gary O'Brian, RCMP Crime Stopper Co-ordinator are presenting a Block Watch session on safety, security, and crime presentation in Newcastle. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January the 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7 PM. Invitations, including the link to the Zoom meeting will be send to all members.

**Next meeting:** February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at 7 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM

Submitted by Suzanne Groulx