



MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2010-APR-06
BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL

PRESENT:

Z. Maartman, Chair
B. Barton
E. Forrester
R. Meyerhoff
S. Welch

V. Alcock-Carter
A. Evans
J. Lekisch
J. Neville

REGRETS:

J. Cowling
J. Templeman

J. Kipp

STAFF:

J. Horn, Social Planner

C. Hall, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by E. Forrester, SECONDED by J. Lekisch that the Minutes from 2010-Mar-02 be adopted. CARRIED.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Done.

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) 2010 Community Service Grants (Round One) - The Committee reviewed 17 applications with grant requests totaling \$100,565. The criteria for this round was "Projects that assist people to move from social exclusion/economic marginalization towards prosperity and/or a productive role in the life of the community."

After considerable discussion, the Committee increased the amount available in this round to \$15,000., and narrowed the list of applicants down to five organizations that they would recommend to Council for funding. Some of the reasons for eliminating other applications were:

- financial statements were not attached
- did not demonstrate financial need
- was not for a specific project
- had merit but the successful applications were more specifically focused on the required criteria

MOVED by V. Alcock-Carter, SECONDED by J. Neville to recommend that Council allocate 2010 Community Service grants as follows:

| Applicant | Amount Requested | Purpose | Amount being recommended to Council |
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| MS Society Central Island | \$10,000 | To ensure their ability to maintain and improve operations. | 0 |
| Columbian Centre Society | \$ 5,000 | To help meet increased operating expenses. | 0 |
| Nanaimo Women's Resources Society | \$10,000 | To assist in providing additional hours and programming options for the 'Stepping Out' program. | \$5,000 |
| Brechin Hill Community Association | \$ 2,000 | To help fund a themed community picnic and for communication purposes. | 0 |
| Canadian Red Cross | \$10,000 | To purchase three KCI Atmos Air 9000 mattresses which offer a therapeutic bed system for patients recovering from illness and injury. | 0 |
| Nanaimo Family Life Association | \$ 2,000 | To assist in the costs of holding 24 workshops for the 'Essential Life Skills' program. | \$2,000 |
| Pro Bono Law of BC | \$10,000 | To provide 'Civil Pro Bono Duty Counsel' and 'Children's Lawyer' pilot projects for one year to determine whether they are successful. | 0 |
| Literacy CVI | \$ 5,000 | To support an adult learning course in the humanities designed to foster reflective thinking and to encourage post secondary education. | 0 |
| Island Waters Fly Fishing Association | \$ 500 | 'Divas on the Fly Breast Cancer' project. | 0 |
| Start With Art Nanaimo | \$ 3,800 | To assist them to build upon the 'Studio 366' community building arts initiative for | \$2,000 |

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| | | people with varying levels of disabilities. | |
| Nanaimo & Region Disability Resource Centre | \$ 4,265 | To upgrade equipment required to provide computer training to the blind and vision impaired. | \$3,500 |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Vancouver Island | \$ 3,500 | To implement an 'Ambassador Council' to provide outreach and be visible advocates. | 0 |
| Nanaimo Telephone Visiting Society | \$10,000 | To assist in meeting their basic expenses. | 0 |
| Nanaimo Region John Howard Society | \$ 2,500 | To assist with the feasibility of developing a 'Community Court' for Nanaimo. | \$2,500 |
| Boys & Girls Clubs of Central V.I. | \$ 2,000 | To fix an old and outdated washroom in one of their 'Early Learning' programs. | 0 |
| Nanaimo Mother & Baby Society | \$10,000 | To assist in continuing the 'Connect Complete Mother-Baby' program and the 'Doula Outreach' program. | 0 |
| Surfside Recovery House | \$10,000 | To assist with general operating expenses. | 0 |

The motion carried.

- b) Review Liquor Control Strategy – J. Horn advised that City Council commissioned the Strategy to support its goal of revitalizing downtown and attracting residential development to the city centre. Many of the recommendations in the Neilson-Welch Strategy have been implemented, though Council has not established a stakeholders task force because the nightclub owners are reluctant to participate and the SAFER Nanaimo Committee has absorbed some of the proposed functions and make-up of the stakeholders group.

Some of the Committee's comments were:

- On the question of whether to expand the hours of operation from 1:30 am to 2:00 am, what's the logic in incrementally increasing by 0.5 hr ?
- There should still be a committee that monitors the strategy so that it is kept up-to-date.
- The bar and nightclub owners should take more responsibility for what happens outside of their establishment.

J. Horn noted that although they are not keen on it, most nightclub owners are participating in the 'bar watch' program.

The Committee will review the Strategy and think about what kind of liquor culture they would like to see in Nanaimo, for discussion at their next meeting. The PowerPoint presentation that was given at the recent Council seminar session will be viewed.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES / COUNCIL UPDATE / INFO ITEMS

- a) PNAC – R. Meyerhoff advised that neighbourhood plans are being developed for the South End and the Newcastle/Brechin areas. The process in the South End is going very well, but differences are being encountered between businesses and neighbourhood associations in the Newcastle/Brechin area with regard to proposed building height limits on Stewart Avenue.

A presentation regarding the reduction of greenhouse gases was also given to PNAC. This is in response to the province directing the RDN to reduce greenhouse gases by 33% between 2007 and 2020, and by 80% by 2050.

The neighbourhood plans when completed, and the greenhouse gas reduction targets, will both be included in the Official Community Plan.

- b) Grants Advisory Committee – J. Neville reported that the Grants Advisory Committee recently considered grant applications from the Volunteer & Information Centre Society and the Dry Grad Society requesting rent subsidies. The Grants Advisory Committee subsequently decided to recommend to Council approval of the Volunteer Society's request and rejection of the request by the Dry Grad Society.
- c) Safer Nanaimo Working Group – No report.
- d) Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness – No report.
- e) Council Update:
Mar.8 – J. Neville advised there was considerable discussion on the suggestion to declare the *Lotus pinnatus* as Nanaimo's official flower.

Mar. 22 – V. Alcock-Carter stated that the CEO of the Nanaimo Airport gave a presentation on airport operations, the SPAC workplan was approved, and appointments were made to the Economic Development Commission.

Z. Maartman advised that she pushed for a representative on the Economic Development Commission with a social planning background. She feels the triple bottom line of economic, social and environmental working hand-in-hand is very important. Although she was not successful, there was conversation about it by Council.

J. Horn noted that the Tillicum Lelum Housing Agreement bylaw was given its first three readings.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING

None.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting date is Tuesday, 2010-May-04.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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Chair

2010-May-04

Date