

- Give their support to this proposal in a recommendation to Council, and
- Commit \$10,000 to bringing Mr. Lerner to Nanaimo, subject to the proponents raising matching funds before the \$10,000 is released.

R. Kemble made the following additional comments:

- Nanaimo needs to move towards being a sustainable community.
- To have J. Lerner give a presentation would improve Nanaimo's image world wide.
- Nanaimo needs to focus development along the transportation corridors.
- This type of development also protects the environment.

F. Murphy and R. Kemble gave the following answers to questions from the Committee:

- The colloquium would be an informal drop-in session with a talk. Professionals and residents would be invited to provide their ideas. Over the course of the event, these ideas would evolve into a consensus of what is important to the people in Nanaimo.
- The length of J. Lerner's visit would depend on what type of event the sponsors want.
- This is a private citizens initiative which has not been costed out as yet. The focus of the event could change depending on who the sponsors are.
- The results of this event could be:
 - A very strong light on Nanaimo before and after the event that would draw attention from around the world.
 - Would raise Nanaimo's status and draw investors.
 - The residents of Nanaimo would look at what we are doing.
 - The outcome would be the basis of new ideas for future planning.
- The Port Authority has given their support and asked how they can help. Have not asked them for financial support as yet. Feel they will match funds offered by the City. Malaspina University-College also supports this idea.
- An ballpark estimate of the cost would be:

J. Lerner's fee	\$6000
Airfare	\$6500
Hotel	\$1000
- Would also need funds for some splash and publicity for the event.
- Nanaimo residents don't realize what they have. There is lots of dormant open space in the downtown area that people don't know exists.
- Need to start densifying - this is an issue that should be dealt with.
- J. Lerner has a creative and dynamic process for planning cities.

Comments from the Committee:

- J. Lerner has achieved many things and made incredible changes to his city. Nanaimo is lacking this. Strongly endorse this plan. It is the right time for this visit.
- Before I could recommend to Council, I would need to see a general budget.

Action:

PNAC agreed to support, in principle only, the plan to bring J. Lerner to Nanaimo until such time that Mr. Kemble has more information on the projected cost and expected outcome of the event.

5. Outstanding Business:

a) OCP 10 Year Review Process – update

A. Tucker went over the 10 year OCP review process as set out in the report to PNAC. He gave the following answers to questions from the Committee:

- Funds for the proposed conference could be used to bring J. Lerner as one of the speakers, but based on Mr. Kemble's figures, a visit by Mr. Lerner would use up most of the budget.

- A similar conference was held in Kamloops. It was:
 - a three day event which featured different speakers throughout the event followed by a workshop.
 - Was limited to residents of the city and a nominal fee was charged to offset the catering costs. Approximately 120 residents attended.
 - Speakers were experts selected to talk on a variety of different topics.
 - The conference was held as a way to generate ideas and to learn from outside experiences.

The Committee made the following comments:

- Would like to see a representative from the Port Authority appointed to PNAC during the OCP review process.
- Like the idea of a conference with whatever speakers we can afford to have.
- Disagree with the comments that J. Lerner will light a fire. Local people are needed to take things forward but would support the idea of paying a percentage of the cost of bringing J. Lerner to Nanaimo for this conference.
- Think that J. Lerner could fit in with the OCP review but other sectors of the community would need to provide some of the funding. Could have him as the keynote speaker at the conference.

Actions:

- 1) PNAC endorsed the OCP 10 year review process as presented in the report.
- 2) PNAC endorsed making a request to Council to have representatives of the Port Authority, Malaspina University-College and the Snuneymuxw First Nation appointed to PNAC during the OCP review process.

b) Departure Bay Neighbourhood Plan - update

A. Tucker noted that the neighbourhood plan is going well and is almost complete. The final public presentation of the neighbourhood plan will be made some time in mid-April.

6. New Business:

- a) A. Tucker confirmed the following committee appointments to PNAC
 - Social Planning Advisory Committee – Ralph Meyerhoff
 - Nanaimo Community Heritage Commission – David Hill-Turner
 - Advisory Committee on Environment – Gail Adrienne
 - Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission – Shirley Lance

7. Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of PNAC is scheduled for 2006-Apr-18.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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