

Papanui Youth Development Trust

SUBMISSION TO THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL 2006 ANNUAL DRAFT PLAN

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The Papanui Youth Development Trust wish to congratulate the Christchurch City Council on their decision to grant Te Papanui Trust \$250,000 in the 2005/6 Draft Annual Finance Plan. This is towards the cost of building of a Youth Facility in Papanui (page 97).

We also wish to congratulate the Shirley/Papanui Community Board on their granting of \$15,000 to our Trust towards operational costs in running the Youth facility (page 98).

As a Trust we also request the opportunity to present this submission in person.

As the chosen Youth Agency (by Te Papanui Trust) to operate and run the Youth Facility on a day to day basis, we are rapt with the progress of the planning and the incoming funding. This is not only for the building but also for the operational costs of running the Youth Facility.

The Papanui Youth Development Trust would respectfully ask that the grants mentioned above be confirmed into the budget for the 2005/6 financial year. The reasons for this are outlined below;

- ❖ Research in the local area backs the need for a Youth Facility of this nature in the prime location made available to Te Papanui Trust

According to the 2001 Census figures (from the nearby areas of Casebrook, Papanui, Mairehau, Marshlands, Redwood, Shirley, Styx Mill, Sawyers Arms, Belfast and Kaimahi), approximately 8,900 residents were less than 15 years of age, making up 21.6% of the population (which is above the Christchurch average of 19.3%). These suburbs grew at a 45% faster rate than the Christchurch average between 1996 and 2001, with 6.4% more households being families than in the city as a whole. The growth figures since 2001 are likely to be more accelerated, and particularly with a family/young people focus. High schools in the area are anticipating significantly increased roles over the next few years. Factors influencing this include:

- The Northwood subdivision
- The redeveloped Northlands Mall.
- The extension of the Orbiter bus service
- The increase in student numbers (including Asian youth) at Papanui High School, as well as contributing schools.

Research conducted in and around this area indicates the significant demand for youth programmes, activities and venues. These include:

- "Belfast: A Community in Transition", 1996
- "The North West Youth Summit", 1998.
- "Casebrook/Northcote/Styx Mill/Redwood Community Needs Analysis" 1998
- "Voices of Asian Youth", 1999

- "Walking Away from Beat Street: A youth Forum which discussed safety in central Christchurch", 2000
- "Papanui Facility Needs Analysis" Ray Sleeman, The Tourism & Leisure Group Ltd, Jan 2001
- "Northlands Shopping Centre Youth Survey" 2001.
- "Papanui Community Needs Analysis Report" Sarah Wylie, for Shirley/Papanui Community Board, CCC, May 2004

All of these research documents indicate the "lack of a place to go", "no entertainment venues", or "nowhere to meet friends and hangout".

- ❖ Widespread community support for this project has been ongoing for several years now. Schools, community groups, youth workers and their agencies, the City Council itself, Service Centre staff, Government Agencies, businesses, Northlands Mall Management, the Canterbury Youth Workers' Collective, Service Clubs, and young people themselves have all given their endorsement
- ❖ Many, if not all, of the outcomes from the operation of the Youth Facility are consistent with those of the City Council in terms of community health and well-being. I wont mention all of these, but sufficient to say that we are on the same page!
- ❖ The competency of the two Trusts and their Trustees have been proven in both the business and youth work area and should give confidence that they can build the building debt free and operate it efficiently and effectively with large community buy in
- ❖ The innovative approach to how the Youth Facility will operate will mean that all young people (no matter of age, ethnic background, school, or religious affiliation) are catered for rather than one sector of young people dominating
- ❖ We would also ask the City Council to respond to the committed community input to this project already – land made available by St Paul's Anglican Church estimated to be valued in excess of \$300,000, previous and present funding from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board, a grant from the Community Trust of \$75,000, along with other funding already committed
- ❖ The multi use of the building will ensure an holistic service to the young people to cater for their many and varied interests
- ❖ Funding and advertising processes are well underway to enable PYD to employ the Youth Facility Events person in August/September. This key person needs to be operating well in advance of the opening to ensure the correct groundwork is done in promoting and planning the use of the Youth Facility
- ❖ To finish, basically the kids and community needs it. This investment will be around and operating for many years. It is good use of the resources you have available to you. Please support it by including the grant of \$250,000 in your budget.

Thank you for the processes within the City Council that enables submissions to be made. May you make wise choices in the responsibilities you carry.

Yours sincerely



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