

8. **WORKS TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 20 JUNE 2002**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes from the Committee's 20 June meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee
held on Thursday 20 June 2002 at 8.00 am
in Meeting Room 1 CCC, Fendalton**

PRESENT: Mark Kunnen (Chairman), Sally Buck, Val Carter, Cheryl Colley, George Hampton, Pat Harrow, Yiyi Ku, Barbara Stewart and Mike Wall

Val Carter departed at 9.45am, Barbara Stewart at 10.03am, Yiyi Ku at 10.15am and Cheryl Colley at 10.21am.

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. FENDALTON ROAD – STATUS REPORT

Officers from the City Streets and City Solutions Units (Paul Roberts and Ron Clarke) outlined the current status of the Fendalton Road project with emphasis on the outcomes of the resource consent process and the expected time frames for the work. Significant dates mentioned included the tender acceptance by the Council on 25 July and the mid-September 2002 commencement of the reconstruction through until work completion at the end of November 2003.

Further more in-depth details relating to the project would be shared at a joint STU Committee/Board Seminar at this stage scheduled for 8 August 2002.

Members noted that an on-going communication plan aimed at informing roadusers and the local community would be put in place and it was suggested that the holding of a public open day immediately preceding the commencement of the construction at St Barnabas or the Fendalton Service Centre would be of benefit.

Comment was made about the desirability of relocating some of the more significant vegetation earmarked for removal to other parts of the Board's community.

The Officers were thanked for their update report.

3. PARKS AND WATERWAYS ACCESS POLICY

Further to earlier input provided as part of the wider consultation, the Board was invited to respond on the final version of the proposed draft policy.

General support was given to a comment made that the new policy should not be seen as providing some wider justification to increase costs through the Council's budget processes.

The policy also needed to encourage greater use being made of existing paths etc. in parks and reserves for use by cyclists as a safer option to using the busier roads network.

Mitigating the extent of dense plantings especially along waterway corridors in acknowledgement of the stranger danger issue was referred to as needing to be covered in the policy alongside the Council's Safer Parks Policy.

Recommendation: That with the addition of the above comments, the Board supports the adoption of the Parks and Waterways Access Policy.

4. UNIVERSITY TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Further to the joint Riccarton/Wigram and Fendalton/Waimairi Board Seminar held on 7 June 2002, the Committee was asked to consider a suggestion that a Board representative be appointed to the University Transport Working Group. It was understood that the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board would be making a similar approach.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the principle of appointing a member to the University Transport Working Group be agreed to.
 2. That the Chairman of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee be the Board's representative, if the principle is adopted by the TWG.

The Committee Chairman gave an assurance that he would continue to keep members informed of progress with regard to the project.

5. REQUEST TO REMOVE TREES FROM COUNCIL PROPERTY

The Committee was asked to establish a preferred process for assessing and making decisions regarding requests to remove trees from Council owned property.

The usual locations for such requests generally included parks and streets, however during the discussion it was noted that the likes of City Housing properties should also be included. In this regard it was suggested that clarification needed to be obtained of the Council's delegations to Boards covering housing sites.

From the information submitted, the Committee supported the following consultation and decision making process:

- Request received and investigated.
- Officer considers request and actions within delegations provided for protected trees, "dangerous" trees, or trees likely to cause damage to property.
- Officer discusses with applicant and advises on relative severity of impact of "offending" tree(s) i.e. whether request deserves a fuller evaluation through elected member process.
- When continued request(s) received, officer advises Committee of matter(s), and proposed extent of any consultation required (these requests could best be handled in batches, from time to time by the Committee), and Committee agrees to the process required thereafter for each case. (Note: individual cases are often significantly different in the severity of impact on adjacent properties.)
- Committee considers (later) each case, together with the appropriate extent of consultation, visit(s) to site where required, and the receiving of deputations where relevant.

The Committee also asked for details of the street tree programme to be made available and there was a reinforcement expressed of the Board's long held view that street trees should continue to be planted in an effort to make up for the on-going tree losses on private land.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the reporting and decision making process outlined above form the basis for future reporting to the Board through the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee.
 2. That authority to adjudicate on the removal or otherwise of trees located on Council City Housing sites be added to the delegations to community boards.

6. FENDALTON PARK – MEMORIAL BRONZE PLAQUE

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate submitted a proposal for the Board to sponsor a memorial bronze plaque in Fendalton Park to commemorate the work done by the former Fendalton Domains Board and to outline the history of some of the oaks in the vicinity. Details of the proposal were outlined in an accompanying report along with cost details.

Recommendation: That \$1,870 be allocated from the Board's 2002/02 discretionary budget for a tree relocation, rock and bronze plaque at Fendalton Park.

7. AVONHEAD – PETANQUE COURT SITES

Details were advised of the Council's decisions made on 23 May 2002 regarding the petanque court proposal at Priorsford Court.

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate identified possible local park sites for a petanque court facility but noted that from the earlier consultation, little if any local support was evident for such a facility.

Given this recent feedback it was suggested that the proposal not be pursued until a group of residents near a suitable site comes forward with a request for such a facility. In addition, the activity did not even feature in the recent Fendalton/Waimairi Leisure, Sports and Waterways Study.

Recommendation: That the matter of establishing a petanque court in the Hyde Park area lay on the table.

8. WAIRAKEI ROAD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (IDRIS ROAD TO AORANGI ROAD)

The Pedestrian Advocate sought approval to carry out consultation with the local community regarding a scheme aimed at improving safety for vulnerable road users in Wairakei Road.

The Committee reviewed the content of the proposed plan and asked a number of questions.

Recommendation: That the publicity leaflet detailing a traffic management scheme for Wairakei Road between Aorangi Road and Idris Road be circulated for public comment.

9. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

The Committee **adopted** the resolution set out in the agenda.

The meeting concluded at 10.25am.

Deputy Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.