

18. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

18.1 For members' information attached are schedules of funds distributed in 2001/02 for the Discretionary Funds (since the allocation meeting on 13 February 2001), the Community Response Assistance Fund and the Community Development Initiatives Fund.

18.2 For members' information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached.

18.3 TRAVIS WETLAND FUNDING APPLICATION

The Parks and Waterways Unit has applied for funding of \$63,000 from the Pacific Development and Conservation Trust for completion of a boardwalk at Travis Wetland. A similar application last year was unsuccessful but some additional information has been provided.

18.4 PROVISION OF PUBLIC PAYPHONE IN VICINITY OF NEW BRIGHTON PIER

For sometime efforts have been made to secure the installation of a public payphone in the vicinity of the New Brighton Pier and the New Brighton Library, particularly for use in emergency situations after office hours. Currently the closest public phone is outside the Police Station in Seaview Road.

In July Telecom New Zealand Limited advised that it has concluded that the site is unsuitable for external services because of the history of vandalism of previous payphones in the area. Telecom suggested an internal payphone in the area may be an option but also noted that there are payphones within reasonable distance of the site.

Since that time other options such as a payphone in the library foyer have been investigated. The Community Librarian has rejected this option as there would be considerable cost to the library and an estimated increase in staff workload from requests for assistance from tourists in using the phone. A phone in the library building would not address the main concern of access to an after hours phone.

It is suggested that the Board approach Telecom seeking the installation of a vandal proof public payphone.

Recommendation: That the Board make representations to Telecom New Zealand Limited for the installation of a public payphone in the vicinity of the New Brighton Pier/Library.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.

18.5 CHRISTCHURCH STREET AND GARDEN AWARDS 2002

The following awards have been announced:

Premier Long Street - Apsley Drive, Hyde Park
Premier Short Street - Rutherglen Avenue, Ilam
Premier Cul-de-sac - Hatfield Place, Hyde Park
Most attractive garden from Premier Streets - 16 Rutherglen Avenue
Group of two or more street frontage plantings - Fairford Street, Bishopdale

Community Board Street Awards

Burwood/Pegasus:	Street	1.	Briarmont Street, Avondale
		2.	Radiata Avenue, Parklands
		3.	Forest Drive, Parklands
	Cul-de-sac	1.	Belair Close, Burwood
		2.	Jean Batten Place, Burwood
		3.	McCorkingdale Street, Shirley

Within the Burwood/Pegasus area, Avonside Drive, Oregon Place (Westhaven) and Waygreen Avenue (New Brighton) were judged to be of continuing standard.

18.6 PARKLANDS YOUTH RECREATION

Independently facilitated community workshops and a community forum are being organised by the Advocacy Team in liaison with the Parks Planner to address youth recreation needs in the Parklands/Queenspark area and options available.

A reference group of invited community members has agreed on a process to utilise the recommendations of existing research to consult with different sectors of the community. The consultation includes specific processes with youth, sports clubs and community groups, businesses and other residents.

An independent facilitator has been contracted to facilitate the process. Progress has been made with workshops with the reference group, the surveying of community groups, and meetings with residents and youth.

Upon completion of the consultation, a report will be prepared with recommendations from the community for presentation to the Board. It is expected that this will be available at the end of April.

18.7 CHRISTCHURCH THE GARDEN CITY

The Parks and Waterways Unit has organised a survey to gain the opinions of the City's residents of whether the 'Garden City' image is significant or relevant in present times. If so, ideas are sought on what needs to be done to achieve the image.

The survey has been sent to 100 homes in each of five selected areas in Burwood/Pegasus: Aranui, Avondale, Burwood, South New Brighton and Waimairi Beach. Responses have been requested by 8 March and they will then be collated and analysed.

18.8 NEW BRIGHTON REVITALISATION

Significant progress has been made by the Community Forum initiated to set the future direction of New Brighton. The initial public meeting on Wednesday 30 January 2002 was attended by over 120 people. There was considerable goodwill and enthusiasm towards developing a shared vision for revitalising New Brighton. More than 40 people attending the public meeting expressed interest in ongoing involvement in the Community Forum.

At a meeting on Thursday 14 February 2002 a Taskforce of 15 people was formed from this group to consider ideas and recommendations from the public meeting and then make recommendations on key initiatives and priorities. The Taskforce brings together people with a range of skills and expertise. It has a mixture of local and neighbouring residents and business people.

The Taskforce is meeting at least once each week to develop its vision for New Brighton. Strong themes to emerge include:

- The foreshore as a family activity area.
- Increased activity and improved access between the beach, and the central business district.
- A seaside village shopping/café area.

A further public meeting is planned for Monday 11 March 2002. The Taskforce intends to test its concepts and priorities with the wider community and identify any areas of concern.

The Community Forum intends to report by the end of March 2002 to fit in with the Council's budgeting processes. The report will take the form of a Master Plan incorporating key concepts and prioritising possible initiatives.

18.9 WINDSOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY HALL

The Property Unit is preparing a report to the Board on effecting transfer of full ownership of the hall to the school. A meeting has recently been held with the Chairperson of the school Board of Trustees to gather information on usage of the hall with a view to reporting on a possible disposal package.

18.10 PARKS AND WATERWAYS CAPITAL SUBSTITUTIONS

Two capital substitutions have been proposed by the Parks and Waterways Unit relating to projects in the Burwood/Pegasus area. The substitutions are intended to fund new projects in other Community Board areas.

South Brighton Domain Irrigation

Replacement of sprinkler heads was budgeted for 2005/06 (\$40,000). The supplier of an irrigation brand wishes to run a free trial of a new sprinkler with the Council. Installation is desirable in South Brighton where a much improved system is possible with very little alteration to the pipe work. The product will be arriving in the next few months and it is hoped to have it running this financial year. The budgeted funding is no longer required.

Central New Brighton Playground

There is funding budgeted in 2002/03 (\$150,000) and 2003/04 (\$50,000) to renew and upgrade the Central New Brighton play area. Based on recent estimates the Unit considers that the \$50,000 in 2003/04 will not be required and it has been offered for substitution.

18.11 NORTHERN ROADING OPTIONS SCOPING STUDY

Transit New Zealand and the Council have been consulting with stakeholders, interest groups and the public to obtain comment on the strategies in the scoping study. The study is intended to identify the key roads needed to provide for the transport network in north Christchurch over the next 25 years. Submissions closed on 25 February 2002. The final stage of the study will include analysis of the consultation and inclusion of this in a final study report.

Community boards are likely to have an opportunity to comment on the recommendations from the consultation process, possibly in May 2002.

18.12 ACCOMMODATION

The Property Unit is continuing to identify possible sites for accommodation for the Board and will be reporting initially to the Director of Operations. The Chairperson and I are liaising with the Director of Operations on progress and have reiterated the Board's urgency on this issue.