

18. ACTING ADVOCATE'S REPORT

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BOARD TOUR OF THE TWO WARDS

In view of the heavy meeting agenda over the next few months it has been decided to postpone the tour of the wards.

TREES IN PUBLIC PLACES

Reports are being prepared to come to the Board over the next few meetings with regard to "problem" trees and opportunities to include trees in streetscapes. Two examples of the above are at Marble Wood Drive and St James Avenue. It is thought that these issues could be discussed at an onsite meeting at 4.00 pm, 3 February prior to the Board's workshop.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

The Board's attention is drawn to the balance in the Discretionary Funds, \$31,041.30 (SCAP Fund, \$13,774). Should the Board wish to use the fund for 'physical' public works, these should be identified and initiated no later than the Board's April meeting.

STAFF MOVEMENTS

The Board is advised that Jo Maraki, Assistant Community Adviser, is leaving the Council on 31 January 2003 to take on new challenges and at the same time Sharon Ogden, Community Secretary is taking 12 months' maternity leave. At the time of writing replacements are being organised.

TRANSIT UPDATE

The Board will be aware that the Transit New Zealand draft State Highways programme has removed the four-laning of Main North Road between the Styx overbridge and Radcliffe Road for at least 10 years. The situation re the overbridge is unclear at the time of writing.

Comments to Transit New Zealand on the draft close 31 March. The Board may wish to make comment on the draft to Council's STU Committee and/or Transit New Zealand.

PAPANUI ROAD RUBBISH COLLECTION

This is to advise Board members of a proposed change to refuse and recycling collection times along Papanui/Main North Road between Bealey Avenue and Grassmere Street. It would include both sides of the Road. The reason for this is that the area becomes very congested during the day and an early evening collection service between 6.30 and 10.00 pm is proposed. Relevant Residents' Associations and businesses are being consulted.

CHAMPION RESERVE

The Board Chairperson has suggested an open event for the Champion Reserve to celebrate the completion of the reserve and play area. Some Board Members may recall the considerable involvement of the Board in the initial stages of the planning of the development. It is suggested that a BBQ with entertainment be held one evening before daylight saving ends. Approximate costs for the event is \$2000. The Board may wish to fund this from Discretionary Funds. A date and alternative will need to be decided.

Staff

Recommendation: That the report be received.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the staff recommendation be adopted.