

7. JOINT SEMINAR OF THE FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI AND SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARDS

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes from the Joint Boards Seminar held on 16 June 2003.

Report of a Joint Seminar Meeting of the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board and the Shirley/ Papanui Community Board held on Monday 16 June 2003 at 4.00 pm in the Board Room, CCC Fendalton

PRESENT: **Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board:**
Mike Wall, Sally Buck, Val Carter, George Hampton, Mark Kunnen and Barbara Stewart.
Shirley/Papanui Community Board:
Yvonne Palmer, Myra Barry, Robin Booth, Ann Carroll, Megan Evans, Dennis Hills and Ingrid Stonhill.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cheryl Colley, Yiyi Ku, Pat Harrow and Norm Withers.

2. LAKE ISAAC WATERSPORTS PARK

A presentation was made by James Sheehan, Chairman of Lake Isaac Watersports Park and Ian Martin, Project Manager, from OCTA.

Members were advised that Lake Isaac was being planned as a "passive" watersports venue and was needed to replace Kerr's Reach which was overcrowded by several sports, schools and recreational activities and which now posed serious safety concerns.

The new venue would have ample space to allow existing and new sports to be included and a jogging path and cycle track was planned around the lake perimeter. The potential also existed to host multi-sport events in a safe (clean water and off public roads) venue and no powered craft other than umpire or safety boats would be permitted on the lake.

Whilst the predominant day to day use was expected to be from schools and clubs, the "flat water" is expected to attract athletes training for high level competition and the proposed design features could also accommodate regional, national and international events in conjunction with other facilities in the area.

Elaboration was provided to the members on matters such as the site layout and lake specifications, bird and weed control and details on the ongoing consultation and agency liaison presently occurring. Information was also provided on the financial aspects of the proposal including possible funding sources and the money required to complete the various resource consent processes and the means by which annual operating costs would be met.

At the conclusion of questions, the presenters were thanked for providing the members of both Boards with information and details on the project.

3. NORTHCOTE/SAWYERS ARMS/GREERS INTERSECTION AND WESTERN SECTION OF THE CITY'S RING ROAD

The purpose of this section of the Joint Seminar was to gain an update from the City Streets Unit on on-going network planning and safety issues associated with this section of the ring road and in particular the intersections at Northcote/Sawyers Arms Road and Greers/Harewood Roads. Other localised concerns involved the levels of traffic now using Sawyers Arms Road as a link to the airport and the state highway network and the potential to make better use of Harewood Road with its existing section of four laning.

The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board has for a number of years been questioning the adequacy of Greers/Grahams/Waimairi Roads as the western leg of the ring road which utilises largely upgraded residential streets. Ongoing issues associated with the Sawyers Arms Road/Gardiners Road intersection were also of concern to both boards.

In the context of this background, officers from the City Streets Unit advised that the initial completion of the Metropolitan Transport Statement (MTS) was likely in September/October. Included in with this work was the staged implementation of road improvements through the annual plan process, the strategy development arising out of NROSS and the ongoing work being undertaken in partnership with ECan around bus service reviews.

Members were advised that the MTS would include a strategic review of the ring road route and a specific study, still to be undertaken, would consider detailed issues, deficiencies and solutions. At this point few alternative options were obvious for providing key arterials through the area and that any substitute by using a series of collector roads, would be insufficient and run counter to the rooms and corridors philosophy.

Specific details were provided on the Northcote Road section of the route, options for the Greers/Northcote/Sawyers Arms intersection, the Greers/Harewood Road intersection, and an update on the Gardiners/Sawyers Arms intersection.

Looking forward, the intention was to continue with current commitments, to complete the initial MTS following which a strategic review would be undertaken on the western section of the ring road including Northcote/Greers/Sawyers Arms and Harewood/Greers intersections.

Other priority work requested by members was to investigate the practicality of providing green right turn arrows at the Harewood/Greers Road intersection and the undertaking of vehicle counts on Sawyers Arms Road (southern section) and Langdons Road as a consequence of the recent opening of Sissons Road.

The City Streets staff were thanked for their presentation.

The meeting concluded at 5.57 pm.

The Chairs of the Fendalton/Waimairi and Shirley/Papanui Community Boards comment as follows:

1. Lake Issac

It is noted that the proposal is still subject to further discussion regarding support funding, and resource consent and related matters. While the concept is exciting there are clearly a number of processes, and actions, which have yet to be fulfilled.

2. Ring Road

The matter of the ongoing concerns of the two Boards in relation to the adequacy of the western section of the ring road network, in handling present and future traffic volumes is one that should receive more priority planning. To this end it is considered that the Council should give more urgent attention to the need to better address the difficulties now being experienced with this section of the ring road and the two major intersections on the route referred to in this report.

Chairs

- Recommendations:**
1. That the meeting report be received.
 2. That the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the two Boards request approval for attendance before the July meeting of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee to voice the Boards' concerns, and to seek that Committee's support for a more urgent evaluation of the issues regarding the western section of the ring road route.