

17. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

17.1 Discretionary Fund Update

A total of \$39,100 remains available for allocation from the Board's Discretionary Fund in 2003/04.

17.2 Community Events and Special Days Fund Update

A total of \$15,000 remains available for allocation from the Board's Community Events and Special Days Fund in 2003/04.

17.3 Community Response Fund

The Board may like to consider allocating \$5,000 from its 2003/04 Discretionary Fund to a Community Response Fund as per the 2002/03 financial year.

From time to time funding requests are received by the Advocacy Team requiring release of funds before the next decision-making meeting of the Board. In November 2000 the Board introduced a process enabling it to respond in a timely manner to community requests for funding where a decision is required in these instances.

It is recommended that \$5,000 be allocated from the Board's Discretionary Fund as a Response Fund for community requests for funding, and that a similar process to that adopted in the 2002/03 financial year operate for this financial year. It is recommended that the existing Community Response Fund Committee approve funding requests in liaison with the Community Advocate.

Approved requests for funding will appear in the Community Advocate's monthly report.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board allocate \$5,000 from its Discretionary Fund for community requests for funding requiring decisions prior to the next Board meeting.
 2. That a Community Response Fund Committee comprising of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson (Bob Todd and Linda Rutland) approve requests in liaison with the Community Advocate.
 3. That approved requests for funding to be reported in the Community Advocate's monthly report.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendations be adopted.

17.4 Report of City Streets Unit Briefing – Maintenance and Parking Issues

A briefing for the Board on street maintenance and parking issues was held on 11 June. Richard Bailey (Amenity Maintenance Team Leader) attended to discuss street maintenance issues and brief the Board on maintenance contract information. Maurice Smith (Parking Operations Manager) attended to discuss parking issues, including enforcement and issues around the Charleston area when events are held at Jade Stadium. Board members requested that a meeting be arranged with Charleston residents to receive feedback on parking issues and possible solutions in the Jade Stadium area.

17.5 Report of Seminar Meeting held on 19 June 2003

A Board seminar was held on 19 June.

Parks and Waterways Unit Structure

Mark Rykers (Parks and Waterways Business Relations Team Manager) briefed the Board on the Parks and Waterways Unit structure and in particular, the role of the Parks and Waterways Area Advocate and the Green Space Maintenance Team, and the intended relationship between various team members and the Board. Warwick Scadden is the Hagley/Ferrymead Parks and Waterways Area Advocate. Barry Straight is the Parks Team Contract Manager for the Eastern Region including Ferrymead. Ian Jackson is the Parks Team Contract Manager for the Central Region including the Hagley Ward.

Current Parks Issues

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate briefed the Board on current Parks issues in the Hagley and Ferrymead Ward.

17.6 Poster Bollards

A workshop meeting of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee, to which all Board members were invited, was held on 5 June 2003.

The Council has contracted Phantom Billstickers Ltd to install poster bollards through the City.

The contract provides that the company will install 50 new bollards by December 2003 (including replacements) and a further 50 bollards by December 2005.

The meeting heard a report from Phantom Billstickers Ltd on their proposals for the use of the bollard sites. The contract provides that 10% of the area available on each bollard will be available at all times for the display of posters on behalf of such groups the Council may from time to time nominate.

The Council will be required to give approval to the selected on-street sites firstly as the property owner and then by separate resource consent process.

The workshop discussed process options for the approvals as property owner and a report was presented to the next meeting of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee with recommendations to the Council. A copy of this report with recommendations is attached.

Some Board members raised questions about enforcement and removal of posters from "illegal" sites. This is to be addressed by the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee as a separate issue.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That Linda Rutland be appointed as the Board's representative on the Central City Streets Subcommittee for the purpose of approving poster bollard sites required for the purpose of the Council's contract with Phantom Billstickers Ltd.

17.7 Community Board Best Practice Awards

Yani Johanson, Rod Cameron and the Community Advocate attended the 2003 Community Boards' Conference in New Plymouth on 13 and 14 June 2003. The inaugural Community Board Best Practice Awards were presented at the Conference. The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board received a Highly Commended Award in the consultation category for consultation in relation to the redevelopment of Linwood Park.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received and everyone involved in the Linwood Park Project be commended on receiving the Highly Commended Award.

17.8 Latimer Square Design and Consultation

The Board will receive a presentation on 4 July on preliminary designs and a proposed consultation process for the redesign of Latimer Square. The Board may want to consider endorsing the proposed consultation process.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: Not seen by the Chairperson.