

4. EDGEWARE VILLAGE

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the outcomes of a meeting with property and business owners from the Edgware Village precinct.

BACKGROUND

The Board will recall a report to the Board late last year from City Streets Unit about traffic safety issues at the intersection of Colombo Street and Edgware Road. One of the Board's recommendations from that report was to hold a meeting with the property owners and local business people from the Edgware Village.

A meeting was set up earlier this year but was called off because of a lack of interest. The business people were again polled on their interest in attending a meeting and enough interest was shown to organise another meeting.

MEETING

The meeting was held on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, at the Abberley Park Hall with approximately 20 people in attendance. The attendees were about 50/50 property owners and local business owners. Also in attendance were Board members Ingrid Stonhill and Stephen Wright, with apologies from Yvonne Palmer and Anne Carroll, and staff from the Papanui Advocacy Team, City Streets and City Development Group.

A brief background was given on events in the past, ie the Charette which produced "giving edgware the edge", the "Main Street" project and street landscaping projects. The group was asked what they saw for the future for the area. The attached sheet lists the meeting's "likes", "dislikes" and "solutions". Items of immediate concern included:

- Pedestrian safety issues at the Colombo/Edgware intersection. A doctor from the medical centre advised of people being brought in for treatment for minor injuries following accidents at the intersection.
- The amount of traffic through the village. A suggestion that the bus route could be re-routed onto Sherbourne Street was not accepted by the meeting.
- The taxi stand on Edgware Road being too close to Trafalgar Street causing taxis to obstruct the view of motorists turning from Trafalgar Street.

OUTCOMES

After wide ranging discussions the group was asked to record their principal issue on the lists. The four highest ranking issues were:

- "Village" atmosphere, from "Likes".
- Beautification (of the area), from "Solutions".
- Gateway – cobbles, from "Solutions".
- Graffiti (around supermarket), from "Dislikes".

Representatives from the supermarket advised that the walls had been treated with an anti-graffiti product.

Board members present and staff undertook to look into these issues, including sponsoring them in the Annual Financial Plan and LTCCP processes. The group was advised that the first three items would be considered as long-term projects. The fourth item would be passed onto the Papanui Community Watch with a request for inclusion of the supermarket in their rounds.

During discussions the status of the "Edgware Business Persons Association" was raised. Many at the meeting were unaware that such an association existed and there was strong support for it being brought back out of recess. Staff from the Service Centre undertook to assist with the setting up of a meeting to discuss the reconstitution of the association.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Board support the three identified issues of the meeting, ie maintaining a village atmosphere, beautification of the area and provision of “gateways” to the precinct.
 3. That the Board support the re-establishment of The Edgeware Business Persons Association

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the staff recommendations be adopted.