

RICCARTON/WIGRAM FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT OF 2 SEPTEMBER 2003 MEETING

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 September 2003.

The meeting was attended by Mike Mora (Chairperson), Helen Broughton, Neville Bennett, Ken Cummings, Ishwar Ganda, Peter Laloli and Bob Shearing.

Apologies were received and accepted from Paddy Austin and Lesley Keast.

1. COMMUNITY BOARD 2002/03 OBJECTIVES – 12 MONTH REVIEW

As part of the continuing Annual Plan process, the Community Board was required to review its Objectives.

The Committee **received** a full schedule (of its Objectives for 2002/03) with “achievements” listed against each Objective.

The Committee considered that it (the Board) had exceeded its performance indicators for each of the Objectives.

2. ANNUAL PLAN PROCESS 2004/05

An invitation had been extended to community groups and members of the public to attend today's meeting of the Committee to discuss community priorities and outcomes as a first step in the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) process.

The Committee had been granted power to act (from the Board) to progress this process.

Following the public meeting, the Committee compiled the following schedule which has been sent for further consideration by the appropriate business units of Council.

PEOPLE
Community access to libraries
With the advent of the new Upper Riccarton library to be built on the High School, we are pleased to see that it includes a learning centre which will allow access by the whole of our community in terms of opportunities. It is requested that all libraries be progressively upgraded to ensure that the increasing demand of the community for ongoing learning is met. This has been sent on to the Libraries Manager for further consideration.
Affordable Recreation and Sport
At the request of the meeting, we would like to see a strong emphasis on health orientated recreation and sport and that more suburban based programmes and facilities are available. This has been sent on to the Leisure Unit Manager for further consideration.
Local Government/Central Government Partnerships
We are looking for greater ties with Central Government in developing policies which directly impact on our community. Local government is an advocate and promoter of our community. Policies made by Central Government which impact on local communities should involve consultation with the Local Government sector. This has been sent on to the Director of Policy for further consideration.

<p>Effective Public Transport Systems</p> <p>This continues a theme of a more efficient and effective public transportation system, the awareness of affordability, and the need to react to meet the changing demands throughout the city.</p> <p>Coupled with this is the need to continually rebalance the priority of our roading systems. Pedestrians and cyclists need to continue to be afforded the highest priority when roading improvements (to meet increased vehicle demands) are considered.</p> <p>This has been sent on to the City Streets Unit Manager for further consideration.</p>
<p>PLACES</p>
<p>The Council's City Plan</p> <p>It is acknowledged that this process is very long term. There is a need to engage the community in issues that can be then translated into the City Plan.</p> <p>Current issues that require constant review include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the limiting of urban sprawl • greenbelt buffers • retention of productive land • urban open/wild spaces • and other measures than ensure a safe environment. <p>Air quality and the need for tidy streetscapes and inner city precincts are also major issues that the City Plan needs to have under constant review.</p> <p>This has been sent on to the Environmental Services Manager for further consideration.</p>
<p>PROSPERITY</p>
<p>Regional Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership between central and local government in respect of producing shared legislation and shared resourcing to meet the outcomes of that legislation. • Need for the Ministry of Economic Development to be locally resourced to meet local needs. • Statements on regional economic vision. • Promotion of job creation schemes which focus on known workplace shortfalls. • Strategies for the retention of graduates within current workforce. • Regional infrastructure to accommodate the growing needs of the high tech industry. • A business friendly regional and city environment. • A strategy for worldwide marketing of the region and city. <p>This has been sent on to the Director of Policy and CDC for further consideration.</p>
<p>PARTNERSHIPS</p> <p>The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board would like to see a more positive building of relationships, particularly with government departments, but also with major social service and community organisations in the city. The partnerships could be about joint policy objectives, a shared cost of achieving those objectives, a mutually agreed assessment process.</p> <p>This has been sent on to the Corporate Team Manager for further consideration.</p>

SPECIFIC PROJECT PROPOSALS
<p>Villa Maria College Proposal for School and Community Netball Courts</p> <p>Over recent months the Community Board has been looking at the redevelopment of the Upper Riccarton Domain. An approach was made to the Community Board by the College on possible community access to the new netball courts which the school is proposing to build.</p> <p>A full proposal has been received and is attached for further consideration.</p> <p>The Community Board is keen to pursue this proposal, as it is another example of the growing partnership between local schools and their communities.</p> <p>This has been sent on to the Community Relations Unit Manager for further consideration.</p>
<p>Southwest Christchurch Recreation and Pool Complex and Promotion of Suburban Pools</p> <p>The Community Board and the local community are very keen on promoting a new facility in the southwest of Christchurch, similar to those developed at QEII and Pioneer Stadium.</p> <p>The Leisure Unit have advised that this area is one of a few being considered over the next ten years but the Board wishes the Leisure Unit to initiate a study to determine Council priorities.</p> <p>Coupled with this is the request from the community to proactively promote and develop the existing suburban pool at Halswell and to seek some protection for the smaller community pool at Templeton.</p> <p>The existing Sockburn Pool is seen to be inadequate to meet the community's growing demands and it would appear that this is being run down to the point that no suitable replacement facility will be in place when Sockburn is closed.</p> <p>This is being sent on to the Leisure Unit Manager for further consideration.</p>
<p>Major Roading Network Construction Programme</p> <p>The Community Board is looking to facilitate a meeting with Members of Parliament, Transit New Zealand, Transfund and interested community groups to reinforce the need for a major injection of funds for early commencement of the southern arterial extension, the western bypass and other major works to meet the increasing demand of traffic growth throughout the city and its environs.</p> <p>These roading networks are critical to the continued development of the city and will be severely compromising the urban and rural planning of the region if they are not commenced earlier than currently scheduled.</p> <p>This is being sent on to the City Streets Manager for further consideration.</p>
<p>Reserve Playgrounds and Toilets</p> <p>Additional resources are sought to meet the increasing demands of communities on their reserves. It is important that playgrounds are built to meet the growing demands of the communities which they serve and to meet the needs of specific age groups within those communities.</p> <p>The Board requests that the Parks Unit place play equipment on the Wigram Village Green, adjacent to the community lounge.</p> <p>That toilets be provided to serve the playing fields on Jones Road Reserve and the Broomfield Common.</p> <p>This is being sent on to the Parks and Waterways Manager for further consideration.</p>

<p>State Highway Entry Points into the City</p> <p>It is considered that the Garden City image is being tarnished by the lack of high profile entry points to the city in respect of landscaping and beautification.</p> <p>The current access points from the north, west and south are very unimaginative and there is an opportunity for real enhancement works at these sites.</p> <p>This has been sent on to the City Streets Unit Manager in conjunction with Transit New Zealand for further consideration.</p>
<p>Awatea Special Purpose Zone</p> <p>The Council reach a mutually agreed solution with land owners of the above zone within six months.</p> <p>This is being sent on to the Environmental Services Manager for further consideration.</p>
<p>Heritage Protection and Recognition</p> <p>The Community Board is participating in Heritage Week this coming October and it has highlighted the need for greater heritage protection under the City Plan and that adequate resources are provided by the Council and other funders to ensure the continuation of our heritage assets.</p> <p>Coupled with this there needs to be a greater recognition of those who have retained buildings of heritage significance as their retention is for the betterment of Christchurch.</p> <p>This is being sent on to the Environmental Services Manager for further consideration.</p>

Chairman's Recommendation: That the information be received.