

23. AVONHEAD BASKETBALL FACILITY - JOINT BOARDS PROJECT

The Board was in receipt of a report from the Community Recreation Adviser and Parks and Waterways Area Advocate seeking consideration of funding towards the cost of a full sized basketball court, to be constructed in the Avonhead area.

The proposed court is an outcome of the Avonhead Sport, Recreation and Arts Study jointly undertaken by the Riccarton Wigram and Fendalton Waimairi Community Boards last year.

At the November 2000 meeting of the Riccarton Wigram Community Board staff presented details presented the implementation strategy for the Avonhead Sport, Recreation and Arts Study. The implementation Strategy was developed by a Steering Group comprising of staff and Board members from both Community Board areas. The actual findings of the research had been previously reported to both Boards.

One of the key reasons the study was jointly undertaken in the first place was an acknowledgement that communities of interest don't necessarily conform to Council Ward boundaries and there were often opportunities where Community Boards could work more closely together to obtain a more efficient and effective use of their resources.

The Community Recreation Advisors at Fendalton and Sockburn are currently undertaking consultation with potential users and Asian Youth in the Avonhead area regarding some of the design criteria for the proposed facility.

Staff are currently assessing the suitability of various sites in the Avonhead area and will report back to the November 2001 meeting of the Boards giving the preferred location for the new facility prior to carrying out consultation with local residents.

The Fendalton Waimairi Community Board allocated half of the required funds. The Riccarton Wigram Community Board's contribution towards the project would be \$ 15,000.

The Board **resolved** to allocate \$15,000 as their contribution towards a full sized basketball court in the Avonhead area, to be funded from the (2001/02 Project-funded) Environment Committee Project Fund, subject to a full report coming back on the preferred location.