

4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

4.1 John Britten Reserve Trust - John Britten Commemoration 2005

Derek McCullough, Chairman of the John Britten Reserve Trust tabled a pamphlet which detailed the John Britten Reserve Development 1995 - 2005, and described the Trust's proposal for the 2005 Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of Mr Britten's death. The memorial proposed was that of an Aeolian Harp in the reserve.

The Trust sought support from the Council in the form of:

- Resource consent approvals,
- Asset management and maintenance,
- Landscaping and signage,
- Funding assistance from the 2004/05 and 2005/06 budgets of the Art in Public Places fund, Community Board and Parks and Waterways Unit.

The Committee **decided**:

1. That a report be prepared, identifying areas of possible Council assistance and Council funding for the project.
2. That the project be referred to the Parks and Waterways Unit for investigation and input.

4.2 Cultural Precinct Stakeholder Group - The Cultural Precinct

Rae Finlay on behalf of the Cultural Precinct Stakeholder Group outlined the potential untapped marketing opportunity for a recognised arts, culture and heritage precinct within the central city. The Trust considered that the new Art Gallery, Museum redevelopment, opening of Our City and ongoing public and private sector investment in the existing established products and infrastructure presented a wonderful opportunity to position the Worcester Boulevard from the Cathedral to the Museum/Christ's College and beyond as New Zealand's premier art, cultural and heritage precinct. The Trust was seeking a commitment from the Council, and guidance as to where it might next take the project proposal.

The Committee **decided**:

1. That the initiatives of the Cultural Precinct Stakeholder's Group be supported in principle.
2. That a report be prepared investigating the integration of artworks, banners and design, to provide recognition to the cultural precinct.

4.3 Floyds Creative Art Centre and the Arts Precinct Steering Group - The Old Wards Brewery Art Precincts Proposal

Bernard Cherry and Penny Eames tabled a proposal outlining the history of Floyds Creative Art Centre and the feasibility of purchasing, or securing in some other way, all or part of the old Wards Brewery Building situated at 229/A Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch.

The Committee **decided** that the Floyds Creative Art Centre and the Arts Precinct Steering Group write to the Council setting out the matters which it wished the Council to address.

4.4 Janet Begg - Shirley Library Opening Hours

Janet Begg requested the Council to give consideration to increasing the opening hours of the Shirley Public Library from the current 48 hours to 62 hours per week on a trial basis. Ms Begg stated that the further development of the Palms Shopping Mall had attracted many more people to the Shirley shopping precinct area, seven days a week.

The Committee **decided** that the Christchurch Libraries Manager be asked to investigate extended opening hours at the Shirley Public Library and refer the funding issues involved with this to the Annual Plan Working Party.

It was noted that the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board had been addressed by library staff on the operations of the Shirley Public Library.