

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1. Mr Graeme Stanley – Naming of Park

Mr Graeme Stanley addressed the Committee on a suggestion that a Council park or walkway be named after Mr Edgar Taylor, the Christchurch City Council's first landscape architect.

Mr Stanley advised that Edgar Taylor was born in England in 1886 and grew up in an environment of lawns, flower beds and young trees, (his father having been appointed curator of the Christchurch Domain, the Christchurch Botanic Gardens in 1889).

After a distinguished career in landscaping and supervision Mr Taylor was appointed in 1942 as landscape architect to the Council, a position held until his retirement in 1965 at the age of 75.

The Committee thanked Mr Stanley for his submission and **decided** that staff report on opportunities to acknowledge and record the contributions made to the city in the areas of landscaping and gardens, such report to include input from Community Boards.

2. Waihora Ellesmere Trust – A community plan/strategy for the future management of Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere and its tributaries

Messrs Ray Maw, Michael Nutt and Roger Gilbert attended and addressed the Committee on a community plan/strategy.

They reported on a series of community meetings and field days held to give ownership of the plan to the community. The strategy was developed in conjunction with an independent facilitator and staff of Environment Canterbury. The speakers emphasised that this project is a community driven initiative with ownership being firmly divested to its local, spiritual, recreational and commercial community.

They also signalled the following potential roles for the Christchurch City Council:

- community awareness of the lake, its environs, its ecosystems, policies and rules in statutory documents.
- improved baseline information on the state of waterways and drains that eventually find their way into the lake.
- promote riparian plants.
- identification and collation of best management practices for the protection of ecological values in waterways.
- review drain management practices that lead to sediment loading and any negative impacts of weed cutting.
- the recording of local history.
- provisions for Ngai Tahu values.
- provisions for eco-tourism.
- develop a working relationship with this Community Trust.

The Chairman thanked Messrs Maw, Nott and Gilbert for their presentation and keeping the Committee informed of an excellent project.