

12. PARKLANDS LIBRARY

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The purpose of this report is to update the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee on the Parklands Library Project and to present the design concept for the development.

PROJECT TERMS OF REFERENCE

The project Terms of Reference and project programme are attached for the Committee's information. They highlight the background, aim, objectives and scope of the project, and describe how the project will be managed.

The planned opening date of the new library is 30 April 2004.

PROJECT CONSULTANTS

Crispin Schurr, City Solutions, is the architect and Mark McEntrye, Head of Art and Design School, CPIT, has been engaged as the arts advisor to the project. Mark has significant experience in art and set design, and will be advising on the creative use of space and the appropriate inclusion of art in this project.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

The response from the community has been extremely positive with children and adults appearing to be very excited and enthusiastic about the new Parklands Library and the café.

In February 2004 a group of colleagues visited all the teachers and students at Parkview school. They gave us excellent ideas about furniture, the library book and audio visual collection, library layout, and use of the outdoor space, as well as requests for café food and drink. The Parklands Playcentre, Parklands Kindergarten and Parklands Playgroup have also been visited by library colleagues and these groups are very excited about the idea of having focused times for preschoolers and with the café.

We have had strong feedback from teenagers, aged 12 to 19, through the Library's Pulse¹ web site. The responses have demonstrated how important it is for them to have a comfortable, relevant library service in their neighbourhood. There was a real feeling of ownership and anticipation about what the library might look and feel like.

Community input was also sought at the Parklands Sunday Funday on 6 March 2004. A summary of the feedback will be available on the library web site².

LIBRARY CAFÉ AND COMMUNITY MEETING SPACE

Community feedback and the success of the café in the South Library has encouraged us to include space for a café in the Parklands library concept design. The Property Unit will work with Libraries to secure a suitable tenant for the café. The café, with an indoor space allocation of 25 square metres, will be able to be accessed outside of library hours.

An area of the library adjacent to the café, including the public toilets, will be available for community use outside of the library opening hours. This area will include comfortable seating and will open out to the courtyard area.

LANDSCAPING

We are fortunate to have a large outdoor area which can be landscaped for community use. It is anticipated that the library will open with the access ways, car parking and some courtyard development. In order to develop other areas of the property, additional funding will be required. Therefore, the landscaping will need to be staged over several financial years.

¹ <http://pulse.christchurch.org.nz/>

² <http://library.christchurch.org.nz/Parklands/>

CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Building industry costs have increased significantly since the budget was set in March 2001 and they continue to increase at an alarming rate. Work is ongoing in determining the likely costs for the project prior to commencing detailed design work.

UPDATE TO BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board received an update on the Parklands Project on 15 March 2004. The Board decided:

1. That the information be received.
2. That the Libraries and Information Unit report on appropriate landscaping and recreational facilities for outside the Parklands Library.
3. That the Board seek budgetary provision for this work in 2004/05 and 2005/06.

NATURAL + PEOPLE + ECONOMIC STEP ASSESSMENT

| # | CONDITION: | Meets condition ✓✓0* | HOW IT HELPS MEET CONDITION: |
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| The Natural Step | | | |
| N1 | Reduce non-renewable resource use | Yes | Re-developing an existing building |
| N2 | Eliminate emission of harmful substances | Yes | Where possible use of natural materials |
| N3 | Protect and restore biodiversity and ecosystems | Yes | Ensuring that the surrounding land is landscaped appropriately |
| The People Step | | | |
| P1 | Basic needs met | Yes | Literacy, learning, recreation, community place. Place provided for people to meet together |
| P2 | Full potential developed | Yes | As above |
| P3 | Social capital enhanced | Yes | As above |
| P4 | Culture and identity protected | Yes | As above |
| P5 | Governance and participatory democracy strengthened | Yes | As above |
| The Economic Step | | | |
| E1 | Effective and efficient use of all resources | Yes | RE-developing and existing building |
| E2 | Job rich local economy | Yes | Support for acquiring skills and knowledge. New jobs created |
| E3 | Financial sustainability | Yes | |

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.