

5. PAPANUI NEEDS ANALYSIS – MAY 2004

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The purpose of this report is to present the findings and recommendations of the Papanui Needs Analysis to the Community Board

BACKGROUND

In October 2003 the Community Board allocated funds to enable a Community Needs Analysis of the Papanui area to be conducted.

Sarah Wylie was contracted to undertake this research, which has now been completed. The findings of this research were recently presented to the Community Board Members at a seminar meeting.

The recommendations from this research were as follow:

RECREATION

1. Full support should be given by Council staff to the publicity of Te Papanui Trust's fundraising efforts towards the community contribution to funding of the Papanui youth facility. This should include publicity to young people living in the Papanui area, who could be engaged in fundraising efforts via local school student councils and youth groups.
2. Development of an indoor community facility serving the Papanui area should be given priority. At the minimum, the facility should provide space for community groups and individuals to hold self-catered social functions, to hold hui and larger meetings, and should offer recreational opportunities during the day, accessible to local residents. Ideally, the facility would incorporate an indoor multi-sport venue, meeting the needs of local clubs and individual users.
3. In the absence of a public venue, alternative providers and venues should be supported in establishing /publicising recreational and arts-based programmes for adults during the day.
4. Demand for a local indoor swimming pool should be highlighted in future planning for such amenities.
5. Investigation should be given to the viability of a bus route connecting Papanui to QEII.
6. In the absence of a local indoor pool, the importance of Papanui Swimming Pool to Papanui Primary School should be noted.
7. The apparent demand for adult music classes and performance opportunities should be conveyed to Papanui High School's Continuing Education Programme Coordinator.
8. Future development of parks in Papanui, and especially the Papanui East area should include installation of equipment appealing to older children, including basketball half courts tennis courts, obstacle courses, and beginner-level skate ramps. Parks noted for priority include the Rutland St Reserve and Morrison Ave Park. Parks planners should note suggestions made by children in section 4.2.3 of this report.
9. Dog control laws should continue to be enforced at local parks in Papanui.
10. Needs of older users should be considered in development of future walkways and seating areas in parks.
11. Copies of the *Directory of Community Information* published by Shirley Papanui Community Board should be offered to local social service providers and retirement complexes for distribution, and should continue to be prominently displayed at Papanui and Redwood Libraries.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

12. Appreciation of Council's commitment to Neighbourhood Week should be noted, and this initiative continue to be supported in the future.

13. Consideration should be given to establishment of at least one major annual community event in Papanui, based at Papanui Domain and involving cultural groups from local schools and within the migrant community as well as youth agencies, local independent living retirement complexes and major sports clubs. Culture Galore is suggested as a potential model for this event.
14. The inter-agency network which meets at Papanui Service Centre should continue to receive the full support and promotion of council in the future.
15. Social service agencies working with low income and new migrant residents in Papanui should continue to receive support and promotion in their work by Council.
16. Support should be given to any efforts to re-establish a business association for the Papanui area.
17. Consideration should be given to providing an ESOL-trained liaison person at Papanui Service Centre, as is offered at Fendalton Service centre.

PEDESTRIAN AND ROAD SAFETY

18. Development of a safe means of pedestrian crossing on Harewood Rd near Chapel St should be given priority, with full consideration given to development of a pedestrian refuge similar to that on Langdons Rd by Northlands.
19. Council should work with Police to address concerns relating to school pedestrian crossing safety in the area.
20. Enhancement of Footpath and kerbing should be given priority, especially in areas adjacent to retirement complexes.
21. Concerns regarding traffic congestion in the area and suggestions for solutions made by local residents and noted throughout the present report should be noted by traffic planners.
22. Road safety concerns of cyclists travelling over the railway crossings on Tuckers and Vagues Roads should be conveyed to traffic planners.

MALL ACCESS

23. Northlands Mall management should be approached and encouraged to develop at least one parking space able to accommodate high-roofed wheelchair hoist-fitted vans, of the type used by local rest homes.

SERVICES

24. New Zealand Post should be approached and encouraged to put at least two additional postal receptacles in the area, one in the vicinity of the library and one in the area south of Main North Road and East of Papanui Rd.
25. Taxi companies should be approached and informed of a demand for a taxi freephone at the east end of Northlands Mall.

HERITAGE AND AESTHETICS

26. Priority should be given to advocating and supporting restoration of the older buildings on Main North Road at the Papanui Rd end and promotion of the heritage of this area, highlighting Papanui's history via public art works and supporting enhancement of the frontage to St Pauls cemetery, an area of particular historic importance locally.
27. Consideration should be given to enhancing the visual impact of Main North Rd and Cranford St as gateways to the city.
28. The Council should continue to work closely with Police and local schools and youth providers to address graffiti vandalism in the area.

FOLLOW UP

The first meeting of staff to consider the recommendations contained in the report was held on Friday 28th May. Each recommendation was assigned to the appropriate unit for consideration. There were many favourable comments about implementing these.

The process from here is that a further staff meeting will be held in June for unit staff to bring back their responses on the recommendations. These responses will then be reported to the Boards July meeting. Included in this report will be recommendations for the allocation of the Boards \$10,000 set aside for implementing the outcomes of this research. This will be the meeting for the Board to check that their priorities will be achieved in an appropriate timeframe.

- Staff Recommendation:**
1. That the Community Board endorse the recommendations of the Papanui Community Needs Analysis (May 2004).
 2. That a report outlining an implementation plan for this research be provided for the 28 June Seminar meeting.

- Chairperson's Recommendation:**
1. That the Board receive the recommendations of the Papanui Community Needs Analysis (May 2004).
 2. That the Board acknowledge the excellent work by Sarah Wylie and her time in reporting back to the Boards recent seminar meeting.
 3. That the Board facilitate a meeting on 22 June of all agencies in the Papanui Research area to report back the findings and ascertain the communities priorities.
 4. That a Community Board seminar meeting be held on 28 June to prioritise the recommendations and set time frames
 5. That staff refer recommendation 5 to ECAN.
 6. That staff prepare a report for the incoming Community Board meeting in December on the importance of Shirley/Papanui's continued commitment to Neighbourhood Week.
 7. That the Papanui Board members meet with Northlands Mall management to advocate for recommendation 23.
 8. That the Shirley/Papanui Board members meet with New Zealand Post to advocate for recommendation 24.
 9. That the Shirley/Papanui Board members meet with Blue Star Taxis to advocate recommendation 25.
 10. That the Shirley/Papanui Board members request staff to convey to the Road Safety and Cycle Strategy members the concerns identified in the Needs Analysis as soon as possible.
 11. That recommendation 17 be referred to the appropriate General Manager of CCC.
 12. A report outlining an implementation plan for the Boards priorities and time frames be presented to the Board's August 2004 meeting.