

11. MACFARLANE PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE – FENCE REPLACEMENT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to consider an application for funding to replace a section of fence around the Macfarlane Park Neighbourhood Centre.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought to replace a section of paling boundary fence at the Macfarlane Park Neighbourhood Centre. The replacement of this fence to a see through, open style will continue and complete the 2004 Board funded project to renew fencing around the adjacent Kidsfirst Kindergarten Macfarlane Park.

BACKGROUND ON FUNDING APPLICATION FOR SHIRLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE FENCING REPLACEMENT

3. The Macfarlane Park Neighbourhood Centre is a one day a week local café and drop in centre administered by the Shirley Community Trust. The Neighbourhood Centre is adjacent to Macfarlane Park on the east side with the current boundary fence enclosing a small deck and outdoor area.
4. The length of fence recommended for replacement is 10 metres, running from the mutual boundary with Kidsfirst Kindergarten Macfarlane Park to the northeast corner of the Neighbourhood Centre (see **attachment**).
5. The Shirley/Papanui Community Board have previously granted a request from Kidsfirst Kindergarten Macfarlane Park to replace their boundary fence to an open, see-through style fence. This see-through fence has helped to address vandalism problems experienced around the kindergarten, as there are now open sightlines from the park for informal surveillance. This fence was not continued past the Neighbourhood Centre as this application for Board funding was made only by the Kindergarten.
6. Continuing the open style fence past the Neighbourhood Centre would enhance the look of this area from Macfarlane Park, as well as providing a measure of informal visual security for the premises.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. The sum required to replace the fence outside the Macfarlane Park Neighbourhood Centre is \$2,600.00. Funding for the fence replacement is sought from Shirley/Papanui Community Board 2005/06 Discretionary Funds.

Estimated Fence Cost:	\$2,200.00
Contingency:	\$ 400.00
Total:	\$2,600.00

The fence cost includes the supply and establishment of 10 linear metres of open style fencing at \$220.00 per metre. This sum also includes the disposal of the existing fence. Contingency will cover any unexpected costs, plus a project management component.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

Allocate \$2,600 from its 2005/06 Discretionary Funds to the Greenspace Unit for the fence replacement between Macfarlane Park Neighbourhood Centre and Macfarlane Park.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Board allocate \$2,600 from its 2005/06 SCAP budget to the Greenspace Unit for the fence replacement between Macfarlane Park Neighbourhood Centre and Macfarlane Park.