

4. MORRISON AVENUE OPENING – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to request the Board's approval to the following:
 - (a) Funding for the installation of a plaque to commemorate the opening of the Morrison Avenue Reserve.
 - (b) Funding for the installation of a plaque to acknowledge the contribution of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to the Morrison Avenue Reserve BBQ.
 - (c) Funding for the official opening and celebration for the Morrison Avenue Reserve.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Morrison Avenue Reserve is currently under construction and is expected to be completed in June/July 2006 (see attached consultation plan).
3. It has been suggested that it would be appropriate to hold an official opening for the reserve and an acknowledgement of the Board's contribution. The Community Board provided funding for a community BBQ, which has been installed in this reserve. As such, it would be appropriate to install a plaque that acknowledged the Board's contribution. From an historical perspective, it would also be fitting to install a plaque that noted when the new reserve was opened.
4. It is anticipated that the wording on the plaque to be attached to the BBQ would state *"This outdoor cooking facility was provided with the support of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board in 2006"*.
5. It is anticipated that the wording on the plaque to commemorate the opening of the reserve would state *"Morrison Avenue Reserve – Opened July 2006"*. This would either be installed on a low plinth or on one of the boulders in Morrison Avenue Reserve.
6. An official opening of the Morrison Avenue Reserve would provide an opportunity for the local community to be involved in a celebration of this new park. Given that the Community Board funded the community BBQ, it would be fitting that the opening include a free, Council-funded, sausage sizzle. This could be run by a local community group and thereby provide a small scale community event alongside a fundraising opportunity. A marquee would be supplied to ensure that the event could proceed in all weathers. Tea and biscuits/scones would also be supplied inside the Morrison Avenue Bowling Club, which has agreed to support this occasion. An event of this nature would be in general accordance with the following Board Objectives:
 - The Board acknowledges diversity and facilitates a vibrant, inclusive and strong community.
 - The Board advocates for an enhanced sense of local community/ies within the ward.
7. The final costs are as follows:

• Plaque (BBQ)	\$350
• Plaque (Opening of the reserve)	\$400
• Collection and installation	\$250
• Official Opening (promotion, refreshments, marquee)	<u>\$900</u>
	\$1,900

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. Funding of \$1,900 is requested from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board's 2006/07 Discretionary Fund.
9. The installation will be carried out by a Council approved contractor or Monumental Masons.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board allocate a total of \$1,900 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund as follows:

- (a) \$350 for the purchase a plaque to acknowledge the Community Board's contribution towards the provision of the community BBQ in Morrison Avenue Reserve.
- (b) \$650 for the purchase and installation of a plaque to acknowledge the opening of the new Morrison Avenue Reserve.
- (c) \$900 for the costs associated with the official opening and celebration for the Morrison Avenue Reserve.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.

BACKGROUND ON MORRISON AVENUE OPENING – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

10. Morrison Avenue Reserve is currently under construction and is expected to be completed in June/July 2006.
11. It has been suggested that it would be appropriate to hold an official opening for the reserve and an acknowledgement of the Board's contribution. The Community Board provided the funding for a community BBQ, which has been installed in this reserve.

OPTIONS

12. The following options were considered:
 - (a) That a launch be held of the newly created Morrison Avenue Reserve with the installation of two commemorative plaques. An official opening for the reserve would contribute to community cohesion with a commemorative plaque having historical value.
 - (b) That no launch of the newly created Morrison Avenue Reserve be held. This option provides a small financial saving but does not contribute to community cohesion or add historical value.

PREFERRED OPTION

13. Option (a), that there is an official opening of the newly created Morrison Avenue Reserve with the installation of two commemorative plaques.