

12. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT OF 25 SEPTEMBER 2006 MEETING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 25 September 2006.

The meeting was attended by Neville Bennett (Chairperson), Lesley Keast, Peter Laloli and Mike Mora.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Helen Broughton, Bob Shearing and Tony Sutcliffe.

1. CORRESPONDENCE

1.1 HALSWELL RUGBY LEAGUE NETBALL CLUB

The Committee considered a letter from June Hargreaves on behalf of the Halswell Rugby League Netball Club, regarding the timeframe of the proposed new development of sports fields in Halswell Domain.

The Committee's recommendation is recorded under Clause 7.2 of this report.

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

2.1 HALSWELL RUGBY LEAGUE NETBALL CLUB

June Hargreaves, Kathryn Higgs and Ron Fensom addressed the Committee in relation to the timeframe of the proposed new development of sports fields in Halswell Domain. Mr Fensom asserted that due to increased membership in the netball club, new facilities are urgently required as current improvised courts being used are unsafe and unsuitable to train on.

The Committee's recommendation is recorded under Clause 7.2 of this report.

2.2 AVON & WAIMAKARIRI HEADWATERS ISSUE

John Glennie and David Scott from Environment Committee addressed the Committee regarding the Avon and Waimakariri headwaters issue, and further reported on recent surveys that Environment Canterbury has undertaken on appearance and flows of Christchurch rivers.

Environment Canterbury representatives agreed to keep the Committee informed of any developments in relation to this matter.

3. PROPOSED BOARD SUBMISSION ON THE HAGLEY PARK/BOTANICAL GARDENS MANAGEMENT PLANS

The closing date for submissions on the Council's proposed Hagley Park/Botanical Gardens Management Plans is 25 October 2006.

The Committee held a preliminary discussion on the proposed plans. A draft submission will be formulated and presented to the Board for consideration and adoption at its meeting on 25 October 2006. In the meantime, a combined Community Board seminar is to be held on the Plans on 5 October 2006.

4. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FUNDS UPDATE

The Committee discussed a number of possible ideas for projects around which the Board could prioritise its efforts over the next 12 months, with a view to allocating its available 2006/07 Environment Committee Fund totalling \$33,475.

The Committee's recommendation is recorded under Clause 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5 of this report.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Members were provided with an opportunity to share issues of concern and give a brief update on community activities.

6. SUPPLEMENTARY DEPUTATION

The Committee decided that the following deputation be received and considered at the present meeting:

- (a) Halswell Rugby League Netball Club – Proposed Sports Fields Development.

7. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board **resolves:**

7.1 To request a copy of the letter from the Halswell Rugby League Netball Club formally withdrawing their objection to the City Plan in relation to the proposed sports fields development at Halswell Domain.

7.2 To request a joint deputation with the Halswell Rugby League Netball Club to a forthcoming Council meeting to discuss the slow progress on the development of 5 hectares of sports fields on Halswell Domain.

7.3 To request that staff:

- (a) report back to the Board on whether funding could potentially be allocated to the placement of new street trees in the Riccarton/Wigram ward during the next planting season.

- (b) note the following priorities for the placement of new street trees in the Riccarton/Wigram ward:

- Brynley Street
- Buchanans Road
- Boston Avenue
- Gilberthorpes Road
- Amyes Road
- Neil Street

7.4 To request staff to link street tree plantings, where possible, with any kerb and channel renewal planned.

7.5 To request advice from staff on the feasibility of funding the following activities/projects from remaining 2006/07 Environment Committee Funds:

- \$5,000 for Street Tree Plantings within the Riccarton/Wigram ward
- \$5,000 for Daffodil Plantings within the Riccarton/Wigram ward
- \$2,000 for a Board-sponsored Arbor Day School Plantings Scheme
- \$5,000 for Riccarton Teahouse Landscape (re-establishment of tea house garden)
- \$2,000 for a Community Noticeboard at Harvard Lounge
- \$1,000 for commemorative plaques
- \$5,000 for installation of BBQ tables/park benches.