



Christchurch City Council

SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2006

AT 4.00 PM

IN THE BOARDROOM, PAPANUI SERVICE CENTRE,
CNR LANGDONS ROAD AND RESTELL STREET

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1. APOLOGIES

2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING REPORT – 4 OCTOBER 2006

The report of the meeting of 4 October 2006 has been circulated to the Board under separate cover (see attached).

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report to Council of 4 October 2006 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

4. PETITIONS

5. BANKS AVENUE/DUDLEY CREEK LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Unit Manager
Authors:	Mary Hay, DDI: 941 5410 and Abigail Smith, DDI: 941 8760

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to proceed to detailed design and implementation of the Banks Avenue/Dudley Creek landscape enhancement plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In 2005 the Greenspace Unit undertook community consultation on bank stabilisation, tree removal and general stream enhancement of Dudley Creek in conjunction with proposed street works in Banks Avenue.
3. To date, the following works have been completed:
 - The traffic calming and kerb and channel renewal - as Banks Avenue is the boundary between the Shirley/Papanui and the Burwood/Pegasus wards this work required the approval of both Community Boards (Transport and City Streets Unit).
 - Minor bank stabilisation works (Greenspace Unit).
 - Thirty nine trees indicated as high priority removal have been removed (with the exception of a willow outside number 100 Banks Avenue, this being at the residents' request due to special circumstances) (Greenspace Unit),
4. As the Banks Avenue/Dudley Creek landscape enhancement is located solely in the Shirley/Papanui ward, it only requires approval from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board. However, this report will be brought to the attention of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board for its information, as it has been closely involved in the consultation on these projects.
5. The objective of the Banks Avenue/Dudley Creek landscape enhancement plan is to develop a safe, aesthetically pleasant and sustainable environment along Banks Avenue. In order to achieve this, Council staff sought community views to aid with the development of a concept plan.

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6. The consultation began with a public meeting at the Banks Avenue School on 12 April 2005, which provided an opportunity for Council staff to present options to address the bank stabilisation, tree removal and enhancement programme proposed for Dudley Creek. The residents and the school were provided with submission forms so that further discussion on the options could take place after the meeting and then written submissions could be made to the Council. The community were asked to provide comment on preferred replacement tree and plant species, views on whether the footpath should be formalised along Banks Avenue, and an indication of interest in co-ordinating bank enhancement works with the Council. The Greenspace Unit also invited Banks Avenue residents/owners/stakeholders to meet the project team on site to discuss the required works and the community's aspirations for the area.
7. Written feedback from the consultation indicated support for a wide range of tree species and a call for a mix of natives and exotics, evergreen and deciduous tree and plant species. The majority of the community supported the idea of an informal footpath. Many residents supported the offer of working with the Council as part of the bank stabilisation work.
8. As a result of the feedback received from the community, staff developed an initial concept plan for the proposed bank stabilisation and enhancement work that reflected the community's preferred tree and plant species. The concept plan included a mix of exotic and native shrubs and trees. The concept was presented to the community at a public meeting on July 19 2005, with the plan gaining wide acceptance judging by subsequent positive feedback.
9. The recommended landscape plans are included as attachment 3 (Lp 1959 1- 7) and include a mixture of native and exotic tree species but predominantly exotic species including maples, ash, elms and oak. The recommended low planting is predominantly native species that are well suited to the riparian environment. They will have a height at maturity of between 0.50 - 1.5 metres. The recommended landscape plans include a proposed plant list. A detailed planting plan will be developed once the Community Board has approved the concept. It is anticipated that the planting plan reflects community aspirations for the enhancement of Banks Avenue/Dudley Creek. It is proposed that the low planting will occur in November 2006 and replacement tree planting will proceed between May and August 2007, in the autumn/winter planting season.
10. Two options were considered for the upgrade to Banks Avenue/Dudley Creek:
 - (a) Enhancement of the riparian area.
 - (b) Status quo – no change to the park.
11. The preferred option, (a) enhancement of the riparian area, best satisfies the objectives of the project and is consistent with feedback received through community consultation.
12. In addition to the proposed landscape enhancement, it is proposed to upgrade the concrete headwall for Dudley Creek on the River Road and Banks Avenue corner. The work is to be undertaken as a joint project between the Transport and Greenspace Unit and Urban Renewal, Strategic Support Unit. The work will commence within the current financial year and under delegated authority.
13. The plan proposes widening the footpath at its narrowest point by up to 1.5 metres by means of a 'clip-on', cutting down the entire headwall to footpath level and replacing with a coloured steel balustrade to match the existing stretch on the opposite side of River Road, and replacing the wooden barrier along the edge of the river bank to the pedestrian crossing with a 'Warner' steel safety fence to match the new steel balustrade. To make a feature of this area, which is where Dudley Creek exits to the Avon River, the footpath will be resurfaced with cobblestones and a granite plaque 'Dudley Creek' installed in line with the treatment of other headwall sites.

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FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

14. The proposed upgrade to Banks Avenue/Dudley Creek is programmed in the Greenspace Unit's capital budget, for implementation over the 2006/2007 and 2007/08 financial years as follows:

\$50,000	Banks Avenue (Waterways and wetlands restoration)	2006/07
\$50,000	Banks Avenue (Waterways and wetlands restoration)	2007/08

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board:

- (a) Approves the landscape plans in Attachment 3 (Lp 1959 1-7 dated 29 August 2006), in order to proceed to detailed design and implementation of the Banks Avenue/ Dudley Creek landscape enhancement plan
- (b) Receives the information on the proposed removal of the remaining 'low' priority trees as identified on the landscape plans in Attachment 3 (Lp 1959 1- 7 dated 29 August 2006)
- (c) Receives the information on the proposed upgrade to the existing headwall over Dudley Creek at River Road and Banks Avenue

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.

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BACKGROUND ON BANKS AVENUE/DUDLEY CREEK LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT

Banks Avenue Traffic Calming and Kerb and Channel Renewal Project

15. The Council has completed traffic calming and kerb and channel renewal project for Banks Avenue in the 2005/2006 financial year.
16. The Greenspace Unit has been working alongside the Transport and City Streets Unit to prepare a bank maintenance and stream enhancement programme for Dudley Creek along Banks Avenue. This work has been undertaken in conjunction with ongoing tree work, which includes the staged removal of approximately 60 trees that needed to be removed for health and safety reasons (39 trees have been removed to date).

Banks Avenue/ Dudley Creek Landscape Enhancement Plan

17. The objective of the Greenspace project was to develop a management strategy to develop a safe, aesthetically pleasant and sustainable environment along Banks Avenue. In order to achieve this Council staff sought community views so that a concept plan could be developed.
18. The consultation began with a public meeting at the Banks Avenue School on 12 April 2005.
19. This meeting was chaired by Yvonne Palmer, Chairperson of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board and Glenda Burt, Chairperson of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board. The meeting provided an opportunity for the Greenspace Unit to present options to address the maintenance, stabilisation and enhancement programme proposed for Dudley Creek along Banks Avenue. A tree removal plan was presented. The issues raised at this meeting were:
 - The bank instability and planned bank work
 - The proposed landscaping (including a 'no landscaping' option)
 - The tree removal plan, which was formed from an independent tree assessment carried out in November 2004 which indicated that trees needed to be removed for health and safety reasons
 - The option to include an informal pathway.
20. At this meeting the residents and the school were provided with submission forms so that further discussion on the options could take place after the meeting and then written submissions could be made to the Council. Feedback forms were distributed to Banks Avenue residents who could not attend the meeting.
21. The community were asked to provide comment on preferred replacement tree and plant species, give their views on whether the footpath should be continued along Banks Avenue, and indicate interest in co-ordinating bank enhancement works with the Council.
22. This formal written phase of the consultation period ran until 30 April 2005. In addition to this, Council staff invited Banks Avenue residents/owners and other stakeholders to meet the project team on site for a 'landscape ramble'. The landscape ramble on Saturday 14 May 2005 provided an opportunity for staff to discuss consultation feedback with the community and gain a better understanding of the residents' aspirations for tree replanting.
23. The landscape ramble also aided the community's understanding of the need for bank stabilisation work and the proposed ongoing tree work, which included a number of trees that needed immediate removal for health and safety reasons. The majority of this tree removal work has been completed except for the lower priority work and some variations to the original plan.

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24. The local residents have been made aware that the tree removals would be staged, according to priority. In total there remain 21 trees that still require removal for health and safety reasons. This work will proceed under delegated authority and affected residents will be notified as work progresses. Taking into account the removal of approximately 39 trees, there will be a total of about 60 tree removals in Banks Avenue. It is proposed to provide about the same number of replacement trees.
25. In addition, there are two trees not on the original plan presented at the April 12 meeting that now also require removal. A large cypress tree outside number 76 Banks Avenue now represents a significant health and safety risk to the public and needs removing. This is due to the failure of an adjacent tree of the same species and size during a recent storm event undermining the embankment and root plate of the remaining tree. A birch outside number 9a Banks Avenue has also suffered decline since the initial survey and should be removed.
26. The written feedback from the Banks Avenue/Dudley Creek enhancement consultation is summarised in Attachment 2. General feedback was as follows:
27. **Tree Replacement Suggestions** – feedback from the community indicated support for a wide range of tree species, with approximately 40 species being specifically requested. In general, there was a call for a mix of natives, exotics, evergreens and deciduous species. There was a request for some large trees to replace mature trees that were removed. The tree planting specifications will include a selection of (approximately 60) trees at various grades from 1.5 metres to 3 metres plus in height. The trees may be open ground (bare root) or containerised and it may be possible to source transplantable stock dependent on species availability and more detailed assessment of ground conditions, ie slope, access etc. It is estimated that the largest grade tree possible to plant would be approximately 5-6 metres in height, subject to the above.
28. **Landscaping** - feedback from the community indicated support for a wide range of plant species, with approximately 30 species being specifically requested. In general, there was a call for a mix of native and exotic species.
29. **Footpath** – Formal and informal feedback indicated that an informal path was all that was required/desired by locals.
30. **Bank Stabilisation Work** – many residents supported the offer of working with the Council as part of the bank stabilisation work. All the identified 'low and medium priority' work required to stabilise the banks has been completed. Contractors have added extra material to the banks, and re-contoured where necessary.
31. The major bank stabilisation work adjacent to numbers 152, 70, and 100 Banks Avenue is currently being designed. Cost sharing arrangements are being investigated.
32. As a result of feedback received in the formal consultation and the landscape ramble, staff developed an initial concept plan that reflected the community's preferred tree and plant species. The concept plan includes a mix of exotic and native shrubs and trees as suggested by residents during consultation.
33. To present the concept plan to the community, the local community were invited to a public meeting 19 July 2005 held at Banks Avenue School. This meeting was chaired jointly by the Shirley/Papanui and the Burwood/Pegasus Community Boards.
34. The concept plan (Attachment 1 - Lp1605) was discussed at this public meeting and it was widely accepted. The tree removal and bank stabilisation plan, which has proceeded under delegated authority as an operational matter, was also discussed at this meeting and was more reluctantly received, probably due to the extent of the required tree removals. To further aid the community's understanding of the tree management plan, the high priority tree removals were marked on site so residents could look at them in their own time if they could not make the landscape ramble.

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35. The initial concept plan for the Banks Avenue/Dudley Creek Enhancement that was presented to the community has been amended in the following way:
- The minor bank stabilisation work has been removed from the plan as this work has been completed as an operational matter. This work has been undertaken under delegated authority.
 - The proposed informal footpath has been removed from the plan as there was a strong indication at the 19 July 2005 meeting to leave the informal path as it is so people can make their own way along the bank.
 - The proposed shrubs have been removed from the plan due to safety concerns about children using this as a route to school. Although shrubs were requested by residents, the site has been tidied up and some shrubs have been removed. According to Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles, it is best to ensure that planting is low to ensure good visibility sight-lines and casual surveillance are provided, especially between the road and the existing informal footpath.
36. The recommended landscape plans, Attachment 3 (Lp 1959 1-7 dated 29 August 2006) include a plant list. Tree species include a mix of native and exotic species but is predominantly exotic species including maples, ash, elms and oak. The recommended low planting is compromised predominantly of native species that are well suited to the riparian environment. They will have a height at maturity of between 50 centimetres and 1.5 metres.
37. The detailed planting plan will be developed once the Community Board has approved the concept. It is anticipated that the planting plan will reflect community aspirations for the enhancement of Banks Avenue/Dudley Creek. It is proposed that low planting will occur in November 2006 and that replacement tree planting will proceed between May and August 2007, in the autumn/winter planting season.

Proposed Upgrade to the Headwall on the corner of River Road and Banks Avenue

38. In addition to the proposed landscape enhancement, it is proposed to upgrade the existing headwall on River Road and Banks Avenue corner. This is a joint project between the Transport and Greenspace Unit and Urban Renewal, Strategic Support Unit. The work will be undertaken within the current financial year and under delegated authority.
39. The existing footpath at this corner narrows to a point of only 1.2 metres and does not meet safety requirements. The narrowness creates a safety issue with pedestrians stepping off the kerb into the carriageway to allow others to pass, especially when faced with an oncoming pram or pushchair. This has been brought to the attention of Council officers by local residents. This is a pedestrian route to the Banks Avenue Primary School – the pedestrian crossing being only 40 metres from this point – and so usage is high, especially before and after school.
40. The existing concrete headwall at this point and the wooden safety barrier are frequently the target of graffiti attack. This was also brought to the attention of staff by a resident when on a site inspection to the area in regard to the recently consulted traffic safety work in Banks Avenue. The riverbank on the other side of River Road, immediately adjacent, received extensive enhancement work a couple of years ago and incorporates a steel balustrade.
41. The proposed work involves widening the footpath at its narrowest point by up to 1.5 metres by means of a 'clip-on', cutting down the entire headwall to footpath level and replacing with a coloured steel balustrade to match the existing stretch on the opposite side of River Road and replacing the wooden barrier along the edge of river bank to the pedestrian crossing with a 'Warner' steel safety fence to match the steel balustrade. To make a feature of this area, which is where Dudley Creek exits to the Avon River, the footpath will be resurfaced with cobblestones and a granite plaque 'Dudley Creek' installed in line with the treatment of other headwall sites.

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- 42. This area falls within the Richmond Neighbourhood Improvement Plan Area and so is a focus area for such work. The project will be a major maintenance project that addresses a pedestrian safety issue while enhancing the experience of a natural waterway, creating a pleasant social area on a busy pedestrian route as well as deterring further graffiti – the steel fencing is more difficult to deface.
- 43. Refer to Attachment 4 for photographs that show the proposal - the site as it is at present, a visualisation of as it is proposed and one of the riverbank treatment opposite.

OPTIONS

- 44. There were two options considered for the Banks Avenue/Dudley Creek landscape enhancement:
 - (a) Enhancement of the riparian area. This option is most favoured by the community, which supports the enhancement of the riparian area, allows for improved sight-lines to be maintained to enhance personal safety; and allows for the replacement of trees that had to be removed for health and safety reasons.
 - (b) Status quo - No tree and landscape replacement work completed in the riparian area of Banks Ave. This option would not meet community expectations.

PREFERRED OPTION

- 45. The preferred option, (a) enhancement of the riparian area, best satisfies the objectives of the project and is consistent with feedback received through community consultation.

6. STREET TREE REMOVALS – 36 SEFTON STREET

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Unit Manager
Author:	Graham Clark DDI: 941 8630

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to the removal of (potentially) two trees for the purpose of installation of a new vehicle crossing at 36 Sefton Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. In March 2006 Anne Gane and Graeme Skellerup (“the applicants”) approached the Council with a request to remove one silver birch (*Betula pendula*) street tree, on the berm at 36 Sefton Street to allow a new vehicle crossing to be constructed. The proposed new vehicle crossing location directly conflicts with location of the street tree(s).
- 3. The applicants are requesting permission to remove the tree(s) prior to resubmitting an Resource Management Act application to add a garage to the section (current application in respect of this is suspended awaiting a decision on the tree(s)).
- 4. The tree which the applicant would like removed is a maturing silver birch. The silver birch has good vigour and vitality, is of reasonable size (approximately 5 metres in height with a canopy spread of 4 metres) and moderate form. The tree is situated mid-way across the grass berm in front of the property and contributes to the amenity of the street landscape (see attachment 1). It is one of a group of nine trees of a mixture of birch and ash species. These trees create an avenue affect for this section of the street.

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5. The tree(s) on the berm were identified by the applicant on the design plans submitted for the proposed development.
6. Following a site inspection it was discovered that the proposed crossing point as shown on submitted designs would, in fact, affect two trees on site. If the proposed crossing point remains unchanged the silver birch tree will require removal and the adjacent red ash *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* would have its root system affected by the construction of the new crossing point. The red ash has poor form, poor vigour and poor vitality. It is of reasonable size (approximately 4 metres in height with a canopy spread of 3.5 metres). If the crossing point is relocated by about 1.5 metres to the north or south it will only significantly affect one tree making it possible to retain the other tree.
7. Should the removal(s) be approved in principal by the Community Board, Christchurch City Council would like to replace the lost amenity value of the removed tree(s) by planting a replacement tree(s) elsewhere in the street. There are suitable planting locations in other sections of Sefton Street. The species proposed as replacement(s) being Red ash, *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* which would compliment the existing species in the street.
8. Adjacent and opposite neighbours will be notified prior to any work taking place.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. Any healthy street tree can only be removed with approval from the appropriate Community Board and any protected street tree can only be removed by a successful application under the Resource Management Act. These trees are not listed as protected under the provisions of the Christchurch City Plan.
10. The actual cost to remove the trees and replace them with pb95 grade trees is:

(a)	Removal and replacement of red ash	\$415
(b)	Removal and replacement of silver birch	\$415
(c)	Removal and replacement of both red ash and silver birch	\$530
11. The summary of valuations for the trees affected using STEM are:

(a)	Silver birch	\$ 5,400
(b)	Red ash	\$ 4,000
12. STEM is the national arboricultural industry standard for evaluating and valuing amenity trees. STEM is used as a valuation tool by other Councils such as Auckland, Tauranga, Lower Hutt and Wellington.
13. STEM valuations on the trees concerned are detailed on the attached valuation sheets.
14. Removing and replacing the trees without obtaining reimbursement from the applicant is inconsistent with the current LTCCP as funding has not been allocated in the Transport and Greenspace Unit operational budget for the removal of healthy trees to allow for vehicle crossings.
15. Obtaining reimbursement from the applicant to remove and replace the trees is consistent with the current LTCCP.
16. All tree work will be carried out by the Council's Street Tree Maintenance Contractor.

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OPTIONS

Option (A)

17. Remove both the silver birch and red ash trees affected and replace them with red ash trees subject to the applicant gaining planning permission to complete their proposed development.
18. Actual cost of \$530 excluding GST to remove and replace both of the trees is borne by the applicants.
19. The applicants to be charged the full STEM valuation for the silver birch tree of \$5,400. No charge to be made in respect of the red ash due its condition.

Option (B)

20. Remove the red ash only and replace it with another red ash tree at an alternate location within Sefton Street subject to the applicants gaining planning permission to complete their proposed development. The applicants to redesign their application for driveway to take account of the retention of the silver birch tree and resubmit it to Council.
21. Actual cost of \$415 excluding GST to remove and replace the red ash tree is borne by the applicants.
22. The applicants are not to be charged the full STEM valuation for the red ash tree due to trees condition.

Option (C)

23. Remove the silver birch only and replace it with a red ash tree at an alternate location within Sefton Street subject to the applicants gaining planning permission to complete their proposed development.
24. Actual cost of \$415 excluding GST to remove and replace the silver birch tree is borne by the applicants.
25. The applicants to be charged the full STEM valuation for the silver birch tree of \$5,400.

Option (D)

26. Status quo. Do not remove either silver birch or red ash trees. Trees are to be maintained to accepted international arboricultural standards. Potential development is to be declined or redesigned so that it does not interfere with either the roots or the canopy of either of the two trees.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board adopts Option (B) and approves:

- (a) That the red ash tree located on the Sefton Street berm outside 36 Sefton Street be removed to allow for vehicle crossings to be constructed if the pending associated planning consent is approved by Council post amending to ensure the silver birch tree is retained and protected.
- (b) That the silver birch tree be retained, left to grow true to form and will be maintained by Council to internationally accepted arboricultural standards.
- (c) That the red ash once removed is replaced with another pb95 grade red ash at an alternate location in close proximity to the original tree in Sefton Street.

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- (d) That the actual costs of \$415 excluding GST for removing the tree and replacing it with a pb95 grade red ash is borne by the applicants.
- (e) That the driveway design will require altering to accommodate the retention of the silver birch tree.
- (f) That due to the overall poor condition of the red ash the STEM valuation is not utilised for reimbursement considerations.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.

7. STREET TREE REMOVALS – 340 LOWER STYX ROAD

General Manager responsible:	Jane Parfitt General Manager City Environment DDI 941 8656
Officer responsible:	Michael Aitken Manager Transport and Greenspace DDI – 941 6287
Author:	Graham Clark DDI 941 8630

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the removal of a large blue gum tree situated on the grass berm outside 340 Lower Styx Road, to enable the completion of the Lower Styx Road sewer renewal project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. On 16 September 2006 Council Design Leader, Howard Simpson, Water Environment, City Solutions Unit, approached the Transport and Greenspace Unit with a request to remove one blue gum tree, on the berm of 340 Lower Styx Road to allow construction of a the Lower Styx Road sewer renewal project.
- 3. The blue gum has good vigour and vitality, is of large size (approx 10m in height with a canopy spread of 10m) and moderate form. The tree structure currently leans across the Lower Styx Road.
- 4. Construction of the Lower Styx Road sewer renewal project is close to being tendered and it is understood that it would be very difficult to redesign the route of the new pipes to ensure the street tree remains.
- 5. The present condition of the existing sewer has been described as "corroding and could collapse any day" by Gordon Taylor of Christchurch City Council.
- 6. In order to install the new sewerage system a 3m wide trench is to be excavated and this will result in considerable damage to the existing trees root system. Centre of the trench would be located 3 metres from the trunk of the tree. If the tree is to be retained excavations around the root system must be carried out by hand at considerable extra expense to the project, (additional costs of at least \$2,250 are estimated by Council staff involved in the project).
- 7. The tree roots are currently causing damage to the existing footpath outside 340 Lower Styx Road and roots are also encroaching into the adjacent private property lifting the lawn area (see attached).
- 8. The Council does not intend to immediately replace the loss of amenity that would result from the removal of the tree, but will place the entire street on the replacement tree planting programme. This will ensure that the character and identity of the street is enhanced through a publicly consulted process in accordance with the LTCCP.

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9. The current resident and the owners of 340 Lower Styx Road have been consulted over the removal and are happy for the tree to be removed. They have expressed little opinion in regard to having a replacement tree.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. Any healthy street tree can be removed only with approval from the appropriate Community Board and any protected street tree can be removed only by a successful application under the Resource Management Act. These trees are not listed as protected under the provisions of the Christchurch City Plan.
11. The actual cost to remove the trees will be covered as a cost to the Lower Styx Road sewer renewal project. Estimated cost for removal \$1,200.
12. All tree work will be carried out by the Council's Street Tree Maintenance Contractor.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board adopts Option (A) and approves:

- (a) The removal of the blue gum tree to facilitate construction of the Lower Styx Road sewer renewal project.
- (b) That no immediate replacement planting be undertaken to replace the lost amenity value of the tree removed.
- (c) Lower Styx Road be included on the Council replacement tree planting programme for 2006/07 in accordance with the LTCCP.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.

OPTIONS**Option (A)**

13. Remove the blue gum and do not replace the tree in the immediate future. The whole street will be assessed for replacement planting in 2006. Initial assessment to be commenced in December 2006.

Option (B) Status quo

14. Do not remove the blue gum tree. Tree is to be maintained to accepted international arboricultural standards. The Lower Styx Road Sewer Renewal Project to be constructed in such a fashion that the tree is protected from damage to its structure both above and below ground.

8. STREET TREE REPLACEMENT – PROCTOR, GAMBIA AND LOFTUS STREETS

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Manager
Author:	Graham Clark

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the removal and replacement planting of multiple trees in Proctor Street, Gambia Street and Loftus Street in conjunction with the Papanui Cluster Street Refurbishment Capital Project 2006 (kerb and channel replacement).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. On 6 September 2006 Council Arborist, Graham Clark, briefed the Shirley/Papanui Community Board members of the Council's intention to replace all of the street trees in Proctor Street and to replace several other street trees located in Gambia and Loftus streets which in the Council's opinion need replacement.
3. Council will undertake the following works:
- Removal of all senescent trees.
 - Removal of all trees of poor form, vigour and vitality.
 - Removal of nuisance trees as perceived by residents and agreed by Council.
 - Removal & replacement of three private trees if owners consent is gained. Council to cover all costs if consent is given.
 - Removal of all trees which Council deem to be inappropriate through proximity to electrical services and / or are damaging other infrastructure within the street.
 - Implement a replacement planting regime in 2007 which compliments the newly designed landscape plans for Proctor, Gambia and Loftus Streets.
 - Replacement planting species to be white ash, *Fraxinus americana* and South Island Kowhai, *Sophora microphylla* in Proctor Street.
 - Replacement planting species to be Manna ash, *Fraxinus ornus* in Gambia Street.
 - Replacement planting species to be Evergreen magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora* and South Island Kowhai, *Sophora microphylla* in Loftus Street.
4. The Council does not intend to immediately replace the loss of amenity that would result from the removal of the tree's but will place the streets on the replacement tree planting programme for implementation in the 2007 planting season. This will ensure that the character and identity of the street is enhanced through a publicly consulted process in accordance with the LTCCP.

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5. All stakeholders as nominated at the Shirley/Papanui Seminar Meeting on 6 September 2006 who are directly affected by the proposed operations have been consulted over the removal and replacement planting proposal and details of their submissions are attached in the consultation report prepared by the Consultation Leader, City Environment.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. Any healthy street tree can only be removed with approval from the appropriate Community Board and any protected street tree can only be removed by a successful application under the Resource Management Act. These trees are not listed as protected under the provisions of the Christchurch City Plan.
7. Funding is allocated in the Transport and Greenspace Unit, Capital Works Budget for the removal and replacement of these trees and is consistent with the LTCCP.
8. All tree work will be tendered out to Council approved Arboricultural and Horticultural Contractor's as appropriate.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board adopts Option (A) and approves:

- (a) Removal of all trees as recommended in the attached removal plans for Proctor, Gambia and Loftus Streets.
- (b) Implementation of the planting regimes identified in the attached concept landscape plans for Proctor, Gambia and Loftus Streets in 2007 planting season.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATIONS

That the staff recommendations be adopted.

8. Cont'd

OPTIONS

Option (A)

9. Removal of all trees as identified on the removal plans and replacement planting in accordance with the concept landscape plans for Proctor, Gambia and Loftus Streets.

Option (B)

10. Status quo. Do not remove any trees. Trees are to be maintained to accepted international arboricultural standards.

9. PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN ADVENTURE PARK ON RECREATIONAL RESERVE AT SPENCERVILLE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, City Environment Group
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager, Transport and Greenspace Unit
Author:	Tony Hallams, Corporate Support Unit DDI 941-8320

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to grant Adrenalin Forest Limited, (Mr Jean Caillibert) a licence so it can proceed to establish a French ropes-based "Adventure Park".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Mr Jean Caillibert, on behalf of Adrenalin Forest Limited, has negotiated with Council staff over the last two years to install the adventure-based ropes course at Seafield Park, Spencerville. Negotiations have now reached the point to enable proceeding with the granting of a licence that meets the Council's requirements over an area of approximately 5 ha on recreation land/forest opposite Spencer Park, for a maximum term of five years.
3. The Shirley/Papanui Community Board was presented with a number of financial and legal considerations in a report dated 26 January 2005 (refer attachment) which led to support in principle for this project.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. Public Notice to comply with the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 has been undertaken, no objections were received, enabling a licence to be negotiated.
5. The Board has delegated authority to grant a licence under The Reserves Act 1977.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board:

- (a) Approve the granting of a licence under Section 54 (1)(d) of the Reserves Act 1977 to Adrenalin Forest Limited for a term of up to five years over part of Rural Section 40231 Spencerville.
- (b) Grant authority to the Corporate Support Manager to conclude and administer a licence on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Council.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

9. Cont'd

BACKGROUND

6. Mr Jean Caillibert through "Deputations by Appointment" briefed the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee on 23 September 2004 of his intention to bring a French ropes-based adventure park concept to Christchurch. He sought to find a suitable Council site to implement this concept. The Committee decided that staff confer with Mr Caillibert on his proposal and report back.
7. Mr Caillibert, after discussions with staff, sought to utilise a parcel of land at Seafield Park, Spencerville. The proposal was publicly advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977 as part of a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. No objections or other proposals other than Mr Caillibert's proposal and tender, were received. The Department of Conservation will need to provide final approval for the project.
8. Negotiations to meet Council terms and conditions to satisfy any licence have now been satisfactorily concluded. A copy of the final proposal will be available for tabling at the meeting.

OPTIONS

9. The Board, having approved this proposal in principle, and the licensee having satisfied all Council's terms and conditions, now has no practical option other than to approve this licence and have the project proceed. This report therefore seeks the approvals and delegations for this to occur.

10. COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING DATES - 2007

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Regulation and Democracy Services Group
Officer responsible:	Secretariat Manager
Author:	Elaine Greaves, DDI: 941-6726

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to a schedule of meetings for 2007.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In anticipation of the Board continuing its present practice of meeting twice per month, the following dates are proposed:

31 January	13 June
14 & 28 February	4 & 18 July
14 & 28 March	8 & 22 August
4 & 18 April	5 September
2, 16 & 30 May	

3. It is proposed that all meetings will be held on a Wednesday, commencing at 4pm in the Boardroom at the Papanui Service Centre.
4. Meetings are only scheduled to September 2007 due to the Local Body elections being held in October 2007.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. Nil.

10. Cont'd

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board adopt the above meeting dates for its ordinary meetings for 2007, with meetings commencing at 4pm, being held in the Boardroom, Papanui Service Centre.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That ordinary meetings be held in either the Boardroom, Papanui Service Centre, or an alternative venue approved by the Community Board.

11. HAGLEY PARK/BOTANIC GARDENS

The Board will have an opportunity to discuss proposed changes and formulate a submission. The closing date for submissions is 25 October 2006. A copy of the consultation document is attached.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board formulate a submission in relation to proposals to implement changes at Hagley Park/Botanic Gardens.

12. REPORT OF THE SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Regulation and Democracy Services Group
Officer responsible:	Secretariat Manager
Author:	Elaine Greaves, DDI: 941-6726

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to submit the following report of the Board's Youth Development Fund Committee which met on 4 October 2006:

**Report of a Meeting of the Youth Development Fund Sub Committee
held on Wednesday 4 October 2006 at 11.30 am
in the Boardroom, Papanui Service Centre**

PRESENT: Yvonne Palmer (Chairperson), Myra Barry, Ngaire Button and Bill Bush.

IN ATTENDANCE: Elsie Ellison (Community Board Principal Adviser)
Prebashni Naidoo (Community Board Secretary)
Bruce Meder (Community Development Adviser)

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received and accepted from Megan Evans.

1. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

The Committee's approval was sought to a request for funding from Sarah Wilson from the Board's 2006/07 Youth Development Fund.

12. Cont'd

The Committee **resolved**:

- (a) To grant \$1,000 from the Board's 2006/07 Youth Development Fund to Sarah Wilson to assist with her travel and associated costs relating to her being a members of the New Zealand delegation to THIMUN in January 2007.
- (b) The applicant to be advised that she could apply to the Board's Discretionary Fund for assistance with the Conference fees, if required.

The meeting concluded at 11.45 am.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

13. CHARACTER HOUSING MAINTENANCE GRANTS PANEL - REPRESENTATIVE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Regulation and Democracy Services
Officer responsible:	Manager, Secretariat Unit
Author:	Elaine D Greaves, Community Board Secretary

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to the appointment of a representative on the Character Housing Maintenance Grants panel.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. If a resident owns a character home within Christchurch City, including Banks Peninsula, funding is available to help towards the external upgrading and maintenance of individual family homes which have a distinctive visual character and make a key contribution to the quality and identity of local streets.
- 3. Grants are available to individual house owners of character residences who are intending to undertake maintenance or repair work to upgrade the external appearance of the existing property (see attached pamphlet).
- 4. All applications received by the Council shall be reported to the appropriate community board which will make recommendations to the Character Housing Grants Panel. The Panel will consist of one member from each of the community boards and a representative from the Strategy and Planning Group.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5. Nil.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board appoint a representative to the Character Housing Maintenance Grants Panel.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

15. UPDATE OF BOARD FUNDS

Attached are schedules detailing the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary, SCAP, Youth Development and Sport and Recreation Funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

16. UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY BOARD PRINCIPAL ADVISER

The Community Board Principal Adviser will update the Board on current issues.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

17. CHAIRPERSON'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Board members will be provided with an opportunity to give an update on community activities.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

19. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS (If any have been submitted in accordance with Standing Orders 4.1.1 to 4.1.5)