



FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2006

AT 3.00 PM

MEETING ROOM 1
CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL FENDALTON
CNR JEFFREYS AND CLYDE ROADS

1. APOLOGIES

Faimeh Burke and Cheryl Colley

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

2.1 Aurora Centre

Vincent Pooch, Chairperson of the Aurora Trust will be in attendance to speak to the Committee relating to a funding application.

2.2 Jellie Park Redevelopment

John Filsell, Unit Manager, Sports and Recreation will be in attendance to update the Committee on Jellie Park redevelopment.

3. AURORA CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

General Manager responsible:	Stephen McArthur, General Manager, Community Services
Officer responsible:	Catherine McDonald, Unit Manager, Community Support Unit
Author:	Maryanne Lomax, DDI 941-6730

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information in relation to an application for funding from the Aurora Centre for the Performing Arts for \$27,000 from the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Aurora Centre are seeking financial support from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board to meet the shortfall in regards to operating the Aurora Centre for the Performing Arts as a community facility.
3. The Trust are seeking a one off contribution of \$27,000 to contribute towards the cost of ongoing maintenance, renewals and replacements.
4. Despite the best efforts of the Board and management, the Aurora Centre is struggling to be financially viable. Increased overhead costs and the loss of a key weekly tenant has meant that the cashflow situation of the Trust has become increasingly critical.
5. The Aurora Centre is an excellent performance venue which risks being lost if external financial support is not forthcoming. Although the Centre is recognised as a metropolitan facility, due to its users coming from all over the city, it is also a key community asset which brings large numbers of people into the Fendalton/Waimairi ward. The Centre also plays a key role in supporting the artistic development of many young people living in this ward through its close relationship with Burnside High School.
6. The Council's Arts Adviser, Marlene Le Cren, has been made aware of the Centre's current situation and will be providing support to the organisation to address some of the long-term sustainability issues they face. This support may include seeking financial support from the Council's Metropolitan funding schemes.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. Council funding of \$735,580 was provided to the Trust at the time of construction. This funding was granted on the understanding that there would be no recourse to the Council in the event of the Trust facing difficulties in meeting operational expenses, or repaying other loans.

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8. A Memorandum of Understanding exists between the Trust and Burnside High School. The school has invested significant time and resources into the Centre and are also one of the key users of this facility.
9. In the past 5 years, the Centre has applied for and received a total of \$120,000 in funding from community charities and the ASB Bank.
10. In relation to this application, the Trust are seeking financial support for the following:
 - Preparation and repainting of dressing rooms, store, corridors, external doors, floor, external wall
 - Stage floor resurface
 - Safety compliance check of technical equipment
 - Servicing of door hardware and maintenance
 - Regular maintenance to air conditioning unit
 - Repairs required to prevent water leaks
 - Regular carpet cleaning
11. There are no legal considerations in relation to this application.

OPTIONS

12. There are three possible options in relation to this application.
 - a) Approve the application for funding from the Aurora Centre for Performing Arts and grant \$27,000 from the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary funding;
 - b) Decline the application for funding from the Aurora Centre for Performing Arts based on two considerations
 - The original Council funding was granted on the understanding that there would be no recourse to the Council in the event of the Trust facing difficulties in meeting operational expenses, or repaying other loans.
 - The group is considered to be metropolitan which in line with the Council practice would normally require a referral to metropolitan funding sources.
 - c) Approve a portion of the amount requested from the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary funding.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agree to decline this request as outlined in Option b).

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BACKGROUND ON THE AURORA CENTRE

13. Planning for the construction of the Aurora Centre for the Performing Arts commenced a decade prior to the opening of the building on 26 October 2001. The building cost \$4.7M to complete. The current estimated replacement cost is \$6M. The Centre is located at Burnside High School .
14. The Trust was set up and the Trust Deed signed on the 14 October 1998. The key objectives included:
 - To provide a community facility in Christchurch accessible to the individuals and organisations representing all ages and social, economic and ethnic backgrounds.
 - To foster, promote, facilitate and encourage interest in music, drama, art, culture, sport, education and other related community interests through the operation of the Aurora Centre for the Performing Arts.
15. Since 2001, 95%-98% of venue bookings have been 'community', i.e. churches, schools, cultural groups, and special interest groups.
16. During 2005, venue visitors were calculated at approximately 105,000.

4. APPLICATION FOR SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING BY MERIVALE PRECINCT SOCIETY

General Manager responsible:	Stephen McArthur, General Manager Community Services
Officer responsible:	Catherine MacDonald, Unit Manager Community Support
Author:	Roger Cave, Community Engagement Adviser, DDI 941-5407

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Committee to consider an application for sponsorship and funding for the Merivale Precinct Society's House Awards to be held during September 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Merivale Precinct Society has made an application for sponsorship and funding to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board for \$4,750.00 for the Society's Heritage House Awards which is to be held in September this year.
3. At the Board's Community Services Committee meeting held on 21 June 2006 it was agreed that a Working Party be established to consider the Board's participation in Heritage Week 2006, and to liaise with the Society on its Heritage House Awards application and ongoing collaboration towards Heritage matters in the Board area.
4. A meeting of the Working Party (Val Carter, Cheryl Colley and Faimeh Burke, together with Mike Wall) met with Society representatives to discuss their application.
5. This meeting also allowed the working party to give some thought to seeking the Board's further involvement into 'Heritage'.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The Society requires funding of \$4,750.00 for three main awards, and a complimentary award based on street frontage improvements, plus plaques, function costs, etc.
7. The total budget is costed at \$5,750.00.

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8. The Club have applied for funding from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board's 2006/07 allocation of \$6,000 for Heritage Awards.
9. Whilst the Society's budget is similar to that of 2005/06 (the Board allocated a grant of \$1,080.00 to cover the three main category prizes, being paintings by a local artist of the three prize winning properties) there has been a decrease in sponsorship and donations (of cash and kind).
10. The Society is planning a membership drive of residents and local business houses, and is also looking to more community focussed activities and promotions in the coming year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is the recommendation of the Working Party that the Community Board:

- a. accept a sponsorship role of the Merivale Precinct Society Annual House Awards and allocate \$3,500.00 from its 2006/07 Heritage Awards funds.
- b. that the Board commit in principle, to initiate a data base project of heritage sites within the Board area as a first step to its participating in heritage activities/community awareness from 2007.

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BACKGROUND ON FUNDING APPLICATION BY MERIVALE PRECINCT SOCIETY

- 11. The Merivale Precinct Society's Annual House Awards are held annually.
- 12. The Awards are held to encourage and raise awareness of well-planned property development, the preservation of heritage and established trees, and to generate good rapport with the commercial businesses throughout the Merivale area.
- 13. There are three categories in the House Awards. An Old-renovated Award, New Home Award and a Commercial Property Award. There is also an Added Touch Award to recognise a special feature, or focal point in the community such as a well designed landscape, fence or an artwork.
- 14. The three main awards are paintings, commissioned by a local artist, depicting the winner's properties. The total cost for the three paintings including framing is \$1,500.00.
- 15. There are a number of other sponsors from the business sector who contribute to the Added Touch Award, and fund spot prizes, food and refreshments for the evening awards function.
- 16. A full copy of the Society's application is **separately circulated** for member's information.

5. **FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT – 2005/2006**

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Regulation and Democracy Services
Officer responsible:	Community Board Principal Adviser
Author:	Prebashni Naidoo, Community Board Secretary

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1. The purpose of this report is to submit accountability reports (**see attached matrix**) for grants allocated by the Board from its 2005/2006 project fund and information on the expenditure of its 2005/06 discretionary funding.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. At its allocation meetings on 30 March 2005 the Board allocated funding as follows:

	\$
Project funding	290,000
Discretionary funding	60,000
SCAP funding	40,000
	\$390,000

The Board had funding of \$390,000 for the 2005/06 year comprising \$60,000 discretionary funding, \$40,000 SCAP and \$290,000 project funding.

- 3. A matrix showing information in respect to project funding, discretionary funding, SCAP and Youth Development funding is **attached**.

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4. The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate, Community Engagement Adviser, Community Development Adviser, Community Recreation Adviser and Transport and City Streets Board Liaison Officer will be in attendance at the meeting to provide the opportunity for any questions to be answered.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

6. BISHOPDALE YMCA – SITE VISIT

Site visit to Bishopdale YMCA.