



Christchurch City Council

SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2006

AT 4.00 PM

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

Community Board: Yvonne Palmer (Chairperson), Myra Barry (Deputy Chairperson), Ngaire Button, Bill Bush, Graham Condon, Megan Evans, Norm Withers.

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1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence has been received from Yvonne Palmer.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING REPORT – 6 SEPTEMBER 2006

The report of the meeting of 6 September 2006 has been circulated to the Board under separate cover (see attached).

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report to Council of 6 September 2006 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

4. GOOD NEIGHBOUR AWARD

Elsie Grueber will be in attendance to receive an award from the Board in recognition of her assistance to a neighbour in need of acquiring urgently needed accommodation.

5. REDWOOD BEAUTIFYING ASSOCIATION AND GARDEN CLUB BUS TRIP - OCTOBER 2006

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Community Services Group
Officer responsible:	Recreation and Sports Unit Manager
Author:	Helen Miles, DDI 941-5409

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to a funding request of \$435 from Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club to subsidise the costs of a bus trip to the Christmas Country Fete in Culverden on Thursday 26 October 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club has been operating for over 50 years, and currently bases activities from St Luke's Church Hall at the corner of Main North and Daniels Roads. The Club has a membership of about 40 gardeners aged between 50 and 90 years, however the majority are over 65 years of age. The Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club has an open door policy to anyone who wishes to join and participate in any of the workshops, competitions or other activities. The Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club charge a yearly membership fee of \$10 which goes towards the cost of overheads.
3. The bus trip will be targeting those members who are keen gardeners however, they could not afford a trip unless it was heavily subsidised. Many of these participants will be over 70 years of age.
4. The Culverden Christmas Country Fete is being held on Thursday 26 October 2006 from 10.00am to 4.00pm. The Fete has over 190 stalls, display various plants, gardening tools, gifts and crafts. There will also be an opportunity for the trip participants to enjoy a variety of entertainment and workshops.

5. Cont'd**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

5. Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club has funds on hand of \$1,553.84, all of which is already committed to other projects. A budget for the bus trip is outlined below:

Expenses:	\$
Bus Hire	360
Gate admission (discount rate)	200
Total expenses	560

Income:	
Members' Fee @ \$5.00 per person	125

Shortfall: 435

6. Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club has not applied to the Council previously for funding assistance.
7. The recommendation of this report is that the Board allocate up to \$435 towards this project from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund. The current balance of the Board's Discretionary Fund is approximately \$55,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocates up to \$435 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund to Redwood Beautifying Association and Garden Club for its bus trip to the Culverden Christmas Fete planned for Thursday 26 October 2006.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

6. RIVERLEA RECREATION AND RIVERLEA ESTATES RESERVE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Manager
Author:	Mary Hay, DDI: 941-5410

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to proceed to detailed design and construction of the Riverlea Recreation and Riverlea Estates Reserve development proposals identified for the 2006/07 financial year and to approve the concepts for the remaining development proposals.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Riverlea Recreation and Riverlea Estates Reserve are local parks at Riverlea, adjacent to Stewarts Gully. Riverlea Recreation was previously known informally as Cricket Pitch Park and was the reserves contribution from the Riverlea subdivision. It contains an open space area and previously contained a swing, which was removed in 2004 for safety reasons. Riverlea Estates Reserve was previously known informally as Pine Park and was gifted to Council with the agreement no buildings are erected on it. It previously contained a number of pine trees and it is now a wilderness-type area that abuts the Waimakariri Stop Bank.

6. Cont'd

3. One of the objectives for the Riverlea Recreation and Riverlea Estates Reserve upgrades was to recognise that each reserve has its own unique character. The Project Team developed a concept for Riverlea Recreation that provides a balance between the informal open space play area, and the playground, BBQ area, seating and basketball half court. The perimeter of the reserve and play facilities is softened with landscaping and it is proposed to provide a footpath through the reserve, adjacent to the proposed playground and paved area. The concept for the development of Riverlea Estates Reserve is to enhance the existing wilderness feel of the area and provide a mix of exotic and indigenous vegetation. These developments will be staged as funding will allow.
4. In June 2006 a publicity pamphlet, which included two initial concept plans, was distributed to the local community and stakeholders (refer attachments 1 and 2). The concept plans included the following proposals:

Riverlea Recreation

- Playground – swings, slide and a junior and intermediate play item
- Park signage and post and cable fencing
- Specimen tree planting – exotic and native
- Seating and picnic tables – two each
- Asphalt footpath
- Perimeter, amenity and screen planting
- Paved area with BBQ and seating
- Basketball half-court.

Riverlea Estates Reserve

- Signage and post and cable fencing
- Specimen tree planting of informal Arboretum – exotic and native
- Seating – two park benches
- Perimeter planting adjacent stop bank
- Amenity groundcover planting
- Native planting of mounds.

5. As the funding allocation for the 2006/07 financial year is limited to \$55,000 and the draft development proposals require a total funding of approximately \$230,000, the community was asked to rank the proposals in order of preference. To assist the community in making this choice, the Project Team suggested that the following development proposals could be prioritised:

Riverlea Recreation – development proposals

- Playground (slide, junior play item, intermediate play item)
- Signage and post and cable fencing
- Specimen tree planting.

Riverlea Estates Reserve– development proposals

- Signage and post and cable fencing
- Specimen tree planting of informal Arboretum.

6. The consultation received a 19% response rate. Community feedback was generally very positive. The consultation outcome and Project Team responses are summarised in attachments 3 and 4.
7. The feedback from the community was supportive of the ranking suggested by the Project Team in paragraph 5, above.
8. The key issues raised in consultation relate to:
 - Facilities - some opposition to the basketball half court, request for toilets
 - Access and Parking – more entrance points sought, request for more parking near Riverlea Estates Reserve
 - Various transport related requests.

6. Cont'd

9. The initial concept has been amended in response to community feedback and the preferred options are appended as attachments 5 and 6. These options best satisfy the objectives of the project and have good community support. Construction of the playground and fencing is scheduled to be implemented prior to Christmas 2006. The planting will be implemented in the 2006/07 planting season, between April and June 2007.
10. There were two options considered for the upgrade to Riverlea Recreation and Riverlea Estates Reserve:
 - (a) Staged development proposals for each park.
 - (b) Status quo – no change to the park.
11. The preferred option, (a) Staged development proposals for each park, best satisfies the objectives of the project and is consistent with feedback received through community consultation.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. The Council has previously agreed that no buildings be erected on Riverlea Estates Reserve.
13. The proposed upgrade to Riverlea Recreation and Riverlea Estates Reserve is programmed in the Greenspace Unit's capital budget, for construction over the 2006/2007 financial year – specifically, \$55,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board:

- (a) Approves the plan in attachment 5 (amended 14 August 2006), in order to proceed to implement the development proposals for Riverlea Recreation, as funding will allow.
- (b) Approves the implementation of the playground (including a slide, 'Jungle Cube', 'Spinner Bowl' and 'Junior Rocker'), park signage and post and cable fencing, and specimen tree planting at Riverlea Recreation in the 2006/07 financial year.
- (c) Approves the plan in attachment 6 (amended 14 August 2006), in order to proceed to implement the development proposals for Riverlea Estates Reserve, as funding will allow.
- (d) Approves the implementation of park signage and post and cable fencing, and specimen tree planting of the Arboretum at Riverlea Estates Reserve in the 2006/07 financial year.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.

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BACKGROUND ON RIVERLEA RECREATION AND RIVERLEA ESTATES RESERVE

14. Riverlea Recreation and Riverlea Estates Reserve are local parks at Riverlea, adjacent to Stewarts Gully. Riverlea Recreation was previously known informally as Cricket Pitch Park and was the reserve contribution from the Riverlea subdivision. It contains an open space area and used to contain a swing, which was removed in 2004 for safety reasons and replaced in 2006. Riverlea Estates Reserve was previously known informally as Pine Park and was gifted to Council with the agreement no buildings are erected on it. It previously contained a number of pine trees and it is now a wilderness-type area that abuts the Waimakariri Stop Bank.
15. The objectives for the Riverlea Recreation and Riverlea Estates Reserve development proposals were:
 - To create development proposals for the two reserves that are endorsed by the community and Community Board
 - To recognise that each reserve has its own unique character and ensure that this is enhanced by the development proposals
 - Seek community opinion on which proposals are a priority
 - If the community identifies a playground as a priority, use the community's preferred type of play equipment, to install a small local playground that is safe and accessible
 - Identify and implement the agreed proposals for the 2006/2007 financial year
 - Seek funding for implementation of the remainder of the development proposals.
16. The Project Team developed the following proposals to meet these objectives:

Riverlea Recreation

- Playground – swings, slide and a junior and intermediate play item
- Park signage and post and cable fencing
- Specimen tree planting – exotic and native
- Seating and picnic tables – two each
- Asphalt footpath
- Perimeter, amenity and screen planting
- Paved area with BBQ and seating
- Basketball half-court.

Riverlea Estates Reserve

- Signage and post and cable fencing
- Specimen tree planting of informal Arboretum – exotic and native
- Seating – two park benches
- Perimeter planting adjacent stop bank
- Amenity groundcover planting
- Native planting of mounds.

17. It is intended that the development of the Riverlea reserves will be staged. In total, the proposals will require funding of approximately \$230,000. As the current funding for the 2006/07 financial year is \$55,000, the above proposals need to be prioritised to determine which proposals will be implemented this year.
18. The community was advised that no further funding has been allocated at this stage and that funding would be sought for the remainder of the proposals in due course. To provide some assistance to the community in making this choice, the Project Team suggested some development proposals that could be prioritised. These were:

Riverlea Recreation – development proposals

- Playground – slide, junior play item, intermediate play item (swings already installed)
- Signage and Post and cable fencing
- Specimen tree planting – exotic and native.

Riverlea Estates Reserve– development proposals

- Signage and post and cable fencing
- Specimen Tree Planting of Informal Arboretum – exotic and native.

6. Cont'd

19. In June 2006 a publicity pamphlet was distributed to approximately 160 residences, absentee owners and key stakeholders. This pamphlet included a summary of the proposals, two initial concept plans (refer attachments 1 and 2), and a feedback form. The Project Team sought feedback from the community to help determine which proposals would be implemented first. The approximate cost of each proposal was itemised on the concept plans and the feedback form asked that the respondent rank each proposal in order of importance. Feedback was also sought on the type of play equipment to install.

20. The consultation received a 19% response rate (31 responses). Community feedback was generally very positive. The consultation outcome and Project Team responses are summarised in attachments 3 and 4. The key issues identified relate to:

- Facilities - some opposition to the basketball half court, request for toilets
- Access – more entrance points sought
- Parking - request for more parking near Riverlea Estates Reserve
- Various transport related requests, e.g. street names, bus turning, speed bump.

21. The Project Team considered the feedback from consultation and revised the concept plan in the following way:

Riverlea Recreation

- Relocated the basketball half court
- Provided additional access points
- Relocated the fence on the eastern boundary of the reserve into the road reserve to increase the usable park area and decrease corner cutting.

Riverlea Estates Reserve

- Provided an additional seat
- Provided additional access points.

22. The feedback from the community indicated support for the proposals that were suggested by the Project Team for implementation in the 2006/07 year. That is:

Riverlea Recreation

- Playground – 'Jungle Cube' was preferred as the intermediate play item. 'Spinner Bowl' and 'Junior Rocker' were both popular as junior play items
- Park signage and post and cable fencing
- Specimen tree planting – exotic and native.

Riverlea Estates Reserve

- Signage and post and cable fencing
- Specimen tree planting of informal Arboretum – exotic and native.

23. In response to the mixed feedback about the basketball half court the Project Team considered an alternative location that is more centrally located and is therefore a greater distance from the properties adjoining the park. This new location was distributed to the residents that adjoin the park, for comment. The new proposed location was supported by all respondents, including those that opposed the original location.

24. The recommended development proposals are included as attachments 5 and 6. These plans best satisfy the objectives of the project and have good community support. Construction of the playground, park signage and post and cable fencing is scheduled to begin before Christmas 2006. Tree planting will proceed between April and June 2007, in the winter planting season.

6. Cont'd**OPTIONS**

25. There were two options considered for the upgrade to Riverlea Recreation and Riverlea Estates Reserve:
- (a) Staged development proposals for each park. This option is most favoured by the community, who support the development of these reserves. The pathway proposal will improve access for those with impaired mobility. Playground, youth recreation facility and community barbecue will foster community cohesion. Social and environmental benefits from landscaping. The fencing will assist the protection of a Council asset.
 - (b) Status quo - no work completed in the Riverlea reserves. This option would not meet community expectations and would not improve access for mobility impaired.

PREFERRED OPTION

26. The preferred option, (a) staged development proposals for each park, best satisfies the objectives of the project and is consistent with feedback received through community consultation.

7. SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT – 2005/2006

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

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to submit accountability reports (see attached matrix) for allocations made by the Board from its 2005/2006 Project Fund, together with information on the expenditure of its 2005/06 Discretionary Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Project funding	\$298,900
Discretionary funding	\$51,100
SCAP funding	\$40,000
Total	\$390,000

3. 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 respond to any questions of clarification.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Board host a function on 22 November 2006 to celebrate the community's successes and partnerships with the Board.

8. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY'S DRAFT METRO STRATEGY 2006-12

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Regulation & Democracy Services
Officer responsible:	Secretariat Unit Manager
Author:	Elaine D Greaves, DDI 941-6726

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an opportunity to give feedback on Environment Canterbury's Draft Metro Strategy 2006-12 (copy attached).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In 1997 the residents of Christchurch, the Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury agreed that providing a world-class public transport system was a good way to address increasing traffic congestion in the city. A Public Transport Strategy was adopted that committed the councils to improve all aspects of the system, including the following:
 - The introduction of the Orbiter
 - Cross-city connections with Metrostar
 - 150 new low floor buses on the road
 - Services more frequent (over 50% increase)
 - Central city bus exchange
 - 500 new shelters and seats
 - Metrocard, first in New Zealand
 - Improved information at bus stops and online including Real-Time information
 - Initial bus priority measures.
3. These improvements led to a 90% increase in passenger trips – a result ahead of all expectations. Patronage has risen to its highest level in over 20 years.
4. Despite these improvements, the growth in traffic congestion is still eroding the quality of residents' lives in Christchurch. In the 800 submissions received, some key community demands emerged, including:
 - Improved frequency
 - A bigger central city Bus Exchange
 - Suburban interchanges
 - More reliable services
 - More information and marketing of services.
5. Submissions close on 4 October 2006.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no financial or legal considerations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board provide feedback to Environment Canterbury regarding its draft Metro Strategy 2006-12, in particular as to whether the proposed improvements are over-ambitious or not ambitious enough; and whether they will deliver a world-class public transport system into the future.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Board formulate a submission on Environment Canterbury's draft Metro Strategy.

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

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

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- The purpose of this report is to submit the following report of the Board's Events Committee which met on 6 September 2006:

**Report of a Meeting of the Youth Development Fund Sub Committee
held on Wednesday 6 September 2006 at 11.00 am
in the Boardroom, Papanui Service Centre**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Elsie Ellison (Community Board Principal Adviser)
Elaine Greaves (Community Board Secretary)
Helen Miles (Community Recreation Adviser)

1. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS

The Committee's approval was sought to two applications for funding from the Board's Youth Development Fund.

The Committee **resolved** as follows:

- To grant \$590 to Te Papanui Youth Development Trust from the Board's 2006/07 Youth Development Fund for Becky Gilmour, Bronson Mohi, Cody Dockerty, Emily Boyle, Francis TeNamu, Nick Whyte, Sophie Kapea, Theresa Iopola, Thomas White and Tony Jackson to attend the Rock Solid Camp in September 2006.
- That an application from Ken and Mathew Henry for \$1,000 from the Board's 2006/07 Youth Development Fund to travel to Brisbane with the St Bedes Under 16 Cricket Development Squad for the Southern Skies Tournament in December 2006 lie on the table, pending further discussion with school principals.

The meeting concluded at 11.13 am

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

10. UPDATE OF BOARD FUNDS

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

11. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

12. CORRESPONDENCE

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to Standing Order 2.16.1, the following notice of motion has been received in writing:

- i) *Medway Street/River Road*
That the Board request staff to investigate safety matters at the intersection of Medway Street/River Road and report back to the Board in relation to any improvements that can be implemented.

14. 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.

15. CHAIRPERSON'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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

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