

12. ENDEAVOUR RESERVE - PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Community Board approval for
 - a) the concept plan of Endeavour Reserve Playground Upgrade and to proceed with detailed design and construction.
 - b) provision of either a keyhole or half basketball court option.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Endeavour Reserve is a small local park adjacent to Endeavour Street in North New Brighton. The playground lies within this reserve where both layout and equipment is in need of an upgrade to comply with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.
3. Relocating the playground closer to the park frontage as per the proposed location will greatly improve visibility and open surveillance of the play area. Introducing several new play items will also establish a wider range of opportunities for play. Removal of the existing concrete wall in the eastern back corner will diminish opportunities for miscreant behaviour.
4. Once play equipment is relocated some minor landscaping will be incorporated to enhance the play area. Landscaping shall include low level planting and a few additional specimen trees for shade provision. These trees are likely to be magnolia and scarlet oak.
5. A basketball court area was proposed through the consultation process. Respondents were requested to comment on their support for/against basketball inclusion and to choose between a half basketball court and a smaller keyhole court area. Basketball is not an additional activity on the park as the previous wall had a hoop attachment. However, funding is not currently available for the basketball court development so it would be added in future when funding becomes available.
6. A preliminary development plan was circulated to key stakeholders in August 2007 to obtain feedback on its design. The final plan, which is **attached** to this report, aims to reflect the views of the community and incorporate community feedback. In this instance, feedback was so supportive of the plan that no changes have been necessary.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There is \$30,000 available in the City Environment Group's 2007/08 financial year for design, consultation, and implementation of the approved plan.
8. The playground will continue to be maintained by a Council maintenance contractor (City Care). Therefore the playground and park can be expected to receive regular maintenance and management. Ongoing maintenance costs will be absorbed by the maintenance budget.

Future provision of a basketball court area will have to be budgeted for. Application will be made to the LTCCP for this future inclusion.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

9. Implementation of Endeavour Reserve Playground Upgrade is a project listed in the 2006-16 LTCCP budget. Recommendations of this report are in alignment with the 2006-16 Long Term Council Community Plan.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. Design and playground equipment utilised is in accordance with New Zealand playground Safety standards and CPTED standards.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

11. All legal requirements pertaining to playgrounds have been met so there is no adverse impact for community.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. Provision of the Endeavour Reserve Playground Upgrade is consistent with the:
 - LTCCP 2006-16
 - Parks and Open Spaces Activity Management Plan
 - Parks and Waterways Access Policy

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

13. The recommendation of this report is to proceed with the relocation and upgrade of Endeavour Reserve Playground which is identified in the 2006-16 LTCCP. Future funding allocation for provision of basketball will need to be applied for in the next round of the LTCCP.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

14. Provision of the Endeavour Reserve Playground Upgrade has primary alignment with the following Council strategies:
 - Recreation and Sport Strategy
 - Children's Strategy
 - Pedestrian Strategy for Christchurch City
 - Security Strategy
 - Urban Renewal Programme
 - Equity and Access for People with Disabilities Policy
 - Children's Play Equipment on Parks Policy
 - Environmental Design Policy

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. Recommendations made in this report are consistent with the Council strategies listed above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. A seminar was held with the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board seeking permission to consult during August 2007. A public information leaflet seeking responses on the preliminary plan was distributed to residents and key stakeholder groups in late August 2007. Residents were asked to indicate their support/non support of the plan and whether they would like a keyhole or half basketball court to be included should funding allow it in the future. Reply paid envelopes were supplied providing residents the option to comment.

In total, 42 response forms have been received from the 400 consultation packages delivered. This was a lower return rate than hoped for yet many positive comments were received.

- 92.8% (39) Support the proposed plan
- 4.8% (2) Did not indicate but wrote positive comments
- 2.4% (1) Do not support the proposed plan but did support the idea of an upgrade

Most respondents also took the opportunity to comment on future basketball provision.

- 28.6% (12) Preferred the keyhole court
- 33.3% (14) Preferred the half court
- 2.4% (1) Thought that no basketball provision would be better
- 28.6% (12) Did not comment or indicate a preference
- 7.1 % (3) Said they did not mind either size

17. A number of suggestions and comments were made that did not relate to the playground upgrade. Where appropriate these comments have been passed on to relevant Council units.
18. A copy of the final plan will be circulated to residents and stakeholder groups prior to the construction date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Approve the proposed Endeavour Reserve Playground Upgrade and the City Environment Group commence implementation.
- (b) Decide on the implementation of either a keyhole or half court basketball option.