


1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1.1 CASEBROOK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



Patricia Stoneman and Lauren Dick-McCann (teachers) and school pupils Cade Hill, Ashlin Thomson, Jade Rogerson and Michelle Hua addressed the Board to express disappointment that funding for their edible garden project had been rejected this year. The garden project had received a conservation award, had involved a large number of pupils and had led to an appreciation of gardening and healthy foods. Funds had been applied for in November 2007 but rejected by the Board. Currently there was a shortfall of \$2,300

The Board **received** the information and **resolved** to ask Mrs Stoneman to provide information with urgency to the Community Board Adviser so that a report could be prepared for the 5 September meeting of the Board to enable it to consider funding the shortfall from discretionary funds.

1.2 ANNABEL BLAIR

Annabel Blair expressed her concern as a Cranford /Westminster Street shop owner at the lack of parking space for customers. She believed this would be exacerbated when the bar planned for 97 – 99 Westminster Street opened. She requested 15-minute parking on the north side of Westminster Street outside the shops, and an extension of yellow no parking lines around the corner. Photographs of the current parking congestion were displayed. Letters were tabled as follows:

George Aerakis and Anastasia Georgiadis, St Albans Seafoods, 101 Westminster Street: Supporting 15 minute parking outside the Business 1 shops in Westminster Street and also outside the house at 103 Westminster Street.

Peter and Lisa Platts, 112 Westminster Street (south side) confirming that they were not opposed to the installation of 15 minute parking outside their property.

It was clarified that existing use rights and an Environment Court decision allowed non-compliance for the bar in providing the normal six car parking spaces.

The Board **received** the information and **resolved** to request an urgent report on 15 minute parking restrictions on the south side of Westminster Street where the yellow lines end, to the two consenting properties (house numbers 112 and 101).

1.3 IRMA WILLIAMS

Irma Williams spoke on the Bethany Hospital Development in Papanui Street and the Rutland Street Reserve. She noted that the Rutland Reserve, as a low lying “wetland”, was ideally suited for a BMX track sited on the drier portion. She displayed photographs of the area.

The Board noted that use of reserve land for other purposes required lengthy negotiations with the Minister of Conservation. It would be a long term matter that would require budgeting. Irma Williams was thanked for her presentation.

The Board **received** the information and **resolved** to ask staff to look into the proposal.

1.4 MAUNSELL LIMITED – BUS PRIORITY MEASURE

Catherine Forrest (Team leader, Maunsell Limited) and Mike Tottman (Project Manager for Transit New Zealand), presented some outline proposals that they were considering for bus priority measures along Main North Road between Factory Road and QEII Drive.

Measures that were being considered for parts of the route included:

- Bus lanes, which would involve reduced parking in some areas during peak periods
- Special traffic signal controls and layouts for buses, such as b-signals to give buses priority at the beginning of green traffic signal phases
- Repositioning of bus stops
- Other methods that would safely give buses priority over other vehicles

The aim of this initial presentation was to obtain the Board's feedback on potential issues along the route so that they could consider all options. Over the next two months they will be preparing a preferred option for Transit New Zealand.

It was clarified that Transit New Zealand would be funding 100% of the proposals.

Kirsty Fergusson (Consultation Leader – Transport) and Richard West (Project Manager – capital programme Team Transport) as representatives from the Council's bus priority team joined the discussion. The proposed bus lanes would have enforcement clearing in place if necessary over the designated bus lane times. The Chairperson stated this may require lobbying the Minister of Transport for more traffic enforcement officers.

Board members noted there was some confusion in the public mind about the topic being discussed and the bus boarding trials in Hills Road.

Transit New Zealand would be handling the media issues and would supply a final version of their publicity brochure. They would also provide advice on consultation dates and the timeframe. Pricing was a basic build cost of \$93,300 and an all-up cost of \$115,000.

Catherine Forrest stated that Board members needed to alert her by email of any traffic issue concerns they had. Already identified concerns were Daniels Road, Belfast Road and parking outside St Bedes College.

The Board **received** the information and thanked the attendees.