

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: LOW INCOME HOUSING

To consider the following notice of motion, which has been submitted by Councillor Graham Berry pursuant to Standing Order 2.16:

“A real opportunity for partnership between the community and council for low income affordable housing exists with the council joining together with ‘Habitat for Humanity’ here in Christchurch.

‘Habitat for Humanity’ has approached Councillor Graham Berry and the Council to assist in their community building here in Christchurch. Internationally thousands of families have been assisted into their own homes thanks to the work of ‘Habitat for Humanity’.

By the Council providing one of our surplus sections, Habitat will have a sound base to assist many of our low income families who could only dream of owning their own family home.

‘Habitat for Humanity’ is an international charitable community housing organisation that builds houses using donated materials and labour for families who would otherwise not be able to have their own family home. So far thousands of houses have been built worldwide.

‘Habitat for Humanity is looking for land for a housing project in Christchurch. The project is essentially a memorial house built in memory of two Americans, Bo and Carolyn Stokes, who were killed in a car accident while visiting New Zealand, their daughter who was severely injured spent several months in Christchurch Hospital. The extended family and friends who came over here after the accident wish to repay in some small way the Christchurch community that showed such support and kindness to their family members while here.

Bo and Carolyn Stokes worked for NATO and their workmates, friends and family feel that a ‘Habitat for Humanity’ project would be a fitting reminder to their memory. Family members and friends intend to come to Christchurch at their own expense to build a house for a Christchurch family in late November this year.

As a Council we have a policy of partnership with community organisations to provide housing, especially where there is added value at no expense to the ratepayers. Habitat for housing is exactly this style of partnership, where communities get hands-on participation with tangible results.

Some of the current surplus Council land is very suitable because of its irregular shape and difficult easements, Habitat houses are built to suit the site with donated labour and materials.

I move that Council officers identify a suitable site with ‘Habitat for Humanity’ and that the Council offer that site for a ‘Habitat for Humanity’ house with a 20 year interest free mortgage in line with the mechanism by which other New Zealand cities have joined in partnership with ‘Habitat for Humanity’.”

COMPLETED WORK

Planning Steps	Approximate Cost	Status
Access to multimedia products on Children's Macs		
Upgrade memory of 15 existing Macintosh computers to at least 16MByte	\$5,000	<i>Complete</i>
Purchase, and install 5 additional Macintosh computers and printers	\$23,000	<i>Complete</i>
Purchase furniture for the additional machines	\$3,000	<i>Complete</i>
7-disk CD-ROM changers to be purchased for all 20 machines	\$17,000	<i>Complete</i>
Purchase additional CD-ROM Titles for use on the CD-ROM changer on each Mac	\$10,000	<i>Complete</i>
Sub TOTAL	\$58,000	
Public Access to Internet Resources		
Purchase and install 28 PCs	\$91,000	<i>All PCs purchased. 26 installed. Two to be installed in May.</i>
Purchase furniture	\$10,000	<i>Complete</i>
Purchase CD-ROM and other software title for use on the PITs	\$10,000	<i>Complete</i>
Public internet use during project	\$50,000	
Sub TOTAL	\$161,000	
Staffing		
Appoint a staff member for two years. Paul Sutherland was the original appointee. Glenn Coster and Catherine Parr each worked for three months on the project.	80,000	
Sub TOTAL	\$81,000	
TOTAL	\$300,000	

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