

13. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

13.1 SUMNER BUS SHELTER

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on progress towards adding a roof over the seat at the bus stop at the corner of Marriner Street and Wakefield Avenue.

City Streets Unit has investigated an appropriate design for the roof over the seat at the landscape area at the intersection. It is felt that a free standing canvas roof would be the most appropriate design for this area. It will reflect the seaside nature of the village and not detract from the palm tree and landscaping. It would be placed over the seat on the south side of the area so those patrons waiting for the bus will be able to see the bus coming along Marriner Street.

City Streets Unit has engaged City Design to produce some possible designs for a free standing canvas roof. When completed these designs will be circulated to the Board and the Sumner Residents Association for comment.

Recommendation: For information.

13.2 GARDEN AWARDS

As part of the process of recent garden awards, certificates were posted to the occupiers of those properties who were participants.

The Board has expressed some concern that this procedure has changed from previous years.

The Board wished to be assured that when the process is developed for the next competitions, they be given the opportunity to take part in the personal distribution of such certificates.

To this end the process will be such that Community Board members will have the opportunity to select which certificates they wish to personally deliver and the balance of the certificates will then be posted directly.

Recommendation: That, as part of the next Garden Awards competition, elected members be given the opportunity to personally deliver Garden Certificates within their ward areas.

13.3 WOOLSTON MAINSTREET

A meeting was held between staff of the City Streets Unit and the Woolston Mainstreet Committee together with other business operators of this area on Monday 14 June.

The purpose of this meeting was to outline to all of those people the programme for the forthcoming capital works that are to happen in this part of Ferry Road.

Lorraine Wilmshurst and Sharon O'Neill from the City Streets Unit detailed the programme that has been proposed to start in September of this year. They expressed their concerns at the length of the contract which, as proposed, could continue into December and disrupt the businesses at a peak time.

It should be noted that earlier discussions had been held with the Mainstreet Committee which had agreed to a September start but as mentioned previously the officers had some concern that if difficulties were experienced it may extend into the shopkeepers' busy December month.

It was put to the meeting that there be an alternative date in that the job be held over and not start until February. After voting and much discussion both for the September and February start a unanimous decision was finally reached that the work be held over until February of the year 2000.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

13.4 WORKING PARTY GREEN OPEN SPACE

For the information of members the working party to discuss with the other Business Units the purchase of property for green open space will meet on Thursday 24 June.

It would be expected that an update report would be presented at the next meeting of the Community Board on progress.

13.5 2000/2001 ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET

Very shortly the Council will begin gathering information for the preparation of the 2000/2001 Annual Plan.

I would like the Board to establish a three person working party to work with me to set up the process on how we should gather information from our community for this activity.

Recommendation: That the Board appoint three members to a working party to work with the Community Advocate to discuss and design a process to ensure that we get full feedback from the community on issues concerning them so that they may be included in the 2000/2001 budget process.

13.6 PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

Former Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board members Richard Boulton and David Cox have been invited to join Board members for afternoon tea immediately before the Board meeting to allow an opportunity for the Board to thank them for their service to the community and to present them with certificates marking their service to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board and to its community.

13.7 TE WHARE ROIMATA – COMMUNITY BOARD VISIT

For some time some members of the Board have sought a visit to Te Whare Roimata. Jenny Smith of Te Whare Roimata has contacted me and suggests the Board visit the site and have the activities of the group explained. This will include visits to some offsite activities.

The proposed date for the visit is: Thursday 15 July 1999 at 10.00am.

It is expected that the visit will take 2 to 2.5 hours.

Officers Recommendation: 1) That the information be received
2) That Board members indicate their availability

13.8 ROAD SIDE VENDING – LINWOOD AVENUE

At its meeting on 3 June 1998, the Community Board decided to support a review of the now restricted areas for road side selling, particularly in Linwood Avenue, Main Road and at Scarborough.

Owing to difficulties this decision has not been implemented. Offices have considered the issues involved.

The two major issues to be addressed are:

- a) Is it safe to carry out this type of road side selling in Linwood Avenue?
- b) If it is not safe, how can this difficulty be overcome?

The Council may need to provide a suitable place for vendors to operate from. Board members will be aware that these vendors have been licensed by the Council to undertake this selling and that the Council has a responsibility to find an equitable solution.

Information on the issues involved will be compiled in an endeavour to examine this issue with some care. Some Board participation may well be required in the future to consider the issues involved, before a detailed report is formally considered by the Board.

Community Advocate's Recommendation: That a working party of the Board talk to the various Council Business Units to explore the difficulties pertaining to this whole issue.