

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a) REDCLIFFS PARK – SKATEBOARD AREA – HALF COURT

The following letter has been received from Mrs M O Rule:

“By sheer good luck I came across a copy of the Christchurch City Council, 1999 Community Plan whereby \$20,000 has been put aside for the 2000/2001 year for the above.

I enclose an article in the Observer newspaper with today’s date on it whereby the Shirley/Papanui Community Board sent out a questionnaire re a skateboard ramp in St Albans Park.

I and the rest of my neighbours are extremely disappointed that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board had not seen fit to also send out a questionnaire to the Redcliffs Park residents. It is not on to only read about this in a Plan especially when no-one else had seen or even read this booklet.

If the residents had been consulted beforehand we would have told you of the serious problems we have with glue sniffers, skateboarders in the early hours of the morning playing chicken with traffic on the Main Road. Older people on the children’s playground etc. I also have for some time kept the bus stop, Pumping Station building, and parts of the Causeway clean of graffiti by scrubbing it off or painting over same. This is after the Police have photographed it. The residents here all support each other with concerns over the Park and I feel the Christchurch City Council is indeed fortunate for that.”

A copy of the Observer article referred to is attached.

The Area Parks Officer advises:

“This matter first came to my attention in 1996 when the Council first put aside the sum of \$20,000 in the 2000/01 year for a “tennis court”. In 1997, for some reason, this was changed to “skate area/half-court”. Presumably this was as a result of consultation with the local residents’ group but it was before my time as Area Parks Officer in this area.

As it is not in the current financial year, the only consultation normally undertaken is through the Board’s consultation with the residents’ groups following the publication of the Draft Annual Plan. A questionnaire would only be sent out in the year in which the project is current.

As is normal practice, any comment made by local residents or the residents’ group would be taken into consideration.”

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the Community Advocate send a suitable reply to Mrs Rule.

b) WALK OF FAME

A letter has been received from the Secretary of the Sumner/Ferrymead Foundation with regard to a project called the “Walk of Fame” along the walkway between Cave Rock towards Scarborough Hill.

It is the intention that plaques be placed in the wall of that walkway with the name of the person recognised and a brief description of why that person is recognised.

All of these plaques will be funded in some way or another and the selection of such people will be the responsibility of the Sumner/Ferrymead Foundation.

Chairman's

Recommendation:

1. That the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board establish a small working party to discuss this proposal with members of the Sumner/Ferrymead Foundation and Council Business Units.
2. That the Working Party be the Chairman, John Freeman, Linda Rutland and Derek McCullough.