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The purpose of this report is to convey to the Board the matters considered by the Joint Working Party meeting held on 7 April as follows.

**Report of a meeting held on Wednesday 7 April 1999 at 8.00am,  
in the Meeting Room, Fendalton Service Centre**

**PRESENT:** Barbara Stewart (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Ron Wright (from 8.30am), Jeff Vesey, Colin Foggo, Pat Quinn

**1. APOLOGIES** Keith Nuttall, Val Carter

**2. FUNDING**

Pat Quinn advised of a recent meeting with major businesses in the area. This meeting had agreed that a pledge for support funding up to \$60,000 was realistic.

Pat also advised that further meetings are scheduled to be held with the remaining business groups.

Barbara Stewart confirmed that the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board would be providing a total sum of \$90,000, with the remaining \$30,000 to be applied in the 2000/01 year subject to confirmation by the Board in early 2000.

**3. PROPOSAL UPDATE**

**(a) Planter Boxes**

Andrew Craig (Landscape Architect) tabled a plan detailing underground services along Papanui Road through the Merivale shopping area. Members noted the particular difficulties preventing the planting of significant trees adjacent to the pedestrian traffic lights in the centre of the area.

With the original concept plan providing for both trees and topiaries planted in garden beds, the latest plan now provided for 46 plant containers in lieu of the original 51.

At this stage members discussed the opportunity to 'trial' the placing of a planter box, and topiary, in order that a better understanding could be gained from the overall design and visual appearance. It was **agreed to recommend** to the Board that a unit be trialled, with this requiring ongoing hand watering, as soon as possible.

Officers reported on the option for using a plastic bag liner and of the difficulty with this likely to bulge through the sides of the main frame. Members agreed that the alternative for a solid galvansied steel liner should be utilised subject to a check on the need for some external coating of the liner, and a check on the likelihood of electrolytic action through contact between dissimilar metals.

It was noted that the current design was costed at \$1024 per unit (including GST).

**(b) Mansfield Avenue Kerb Extension**

Officers reported on the proposed build out of the kerb not being programmed for construction until 2005/06, and of the need for costs exceeding \$20,000 because of expensive additional stormwater work being required.

Members noted that there would be minimal visual impact achieved for this high cost, and **agreed** that the unit proposed for this area should be placed in the existing footpath. The matter of the proposed build-out could be considered later, nearer to the proposed time of construction.

**(c) Summary of Costings**

Members considered a summary of costing options and reiterated that it was essential that automatic irrigation should be provided, and also agreed that it would be prudent to carry out the work in conjunction with the proposed paving work. This process was expected to achieve some savings below the total cost shown of \$125,480.

**4. SITE FOR TRIAL PLANTER**

A trial site for the planter in the kerb extension outside the Papanui Road entrance to the Merivale Mall was **agreed** on.

**5. ALTERNATIVE TO ROSE CONE FEATURES**

Colin Foggo and Andrew Craig reported on the latest alternative for the provision of 'obelisk' features at the sites originally proposed for feature trees (and, later, rose cones) It was **agreed** that Colin investigate the option for providing a sketch for this concept to the next meeting of the Working Party.

**6. EXPECTED TIMING**

Subject to the Working Party reaching final agreement at the next meeting and the Board's final approval on 1 June, it was noted that a contract could be let approximately three months later.

**7. GENERAL**

Members briefly discussed the means for continuation of a 'theme' throughout the Merivale area. Andrew Craig suggested that guidelines could be developed for assisting property owners in any ongoing development. It was **agreed** that the opportunity could be available for ongoing promotion of this by the Precinct Society and in Community Board newsletters.

The matter of the opportunity to provide for a recognition of former Merivale 'characters' or features was also discussed and Jeff Vesey advised that some historical information could be made available by a member of the Society.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

It was **agreed** that the Working Party next meet on Wednesday 19 May 1999 at 8.00am at which an update on project costings would be given.

The meeting concluded at 9.30 am

**Recommendation:** That the report be received.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the foregoing recommendation be adopted.