

24. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

24.1 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 been looking at an appropriate design for this shelter, which will reflect the seaside village atmosphere, and be in keeping with the landscape entrance that has been created. When a design has been finalised, costings will be obtained. The cost of construction and assembling will be met from the new bus shelters budget.

Recommendation: For information.

24.2 PROPOSED PROPERTY DISPOSAL – CASINO AIR BRIDGE

Angus Smith, Property Projects Manager, advises:

“The Christchurch Casino are proposing to develop an air bridge over Peterborough Street along the full length of their northern boundary from Durham Street to Victoria Street. This will link the casino building to a carpark building to be developed on their site situated in the north west corner of the intersection between Durham and Peterborough Streets. Their current plans are to use this platform for access between the two buildings as well as for a restaurant/banquet facility.

Planning is only in the preliminary stages. The Casino's architects are currently in early discussions with ESU over resource consent. They have not lodged formal application but are engaging in consultation to “knock the rough edges off” before doing so.

Fundamental to the development proposal proceeding is the Council granting some form of tenure to the air rights and column foot prints on the street. Technically this is viewed as a disposal of surplus property. In this instance however time does not permit full implementation of the normal timetable surrounding this process. In addition this is a unique disposal involving mainly air rights, for which we envisage little call or ability from other units to productively utilise the space.

Important

Please note this exercise is strictly limited to the disposal of Council “property”. Design and planning issues etc will be attended to in due course through the normal consent processes of Council.

There is a necessity to report this issue to the May round of Council via the Strategy and Resources Committee, to seek agreement in principal to granting the Casino some form of long term tenure. Accordingly your response no later than Friday 30 April is required to ensure inclusion in this decision making process.”

Recommendation: That the information be received.

24.3 RURU LAWN CEMETERY

Board members will remember on the Board's Tour prior to the Project Fund allocation we visited the Raymond Road entrance to Ruru Lawn Cemetery.

Concern was expressed about the visual impact of the two car wreckers business.

I can inform the Board that officers are currently in dialogue with both businesses to improve the visual appearance from the road.

Recommendation: For your information.

24.4 ENGLEFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Chairperson and myself met with the Chair and Secretary of the residents' group on 20 April.

We discussed issues of concern between both parties and steps are being taken to resolve the issues.

Recommendation: For your information

24.5 COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE - TAUPO

John Freeman, who is this Community Board's delegate to the Community Boards' conference in Taupo would ask Board members to let him know of any matters which they wish him to raise at the Conference in Taupo.

The Community Boards' conference will be held 27 to 30 May 1999.

24.6 FUNKY PHILLIPSTOWN HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

A detailed report on the Funky Phillipstown Holiday Programme, 5-9 October 1998 is attached for the information of Board members. This programme was funded from the Service Centre budget.

24.7 WARD BOUNDARY SUBMISSIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S COMMISSIONERS

Bob Todd, Derek McCullough and the Community Advocate met the three Council Commissioners on 21 April 1999 and presented the Board's submissions on the need for changes to Ward Boundaries and the Board's submissions on elected member numbers. These submissions were approved at the Special meeting of the Board held on 14 April 1999.

A copy of the Board's submissions is attached.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

24.8 CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL / BANKS PENINSULA DISTRICT COUNCIL – PUBLIC FORUM ON PROPOSED AMALGAMATION

Three public meetings were held on Thursday 15 April, Monday 19 April and Tuesday 20 April 1999 to provide public briefings on the proposed amalgamation of the Banks Peninsula District with Christchurch City and to provide the opportunity for feedback on this issue from members of the public.

Each of the first two meetings attracted eight members of the public while the final meeting attracted two.

The reports to the Community Relations Manager on these meetings are attached for the information of Board members.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.