5. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT OF 19 APRIL 1999 MEETING

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environmental Committee meeting held on Monday 19 April 1999.

The meeting was attended by Alison Wilkie, (Chair), Neville Bennett, David Buist, Mary Corbett, and Mike Mora.

In attendance was Martin Maguire (Community Advocate), Robyn Robinson (Area Parks Officer) and Dale Wreford (Committee Secretary).

The meeting took the form of a familiarisation tour of various parks in the area, recognising the objective and performance indicators for 1999/00, which state, "To improve the natural and built neighbourhood environment in Riccarton/Wigram".

1. THE TOUR

The tour schedule included visits to the following:

- Harrington-Paeroa-Shand Reserves
- Ferrier Park , Avonhead
- Arcon Stream Reserve, Broomfield
- Owaka Pit
- Westlake Reserve

A visit to both Muir Park (Halswell) and the Kyle Park redevelopment were deleted from this tour.

The following points were noted during the tour:

- Provision of barricade on edge of Harrington Park to prevent cricket balls going on to the road be investigated.
- Crossing provision between Harrington Park and Paeroa Reserve was suggested.
- The installation of a post in the centre pavement at the entranceway to Paeroa Reserve as a deterrent to cyclists was suggested.
- A report from the Council's aboriculturist is to be sought on dangerous trees in Shand Reserve.
- With regard to the proposed installation of playground equipment at the Arcon Stream Reserve, it was decided that the resident who had voiced strong opposition to the proposed site be invited to speak to a Community Board meeting.
- Strong concern was expressed at the apparent lack of resource consent monitoring at the Owaka Pit.

It was agreed it would be appropriate for the Environmental Committee to write a letter to the City Streets Manager of the Council pointing out the Board's concerns that the introduction of cable television and other services from the new telecommunication providers will lead to the installation of more overhead reticulation/wiring. The Environmental Committee does not wish to see this occur, and would make reference to the Council's policy established in 1993 on underground wiring.

2. FUTURE FAMILIARISATION TOUR

The meeting agreed it would be appropriate for a further familiarisation tour to be arranged to cover:

- Denton Park Frontage Upgrade
- Kyle Park Redevelopment
- Muir Park, Halswell
- Welcome and Entry signs
- Streetscape sites
- Denton Park, Frontage Upgrade
- Carrs Road (Kart) Reserve

3. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on Tuesday 18 May 1999.

Chairperson'sRecommendation:That the information be received.