

15. FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI RECREATION, ARTS AND SPORT PLAN



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The purpose of this report is to seek the Community Board's support for the development of a 3-year plan and to inform the Board and staff of the recreation, arts and sports needs of Fendalton/Waimairi residents and how best to meet them. This plan will be one of six community board area recreation/art/sports/parks plans. As well as Fendalton/Waimairi, plans for the Burwood/Pegasus and Spreydon/Heathcote areas will be completed in the 2000/2001 financial year, with the other three areas being completed in 2001/2002.

At its meeting on 3 July, the Burwood/Pegasus Community gave its support for the completion of a plan for its area.

BACKGROUND

Currently planning for recreation/arts/sports needs tends to be for a one year duration, in line with Council's budget process. In addition units of Council with responsibility for this area (Leisure, Parks, Water Services, Environmental Planning and Policy) plan separately, requiring staff and Community Board members to often have knowledge of several plans or strategies.

A local recreation, arts and sports plan will give Community Board members and staff a comprehensive guide to the needs, current and future provision and financial allocations available for the recreation/arts/sport area. It will also assist the Board to make decisions re the allocation of Project Funding, by providing a 3-year plan for any Board funding required to ensure Fendalton/Waimairi residents receive quality recreation/arts/sports/parks facilities and programmes.

SCOPE OF THE PLAN

It is envisaged that the plan will cover parks, sportsgrounds, play equipment, youth recreation facilities such as skateboarding, recreation/arts programmes and advisory services, community events and relevant aspects of the Waterways and Wetlands Natural Asset Management Strategy. The Council's Recreation and Sport and Arts Policies and relevant Parks policies and their identified outcomes will be taken into account when developing the plan.

The plan will also identify other organisations already active or wishing to be active in the Fendalton/Waimairi area (schools, community groups, local businesses, etc). Community organisations are key partners in ensuring the recreation/sports and arts needs of residents are met. This exercise will also enable the roles of all organisations in providing these services to be identified, clarified and coordinated.

Existing research (e.g. Avonhead Research Study) and demographic profiles of the area will be examined and incorporated and the Fendalton/Waimairi community will be consulted as to its needs.

The result will be a document that clearly outlines and prioritises how the Community Board, Council units, community organisations, commercial leisure providers and schools are going to work together to best meet the recreation/arts/sports needs of the Fendalton/Waimairi community.

PROCESS TO DEVELOP THE PLAN

The process to develop the plan will mirror the Recreation and Sport Strategy which is being developed at a metropolitan level by Christchurch City Council Leisure (but which will not provide community board level detail).

A steering group consisting of relevant staff, two Community Board representatives, one community organisation representative and one commercial sector representative will be established to oversee the development of the plan and to report back to the Community Board. The time commitment required will be to attend a monthly meeting to overview progress.

The process to develop the plan will be as follows:

Report to Community Board Report on brief, process, steering group composition.	
Recruit Steering Group Members Ensure balanced composition.	
Steering Group Review Process Review brief & proposed process. Familiarisation with Recreation and Sport, Arts, Parks and other relevant Policies.	
Generate clear picture of current C.C.C provision in and affecting Community Board area. Current outputs & standards, levels of customer satisfaction, links to policy, future budget projections.	
Analyse recreational trends & Community Board area demographics. Use city-wide information on trends & supplement with relevant local data.	
Demand Assessment	Supply Assessment
Analyse existing information on needs/demand.	Analyse existing information on supply/provision
Identify major information gaps.	Identify major information gaps.
Carry out research if necessary.	Carry out research if necessary.

Supply & Demand Synthesis Identify current & future gaps in provision, identify key issues.	
Report to Community Board Findings from seeking community views. Gaps and key issues identified.	
Draft Goals of Plan	
Draft Plan including future C.C.C. provision.	
Report to Community Board Approval of draft plan to seek community views.	
Seeking Community Views on Draft Plan	
Revise & finalise Plan	
Develop Action Plans	
Report to Community Board Approval of plan	

TIMEFRAME AND BUDGET

The Fendalton/Waimairi Recreation, Arts, Sports and Parks Plan will be completed over a six-month period from August 2000 to January 2001, with results presented to the Board in January/February 2001.

It is envisaged that the work will be carried out by a consultant recreation planner, at an estimated cost of \$15,000. Both Christchurch City Council Leisure and the Parks Unit have \$5,000 to contribute to the cost of the research and the Board is requested to contribute \$5,000 from its 2000/2001 Discretionary Funding to enable the work to be completed.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board support the development of a 3 year Recreation, Arts, Sports and Parks Plan for its area.
 2. That the Board nominate two representatives to be on the steering group.
 3. That the Board contribute \$5,000 from its 2000/2001 Discretionary Funding towards the costs of the development of the plan.

The Deputy Chairman comments:

While the development of such a plan (or plans) is to be endorsed, the funding costs city wide will be significant. As such, the bid for funding should more particularly be directed through the Annual Plan process at the appropriate time. Any approach to Community Board's should therefore be deferred until resolution of the core funding decisions.

Deputy Chairman's

Recommendation: That any early initiation of the development of a Plan be funded from within existing Council Business Unit(s) resources.