

12. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK JOINT BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 7 NOVEMBER 2000**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcome of the Neighbourhood Week Joint Board Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7 November 2000.

The meeting was attended by Sue Wells (Chairperson), Dennis Hills, Yvonne Palmer, Glenda Burt, Sonia Gill, Mike Mora, Sally Buck, Yi Yi Ku, Derek McCullough.

1. UPDATE FROM BOARDS ON ACTIVITIES FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK

Shirley/Papanui

The Shirley/Papanui Board sponsored approximately 20 NSG and resident's groups for BBQ's, afternoon teas, and a street rubbish skip. The Board catered a morning tea put on for council housing elderly tenants. Parties are still continuing and the community constables had been attending some of these. Children's Day was very successful, with Board members and staff receiving a lot of good feedback.

Riccarton/Wigram

Six applications for funding were received from resident's groups, with each receiving approximately \$300. Some larger functions were not as well attended as the very local ones.

Fendalton/Waimairi

Five groups applied for funding. The Merivale Precinct society had a very successful event. Sally was congratulated on the poster, it was agreed the presentation of it was very good. It was requested that that Jenny Cooper be sent a letter of thanks for her artwork, and also Lyn Campbell for her artistic writing in the window display which all agreed were excellent.

Fendalton/Waimairi was one of several boards that didn't have a subcommittee set up to deal with Neighbourhood Week or events in general. It was the feeling of the joint board committee that some kind of subcommittee was by far the best way of dealing with funding applications and encouraged better participation.

Spreydon/Heathcote

800 people were involved in Neighbourhood Week activities in this ward. There was wide coverage of the event. Sonia went to several events including a hall party where she noted several Japanese ladies were thrilled to be a part of the community. As with Riccarton/Wigram, Sonia noticed that one of the events organised by a larger group was not as successful as the smaller local ones. Sonia noted that at each event, groups thanked the Council rather than the Boards. She believes the Boards are not getting enough recognition of their contribution. Discussion on how this could be improved next year has begun.

Burwood/Pegasus

There was good response from groups in the area, with street parties and BBQ's. One group wanted to plant some camellias in their street to commemorate their Neighbourhood Week party. Glenda noted also that groups were not recognising the Board's contribution, and were thanking the Council. Aranui High School's events went very well and the committee requested a letter be sent to the student council congratulating them on their initiative.

Hagley/Ferrymead

Derek's apology for the last two meetings was noted.

There was a fun day in each ward area to which the Board contributed \$1000 each. There was also the LYFE festival held during the week, and the Neighbourhood Walk. Derek commended the window display, and the Neighbourhood Week launch held in July. The media coverage during the week could have been better however. Derek also commented that it was difficult to motivate people, that they had to want to become involved.

2. OTHER BUSINESS

Left over funds

Each board need to decide how to handle any left over funds it may have. Some suggestions were pre-planning and purchasing for next year, purchasing engraving pens for residents groups, or working with the police in supporting NSGs in some fashion.

Next Year's Launch

It was agreed that the launch could be closer to Neighbourhood week. The invitation to the launch should be broadened to include NSG co-ordinators, residents groups and people who applied for funding this year. It was suggested that there could be foyer displays, where related organisations could pay for display space. It was also suggested that more safety issues be introduced and that each year's Neighbourhood Week could have a theme.

Sue will check about booking the James Hay theatre for the launch in August 2001. The time to be the same as this year, 4.00pm, and afternoon tea to be provided. Suggestions are needed for speakers at the launch.

Date for Neighbourhood Week 2001

27 October – 2 November 2001 was put forward as possible dates for next years Neighbourhood Week. These dates will have to be checked with the 2001 calendar of events. (Sharon to action)

Regional Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator

Yvonne advised that a Regional Neighbourhood Support Group co-ordinator is soon to be employed by Workbridge. The co-ordinator will have the NSG database transferred to him/her from the Police. The committee felt that person should also be part of the Neighbourhood Week committee.

3. RECOMMENDATION TO BOARDS FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK 2001

- A sub-committee for organising this event, or an Events sub-committee to encompass a number of events is an effective means of ensuring the week is promoted successfully.
- Street events appear to be more successful than Hall events.
- Boards need to increase their visibility so that their contributions are recognised, some suggestions are –
 - A Community Board logo on the Neighbourhood Week poster.
 - Stickers with the words 'sponsored by your local Community Board'.
 - A statement sent out with funds with the words 'These funds were provided by the ... Community Board'.
 - Promotion of the Neighbourhood Week at all residents meetings attended by Board members.
- Advertising for Neighbourhood Week should start earlier and more use should be made of City Scene.
- In order to achieve that, some continuity between boards could be very helpful in terms of how and when they allocate funding – for example, having all applications closing on the same date. Having a subcommittee with power to act makes decisions like that easier, too.
- It was noted that the police do not attend all community board meetings. Those boards who had police attendance found it very helpful and it was recommended that all boards consider doing this monthly or every second month.
- Neighbourhood Week 2000 was considered to be a success – Sharon was congratulated on picking up the secretarial reins half way through.

4. NEXT MEETING

First week in March 2001, details to be advised.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

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