

15. ADOPT-A-PARK: BROAD PARK EXTENSION

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This report seeks Board endorsement for the Broad Park extension to be adopted by the residents at the Oceanside Apartments under the Category Two class.

The residents have recently written to the Council:

“The Oceanside Apartments Corporate at its last meeting asked that I write to the City Council and formally apply to become involved in the City Council’s Adopt-a-Park programme.

The residents of Oceanside Apartments enjoy the pleasures of living adjacent to the extension to Broad Park and feel that they would like to contribute to the park’s beauty by assisting with keeping the gardens tidy and the park litter free.

They have been doing this informally for the last eight months and would like to have it formalised by the City Council.

Look forward to your favourable reply.”

Category Two of the Adopt-a-Park scheme states:

“This is a lower level of adoption than Category One (which is for Incorporated Societies and Trusts such as Travis and Bexley) and includes schools, local residents’ groups, local businesses etc who work in the park and cemeteries and keep a general watch over them. These groups assist the Council in litter collection, planting, reporting vandalism etc. The day to day maintenance, provision of finances and administration, remains with the Parks Unit. Initial meetings are usually held to setup guidelines and work programmes and once established these groups work to their own level, liaising with the Area Parks Officers and Parks Contract Supervisors. A number of these interested people become honorary wardens who assist the Council by, amongst other things, reporting acts of vandalism to Council officers or the Police to follow up and rectify.”

The aim of the Adopt-a-Park Scheme is to encourage local residents’ ‘ownership’ of their parks by assisting the Christchurch City Council to plan, develop, manage and maintain a particular park or parks or cemetery. It enables residents to have greater communication in the planning, development and management of the particular park they are interested in.

The Parks Unit supports this application and looks forward to cementing a long-term relationship with the residents.

Recommendation: That the Board recommend to the Parks and Recreation Committee that the Oceanside Apartments residents adopt the Broad Park extension under Category Two of the Adopt-a-Park Scheme.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the aforementioned recommendation be adopted.