

10. MERIVALE JOINT WORKING PARTY - REPORT OF 14 JUNE 2000

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration, the following report of the meeting held on 14 June.

PRESENT: Barbara Stewart (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Val Carter, Keith Nuttall, Ron Wright, Colin Foggo, Paul Lonsdale, Tony Wallace, Gina Williamson,

1. MEETING REPORTS

The reports of the Joint Working Party meetings held on 29 March and 14 April were submitted for information having been received by the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board on 2 May 2000.

2. STAGE II – ENTRANCE TREATMENTS

Since the meeting of the Working Party on 14 April, further work had been done on the obelisk and planter options on the Papanui Road approaches to the Merivale Shopping Precinct.

Entry structures could not be located any closer than 75 metres from the Heaton Street/Papanui Road intersection owing to the narrowness of the footpath to allow for turning lanes into Heaton Street. The objective therefore of positioning entry structures in this preferred area could not now be achieved. A re-check had also shown that it was not possible to undertake planting in the footpath areas because of underground services and as a consequence the possible use of pleached trees in planters had been further researched. The use of planters would work but of necessity would need to be small, again constrained by the width of the existing footpath. The root systems of the trees would also be affected thereby stunting their growth.

The idea of kerb extensions had also been investigated, however this was not practicable as space was required to provide for cycle lanes on Papanui Road.

From the information provided, the Working Party therefore accepted that the obelisk option was no longer practical and that the presence of underground services precluded trees being used as an entrance feature.

Staff were asked to further investigate the pleached tree option using planter boxes including costings and report back.

Other matters for further investigation and reporting back on included the following:

- Boxed hedging of the Merivale Mall car park
- Enhanced lighting in public areas and the Mall car park in particular
- The possible replacement/upgrading of the existing street furniture to be reviewed and costed
- Vandalism and increased levels of litter throughout the area needed to be addressed. The Merivale Precinct Society offered to convene a meeting with McDonalds, other businesses and principals of the local high schools to further consider.
- Barbara Stewart, Colin Foggo, Andrew Craig and other staff to meet with Don Miskell to review progress to date on the key elements of the original concept plan.

3. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Working Party is scheduled for Wednesday 16 August 2000 at 9.00 am in the Meeting Room, Fendalton Service Centre.

The meeting concluded at 10.16 am

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Recommendation: That the report be received.