

25. CEMETERY SUBCOMMITTEE

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board very briefly of the deliberations of the Cemetery Subcommittee and to convey to the Board a request from that subcommittee for the appointment of an additional Board member to the subcommittee.

The Cemetery Subcommittee of Linda Rutland, Liz McRostie, Aaron O'Brien and Bob Todd met on Wednesday 14 June 2000. Linda Rutland was appointed the convener of this subcommittee.

John Freeman was in attendance at the meeting and was invited to attend as an observer with speaking rights.

A detailed briefing of the meeting was conducted by Richard Holland and other Parks Unit staff outlining a report on cemeteries which is being prepared for Community Boards. It is anticipated that this report will come to the August or September round of Community Board meetings.

An active discussion was stimulated by the Parks Unit briefing and a very wide range of suggestions for improvements in cemeteries and in particular in the Linwood cemetery, the state of which has been a cause of concern to the Community Board for some time. The subcommittee's concerns were noted by Parks Unit staff and are being investigated.

The meeting also addressed the Community Gardening proposal which was referred to it by the Community Board at its meeting on 31 May 2000.

The Subcommittee agreed to invite representatives of Te Whare Roimata and the Linwood Community Resource Centre to attend the next meeting of the Subcommittee or alternatively a separate meeting for the purpose to see what assistance the Board could give them with this proposal and to seek their feedback on the report which was before the Board. Their comments on how the Board should develop the concept and whether there was any appropriate assistance that could be given were to be sought. It was agreed also to ask these groups whether there was anything that could be done to encourage other groups to participate in the Community Gardening Scheme.

CONCLUSIONS

The Subcommittee reached the following conclusions:

1. A report is to be brought to the next meeting of the subcommittee on the suggestion that Cambridge Terrace be narrowed where it adjoins the Barbadoes Street cemetery and that additional landscaping be provided on the river bank at this point.

2. Richard Holland undertook to brief the Board (probably at a Seminar meeting) on where the Parks Unit is going to on its long term planning issues over the next five year period.
3. That a clause should be put before the Community Board allowing an opportunity for the Board to appoint John Freeman to this subcommittee.

The next meeting of the subcommittee is to be held on Monday 14 August 2000 in the Linwood Service Centre at 10.00am.

Subcommittee

Recommendation: That John Freeman be appointed a member of the Cemetery Subcommittee.

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Recommendation:

1. That the information be received.
2. That the Board appoint John Freeman to the Cemetery Subcommittee, to replace Erin Baker.