21. FENCING EXPO – ST ALBANS PARK – ANNUAL EVENT

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the board to adopt the idea in principle of holding an annual Fencing Exhibition in St Albans Park, as a Community Board initiative.

The City Council produces an attractive brochure offering assistance to Christchurch people looking at the options around fencing. This theme would be carried through to an exhibition. We would ask businesses to exhibit life size fences, demonstrating different styles, planting options etc. We would be promoting street safety, road safety, livable streets theme, neighbour relationships, and community relationships.

To establish such an event would be beneficial in many ways:

- Promote good fencing practices.
- Gain recognition for our local area.
- Attract other parts of the city to St Albans.
- Promote both local and city wide businesses.
- Gain community spirit by community participation.

A feasibility study will need to be conducted in association with Council Units such as Environment Policy and Planning, Parks, City Streets, Keep Christchurch Beautiful etc. It is proposed that to establish such an annual event, support and funding will need to be sought from the Council.

Recommendation:

- 1. That the Board establish a Working Party of three members, chaired by Ingrid Stonhill.
- 2. That the appropriate Council Units be approached for discussion.
- 3. That the appropriate community leaders/businesses be approached for discussion.
- 4. That a feasibility study be prepared for the Board for the 2 August meeting.

Chairperson's Recommendation:

That the officer's recommendation be adopted and the Board member be commended for this initiative.

