

24. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

(a) LINWOOD CEMETERIES

Following the approach from the Linwood Intermediate School as part of the What's the Big Idea Project, Parks Unit staff have reassessed the maintenance contract requirements of these areas.

A full report is now being written which will go to this Board and the Parks and Recreation Committee. At this point, it looks very much outside the scope of the Parks Unit's current budget, so a bid for unspecified funds will be made.

For Board members' information, these are the matters which have so far been discussed by staff:

Turf, edges, paths, shrubs, flower beds, hedges, litter bins, drinking fountains, taps, toilets, irrigation, entrances, wildflowers.

As well, the complex matters of how to address the look of the individual grave plots and the broken headstones are being addressed.

Once the matters of funding and maintenance have been addressed, staff will look into what community input is available in so far as individuals, groups, residents association, wardens, the adopt-a-cemetery scheme and government work schemes.

The school will most certainly be contacted as they have recently reiterated their offer to assist.

(b) AVON RIVER BANK ENHANCEMENT

Members have requested an update on this project.

The five year capital works programme shows \$10-\$25,000 per year allocated.

This autumn, the \$10,000 allocated will be put to replacement and new planting of trees on both sides of the river from Woodham Road to Robson Avenue.

Species to be planted are kowhai, swamp cypress, alders, weeping willow, limes, rimu, kahikatea, ribbonwood. A total of over 70 trees and a number of native shrub species will be planted, using the 'Avonside River Corridor Enhancement and Development Proposals' presented to the Board some years ago.

Plans are available from the Area Parks Officer.

(c) BEVERLEY PARK HERITAGE ROSE GARDEN

Costings have recently been determined for the items for this project, such as the paths, preparation of the ground for the roses, the two archways, three rose climbing frames, and three seats.

Still to be determined are the costs for irrigation and the method of displaying the plaques and irrigation.

The archways are the subject of a bid to the Board for project funds.

These details are soon to be discussed with the representative of the Englefield Residents' Association and the outcome will be reported to the Board, along with some idea of the Residents Associations programme for planting.

(d) TUAM - STANMORE RESERVE

A new planting plan has been produced reflecting the initial comments by residents, the local residents' group, Parks staff and Board members. Hagley board members have been given a copy and have been asked for comments.

It is proposed to install the path and planting in the autumn.

(e) 84 STANMORE ROAD

As this reserve was purchased 'on spec' and no capital works funding was allowed, the area has been leveled and grassed and will remain 'as is' in case other land next door becomes available.

(f) MOA RESERVE

The drainage work through the easement from the neighbouring new flats has now been completed and a shrubbery reflecting the existing planting will be planted in autumn. Some relief for the neighbours' flooding concerns will be addressed at this time.

(g) NICHOLAS DRIVE RESERVE

Members will be aware that because of residents' concerns a playground will not be installed here, the one in Bromley Park nearby being upgraded instead.

As a better grass sward, fencing and planting were requested, it has been decided to approach the residents with the proposal to install irrigation which will take up the available allocation.

(h) DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURE

The attached schedule details the Board's allocations to date.