

## 9. WORKS AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 16 MAY 2000

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration, the following report and recommendations of the Committee meeting of 16 May.

**Report of a meeting of the Works and Traffic Safety Committee  
held on Tuesday 16 May 2000 at 8.00am  
in the Board Room, Papanui Service Centre**

**PRESENT:** Val Carter (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Sally Buck, Pat Harrow, Barbara Stewart, Mike Wall, Ron Wright

**ALSO PRESENT:** Yvonne Palmer, Anne Carroll, Dennis Hills, Steve Wright (for clause 1, Parking Strategy)

**APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Keith Nuttall.

**1. PARKING STRATEGY**

An invitation had been extended for members of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to attend and participate in the consideration of this matter.

The Senior Transportation Planner (Stuart Woods), provided an overview of the range of issues set out in the recently circulated discussion document for which public comments were being invited up until 31 May. Feedback received would be used in the development of a draft Parking Strategy which in turn would be referred to Boards and other parties in due course for comment.

The meeting **agreed** that each Board utilise the comments recorded hereunder as a basis for their individual responses to the discussion document.

- A need for the Parking Strategy to cross link with the Council's other allied strategies and planning documents.
- Commercial activities having to provide sufficient off-street car parking for their staff rather than the present reliance on kerbside on-street parking.
- Ongoing development and expansion of institutions such as the Christchurch Polytechnic and the University of Canterbury was creating a parking demand greater than what was presently being provided for.

- Scope existed for the Council to work more pro-actively with large employers to address parking requirements eg. Christchurch Hospital/private sector/Council carparking building.
- Continued staff liaison with the University of Canterbury's Transport Strategy Parking Group was endorsed.
- A suggestion that the 31 May closure date for submissions did not provide the community with sufficient time in which to prepare responses.
- The expansion of suburban malls has impacted greatly on the amenity of adjacent residential streets as well as other smaller businesses in the immediate localities.
- Continue to promote greater use of public transport and cycling through ongoing education and publicity.
- A need to recognise and provide suitable all day parking facilities for people with disabilities.

**Recommendation:** That the recorded comments form the basis of the responses from both Boards to the discussion document and that it be noted that a further opportunity for input by Boards will occur at the draft Strategy stage.

## 2. AIKMANS ROAD – PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION

The Area Engineer reported on a proposal to apply a two hour parking restriction on the south west side of Aikmans Road from Akela Street to the common boundary of Nos. 60-64. This proposed action arose from the earlier submitted petition to the Board and the outcome of a survey undertaken of residents along the affected section of Aikmans Road.

**Recommendation:** That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of one hundred and twenty minutes between the hours of 8.30am and 5.30pm on the south west side of Aikmans Road commencing at its intersection with Stirling Street and extending in a south westerly direction to the common boundaries of No.s 60/64 being a distance of two hundred and eighty-one and a half metres (281.5 metres).

## 3. KENDAL AVENUE – PROPOSED RUMBLE STRIPS

The Area Engineer reported on a proposal to install rumble strips in Kendal Avenue on both approaches to the 90° bend at the Ambleside Drive intersection.

The objective was to bring about a reduction in vehicle speeds and that the success or otherwise of the installation would be reviewed after a years trial. The estimated cost of the work was \$800.

**Recommendation:** That the provision of four pairs of rumble strips in Kendal Avenue in the vicinity of Ambleside Drive be supported and that the proposal be recommended to the City Services Committee.

#### **4. WILFRID STREET – REQUEST FOR KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL**

Further to the petition received by the Board in March, the Area Engineer proposed that the renewal of the kerb and channel in Wilfrid Street be brought into the five year capital works programme by way of a substitution involving Webb Street.

The Committee noted that the Finance and Planning Committee had on 11 May, identified Harakeke Street as the possible substitution however it was subsequently found that Webb Street more closely aligned itself to Wilfrid Street in relation to the length of road involved and the budget provision.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

#### **5. PARKHAM RESERVE – EUCALYPTUS TREES**

The Committee considered a report from the Area Parks Officer in response to a request received for the removal of the gum trees in Parkham Reserve.

Subdivisional details as to how the trees were originally vested in the Council were explained and it was indicated that the four remaining eucalyptus trees were in a sound and healthy condition.

The matters of concern to the property owner regarding the seasonal affects of the trees were described along with details of the results of the public consultation undertaken. In this regard, a detailed transcript of all the comments received was circulated to members as background information.

The concluding comments in the report were for the trees to be retained and an offer made to install plastic protective mesh over the spouting of the resident's house to stop leaves and flowering parts of the trees blocking the spouting.

The Committee was totally supportive of the trees being retained given the history associated with their vesting and the significant contribution the trees made to the local landscape.

A discussion then followed on the need for the Board given its ongoing involvement with tree issues, to undertake field visits to look at other areas where trees were under threat in parks and on streets.

An assessment as to value of trees located on both private and public land was mentioned as a means of highlighting the importance of trees and in so doing the potential for tree removal may be lessened. Also there should be a more co-ordinated approach taken to link more closely the aspects of preservation with ongoing care and maintenance involving not just the Council but the community at large. Such a process had the potential to limit the extent of requests for tree removal needing to be brought to the Council for a decision.

- Recommendations:**
1. That it be recommended to the Parks and Recreation Committee:
    - (a) That the existing eucalyptus trees in Parkham Reserve be retained while they remain in a healthy and stable condition.
    - (b) That protective mesh be installed on the residents spouting at the Council's cost, if the resident wishes to take up the offer.
  2. That a trees based field trip be undertaken by the Board and that staff consider and report back on the means of addressing the co-ordinated approach regarding tree retention referred to above.

## **6. CROFTON ROAD – SILVER BIRCH TREES**

The Committee was advised of a petition earlier received from seven residents of Crofton Road requesting the progressive removal of silver birch trees and their replacement with another smaller growing species.

Details of the survey of residents undertaken by the Parks Unit were elaborated on and it was indicated that virtually all the existing trees were in a sound and healthy condition.

Mention was made that some further steps could be taken to improve the shaping of some of the trees.

With regard to Poynder Avenue, the Committee was informed that the selected Magnolia street trees were likely to be unavailable due to a recently found disease and that pro-active steps were being taken by staff to source other suitable replacements. Arrangements were in hand to inform and involve the local residents in the selection process.

- Recommendations:**
1. That it be recommended to the City Services Committee that the residents request to replace the Silver Birch trees in Crofton Road be declined.
  2. That the existing trees be retained with the exception of the three Silver Birch and one Eucalyptus which should be removed in the near future.

The meeting concluded 9.48am

### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the report be received and the recommendations there in be adopted.