

20. SALISBURY STREET RESERVE

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The purpose of this report is to update the Board on development plans for the new reserve at the Salisbury/Barbadoes Street intersection.

BACKGROUND

Board members will recall a report in March describing two landscape proposals for the triangular piece of land at the Barbadoes and Salisbury Street intersection near Cambridge Terrace. The Parks Unit has distributed a leaflet outlining the landscape options for the land and has received comment back from the local community.

LANDSCAPE PLAN OPTIONS

Two landscape options were put out for public comment as ideas for the reserve. Staff also organised a workshop to encourage feedback and incorporate the ideas and aspirations of local residents. Comment received clearly supported the option showing water within the reserve. This concept was developed as part of the Waterways and Wetlands team's desire to "daylight" an existing drain that runs down Salisbury Street to the Avon River. It highlights the existence of a waterway which has excellent flow and which is presently hidden under the road, only becoming apparent where it spills into the Avon River from an historic brick barrel outfall.

This concept is supported by the Avon Loop Planning Association, Victoria Neighbourhood Group and the Civic Trust. Members of the Moad Residents Group had reservations about the option showing water due to concerns about rubbish and maintenance of the waterway.

Other comments received by way of the workshop, letter and phone have been summarised and attached to this report.

These will be considered in the detailing of the landscape plan. A further meeting with ALPA on 9 May 2000 has focussed on outlining the proposed development programme and gaining an indication of trees that the association feels would be appropriate. Naming options for the reserve were also discussed.

Development of the reserve will be carried out in two stages according to available budget.

Proposed Implementation of the Plan

June/July 2000 – City Streets and Parks Units responsible

Remove stopped portion of Cambridge Terrace i.e. remove kerbs and road surface.

Grass down excavated area to integrate it with riverbank.

Redefine footpath/cycleway

Plant specimen trees in area unaffected by future 'daylighting' works.

Create paved seating area with planting if funds allow.

By the end of 2000 – Water Services and City Streets to complete

Narrow Salisbury Street and carry out other street works

Open up drain, create swale

Finish earthworks and planting.

The Parks Unit has \$15 000 in 1999/2000 to carry out the first stage and City Streets staff have indicated that they will cover the cost of removing Cambridge Terrace from Salisbury Street to Barbadoes Street. Water Services Unit staff have committed themselves to finishing the rest of the enhancement of the reserve by the end of 2000.

NAMING

Several names have been suggested by the community but this matter is yet to be resolved. The Parks Unit will ask residents for more feedback on a name in the next ALPA newsletter. Names suggested to date are:

Janet Moss Reserve

Moss Reserve

Otakaroro (Reserve)

Otautahi Reserve

Salisbury Reserve/Barbadoes Reserve

Avon River Triangle Reserve.

ALPA moved at its AGM that the reserve be named "Janet Moss Reserve". However, Mrs Moss does not feel that the name is appropriate and has suggested "Avon River Triangle Reserve" instead. The Parks Unit will seek further comment from the community and welcomes suggestions from the Board.

Following confirmation of the development plan the Property Unit will pursue amalgamation of titles so that all the land in the reserve is held in the same status (likely to be esplanade reserve).

CONCLUSION

The implementation of the landscape plan for Salisbury Street Reserve has been initiated following enthusiastic support from the local community. It is intended that the reserve will be fully developed by the end of 2000. A name for the reserve is yet to be finalised but suggestions from the Board are welcomed.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the board endorse the concept plan
 2. That a suitable name be suggested by the Board.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the Board endorse the concept plan and suggest a suitable name.