

6. MERIVALE JOINT WORKING PARTY – REPORT OF 22 AUGUST 2000

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration the outcomes of the Working Party's latest meeting held on 22 August.

The report follows:

**Report of a meeting of the Merivale Joint Working Party
held on Tuesday 22 August 2000 at 9.00am,
in Meeting Room 2, CCC Fendalton**

PRESENT: Barbara Stewart (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Val Carter, Ron Wright, Colin Foggo, Jeff Vesey, Gina Williamson, Tony Hunter

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Keith Nuttall, Pat Quinn and Tony Wallace.

2. PAPANUI ROAD, ENTRANCE FEATURES

The Landscape Architect presented a digital picture of pleached trees at the northern entrance to Merivale. The overall height was approximately 3.5 to 4 metres and some 4.5 to 5 metres in length. The cost was estimated to be \$3,000 each or \$12,000 for the four locations.

After further evaluation, it was **agreed** not to proceed with the proposal for the time being but to accept Colin Foggo's offer to view a portfolio showing various pleached tree designs. The matter therefore is to come back to the Joint Working Party later on.

3. MERIVALE MALL CAR PARK – PERIMETER PLANTING

The provision of boxed hedging or clipped groundcover as a basis for planting around the boundaries of the Mall car park was endorsed as still being a key element of the concept plan. Simplicity of design was requested.

In order to advance this further, it was **agreed** that staff prepare a plan of the area incorporating both existing plantings and proposed enhancements based on a simple design. Details clarifying legal boundaries etc and the need to discuss ideas with the Mall owners were also requested.

Members also noted that a remodelling of the plaza area was likely as part of pending building use changes in the immediate area.

4. LIGHTING

Mention was made about the lack of lighting along the building edges fronting the Mall car park and it was **agreed** that this be raised with the Mall owner.

Later attention was also supported to enhance the lighting in public areas consistent with the theme for Merivale spelt out in the concept plan.

5. STREET FURNITURE

Details of a suggested replacement for the public seating in Papanui Road were tabled. The provision of new matching litter containers within the commercial area was also supported.

The Working Party was advised that the installed cost of each seat would be approximately \$1,700 and \$600 each for litter containers. Funding was available from the Board's 2000/2001 project fund allocation.

Staff were also asked to identify locations where such furniture could be provided elsewhere such as in Aikmans Road.

Recommendation: That three replacement public seats and six replacement litter bins be provided in Papanui Road at an estimated cost of \$8,700.

6. VANDALISM AND LITTER

Gina Williamson reported on the well attended and successful meeting hosted by the Merivale Precinct Society aimed at addressing local concerns regarding vandalism and increased levels of litter in the Merivale area.

A cross-sectioned Working Party is to further work on the issues identified. Any resources needed were offered by the Board member representatives.

To help in controlling the planter boxes being used as litter containers it was **agreed** that Gina Williamson, Colin Foggo and Andrew Craig decide on and arrange to be planted, a suitable coloured groundcover for the containers.

Staff were also asked to check on the well being of the topiary trees.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 St George's Hospital Redevelopment

Tony Hunter updated members on the redevelopment occurring at the hospital and of the willingness to ensure that the landscaping to be undertaken and the outdoor furniture to be provided would be in keeping with that now proposed in the commercial area. Tony undertook to advise details of the landscaping proposed in due course.

7.2 Cox Street

Mention was made of the ongoing parking problems occurring in the street associated with the nearby Mall activity. Concern was also expressed that Cox Street was not programmed to have its kerb and channels renewed within the next five year period.

It was **agreed** that a report on these matters be submitted by the Area Engineer to the Board's Works and Traffic Safety Committee.

The meeting concluded at 10.22 am

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendation therein be approved and adopted.