

17. COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD AREA

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The purpose of this report is to seek funding from the Community Board's 2001/2002 discretionary funding for community events to be held in the Hagley/Ferrymead wards over the 2001/2002 year and to respond to a request made by Councillor Erin Baker at the last Parks and Recreation Committee meeting (13 June, 2001) for a report on the provision of additional events in the Ferrymead ward.

BACKGROUND

The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board has supported a programme of local community events in its wards for several years. Events run for the 2000/2001 financial year included community events in Avonside and Richmond, older adults events in Woolston and Richmond, an event celebrating the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Edmonds Factory Gardens and Christmas events in Phillipstown, Linwood, Bromley and Woolston.

These events are usually planned and delivered in partnership with community groups and are often the initiative of the community group involved. The events have tended to "evolve" rather than being planned or placed in a specific community and have often been initiated by that community. The Community Recreation Advisor provides advisory assistance and input to ensure these events are safe and well promoted.

The Recreation and Arts Team applied for \$8,000 Project Funding (2001/2002) for a series of community events but this was declined by the Board. However the Board did agree that some projects (including Community Events) which it had declined for Project Funding could apply for discretionary funding.

MEETING COMMUNITY BOARD OBJECTIVES

Local community events contribute to community well-being, by bringing together members of a local community and encouraging them to feel good about the community in which they live. They are also a good mechanism for promoting the existence of local services and activities to residents and for providing employment and exposure to local residents, artists, performers, etc..

Community events assist in achieving the following Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board objectives:

1. Enhance social well-being and strengthen communities
4. Maximise the opportunities for residents to participate in recreation and leisure activities

Community events also contribute to the outcomes of the Council's Festival and Events Policy, namely:

1. increase the well-being of residents
2. meet the needs of residents and visitors for enjoyment, sport, recreation, art and culture
3. promote healthy lifestyles of residents through participation in events
4. provide a great place to live where residents are provided with both free and paid entertainment of a standard that meets or exceeds their expectations
5. provide employment opportunities for technical, artistic and sports related residents

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If the Board wishes to have a series of local events in the 2001/2002 financial year, the Recreation and Arts Team would require a commitment of \$8,000 (2001/2002 discretionary funding) before the Community Recreation Advisor could begin working with community groups to develop a plan of events for the two ward areas.

Councillor Baker's comments on the lack of events in the Ferrymead ward are noted and an effort would be made to engage with the community and community groups in this area to develop suitable events.

Should the Board decide to commit this funding the Community Recreation Advisor would present a plan of events to the Board at its September meeting.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board commit \$8,000 from its 2001/2002 discretionary funding towards community events in the Hagley/Ferrymead ward areas
 2. That the Community Recreation Advisor consult with community groups before presenting a plan of events in both ward areas to the Board at its September meeting.

The Community Advocate comments:

At the Project Funding Meeting on 1 March 2001 the Board did not allocate a sum of money to community events but indicated that applications be referred to the discretionary fund.

At that meeting the Board also decided not to allocate funding to special days/weeks traditionally funded from Project Funding but indicated that these types of applications also be referred to the discretionary fund. They indicated a desire for request for funding for special days, community events etc, be considered along with other similar requests for funding and allocated from discretionary funding.

The Board may wish to consider allocating \$15,000 to requests for funding for events and special days to 30 June 2002. This funding could include applications for community events (as detailed in the Community Recreation Adviser's report) and special days (eg Clean Up the World, Arbor Day, Neighbourhood Week, Environmental Week, etc).

A similar process for the consideration of requests and allocation of funds as is suggested for the Community Response Fund could operate for this fund also. Please refer to clause 16. relating to the Community Response Fund.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board allocates \$15,000 from its Discretionary Fund for funding community events and special days.
 2. That the Funding Committee (Bob Todd, Derek McCullough, Aaron O'Brien and Linda Rutland) in liaison with the Community Development Adviser, Community Reaction Adviser, and Parks & Waterways Area Advocate agree a process for allocation and recommend that the new Board establish a Funding Committee to continue the process.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the Community Advocate's recommendations be adopted.