

## **21. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE**

21.1 For members' information a schedule of the Discretionary funds distributed for the 2001/02 financial year since the allocation meeting on 15 February 2000 and a schedule of the Community Development Initiatives Fund for the 2001/02 financial year are attached.

21.2 For members' information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached.

21.3 For members' information a schedule of Board meetings to be held during 2001 is attached.

### **21.4 NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK 27 OCTOBER TO 2 NOVEMBER 2001**

The Joint Board Coordinating Committee for Neighbourhood Week 2001 met on 6 July 2001. Attached are the minutes of the meeting.

### **21.5 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER AWARDS**

At the Board's meeting of 2 July 2001, a Subcommittee was convened of Glenda Burt, Carole Evans and Caroline Kellaway to consider the establishment of awards to mark the International Year of the Volunteer in 2001.

The Subcommittee met on 16 July 2001 and decided that the Board should recognise the contribution made by volunteers to the community organisations in Burwood/Pegasus. The organisations will be invited to send in the names of their current volunteers who have worked for the organisation for more than the past 12 months. A small 'booklet' will be produced for each organisation recording the names of their volunteers as a permanent record. The book and a certificate will then be presented to the organisation at a function on a Sunday afternoon in November, to which two representatives of each organisation will be invited.

Organisations will be asked to forward their lists of volunteers by the end of August.

### **21.6 PARKLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

A problem has arisen because of the excessive concrete moisture content of the concrete floor slab of the new community hall.

Testing of the concrete floor slab by Opus Laboratories has confirmed that it does not meet specification. The compressive strength of the floor is approximately one third less than that specified.

Officers have asked the contractor to check the structural design of the building, given the reduced compressive strength, to confirm there will be no structural problems associated with this. Council engineers have advised that they expect the increased water content of the concrete mix used by the contractor has contributed to the high moisture content of the concrete floor. They believe there is likely to be more shrinkage cracking of the floor than would otherwise be expected because of this.

The Projects and Property Committee has resolved that the floor be dried naturally, rather than pursue alternative methods of encapsulating the water within the slab. A number of encapsulation systems are available with corresponding guarantees for their performance. However, the systems are only as good as the installation, and industry experts advise they have been involved in regular failures of each type. The consequences of moisture escaping the slab in this instance would be buckling of the sports floor.

At this stage officers are unable to determine when the building will be practically complete.

The contractor has been instructed to proceed with captured shot blasting and drying of the slab with dehumidifiers, fans and heaters. The slab will be tested weekly for the moisture content in order to ascertain drying progress and to more accurately predict when the building might be ready for flooring finishes to be applied. Officers will be reporting to the Projects and Property Committee monthly with progress reports and these reports will be copied to Board members.

## 21.7 ARANUI COMMUNITY RENEWAL

The Community Renewal Steering Committee currently comprises the City Council Housing Working party (Councillors), the Chief Executive Officer of Housing New Zealand Limited (HNZ) and the Southern Regional Manager of HNZ.

The steering committee was established through the September 2000 "Memorandum of Understanding" formed between HNZ and the Council.

The project has evolved considerably since September 2000 and is now firmly a three-way partnership - the Council, HNZ and the Aranui community. A Community Committee formed in March 2001 is now meeting regularly and ready for formal recognition by representation on the project steering committee.

It is recommended that membership of the Steering Committee be increased to include the Chairperson of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and two representatives of the Aranui Community Committee. The recommended structure is indicated in the attached diagram.

**Recommendation:** That the Board recommend to the Community Services Committee that the Chairperson of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and two representatives of the Aranui Community Committee be appointed to the Steering Committee of the Housing NZ/Council Steering Committee.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.