

23. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

23.1 Neighbourhood Week

Attached are the minutes from a meeting of the Neighbourhood Week Joint Board Committee held on Friday 3 August. Please note that under item 7. Other Business in the minutes, Derek McCullough said that he will arrange for a person to be co-opted as a member of the committee in his absence. The Board may like to consider this.

The Board should consider what level of support including funding it wants to give in promoting Neighbourhood Week.

Chairman's

Recommendation: Not seen by the Chairman

23.2 Discretionary Fund Update

The attached schedule shows the Board's allocations to date. The balance remaining prior to this meeting is \$35,560.

23.3 Community Response Fund

There have been no allocations to date. \$5,000 remains available for allocation.

23.4 Community Events and Special Days Fund

The Funding Committee met on 6 August to discuss a process for allocating funds from the community events and special days fund.

The Committee worked through previous year's requests and allocated a sum of money to respond to similar requests. It also set aside a sum of money for new requests that may come through following community development.

A request for funds was received from the Phillipstown Community Centre.

The Funding Committee agreed to allocate the Phillipstown Community Festival which will be held on 8 December, \$700 and underwrite the event for a further \$300. \$14,000 remains available for allocation.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

23.5 Out of School Care Committee

The Out of School Care Committee met on Wednesday 22 August. The Committee received a report from Ingrid de Meyer, Christchurch City Council Out of School Programme Coordinator, which provided the results of the Sumner Out of School Care and Recreation Services (SOSCARS) review undertaken by the OSCAR Network on behalf of the Council during April, May and August 2001.

The report concluded that SOSCARS programme is in high demand with numbers increasing. It is now out of debt with sufficient income to pay basic operating costs. However, external funding is required to remain financially viable and there is optimism that the programme should receive funding in future from other sources. The Out of School Care Committee resolved to adopt the recommendations contained in Ms de Meyer's report.

The Out of School Care Committee recommended:

1. That the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board allocate \$5,000 to the SOSCARS programme to assist them during the next six month period.
2. That an additional \$5,000 be set aside subject to SOSCARS providing a report which contains the following:
 - Budget information (income and expenses)
 - Details of any funding shortfall
 - Evidence of application to other external funders such as Lotteries, Community Trust, COG's etc.

That any future funding and resourcing decisions need to be made as stated in the Out of School Programme Strategy – “Prioritising Criteria” and in light of other programmes in the Hagley/Ferrymead area.

At its Project Funding Meeting the Board allocated \$15,000 to SOSCARS for 2001/02. In light of the decision of this Committee the Board will have an additional \$5,000 for reallocation.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the information be received.

23.6 Artworks in Public Places

On Thursday, 23 August Alan Bywater, Team Leader Leisure Planning, met with the Board to discuss the review of the Artworks in Public Places Policy.

A draft Artworks in Public Policy was presented at the meeting. Members present discussed the draft policy and made comments about the draft policy.

The committee noted that all art is controversial and needs creative risk taking. Some levity also needs to be put in.

Composition of the Working Party

Members considered that there should be a greater level of public accountability of the working party and more public participation. Members commented that if a resource consent is not required, the public should still be consulted but not at the stage when the artwork is completed. There should be some form of input into it from local people early in the process.

Definitions

Members questioned the word excellence in the contest that it will be rewarded and commented that not every piece of art will be considered to reach that level.

Members also discussed the definition of the words temporary and permanent art. There needs to be some awareness of all those involved in making a decision about an artwork as to how long an artwork will be sited at a particular place.

Appropriate Siting

The original placement of some art works may need to be reconsidered due to new buildings. For example a plaque in footpath in Colombo Street to Gordon Ogilvy was placed to look up at the Port Hills. However the building of the Sky bridge now means that you cannot see the Port Hills. This piece would need to be relocated.

Five Year Strategy and Operating Procedures

Members also discussed the five year strategy and operating procedures.

Members commented that the Artworks in Public Places Working Party needs to become more proactive and have more consultation with Community Boards. Processes must exist so that decisions for the local community are made closer to the community and the working party should not veto decisions for artworks that are funded by a community board. When decisions are made by the Working Party that involve a local artwork there could be some community board/local people involved in the working party.

Decisions need to be made more locally.

Members discussed how ideas for art works could get onto a five year strategy.

Community Boards could develop their own five year strategies and input these to the Art in Public Places Working Party.

Alan Bywater said staff will work further on the policy and then present the Board with recommendations.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

23.7 Seminar Session – Play Spaces in Parks

A seminar session on play spaces in parks will be hosted by the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board for all Community Board members on Tuesday 18 September at 4.00 pm at the new meeting place for the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board – Ascot Community Centre, 12 Ascot Avenue, Parklands. Kevin Williams, Chris Fourie and Councillor Sally Buck will make their presentation given to Parks and Recreation Committee on 20 August “providing spaces for play, responding to the challenge”.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

23.8 City to Sumner Community Watch

At the 1 August Board meeting the Board resolved to fund \$1,500 from its discretionary fund for the City to Sumner Community Watch group. Since then further information has come to hand indicating that the need to release this funding may not be required.

The Community Advocate recommends that the Board authorise her to withhold payment of the \$1,500 and request the City to Sumner Community Watch group to reapply should their financial position warrant Board funding.

Chairman's

Recommendation: For discussion

23.9 Social Initiatives Funding

The purpose of this report is for the Board to have a discussion with the Community Development Adviser and Community Advocate about projects and priorities for social initiatives funding for Hagley-Ferrymead. For example research and needs analysis indicate community worker positions may be required at Avebury and also at Bromley.

The total Social Initiatives Programme budget is \$815 000. This is made up of \$656 000 committed funds and \$159 000 available funds.

The Community Services Committee has agreed that the following priorities and criteria will be applied in the assessment of new projects to allocate the available funds.

Priorities

Projects will be funded according to the following priorities:

- ***Reduce Disparity***

Projects which address the differences in outcomes between people.

- ***Multi disadvantage***

Projects which work with people with some combination of the following factors; low income, inadequate housing, poor health, low school attainment and problems within the family.

- ***Increase opportunities for participation***

Projects which enhance participation by people in communities, thereby creating networks, goodwill, trust, shared values and norms, and generating reciprocity.

- ***Prevention***

Projects which aim to prevent negative outcomes, rather than address the symptoms of problems once they have developed.

- **Early intervention**

Projects which intervene in the early stages of the development of problems relating to multi-disadvantage.

- **Integrated approach**

Agencies which work with other agencies rather than in isolation.

Criteria

Projects funded through the Social Initiatives Programme will meet the following criteria:

1. **Not for profit status**
2. **Community initiative (not Council run)**
3. **Legislation compliance and good practice standards (as appropriate)**
4. **Potential or actual leverage of other support**

Background

A report to the Community Service Committee from the Social Initiatives Team identified a recommended approach to roll-over of some existing programmes and the transfer of other programmes to more appropriate funding sources.

Included in this was for the Social Initiatives Funding for the Linwood Community Centre for potential Community Board Fund after one year funding/evaluation.

The Community Services Committee resolved to adopt this and other recommendations.

(The recommendation included in the Social Initiatives Report was to Discontinue Social Initiatives Funding after one year with the Chair of Community Services Committee suggesting transfer to Community Board funding.)

At its August meeting the Community Services Committee agreed to adopt recommendations regarding the allocation process for the additional funding available under the Social Initiatives Programme.

It also resolved to ask Councillors to identify projects for consideration during the selection process.

Chairman's

Recommendation: For discussion.

23.10 Ferrymead/Brookhaven Residents' Association

A letter and petition has been received by the Community Advocate from a subcommittee of the Ferrymead/Brookhaven Residents' Association about "Brookhaven" / Dyers Road vibration and other problems. This has been circulated separately.

A meeting will be held on Thursday 13 September with representatives of the Association and Council staff to discuss and find resolution for some of the issues.

23.11 Avebury House

Lesley McMillan, Community Development Worker at Avebury House advises that the community interest in Avebury House being used as a managed community facility is high. The first public meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 September at Avebury House at 7.30pm. Already people are putting their names forward who want to be involved in the running of the house and there are others who are happy to be volunteers. A number of ideas are coming forward with some recurring themes.

Ideas and opinions for the use of the house will be sought at the public meeting.

Chairman's

Recommendation: Not seen by the Chairman

23.12 Bromley Community Centre

A feasibility study requested by the Board of the Bromley Community centre was completed. Members have received a copy of this report. The report offers some interesting challenges for the Council.

Chairman's

Recommendation: Not seen by the Chairman