

20. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

20.1 Discretionary Fund Update

The attached schedule shows the Board's discretionary fund allocations to date since 1 July 2002. A total of \$22,170 remains available for allocation.

20.2 Community Events and Special Days Fund Update

The attached schedule shows the Board's community events and special days fund guidelines and allocations to date since 1 July 2002. The Friends of Edmonds Factory Garden Inc have applied for \$200 from this fund to sponsor their annual Heritage Week Event, which was held on Sunday, October 20. The Friends have been advised that the community events and special days funding allocation guidelines include provision for funding this event, and the Board needs to confirm its approval of this allocation.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board approve the allocation of \$200 from its community events and special days fund to the Friends for their Heritage Week musical afternoon.

20.3 Community Response Fund Update

The attached schedule shows the Board's Community Response Fund allocations to date since 1 July 2002.

20.4 Barnett Park – Installation of Vehicular Gate

Residents have recently raised concerns about vehicles in the Barnett Park car park doing "wheelies" in the early hours of the morning. In response to these concerns, a programme of consultation has been undertaken with park users and the immediate community.

It is proposed to install a vehicular gate on the driveway approximately two car lengths in from the main road entrance. This is a method used in many city parks and foreshore parking areas. A security company would be engaged to close the gate at dusk and reopen at approximately 7.00am daily. Keys would be issued to user groups, so that their legitimate activities would not be compromised.

Without exception, all responses have endorsed the proposal to install the vehicular gate, many suggesting "it should have been done years ago."

20.5 Phillipstown Community Centre Annual Report

Claire Milne, Community Worker/Co-ordinator at Phillipstown Community Centre has submitted the Centre's Annual Report to June 2002. A copy of this report has been circulated separately to Board members.

20.6 170 Fitzgerald Avenue – Future Property Options

The Council owned property at 170 Fitzgerald Avenue is being released from its present operational use. (It is currently used as a pumping station and well.) The site includes a 1934, 2 level, 4 bedroom, weatherboard house. The Council is considering future options for the property. The Hagley/Ferrymead Advocacy Team has already received expressions of interest from the Schizophrenia Fellowship (for use by field workers and as a support meeting place), and the Latimer Community Housing Trust (for use as bedsit accommodation with an organic garden on the grounds). The local Indian community is also interested in the property. The Board may wish to consider supporting these expressions of interest. A memorandum outlining the property and the process for registering expressions of interest has been circulated separately to Board members.

20.7 L.Y.F.E. (Linwood Youth Festival Experience)

This year's L.Y.F.E will be held in Linwood Park on Sunday, 3 November (if wet, postponed to Sunday, 10 November). An extensive line up of music, food, community stalls, activities and entertainment has been organised. A Council – Leisure marquee will be on site for information and consultation regarding enhancing Linwood Park.

20.8 Report of Meeting of Working Party Administering Funds of the Former Woolston Park Amateur Swimming Club held on 11 October 2002

In July 2001 the Board agreed to administer the funds of the former Woolston Park Amateur Swimming Club (the "Club"), and set up a working party for this purpose. The funds received from the Club total approximately \$28,000. The working party members are a representative of Aqua Gym (Brett Naylor), a representative of the Club (Joan Moore), a representative of the Woolston Community Pool Committee (Ailsa Burnip), Bob Todd and Erin Baker.

The working party met on Friday 11 October at the Linwood Service Centre. Bob Todd, Joan Moore and Ailsa Burnip were present, and apologies were received from Erin Baker and Brett Naylor. Diana Saxton (Community Recreation Advisor), Gina Clarke (Community Secretary) and Margaret Stuart (Club member) were in attendance.

The working party discussed the Club's wishes, including the instruction that \$1000 be paid annually to the Woolston Park Pool Committee for as long as the pool remains operational and money remains in the fund, and that the rest of the fund be used to benefit promising swimmers.

The working party agreed that Diana Saxton would research appropriate options for administering the fund and report back to the working party at a later date.

20.9 Report of Linwood Traffic Management Meeting held on 11 October 2002

A meeting with members of local residents' groups to discuss traffic management in the Linwood area was held on 11 October. Brian Neill (Traffic Engineer), Peter Atkinson (Transport Planner) and Stephen Matheson (Unit Manager) attended from the City Streets Unit and presented an overview of traffic flows, road hierarchies and general traffic management in the area. Residents' concerns centred on the Worcester Street/Linwood Avenue intersection, and there was general consensus amongst the residents present that this intersection should be opened up and traffic lights or a roundabout installed. City Streets agreed to report to the Board on options and costings for it to make submissions to the 2003 Annual Plan process. Stephen Matheson emphasised that the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee would make any decision on the intersection.

20.10 Report of City Plan Process/Variations Briefing held on 16 October 2002

A briefing for the Board on the City Plan process and Plan variations was held on 16 October. David Mountfort (Team Leader – City Plan), Sean Elvines (Senior Planner) and Sue Wells (Chair of Regulatory and Consents Committee) attended and gave an overview of the history of the Plan, the inability to make the Plan operative until the references before the Environment Court are determined, and Council's decision not to allow any further variations to the Plan unless exceptional circumstances exist.

Rezoning the Maltworks site in Heathcote was discussed, and Sue Wells explained that the Council has offered to meet with local residents to discuss the Plan process and the reasons why a variation will not be granted.

The size and quantity of signage at the Ferrymead end of Ferry Road was also discussed, with Linda Rutland emphasising community concerns about the signage. The City Plan Team agreed to carry out an audit of the signs in that area.

It was suggested that the Board should address planning concerns to the City Plan Team in the first instance to ensure that concerns are communicated and enforcement is carried out.

20.11 Report of Seminar Meeting held on 17 October 2002

A Board seminar was held on 17 October.

ECan Briefing on Passenger Transport

Matthew Noon (Operations Planner) attended from ECan and gave an overview of ECan's Passenger Transport System. Matthew emphasised the rising number of bus users, and that ECan is significantly ahead of the targets set in its 1998 public transport strategy. A smart card ticketing process is about to be implemented, and 400 new bus shelters will be introduced in Christchurch in the next two years.

Matthew also stated that ECan was looking at extending evening services into Bromley in March/April 2003.

City Streets Unit Project Management and Consultation Management Processes

Alix Newman (Capital Programme Team Leader) attended and presented the proposed City Streets project management and consultation management processes to the Board. The processes are aimed at managing a capital budget item from start to finish and delivering the desired result on schedule. The Board has the opportunity to be involved at various stages of the process, for example, when the project is initiated, when consultation is planned, when the project objectives are identified and when consultation is carried out. The Board has discretion to determine where it wants to be involved in the process.

Kerb and Channel Renewal Programme – Community Board Consultation on Prioritisation Policy

Ken Stevenson (Asset Management Team Leader) attended and presented the Council's kerb and channel renewal prioritisation process. Community Boards can change their kerb and channel renewal priorities within the five-year programme, although this reprioritising does not allow new projects to be introduced. Ken gave an overview of the Council's "Kerb and Channel Assessment Form" and asked for Board members' feedback on the current weightings given to factors such as carriageway condition, traffic hierarchy/volumes, proximity to schools and proximity to businesses. Linda Rutland suggested that existing shoulder crossfalls should be given a higher rating, and there was general consensus that the current weighting in favour of high volume roads over residential streets should be reviewed.

20.12 Report of Leisure Facility Meeting held on 18 October 2002

A meeting with local MPs and representatives of local schools to discuss the need for a leisure facility in the Ferrymead ward was held on 18 October. Graham Condon (Chair of the Community and Leisure Committee) and Peter Walls (Assets and Business Advisor – Leisure Unit) attended.

There was general consensus that the need for a leisure facility in Ferrymead is clearly identified, and that a facility would help address health and youth issues. The meeting agreed that a working party comprising of Bob Todd (Chair of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board), Linda Rutland (Deputy Chair of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board), Rod Donald MP, Rob Burrough (Principal – Linwood College), Nola O'Connell (Deputy Principal – Woolston School) and Diana Saxton (Hagley/Ferrymead Community Recreation Advisor) be set up, and that representatives of this working party request a deputation to the next meeting of the Pools and Stadia Subcommittee. This meeting is scheduled for 4 November, with the time to be advised.

The meeting also discussed the need for leisure facilities in other parts of Christchurch, and that the Riccarton/Wigram, Shirley/Papanui and Hagley/Ferrymead Community Boards should present a unified approach to the Council for more resources for leisure facilities. Bob Todd suggested that this combined approach be an agenda item at the next Community Board Chairs and Advocates meeting.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the reports be received and Jude Pani thanked for her update.