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**SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD
GREENSPACE COMMITTEE
17 MARCH 2008**

**A meeting of the Greenspace Committee
was held on Monday 17 March at 4.00 pm
in the Boardroom, Papanui Service Centre**

PRESENT: Matt Morris (Chairperson), Ngaire Button, Pauline Cotter, Megan Evans, Yvonne Palmer and Norm Withers.

APOLOGIES: An apology from Aaron Keown was received and accepted.

The Committee reports that:

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. BRIEFINGS

1.1 STYX RIVER RESEARCH

Katie Collins, Research Student, reported on her research into distribution patterns of aquatic invertebrates in the upper Styx River and Smacks Creek.

Also present for this briefing were Christine Heremaia (Parks and Waterways Planner), Dr Hugh Thorpe, Ken Taylor, Chris Phillips, Stephanie Humphries and Margaret York of the Styx Living Laboratory Trust and also Kelly Walker of Lincoln University.

The study aimed to assess the distribution of aquatic invertebrates in the two areas and to suggest reasons for differences observed. The research concluded that there was a potential to improve the flow of Smacks Creek to reduce algal growth. Further research was needed to establish the effects of farm drains, ponds, the timber yard and Willow Bank Wildlife Reserve.

The Committee noted the need to involve the Guardians of the Styx, the Styx Living Laboratory, residents and residents groups in the Greenspace Visioning exercise which the Committee was about to undertake.

2. COMMITTEE MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Pauline Cotter indicated her intent to contribute articles to a local Newsletter in a personal capacity. It was **decided** that the Community Board Adviser be asked to inform all members of the protocol in such cases.

The Committee **decided** to hand deliver Garden Pride award certificates to those residents who do not attend the ceremony.

The Committee **decided** to ask recipients of the awards to supply a photograph of their garden.

The Committee **decided** to support Megan Evans with her proposal to amalgamate the Greenspace and Traffic Works Committees.

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PART C – REPORTS ON DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE

3. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT

The Committee **resolved** that the report of the ordinary meeting of the Committee held on Monday 18 February 2008 be confirmed subject to the following changes:

- Clause 2, final paragraph, remove “but no land is available” and replace with “only when suitable land becomes available.”
- The meeting concluded at 5.30 pm.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The Committee **resolved** that the method of election of the deputy chairperson be on the basis of open voting.

Nominations were called for the position of deputy chairperson.

Megan Evans was nominated by Ngaire Button seconded by Matt Morris.

There being no further nominations, Megan Evans was elected deputy chairperson of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board's Greenspace Committee for the 2007/10 term.

The meeting concluded at 5.20 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2008

**MATT MORRIS
CHAIRPERSON**