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**SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD
29 JUNE 2010**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board
held on Tuesday 29 June 2010 at 5.40pm
in the Boardroom, Beckenham Service Centre, 66 Colombo Street, Christchurch.**

PRESENT: Phil Clearwater, (Chairperson), Barry Corbett, Karolin Potter and Tim Scandrett.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Oscar Alpers, Chris Mene and Sue Wells.

The Board reports that:

PART A – MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION



1. PROPOSED TREE POLICY FOR TREES ON PUBLICLY OWNED LAND OR SPACES

The Board considered a report on the Proposed Tree Policy. A report with recommendations from all Community Boards will be submitted to a later Council meeting in 2010.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board **decided** to recommend that the Tree Policy Working Party be reconvened to consider all Community Board comments before the report goes to the Council.

The Board **decided** to recommend that the following points be considered as amendments to the Proposed Tree Policy. The inclusion of:

- (a) A definition of "Garden City". The definition to include: green flourishing growth, flowers, and a healthy, colourful and diverse range of plants.
- (b) A more 'liveable' factor be included, to add balance to the Policy. This would allow arborists and elected members to apply judgment to the policy. (refer to Proposed Policy, Section 3.3 Planning and Planting of Trees in Public Spaces, Point 4(b)).
- (c) An additional tree assessment factor:
 - The tree has some local/community significance, take into consideration storytelling and landmark value of trees. (refer to Proposed Policy, Section 3.5. Requests to remove trees in Public Spaces).
- (d) A provision to ensure that decisions are made on a tree without reference to the payment factor. (refer to Proposed Policy, Section 3.6. Cost of Removal of Trees in Public Spaces).
- (e) A further checklist point: all submitters agree...(refer to Proposed Policy, Section 3.4. Removal of trees)
- (f) A provision which ensures that the payment factor includes the application of discretion. This is to be applied by the Chief Executive Officer, in unusual circumstances. This could be achieved through the Chief Executive Officer applying a facilitated approach to arrive at an appropriate cost. (refer to Proposed Policy, Section 3.6. Cost of Removal of Trees in Public Spaces).
- (g) A provision which ensures that in relation to trees on private property the Council can assist with a mediation process between neighbours.

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- (h) A flexible approach to be taken around pruning and a better selection of species for shade and size to be taken into consideration for planting (refer to Proposed Policy, Section 3.3 Planning and Planting of Trees in Public Spaces, Point 4(b)).

The Board **decided** to recommend that the delegations be reviewed and furthermore the Board is not in favour of staff recommendation (k) and recommends that it be removed from staff recommendations.

The Board **decided to recommend that** in relation to point (i) of the staff recommendations, that the wording should be "giving the Board the power to make decisions" in the normal governance delegation manner. The wording in reference to the Transport and Greenspace Manager and the relevant Infrastructure Manager should be removed.

The Board **decided** to recommend that a provision to retain the Board's delegation power to make the decision to plant trees as the delegation currently stands – not as written in the proposed staff recommendations under point (h) of the staff recommendations be included in the policy. This refers to new plantings in parks and on berms, as currently is the case. Further the policy should be changed to include the provision that if anyone is upset about a tree, the matter will come to the Community Board, and the final decision will rest with the Community Board.

PART B – REPORTS FOR BOARD INFORMATION

2. DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

3. PETITIONS

Nil.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

6. BRIEFINGS

Nil.

7. REVIEW OF CHARACTER HOUSING MAINTENANCE GRANT FUND

The Board considered a report outlining information requesting a review of the Character Housing Maintenance Grants Policy, in relation to grant funding of maintenance of character houses located within Christchurch City and Banks Peninsula. The views of the Board would be reported back to the Regulation and Planning Committee, before reporting to the Council.

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The Board received the information and **decided** to recommend to the Regulation and Planning Committee that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board are supportive of option C of the staff recommendation in principle, but would like the Regulation and Planning Committee to consider the following factors:

- (a) That since there is a small amount of money for each ward an across the city approach may be more appropriate, especially taking into consideration the costs of advertising and administration of the grants.
- (b) The possibility of keeping the decision making at the Community Board level, but also taking a collective approach by establishing a sub-committee of all the Community Boards to consider the applications.
- (c) That house ages for a period of 50 years prior to the year of consideration become an established part of the grant process. (This would move the date to take into consideration more recent building styles for example houses constructed in the 1950/1960's). This matter to be considered in the next three year review.
- (d) The Board noted that there is a three year review process which could be used to process the Community Board comments.

8. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

The Board received an update from the Community Board Adviser on forthcoming Board related activities.

Mention was made of the following matters:

- Urban Development Strategy, in particular in relation to the Sydenham Shopping area.
- Felling of damaged Macrocarpa trees at Victoria Park.

The Board **decided** that staff investigate the possibility of the wood being given to a local group for Maori carving, and that the group be involved prior to the felling.

9. ELECTED MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Mention was made of the following matters:

- Dancing Like the Stars event.
- Older Persons programmes in the community.

10. MEMBERS QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

PART C – REPORT ON DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

11. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING REPORTS

The Board **resolved** that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Board held on 15 June 2010 be confirmed.

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12. ALBERT TERRACE – PROPOSED REVOCATION OF MOBILITY PARK

The Board considered a report seeking approval that an existing Mobility Park on the west side of Albert Terrace be revoked.

The Board **resolved** to revoke the existing Mobility Park on the west side of Albert Terrace commencing at a point 35 metres south from its intersection with Centaurus Road and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of eight metres.

13. APPLICATION TO SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – MANNING INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

The Board considered a report seeking funding for Manning Intermediate School from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board's 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

The Board **resolved** to grant \$5,000 from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to the Manning Intermediate School toward its Pou Whenua project.

14. APPLICATION TO SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – ROWLEY AVENUE SCHOOL SAMOAN LANGUAGE TRIP

The Board considered a report seeking funding for Rowley Avenue School from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board's 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Spreydon Heathcote Community Board decline the request from Rowley Avenue School towards cost of its Samoan Language Trip project as other sources of funding are considered more appropriate.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

The Board **resolved** to support the funding of Koha to the value of \$5,000 from the Board's 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to the Rowley Avenue School for a visit to Samoa given that they are working toward Tsunami relief.

The Board considered that it was sufficiently informed regarding this project and noted that the project was working as part of the Tsunami relief for Samoa and that it is a joint project between the Rowley Avenue School and the local Samoan community.

15. APPLICATION TO SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – SINGLE MUMS SUPPORT

The Board considered a report seeking funding for the Project Esther Charitable Trust from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board's 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

The Board **resolved** to grant \$12,641 from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to the Project Esther Trust Single Mums Support group towards costs of its One on One Support project.

The meeting concluded at 7.32pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 30TH DAY OF JULY 2010

**PHIL CLEARWATER
CHAIRPERSON**