HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD 18 AUGUST 2010

Report of a meeting of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board held on Wednesday 18 August 2010 at 3pm in the Boardroom, Linwood Service Centre, 180 Smith Street, Linwood.

PRESENT: Bob Todd (Chairperson), Tim Carter, Rod Cameron David Cox,

John Freeman, Brenda Lowe-Johnson and Yani Johanson.

APOLOGIES: An apology for early departure was received and accepted from

Brenda Lowe-Johnson.

Brenda Lowe-Johnson left the meeting at 3.47pm and was absent for clauses 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and part of

clause 3.

The Board reports that:

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. WILSON RESERVE LANDSCAPE UPGRADE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941 8608
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Unit Manager
Author:	Joanne Walton, Consultation Leader Greenspace

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present the recommendation of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to the Council to approve the concept design plan (refer **Attachment 1**) for the landscape upgrade of Wilson Reserve following consultation with the local community. It is intended that the Board's recommendation on this matter will be submitted to the Council meeting of 9 September 2010.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. Board members will recall that the concept plan for the upgrade of Wilson Reserve was presented to a Board seminar on 16 September 2009 prior to carrying out consultation with the local community.
- 3. The public information leaflet was distributed to approximately 37 businesses and absentee property owners in the vicinity of the reserve, along with five identified key stakeholder groups. A total of four comment forms were returned with all respondents indicating their support for the proposal.
- 4. A report recommending approval of the concept design plan, amended to provide additional seating, was considered by the Board at its meeting of 17 February 2010. The Board resolved that consideration of this report be deferred pending further information from staff. The Board received a memorandum from staff dated 24 February 2010 which provided this information, including on the proposed tram extension project and concluded the Board's consideration on this occasion.



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- 5. At the Council meeting of 24 June 2010, a preferred route option for the proposed Tram Extension Stage 2 was confirmed, with the tram returning diagonally through the Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology (CPIT) campus, and directly through the intersection of Madras, St Asaph, and High Streets. The implications of this preferred route have now been incorporated into the proposed plan for the landscape upgrade of Wilson Reserve. Further information is provided under the Consultation Fulfilment section of this report.
- 6. In recognition of earlier feedback, and further technical advice, we propose that this proposal be approved and implemented with the following changes:
 - (a) Additional seating will be situated on the grassed area of the reserve.
 - (b) Implementation of the landscape upgrade will be undertaken in two stages:

(i) Stage One

The walkway connection through the reserve will be constructed, opening up a three metre wide link to the existing footpath on Ferry Road, during the current 2010/11 financial year. The reserve is closely related to the official walk route associated with the Rugby World Cup 2011, and construction will need to be completed prior to the start of this event.

(ii) Stage Two

A 12 metre wide hard paved area leading on to the CPIT campus will be constructed during the 2011/12 financial year. This will incorporate aspects of the proposed tram development, including the foundations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There is funding in the 2009-19 LTCCP under the current Inner City Transport capital works programme (page 247) to undertake this development including design, consultation and construction:

2009/10: \$2.243 million

Current estimates indicate there is sufficient funding to undertake and complete the proposed work

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

8. As above.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 9. Wilson Reserve is a local park situated within the Central City Area. The Council resolved at its meeting on 23 July 2010 that delegations for roading, parks and leases in the Central City Area are to be exercised by the Council with reports on those matters coming directly to the Council. In this case, the proposal had previously been presented to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board prior to the changes to the Central City Area delegations, and is therefore being presented to the Board for a recommendation to the Council.
- 10. Wilson Reserve is zoned Conservation 2 under the Christchurch City Plan. No resource or building consent issues have been identified.

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Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

11. Yes, as above. No other legal considerations have been identified.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. The project aligns with the 2009-2019 Long Term Council Community Plan.

Parks, open spaces and waterways (page 116)

- (a) Safety by ensuring that our parks, open spaces and waterways are healthy and safe places.
- (b) Community –by providing spaces for communities to gather and interact.
- (c) Environment by enabling people to contribute to projects that improve our Environment.
- (d) Governance By involving people in decision-making about parks, open spaces and waterways.
- (e) Health by providing areas for people to engage in healthy activities.
- (f) Recreation by offering a range of recreational opportunities in parks, open spaces and waterways.
- (g) City Development by providing an inviting, pleasant and well cared for environment.

Measures

- (h) Neighbourhood parks are satisfactorily maintained
- (i) Customers are satisfied with the range of recreation facilities.
- (j) Overall customer satisfaction with neighbourhood parks.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

13. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

- 14. This project has primary alignment with the following Council strategies and policies:
 - (a) Safer Christchurch Strategy.
 - (b) Parks and Waterways Access Policy.
 - (c) Environmental Policy Statement.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. As above.

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CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

- 16. Consultation was undertaken with the local community on the proposed concept plan for the landscape upgrade in December 2009. The public information leaflet was distributed to approximately 37 businesses and absentee property owners in the vicinity of the reserve, along with five identified key stakeholder groups. The plan was also available through local libraries and service centres, and the Councils 'Have Your Say' website. A total of four comment forms were returned and all were in support of the proposal. Additional seating was also proposed by staff for the grassed area of the reserve.
- 17. Council staff have worked closely with representatives of the adjoining CPIT in developing the proposed draft landscape concept design. A CPIT representative has been advised verbally of the proposal, with confirmation to follow in writing.
- 18. It is proposed that the Wilson Reserve landscape upgrade will now be constructed in two stages as illustrated in the concept design plan:

(a) Stage One

The walkway connection through the reserve will be constructed, opening up a three metre wide link to the existing footpath on Ferry Road, during the current 2010/11 financial year and prior to the start of the Rugby World Cup in 2011.

(b) Stage Two

A 12 metre wide hard paved area leading on to the CPIT campus will be constructed during the 2011/12 financial year. This will incorporate aspects of the proposed tram development, including the foundations.

- 19. It is proposed that the footpath along the St Asaph Street frontage will be retained for pedestrian safety reasons.
- 20. The path through the centre of the reserve is for shared use by pedestrians and cyclists.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the proposed landscape concept design plan for Wilson Reserve as shown in **Attachment 1** (TP 316101-3) amended as a result of public consultation and further technical advice.

BOARD CONSIDERATION

The Board discussed with staff the impact of the proposed tram extension project on stage one of the reserve upgrade and were advised that the Council's decision on the preferred route for the tram did not impact on stage one.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

It was **decided** on the motion of David Cox, seconded by Yani Johanson, that the Board recommend to the Council that the staff recommendation be adopted, noting the following comments of the Board:

- (a) That the footpath along the St Asaph Street frontage will be retained in the reserve upgrade.
- (b) That the Council is satisfied that the proposed tram extension will not go through stage one of the reserve upgrade.
- (c) That rubbish and recycling bins be included within the design for the reserve upgrade.

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2. GRACEFIELD AVENUE STREET RENEWAL PROJECT

The Board considered a report seeking approval for the proposed Gracefield Avenue Street Renewal Project. The report to the Board and staff comment provided information that Gracefield Avenue is a special amenity area within the City Plan (SAM 25), that there is currently no funding available for the undergrounding of power lines in the street, and that the plan for Board approval takes into account safety audit recommendations associated with this project.

It was **decided** on the motion of Yani Johanson, seconded by Rod Cameron:

- (a) That the Board recommend to the Council that it make an exception to its policy on undergrounding for the Gracefield Avenue Street Renewal Project, on the basis that it is within a special amenity area in the inner city, and there would be an improved safety aspect given the unique placement of the existing power poles.
- (b) That given recommendation (a) above, the Board recommend to the Council that funding for undergrounding be provided for this project.

The Board heard a deputation on this matter, clause 3.2 refers. The Board's decision relating to the Gracefield Avenue Street Renewal Project is contained within clause 8 of these minutes.

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

3.1 INSPECTOR ERASMUS, SENIOR SERGEANT DEAN AND SENIOR SERGEANT NALDER

Inspector Derek Erasmus, Senior Sergeant Phil Dean and Senior Sergeant Glen Nalder, from the Christchurch Central Police updated the Board on policing issues within the ward, including the recent incident on Buccleugh Street, the closure of roads around AMI Stadium for the Bledisloe Cup and community policing levels in the area.

The Chairperson thanked Inspector Erasmus, Senior Sergeant Dean and Senior Sergeant Nalder for their deputation to the Board, and sent the Board's best wishes to the two officers involved in the incident on Buccleugh Street last month.

3.2 SHARON MCGARRY

Sharon McGarry addressed the Board, and tabled photographs, in relation to the Gracefield Avenue Street Renewal Project. Ms McGarry detailed her concerns that the proposed plan does not provide for the undergrounding of overhead services which would significantly improve this special amenity area, improve safety relating to the placement of power poles and lighting in the street, and be in keeping with the amenity of other streets in the vicinity.

The Chairperson thanked Ms McGarry for her deputation to the Board. This matter was considered during discussion of clause 2 and clause 8 of these minutes.

4. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil.

5. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

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6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 BOB NIXON, REGARDING TRAFFIC SAFETY, MCGREGORS ROAD

The Board received correspondence from Bob Nixon, regarding traffic safety on McGregors Road.

It was **decided** on the motion of Bob Todd, seconded by Rod Cameron that the Board request that staff provide a report on traffic safety in the McGregors Road area.

7. BRIEFINGS

Nil.

8. GRACEFIELD AVENUE STREET RENEWAL PROJECT

The Board considered a report seeking approval for the proposed Gracefield Avenue Street Renewal Project.

It was **decided** on the motion of Yani Johanson, seconded by Rod Cameron, that the Board defer consideration of this report until the Council has considered and made a decision on the Board's recommendations on this project.

The Board's recommendations to the Council on this matter are contained within clause 2 of these minutes. The Board heard a deputation on this matter, clause 3.2 refers.

9. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

The Board **received** updates from the Community Board Adviser on Board related activities. Specific mention was made to upcoming dates for meetings, current Council consultations and the July update of current Council projects. Clause 14 of these minutes records the Board decision on approval of its submission to the Proposed New or Amended Speed Limits in Christchurch City.

10. BOARD MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Nil.

11. BOARD MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Board members discussed safety concerns with the intersection of Maces Road and Dyers Road and a recent accident in the area. The Board **decided** to request that staff write to the New Zealand Transport Agency to seek comment on the intersection and any safety issues.

PART C - REPORT ON DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

12. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 4 AUGUST 2010

It was **resolved** on the motion of Rod Cameron, seconded by Tim Carter that the minutes of the Board's ordinary meeting of 4 August 2010 (both open and public excluded) be confirmed.

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13. APPLICATION TO THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD 2010/11 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – JASON-LEE RAWIRI ARAIPU-HALL, JAYDEN PETA BROWN AND LENA TAUA NGATAI

The Board considered a report seeking approval for an application for funding from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme.

It was **resolved** on the motion Bob Todd, seconded by Tim Carter, that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board makes a grant of \$160 each from its 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme to Jason-lee Rawiri Araipu-Hall, Jayden Peta Brown and Lena Taua Ngatai towards their trip to Dunedin to attend the Nga Manu Korero 2010 National Secondary School Speech Contest.

14. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE (CONT'D)

Further to clause 9 (Part B) of these minutes, the Board **resolved** on the motion of Rod Cameron, seconded by Tim Carter that the Board delegate authority to the Board Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson to approve the Board's submission on the Proposed New or Amended Speed Limits in Christchurch City.

15. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

It was **resolved** on the motion of Bob Todd, seconded by Tim Carter that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of the meeting, namely item 16.

The public were excluded from the meeting at 5.05pm.

The Chairperson thanked Board members and staff for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 5.16pm.

CONFIRMED ON THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2010

BOB TODD
CHAIRPERSON

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ATTACHMENT 1 TO CLAUSE 1

