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**SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD  
15 DECEMBER 2009**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board  
held on Tuesday 15 December 2009 at 5.08pm  
in the Boardroom, Beckenham Service Centre, 66 Colombo Street, Christchurch.**

**PRESENT:** Phil Clearwater, (Chairperson), Oscar Alpers, Barry Corbett, Chris Mene, Karolin Potter, Tim Scandrett and Sue Wells.

**APOLOGIES:** Nil.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.10pm and 8.50pm and recommenced at 7.20pm and 8.55pm respectively.

The Board reports that:

**PART A – MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION**

**1. COLOMBO STREET BUS PRIORITY LANES**



The Board **requested** that the submission received from the Sydenham business owners be given to the Council's Chief Executive as a matter of priority.

The Board **decided:**

- (a) To **recommend** to the Council that the times for the bus lanes on Colombo Street between the Bus Exchange and Brougham Street be changed to apply from 4pm to 6pm.
- (b) That the Sydenham Parking Plan changes are to be implemented prior to the construction of the Bus Priority Lanes in Sydenham.

**PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

**2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

2.1 Susan Turnbull updated the Board in relation to the vehicle exit only access from Tennyson Street to the new shopping centre located at 140 Colombo Street. Susan Turnbull reported her observations that traffic continues to endeavour to access the car park via Tennyson Street. She pointed out that in her opinion this raised safety concerns.

The Chair thanked Susan Turnbull for her comments.

Staff advised the Board that matters related to vehicle entry and exit from Tennyson Street are presently under consideration.

Further to a Board resolution from the 13 October 2009 meeting requesting a report on all traffic/parking matters related to the development at 140 Colombo Street, the Board further **requested** that staff expedite a report on the exit/entry issues at 140 Colombo Street, and consider the suggestion of the Council waiving any Resource Consent fees that might apply and paying for the reconstruction of the exit to make it both entry/exit onto Tennyson Street.

2.2 A group of Sydenham business owners presented arguments in support of their opposition to the installation of bus lanes in the Sydenham shops area on Colombo Street. They were represented by Rebecca Wolt, solicitor, who presented a submission on their behalf in relation to the Bus Priority Project.

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Ms Wolt presented arguments outlining their opposition to the bus lanes. In her opinion, the 2009 Bylaw does not empower the Council to establish and operate bus lanes.

Further, Eric McKenzie, manager of AMI Insurance, located at 428 Colombo Street, spoke to the Board in relation to the Bus Priority Project and presented his opposition to the introduction of the bus lanes on the basis of the loss of parking during crucial business operation times. In addition, he stated that in his opinion he considered that there was a lack of information to show that there was a huge increase in the volume of traffic or changes in traffic flows at different times of the day.

Further, Garry Knight, Sydenham business owner of Penny Lane Records, located at 461 Colombo Street, stated that in his opinion the data presented did not support bus lanes outside the Sydenham shops and he highlighted problems with the parking plans. In addition, he stated that there would be a less negative impact on business operation if the bus lanes could be from 4.30pm to 6pm.

The Chair thanked the deputations in relation to the Bus Priority Project.

Clause 1 (Part A) of these minutes records a decision in relation to this matter.

**3. PETITIONS**

Nil.

**4. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

**6. BRIEFINGS**

The Council and Environment Canterbury staff reviewed the information behind the Bus Priority Project decisions on Colombo Street. Information was presented in relation to travel time variations and traffic flows. The Board were also advised of progress on shop canopy repairs. Clarification was received in relation to the bus lane options during the consultation process.

Clause 1 (Part A) of these minutes records a decision in relation to this matter.

**7. COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE IN PUBLIC PLACES**

The Board considered a report outlining the relevant legal provisions and Council enforcement action undertaken in relation to complaints about signs in private and public places.

The Board **decided** to receive the information.

**8. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE**

Nil.

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**9. ELECTED MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Mention was made of the following matters:

- Rowley Avenue School assembly attended by Phil Clearwater and Karolin Potter.
- Manning Intermediate School prize-giving attended by Chris Mene.
- Future meetings with local school principals.
- Christchurch Digital Learning Centre Trust.
- Proposed Council Tree Policy.
- Mid Heathcote/Opawoho River Master Plan.

The Board **request** that staff provide an update on the Mid-Heathcote/Opawoho River Master Plan progress.

**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 4 December 2009 be confirmed.

**12. CURRIES RESERVE – PROPOSED UPGRADE**

The Board considered a report seeking approval of the final landscape plan for Curries Reserve following public consultation.

The Board **resolved** to approve the Curries Reserve - Proposed Upgrade final landscape plan as submitted.

The meeting concluded at 9.06pm

**CONFIRMED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2010**

**PHIL CLEARWATER  
CHAIRPERSON**