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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - 3 February 2005

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Henderson Community Board held on Thursday, 3 February 2005, as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.



3 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Board by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairperson has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Board may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

NOTE: Urgent business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



4 **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations will take place at 7.00 pm.

A NEW ZEALAND POLICE

Provision has been made on this agenda for a representative from the New Zealand Police to update the Board on matters in the Henderson Ward area.

B RAIL UPGRADE UPDATE

The purpose of the presentation is to ensure that Community Board Members are fully briefed if residents contact them about the forth coming activities. Council staff will give a brief overview of the activities along the western rail corridor, and the proposed community consultation process. The presentation will outline the Double Tracking, Station Upgrades, the Rail Trail and the information that will be sent to residents. Auckland Regional Transport Network Limited will be present at the meetings to answer any questions that may arise.

C SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN PROGRAMME

Council staff will present an outline of the Waitakere School Travel Plan programme, followed by presentations on the Henderson South School Travel Plan launch on 10 March 2005, and the Lincoln/Rathgar Cluster joint School Travel Plan and Safer Routes programme, presented by Auckland Regional Transport Authority.



5 **PUBLIC FORUM**

Public Forum will take place after the presentations

For guidance of Community Board Members, the Council's Standing Orders have the following provisions in regard to Public Forum.

- (i) members of the public wishing to address the Board in Public Forum shall furnish their names to the Chairperson at the beginning of the meeting; and
- (ii) the Chairperson shall determine the order of speakers, and allow five minutes for speaking time;
- (iii) questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of any specific item of business not on the agenda except to refer the items to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. Therefore, no decision may be made on matters raised in Public Forum. However, written reports on matters raised may be requested from the Chief Executive Officer.



6 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The under grounding of the power lines and services on Te Atatu and Edmonton Road's is now complete at a cost of approximately \$9 million. United Networks are to be congratulated on a job well done in difficult conditions with the minimum of disruption.

I have been on a tour with Jack Burton and Adam Moller looking at small traffic issues some of which can be resolved immediately. Sometimes, it is the small problems which residents find the most frustrating. I intend to meet with Jack Burton on a monthly basis to keep updated on issues, so please let me or Jack know of any problems which we could look into, or we could arrange a special trip.

At the Auckland Regional Community Board Association meeting discussion centred on remuneration issues and the difference between different Councils. Each Council has been asked to appoint a facilitator to be first point of contact and circulate information from the Association. It was recommended that a newsletter be reintroduced to keep people informed and create greater interest.

At the time of writing this report I have attended the first day of the draft Annual Plan deliberations, interesting information to emerge includes:

- 1 Call Centre receives 9500 calls each week.
- 2 Eco Toilets capital cost \$140,000 and maintenance \$7,500 per annum.
- 3 Legislative requirements are placing extra financial burdens on Councils.
- 4 Projects for 2005/2006 include:
 - Waitakere Central;
 - Rail Station;
 - Urban Centre Expansion;
 - Film Studio's;
 - Redevelopment Henderson;
 - Corban Estate;
 - Improving Bus Services;
 - Youth Centre Precinct.



RECOMMENDATION

That the Chairperson's Report for 3 March 2005 be received.



Elizabeth Grimmer, MNZM
CHAIRPERSON



7 **COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

ISSUE	COMMENTS	REPORTING OFFICER
<p>Reconstruction of a Pre-School Centre at Jack Pringle Park</p> <p>Resolution No: 2230/2004</p> <p>11 November 2004</p>	<p>A report was submitted to the Henderson Community Board on 2 December 2004 with regard to the reconstruction of a child care facility for the Fetutolu Tukelau Akoga Kamata Trust at Jack Pringle Park.</p> <p>The applicant has submitted a revised plan for consent that includes four complying car parking spaces in front of their proposed building and the marking of four public car parking spaces in the Council road reserve, at their expense but not for their exclusive use.</p> <p>Council officers confirm the parking issues for the child care centre development have been resolved. If the Henderson Community Board believe there are further car parking issues in and around Jack Pringle Park, Council officers are happy to discuss the matter further with Board Members.</p>	<p>Warren Ogilvie</p> <p> 836 8000 ext: 8561</p>
<p>Paid Parking Trial in Henderson</p> <p>Notice of Motion</p> <p>Resolution No: 2231/2004</p> <p>2 December 2004</p>	<p>The Finance and Operational Performance Committee at its 7 February 2005 meeting resolved:</p> <p><i>"That the Car Parking Trial continue as planned and that a further report be provided to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee in August 2005 to report back on the progress of the trial.</i></p> <p><i>That ongoing dialogue be continued with the key businesses in the area to deal with issues around the Henderson Parking Trial and that a report be brought back to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee in April 2005."</i></p> <p>108/2005</p> <p>Councillors Corban and Chan requested that their votes against the motion be recorded.</p>	<p>Kevin Wright</p> <p> 836 8000 ext: 8419</p>




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<p>Request for a Slow Street in Addison Avenue and Waitaki Street, and a List of all Slow Streets to be Completed</p> <p>Public Forum</p> <p>11 November 2004</p>	<p>A copy of the previous slow streets priority list is attached at page A1 for the Board's reference. This list has 10 streets rated as B priority and 56 streets rated as C priority. The total cost to treat all these streets with low cost traffic calming measures (basic asphalt speed humps similar to Butterworth Drive) is approximately \$2.5 million.</p> <p>The list is currently being updated by Transport Assets including reassessment of all the B priority sites and assessment or reassessment of a number of other specific sites where recent concerns have been raised, in particular North Piha Road, Sunvue Road, Flanshaw Road, Addison Avenue and Colvil Road.</p> <p>The priority reassessment includes reviewing the crash histories of each road and carrying traffic counts to survey vehicles speeds and volumes. This will allow the priority of sites within the B category to be individually ranked and for new sites to be allocated to the appropriate category.</p> <p>At the deadline for the submission of reports to the Henderson Community Board's March 2005 meeting some of the traffic count results were not available and consequently the updated priority list will be reported back to the Board in April 2005.</p>	<p>Adam Moller  836 8000 ext: 8750</p>
<p>Road Safety Issues in Metric Place and Devich Avenue</p> <p>Public Forum</p> <p>Resolution No: 2226/2004</p> <p>2 December 2004</p>	<p>The major issue at this site is the provision of a new footpath in Metric Place. Transport Assets are assessing the feasibility and preparing a cost estimate for this work.</p> <p>A report will be brought back to the Henderson Community Board in April 2005 for the Board to review its footpath construction priorities and consider inclusion of Metric Place in the 2005/2006 footpath programme.</p>	<p>Adam Moller  836 8000 ext: 8750</p>

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<p>Elected Members' Remuneration - Remuneration Authority Determination</p>	<p>A draft report on the proposed remuneration for Elected Members, for the interim period ending 30 June 2005, was discussed at a workshop, attended by the majority of Community Board Members, on 28 January 2005. One Community Board Chairperson expressed dissatisfaction at the level of remuneration recommended for the Deputy Mayor, despite the explanation that this was due to the current incumbent no longer also chairing a Standing Committee. Apart from this, the Board Members appeared satisfied with the Proposals. These were adopted by Council on 16 February 2005, as follows:</p> <p><i>"1. That the Elected Members' Remuneration - Remuneration Authority Determination report be received.</i></p> <p><i>2. That the Council recommend the following salaries for Elected Members to the Remuneration Authority:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Deputy Mayor - 69,551,</i> • <i>Chairpersons of Standing Committees (City Development, Planning and Regulatory and Finance and Operational Performance Committee) - 66,390,</i> • <i>Committees:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Chairperson of Hearings - 56,431;</i> - <i>Chairperson of Projects Special - 56,431;</i> - <i>Chairperson of Arts Special - 56,431;</i> - <i>Chairperson of Emergency Services Committee - 0;</i> - <i>Chairperson of Performance Review Committee - 0;</i> - <i>Chairperson of Tenders Subcommittee - 0;</i> - <i>Chairperson of Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Special Committee - 0.</i> • <i>Other Councillors - 45,689,</i> • <i>Community Boards Chairpersons - 21,498,</i> • <i>Community Board Members - 11,065.</i> 	<p>Charlie Inggs ☎ 836 8000 ext 8854</p>

	<p>3. <i>The following reimbursements and expenses be recommended to the Remuneration Authority:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>That Councillors and Community Board Members receive a monthly allowance to cover reimbursement of the following costs incurred as appropriate;</i>• <i>Reimbursement of one domestic line rental and one domestic line maintenance charge related to telephone, fax and email operation and the call minder facility (currently \$45.20).</i>• <i>Reimbursement of one cell phone on the basis of the Waitakere City Call Plan including the Call Minder facility (currently \$35) when a cell phone is made available to be used on Council business.</i>• <i>Reimbursement of the best flat rate monthly fee available to the Council for Jet Stream 400 or its equivalent (currently \$49) (not currently available to Community Board Members).</i> <p>4. <i>That Councillors and Community Board Members claim reasonable business related core costs on telephone or cell phone on a monthly basis provided they are supported by presentation of an account detailing to whom the calls have been made.</i></p> <p>5. <i>That Councillors be paid a flat monthly fee of \$20 to cover all consumables (not currently available to Community Board Members) for computers including lap tops, printers, facsimiles etc.</i></p> <p>6. <i>That Councillors be supplied with either a personal computer at home or a lap top if necessary. Those Councillors that provide their own computer equipment be paid an additional monthly allowance of \$50 (not currently available to Community Board Members).</i></p> <p>7. <i>That no other telephones, fax machines or cell phones be provided to Elected Members except that the Mayor be provided with a cell phone and the Council will pay for all expenses except private calls.</i></p>	
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	<p>8. That when on approved Council business all actual or related expenses be met by the Council.</p> <p>9. That the rate for reimbursing an Elected Member for travel, using their own motor vehicle on Council business, be as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Km per Year</i></th> <th><i>Up to 1300cc</i></th> <th><i>1300-1600cc</i></th> <th><i>1600-2000cc</i></th> <th><i>Over 2000cc</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>10,000</td> <td>54.3 cents</td> <td>66.9</td> <td>83.4</td> <td>103.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14,000</td> <td>45.0</td> <td>54.3</td> <td>66.6</td> <td>82.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>40,000</td> <td>24.0</td> <td>27.6</td> <td>33.8</td> <td>40.9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>and that the Council also pay the approved rate to appointed Members. Any infringement fees eg. parking and speeding infringements are by law the responsibility of the offender.</p> <p>10. That the Chairperson of Te Taumata Runanga be paid a salary of \$19,030.</p> <p>11. That all appointed non-elected Members of Council Committees and Subcommittees except the Hearings Committee be paid a meeting fee of \$195.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>180/2005</i></p> <p>Each Community Board is required to formally adopt these, as they relate to Community Board remuneration, but are free to make submissions directly to the Remuneration Authority on any matter contained in the Council proposal.</p>	<i>Km per Year</i>	<i>Up to 1300cc</i>	<i>1300-1600cc</i>	<i>1600-2000cc</i>	<i>Over 2000cc</i>	10,000	54.3 cents	66.9	83.4	103.0	14,000	45.0	54.3	66.6	82.0	40,000	24.0	27.6	33.8	40.9	
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REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Te Atatu Traffic Management	6 March 2003 Public Forum	7 April 2005	Ross Hill  836 8000 ext: 8737
Edmonton Road - Traffic Study - Annual Report (through Secretary's Report)	2 October 2003 Resolution No: 2018/2003	7 April 2005	Adam Moller  836 8000 ext: 8750
Speed Humps in Covil Avenue, Te Atatu South	2 December 2004 Resolution No: 4302/2004	7 April 2005	Ross Hill  836 8000 ext: 8737

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Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Alderman Drive Pedestrian Crossing	11 November 2004 Resolution No: 2038.2004 3 February 2005-02-24 Resolution No: 64/2005	7 April 2005	Ross Hill ☎ 836 8000 ext: 8737 Renee Lambert ☎ 836 8000 ext: 8118 Bruce Hawkins ☎ 836 8000 ext: 8652
Steering Group on Shopping Trolleys in Streams	24 November 2004 Council Resolution No: 2109/2004	7 April 2005	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 ext: 8294
Code of Conduct for Community Boards	3 February 2005 Resolution No: 63/2005	7 April 2005	Charlie Inggs ☎ 836 8000 ext: 8854

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee Secretary's Report for 3 March 2005 be received.

Report prepared by: Ngareta Delamere, Committee Secretary.



8 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN CRANWELL PARK CAR PARK

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to provide recommendations to the Henderson Community Board on pedestrian safety initiatives that can be implemented to ensure greater safety when exiting the Henderson Library, in Cranwell Park, Henderson.

BACKGROUND

Concerns were expressed in the Public Forum at the Henderson Community Board meeting of 2 December 2004. At that meeting it was resolved:

“That a report be brought back to the Henderson Community Board looking at issues in Cranwell Park around pedestrian safety and speeding restrictions and the possible trimming of trees to improve vision.”

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At present there are no legal traffic controls that could be used to slow traffic exiting the car park. There is a pedestrian pram crossing near the Henderson Library exit, for those wishing to cross the car park. At that point visibility into the car park, in a northerly direction, is limited by trees and shrubs in a garden.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Waitakere City Council's "Integrated Transport and Communication" platform provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for transport systems that are focussed on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication and safety.

ISSUES

The tree trimming in gardens, north of the pedestrian pram crossing, has been completed to improve pedestrian site lines when exiting the Henderson Library.

In addition to the above, it is proposed to initiate two traffic control measures:

- to install a vehicle speed hump, approximately 5 metres north of the pedestrian pram crossing, near the Henderson Library, as a control feature for cars exiting the car park.
- to install a yellow pedestrian warning sign approximately 5metres north of the pedestrian pram crossing.

RESOURCES

The necessary traffic signs and vehicle speed hump can be implemented from the existing Annual Plan 2004/2005 Parks budget.

CONCLUSION

There are a number of measures outlined in this report that can be undertaken to improve pedestrian safety for those exiting the Henderson Library, in Cranwell Park. It is considered that these measures will address the issues of concern raised at a previous meeting of the Henderson Community Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Pedestrian Safety In Cranwell Park Car Park report be received.
2. That the Henderson Community Board approve the installation of a vehicle speed hump, approximately five (5) metres north of the pedestrian pram crossing, near the Henderson Library, in Cranwell Park.
3. That the Henderson Community Board approve the installation of a yellow pedestrian warning sign, approximately five (5) metres north of the pedestrian pram crossing, outside the Henderson Library, in Cranwell Park.

Report prepared by: Warren Ogilvie, Operations Manager, Special Projects, Parks and Open Spaces.



9 **KEEP WAITAKERE BEAUTIFUL TRUST 2005 TREES FOR BABIES PLANTING PROGRAMME**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to gain approval from the Henderson Community Board for the park in its Ward recommended as this year's site for the annual Trees for Babies community planting days. The report also requests the nomination of a representative from the Community Board to speak on the day.

BACKGROUND

Trees for Babies is an annual community event to celebrate babies born in Waitakere City. Trees have been planted by the community in one reserve in each of the four Wards as part of a Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust, Plunket and Council project for the past 10 years. This is a popular community event with approximately 100 trees planted in each reserve each year.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Trees for Babies is now in its 11th year, evidence of both the popularity of this event, and the ongoing long term partnership between the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust and Council. Trees for Babies is an active reflection of the Strong Communities platform, as well as the Green Network platform, of the Long Term Council Community Plan. Trees for Babies exists because both parties recognise the long-term value in community ownership of, and participation in, community-based environmental initiatives. Trees for Babies also adds to the Green Network, providing homes and "highways" for wildlife and enhanced recreational areas for people.

ISSUES

The following parks listed are recommended as Trees for Babies sites for 2005 following consultation with the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust Board and Waitakere City Council Parks staff. The parks recommended have been assessed for suitability and each has adequate size and space to accommodate large areas of tree planting.

The Trees for Babies events will take place in the autumn planting season in May 2005. All plantings take place on Saturday between 11am and 1pm.

The recommended Trees for Babies sites and dates are:

New Lynn Ward - Mason Park, Fruitvale Road, off Great North Road	7 May
Henderson Ward - Wakeling Park, Wakeling Road, off Te Atatu Road	14 May
Waitakere Ward - Dalmatia Green, Chislehurst Street, off Newham Place	21 May
Massey Ward - Fairdene Reserve, Fairdene Avenue, off Lincoln Road	28 May

The event will be community focused with family orientated activities and guest speakers. A Community Board Member is requested to speak at the event.

RESOURCES

Funding for Trees for Babies has been approved through the Annual Plan 2004/2005 programme.

CONCLUSION

The Trees for Babies event has been held successfully since 1995 to celebrate the birth of babies in Waitakere City. The parks recommended for Trees for Babies for 2005 have been selected based on their suitability for a Trees for Babies event following consultation with the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust Board and Waitakere City Council Parks staff.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust 2005 Trees for Babies Planting Programme report be received.
2. That the Wakeling Park, Henderson Ward be accepted as the confirmed site for the 2005 Trees for Babies event.
3. That a Community Board Member be nominated from the Henderson Community Board to speak at the Trees for Babies event.

Report prepared by: Jacki Byrd, Parks and Community Projects Co-ordinator.



10 LEISURE STRATEGY CONSULTATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to inform the Henderson Community Board of the recent Leisure Visioning Consultation undertaken and to seek additional comments and feedback from Board Members. This consultation will provide direction and feedback for the Waitakere Leisure Strategy currently in development.

BACKGROUND

The Council's Leisure Strategy is the framework for the development of leisure facilities, services and activities to ensure that they are available to all residents, responsive to changing demands and provided efficiently.

Council adopted the current Leisure Strategy in 1994, making the document and its content, direction and policy almost ten years old. A review of current Leisure Strategy identified several gaps that have occurred due the progression and developments in the leisure industry over recent times. New trends such as a decrease in volunteerism, new and different leisure opportunities, and a value change from a community focus to a self-focus need to be considered.

A new Leisure Strategy is currently being developed to ensure that relevant policy and framework is produced to provide direction to Waitakere City Council. The strategy will vertically integrate and align itself with Councils Long Term Council Community Plan, the Auckland Regional Sport and Recreation, and the Waitakere Parks and Open Space Strategy.

Consultants Visitor Solutions were awarded the Leisure Strategy Development two-year contract in November 2003, to work with Council staff in developing the strategy. Internal consultation was undertaken to develop the project scope, which was adopted by the City Development Committee in May 2004:

“That the City Development Committee approves the project scope for the Leisure Strategy Development:

- *Comprehensive literature and data review and analysis, and inventory of existing leisure facilities and sites in Waitakere City;*
- *Development of guidelines for leisure facility models at a City Wide, principal community, and local community level. These models will assist in the development of the ‘Development Contribution Policy’, which includes leisure facilities;*
- *Community leisure visioning and consultation, involving all sectors of the Waitakere Community;*
- *External analysis of non-leisure factors such as demographic, technological, political, legal, cultural and economic. Identify the issues and determine the key strategies;*
- *Internal analysis of leisure factors such as local, regional, national and international leisure trends and identifying issues and determine strategies;*
- *Profiling and development of catchment specific strategies to increase leisure participation.”*

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STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Community and Leisure facilities and activities contribute to Council's Strong Communities and Urban and Rural Villages Strategic Platforms by helping provide networks of appropriate and accessible public buildings as key community focal points, and through a wide range of low cost, low impact community activities.

Council's strategic objective for leisure is that a comprehensive range of leisure, recreation and sports services and facilities are provided, enabling opportunities that promote health and social cohesion.

To improve the wellbeing of the City's people and communities, Council provides and supports a diverse range of leisure opportunities through facility operation and development, direct funding, assistance to access other funding and support of activity initiatives.

Through adoption of First Call for Children, Council has also stated its commitment to proactively supporting children, young people and their families in Waitakere City.

The Local Government Act 2002 defines one of Council's responsibilities as being to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities, in the present and for the future.

ISSUES

Visitor Solutions along with key Council staff have been working together for the past 15 months to develop the Waitakere Leisure Strategy, and after comprehensive research and community and staff consultation in 2004, the Leisure Strategy is now being drafted. The draft Strategy will be presented to City Development in May 2005 for approval prior to being widely circulated for public submission throughout June, with adoption of the final Leisure Strategy to be sought from the City Development Committee in August 2005.

The Leisure Strategy will make appropriate linkages to existing Council strategies to ensure that all areas of leisure have been adequately addressed. Examples of this include; the Parks & Open Space Strategy, Arts and Cultural Strategy - specifically in regard to events; and the Walking and Cycle Strategy.

In addition to the Leisure Visioning consultation detailed below, a “pin-mapping” exercise was carried out over a 2-day period at the West Wave Aquatic Centre, New Lynn Community Centre and Massey Leisure Centre to identify the visitor catchment radius. The West Wave Aquatic Centre showed a regional catchment with a high number of non-Waitakere residents utilising the facility in both a concession and casual capacity. These results will be mapped and included as an appendix to the Strategy.

Consultation Summary

Utilising recent national research focused on such things as physical activity levels, participation rates and different sporting trends, a non-survey based consultation approach was adopted to enable the community to discuss issues and potential solutions in a more informed manner and in greater detail. This also provided the opportunity to explore passive and social leisure activities in Waitakere City.

A series of workshops were held across Waitakere for the general community and identified special interest sectors, including other Council staff and departments. Workshops were promoted through a variety of avenues (letters, fliers in community facilities, website, e-mails, print advertising), with Council and community sector networks utilised to encourage participation. Participation varied with as few as two to in excess of thirty, with a wide range of ages and abilities in attendance (5 years to 82 years).

The Leisure Strategy defines leisure as “non work, fun pastimes/hobbies and sports” and workshop participants were asked to think about what leisure activities they or those around them currently engage in, what leisure activities they or those around them would like to be doing in the future, and what do we need to do to achieve this vision.

The key findings and issues identified by the various community sectors are summarised below, with the draft Strategy providing more detail and identified strategies and initiatives.

Maori Community - Te Taumata Runanga Workshop, Maori Youth Hui, Iwi Liaison

Kapa Haka and Waka Ama featured as current and desired leisure activities, with a distinction made between observation and participation, along with activities that provided an injection of Maori culture to make them more exciting and relevant, such as Maori Tai Chi, Maori Line Dancing, and cultural performances. Maori youth placed a greater emphasis on passive activities and appreciated activities that enabled a degree of socialising and observation. Traditional ball sports and exercise and gym based programmes also featured.

Five key themes emerged when future leisure activity and participation were discussed:

- Facilities;
- Programmes - target specific Maori age groups, include Maori culture to encourage participation;
- Safety;
- Park Design;
- Education and Mentoring.

Children & Youth - Youth Council, Rutherford College Kapa Haka, General Consultation

A range of passive and active leisure pastimes were identified, with passive socialising activities prioritised relatively highly by the majority of participants. Main stream sports codes such as rugby, soccer, basketball, basketball and touch were identified and enjoyed by both players and spectators alike. Other "niche" activities such as Waka Ama, skateboarding, paintball and kayaking were also outlined.

The most striking characteristic in responses to desired leisure activities was the dominance of activities that involved socialising with other youth. These socialising activities could be either passive in nature or active, and deliberately inclusive of both sexes. Being seen and seeing others was also considered important.

In addition to the four main themes perceived to hinder leisure participation, there was a general consensus that more exciting and safe areas were required for youth to get together and have fun. This included more fun activities in Council parks, with variety so that interest levels can be maintained. The four key issues are:

- Transport and Accessibility;
- Financial - cost of participation (including equipment);
- Safety - streets and parks, people, lighting and dogs;
- Communication;
- Facility Provision - specifically a youth centre.

People with Disabilities - Public Workshop

People with disabilities, both physical and mental, emphasised craft and art based activities such as weaving, painting and sewing. These activities can be undertaken either individually or in a group setting, with value also gained when used in physical therapy and educational settings. Indoor physical based activities such as wheelchair basketball, boccia, athletics and trampoline were prevalent, primarily due to these facilities are better suited to the needs of many disabled participants. Shopping, café visits and socialising were important to both disabled individuals and their care givers alike, with organisations and social clubs playing a pivotal role in supporting and organising events and activities.

Desired leisure activities were strongly integrated with a desire to improve accessibility to people with disabilities in a number of areas highlighted by workshop participants, in particular open space areas such as parks and playgrounds. The key issues are:

- Facility Design;
- Open Space Design;
- Public Transport;
- Leisure Programmes - holistic approach;
- Marketing and Communication;
- Miscellaneous - Council delivery of policy and strategies for people with disabilities.

Pacific Community - Public Workshop, Pacific Islands Advisory Board Liaison

Leisure activities of a more passive nature that are based on socialising, family and the wider Pacific community were identified, and are also seen as a means of binding the community together. Popular activities such as Kilikiti are difficult to categorise as even spectators are active when singing, cheering and dancing on the sidelines. For many in the Pacific Island community the church plays an important role in shaping leisure activities undertaken.

A sense of fun and cultural inclusion were seen as two important elements in engaging pacific people in more leisure activities, with focus placed more around engaging the people in participation as opposed to design and infrastructure. Key themes were:

- Participation;
- Sports and Physical Activity;
- Facility Design.

Seniors / Older Adults - Public Workshop (x2)

Emphasis was placed on the more passive leisure activities with the vast majority of these able to be undertaken indoors and all year round. Many of these activities could be done individually at home or in a group situation, and this choice was perceived as important. Walking was by far the most popular of the more active leisure activities, largely because it is free and again can be done alone or in a group, and resulting from the recent focus by health organisations. Modified gentle exercise activities such as 50+ aerobics, yoga and tai chi are popular, mainly due to indoor environment which is perceived to be safer. Traditional pastimes such as golf, gardening, petanque and swimming were also identified.

Spending more time with grandchildren enjoying leisure activities featured in discussions, with a strong desire to see parks integrated with a greater component of leisure activities. Places that facilitate activities for all age groups and not just for the very young or the very active. Suggestions included shallow ponds for model boats, adult swings and pitch & putt golf greens. A number of issues were highlighted as important factors in leisure participation for older adults:

- Transportation;
- Facility Design - form versus function;
- Facility Provision and Management;
- Open Space Design;
- Communication;
- Clubs and Organisations.

Ethnic Community - Public Workshop, Ethnic Board liaison

A poor participant turnout led to a more direct discussion based approach, with open space activities such as cricket and soccer identified as popular activities. Family orientated activities were also emphasised.

The importance of parks as leisure destinations which are free to the public was highlighted once again, along with the inclusion of more fun based activities and spaces, picnic family areas and established walking paths/tracks around the parks. Indoor environments with fun game areas that facilitated non traditional ball sports was seen as a way of encouraging participation for those not willing to engage in structured and traditional sports activities. Two key issues were identified:

- Park and Facility Design;
- Accessibility - assets and opportunities.

General Community - Public Workshop

Activities discussed were balanced relatively evenly between active and passive leisure pursuits, with a mix of individual pursuits, team sports and social activities such as theatre, pubs and music.

A desire to see more community and family engagement in the use of parks was discussed, with a holistic and inclusive approach in use and infrastructure provision seen as important. Increasing the level of physical activity was also seen as important, with more promotion and support for both traditional activities and emerging and niche sports such as mountain biking. Activities such as marching for seniors and walking school buses were seen as positive activities that should be encouraged in future. Key themes identified were:

- Park Design;
- Facility Provision - including increased use of school facilities;
- Leisure Programmes.

Staff workshops with key Waitakere leisure providers Sport Waitakere and YMCA have also been undertaken, along with a workshop with staff from Council's Strategy and Development team. Consultation with the Waitakere and Portage Licensing Trusts is to be undertaken over the next month, along with discussions with a number of key funding providers. Feedback and comments from all Community Boards is also being sought at their March meetings.

RESOURCES

The Leisure Services Budget had \$50,000 approved in the 2003/2004 financial year, and \$35,000 approved in the 2004/2005 Long Term Council Community Plan for the development of the Leisure Strategy.

In the 2003/2004 financial year \$15,000 from the Strategy and Development budget was uplifted to contribute to the development of the Leisure Strategy.

Resources are sufficient to complete work on the Leisure Strategy.

CONCLUSION

The Council's Leisure Strategy is the framework for the development of leisure facilities, services and activities. A new Leisure Strategy is currently being developed and will vertically integrate and align itself with Councils Long Term Council Community Plan, and the Auckland Regional Physical Activity and Sports Strategy and Waitakere Parks and Open Space Strategy.

The draft Strategy will be presented to the City Development Committee, in May 2005, for approval prior to being widely circulated for public submissions throughout June, with adoption of the final Leisure Strategy to be sought from City Development Committee in August 2005.

A series of Leisure Visioning workshops were held across Waitakere in 2004 for both the general community and identified special interest sectors, including other Council staff and departments. Participation varied with as few as two to in excess of thirty, with a wide range of ages and abilities in attendance (5 years to 82 years).

The Leisure Strategy defines leisure as "non work, fun pastimes/hobbies and sports" and workshop participants were asked to think about current and desired future leisure activities and opportunities, and what do we need to do to achieve their vision.

The key consultation findings and issues are summarised in the report, with the draft Leisure Strategy (once completed) providing more detail and identified strategies and initiatives.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Leisure Strategy Consultation report be received.

2. That the Henderson Community Board Members provide feedback and comments regarding the Leisure Vision for Waitakere City, within the required timeframe (responses to be received by 16 March 2005 to ensure consideration before finalising the draft Strategy).

Report prepared by: Jo-Anne Inancsi, Leisure Planner: Leisure Services.



11 RAILSIDE AVENUE TO ALDERMAN DRIVE AND CATHERINE PLACE MALL PRECINCTS INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL PROJECTS – DRAFT DESIGNS PRESENTATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to bring to the Henderson Community Board for viewing and comment the draft designs for the above precincts.

BACKGROUND

Isthmus Group has been awarded the contract in 2004/2005 to design new landscape concepts for both of the above precincts.

The scope of works will include new paving, a variety of seating, public places in the precincts, landscaping, and propose places to accommodate way finding signage and art features.

Consideration will be given to parking, public transport access and improved walking and cycling linkages. It is the intention to work alongside the privately owned adjacent building and business owners who interface this precinct to encourage them to join into the process and maximise their business opportunities by improving their premises and interface to the increased 'walking economy'. Options will be viewed that maximise the ability for natural surveillance and social interaction to take place.

The objective is to link the economic sectors, improve the visual and usable amenity and improve the business opportunities along the way. Both precinct projects will be the first of several Henderson precincts infrastructure renewal programmes to raise the overall amenity to a Central Business District standard. This sector will also become a strong link between the Waitakere Central, the Transport Interchange, Waitakere Central Library and Unitec, Pioneer Park and the Aquatic Centre.

As part of the Council's current development projects in Henderson, a template of new street furnishings has been developed by Parks Planning in conjunction with Megan Wraight Landscaper for the Council projects. This template provides a complimentary range of paving, seating and general amenity items. This current contract includes the template range and the intention is to encourage future private redevelopment to also incorporate this range into their development. The end result being the provision of a high standard of co-ordinated street amenity for Henderson, the Central Business District of Waitakere.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

In 2002 Council committed to undertaking two major development projects in the 'Heart of Henderson'. The new Civic Centre combined with a new public transport centre and the new Waitakere Library combined with a Unitec Campus, car park building and a series of public plazas to stimulate economic and employment growth for Waitakere City. In 2001 the Henderson Concept Planning Workshop identified a range of construction projects and general initiatives to create a strong economic environment and improve the visual amenity. Both of these precinct renewal projects fit within these proposed initiatives.

ISSUES

Consultation

Prior to the start of the design phase, a number of group and one to one meetings were held with business and landowners adjacent to the proposed works. Specific meetings were also held with key landowners with the aim to influence them to take the opportunity to modernise their premises in line with the project to gain the economic benefits of being positioned within key precincts of the new look Henderson.

A 'drop in' meeting was held at the Unitec office on 7 February 2005 for key stakeholders to view the draft designs and provide feedback to further inform the detailed design. This phase will start in March 2005 and will involve further input from disability and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design advisors, cross Council asset staff and key adjacent land and business owners.

Works Timeframe

- draft designs are now completed for further consultation and feedback;
- detailed construction design will be undertaken from March 2005;
- contract tendering process July 2005 - reliant on Annual Plan outcomes;
- implementation is proposed for mid August to mid November 2005.

RESOURCES

Railside to Alderman Precinct - A budget of \$30,000 for the design phase was included in the 2004/2005 financial year. The implementation budget of \$870,000 will be considered in the draft Annual Plan for 2005/2006. This project will incorporate the land being acquired at 1 Ratanui Street for car parking (rear of BNZ premises).

Catherine Mall Precinct - A budget of \$100,000 for the implementation of this precinct was included in the 2004/2005 financial year. The design phase has utilised \$18,500 of this budget and the balance of \$81,500 is likely to be requested as a carry forward. The implementation balance required of \$220,000 will be considered in the draft Annual Plan for 2005/2006.

CONCLUSION

The Railside to Alderman Drive and Catherine Place Mall renewal projects are key components to support Council's vision for Henderson and support the Council's current construction investments. It is essential that the necessary implementation budget is approved to enable the walking connection precincts to be in place before the Transport Interchange, Waitakere Central and Library - Unitec projects are completed. This precinct is the key link between all of the Council's key facilities.

Should this not take place until 2006/2007 it will cause disruption to the newly formed precincts surrounding the Council facilities and inhibit the ability to access and use these facilities while this contract is implemented. The proposed implementation timeframe is between August to mid November 2005 prior to the Christmas retail trading period.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Railside Avenue to Alderman Drive and Catherine Place Mall Precincts Infrastructure Renewal Projects - Draft Designs Presentation report be received.

Report prepared by: Janet Hannan, Principal Advisor Urban Development.



12 BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Provision has been made on this agenda for Board Members should they so wish to submit a report on their activities during the month in regard to matters within the scope and delegations of the Board. However, to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, no decision may be made on matters raised in Board Members' reports.

HENDERSON COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Elizabeth Grimmer
Henderson Citizens Advice Bureau	Leo Nobilo
Henderson Heritage Trust Inc.	Cr David Gilmour
Keep Waitakere Beautiful Committee	Stephen McDonald
Council / Police Liaison Group	Helen Jones Leo Nobilo
Henderson Business Liaison Group	Elizabeth Grimmer Helen Jones
Council/Police Liaison Group	Helen Jones Leo Nobilo
Youth and Advocacy Advisory Group	Wayne Bainbridge
Advisory Group for Te Atatu Peninsula Reserve Management Plan	Wayne Bainbridge
Waitakere Road Safety Steering Group	Helen Jones
Taipari Strand Community Group	Leo Nobilo
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Community Sport Fund Allocation Subcommittee	Wayne Bainbridge Helen Jones
Hearings	Elizabeth Grimmer Wayne Bainbridge (alternate)
Street Events Subcommittee	Wayne Bainbridge
Lower Oratia Stream Reserve Management Plan Subcommittee	Stephen McDonald Leo Nobilo

