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1 APOLOGIES



2 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 Subcommittee 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 Subcommittee 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.



3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Thursday, 14 July 2005

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Plan Management Subcommittee held on, Thursday, 14 July 2005, as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.



4 **DRAFT LOWER ORATIA STREAM RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN SUBMISSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present the submissions on the draft Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan (the draft Management Plan) to the Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan Subcommittee, and makes recommendations on those submissions and on finalising the Reserve Management Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Lower Oratia Stream is defined as the area running from Great North Road to Parrs Cross Road. The reserves included in the draft Management Plan are:

- Oratia Esplanade
- Serwayne Walk
- Millbrook Esplanade
- Millbrook Road Reserve
- Railside Road Reserve
- Hart Domain
- Catherine Esplanade Reserve
- Vitasovich Esplanade

The draft Management Plan has been circulated separately to Members.

The draft Management Plan also includes privately-owned lots situated along the lower Waikumete Stream between the confluence of the Waikumete and Oratia Streams and Parrs Cross Road. Originally 23 properties were identified as being needed for riparian planting and stormwater management improvements, and Council resolved to purchase these properties in 2003. All but two of these properties have now been purchased; negotiations are underway for the remaining two properties and it is hoped that agreement will be reached soon.

There are two additional properties where a strip of land is required from the owners for the cycle and walkway. Council staff have met with the owners and are proceeding to negotiate with them to purchase the strips. The owners have indicated that they are willing to sell to Council and the details are currently being worked through.

The process of preparing the draft Management Plan has involved comprehensive research, consultation with iwi representatives and extensive consultation with the public. Public notification to prepare the plan was made in late 2003. During the subsequent submission period a general background document was prepared and distributed to some 3000 households. Two open days were held, and the first open day in Oratia Esplanade Reserve in October was combined with a planting day. This was attended by about 40 members of the local community and from the MacLaren Park project. The second open day was held in Serwayne Place in November and was attended by some 40 community members from Serwayne Place and the surrounding streets.

When submissions closed on 14 November 2003, a total of around 90 submissions had been received. A summary of these submissions is included in the draft Management Plan.

In 2004 it was decided to incorporate the Project Twin Streams cycle and walkway alongside the Lower Oratia Stream into the draft Management Plan. Consultation on the draft Management Plan was then combined with consultation on stage one of the Project Twin Streams cycle and walkways, as agreed by this Subcommittee in July. The draft Management Plan was publicly notified for submissions on 25 July 2005 and submissions closed on 23 September 2005, allowing the statutory eight week consultation period. A total of five written submissions were received on the draft Management Plan, none of whom wished to be heard. Thirty submissions were received on the Project Twin Streams stage one cycle and walkways. Some of these submissions relate specifically to the Lower Oratia Stream area. Issues outlined in the cycle and walkway consultation focus on the physical design of the cycle and walkway and are being addressed through that design process. None of these specific design issues have any impact on the broad proposed location of the cycle and walkway which is identified in the draft Management Plan and were therefore not required to be included in the amendments to the draft Management Plan.

A1-A16

The report on consultation feedback for the Project Twin Streams stage one cycle and walkways, which incorporates a cycle and walkway along the Lower Oratia Stream, information is attached at pages A1 to A16. Section 6.2 relates specifically to the Lower Oratia Stream area. An overview of these design issues will be provided at the meeting for the Subcommittees information.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The draft Management Plan promotes the Green Network, which is an approach to integrate native ecosystems on private and public land by recreating a vegetated link between the Waitakere Ranges and the City's harbours. The goals of the Green Network as incorporated into the draft Management Plan are to provide ecosystem protection, form ecological corridors, enhance the landscape, enhance public access to natural areas, mitigate hazards and protect water quality.

The draft Management Plan was prepared in the context of the Parks Strategy, which provides guidelines on the management of parks within the City. Policies outlined in the Plan are guided by the objectives of the Parks Strategy, which aims to improve the quality of parks and provide parks services in a fair and equitable way for Waitakere City residents and visitors within financial constraints.

The draft Management Plan was developed under the umbrella of Project Twin Streams, which focuses on achieving long-term sustainable management of the Henderson Creek and Huruhuru Creek catchments. This project integrates storm water management with the planting and restoration of 125 kms of stream banks along the Oratia, Waikumete, Opanuku, Pixie and Swanson Streams. It does this through a community development model that seeks to involve local people in the long term care and maintenance of their local environment.

Project Twin Streams will contribute to implementing the vision of Waitakere as an Eco City through all Council's strategic objectives and platforms. The vision for Project Twin Streams is *Healthy People in a Healthy Environment: Creating a Sustainable Future*. As part of Project Twin Streams, the cycle and walkways programme aims to model sustainable development principles: enhancing human health, ecological restoration, community involvement and ownership, lowering car use and pollution, connecting people with their natural environment, linking safe spaces and places, revitalising economic centres, and fostering environmental awareness and action.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

A17-A22

A total of five submissions were received, all from individuals. Attached at pages A17 to A22 provides a copy of all the submissions.

The issues raised in the public submissions to the draft Management Plan are discussed below and recommendations made as to how the points raised are currently addressed within the draft Management Plan or if they are not, how they could be addressed.

Issue Raised	Comment	Recommended Amendments
1. Kim Fraser		
The submitter is in favour of the new walk and cycle way ("Love the new walk/cycle way!!), but has concerns about taggers and dogs having easy access from unfenced properties. She suggests planting low to medium height shrubs directly along fence lines.	A number of people raised these concerns during consultation on the proposed cycle and walkways. New fencing will be minimal and accompanied by planting to screen the fences and minimize graffiti. Control of dogs and the application of dog bylaws could be made clearer in the Management Plan.	Clarify approach to fencing and how dog bylaws will apply in Policy 2.3.
2. Janette McLeod		
In favour of the walk and cycleway ("a huge asset to the area") and particularly supports the bridge at the bottom of Newham Place, and a viewing platform on the bridge if finances allow.	The viewing platform idea will be forwarded to the designers for consideration and costing, the same effect may also be achieved through appropriate seating in that area.	Policy 2.2 provides for viewing platforms, this suggestion can be considered as part of cycle and walkway design, with no change recommended to the Management Plan.
3. Helen Agbede		
Would like the area to be kept clean and safe for people to walk, and for the grass to be cut.	Rubbish and safety are covered in the Plan, and a safety and access audit has been undertaken on the proposed cycle and walkway route. Reference could be made to grass maintenance in the Plan.	Add reference to grass maintenance in Section 3.0. Policies 3.1 (litter) and 2.3 (safety) address the submitter's other concerns.
4. Elizabeth Higgins		
Return the stream rubbish trap.	Stream cleaning and litter is addressed in the Plan.	Addressed in Policy 3.1.

Issue Raised	Comment	Recommended Amendments
5. Pam Daniels		
Would like to see all the trees along Millbrook Road cut down as they block sunlight and stormwater drains and gutters.	Some trees may be removed once properties being purchased in the area are taken off site, in order to manage stormwater, undertake riparian planting and construct the new cycle and walkway.	Clarify the implications for trees and revegetation along Millbrook Road within the Plan.
Replant with native plants and small flowering bushes.	This is a key feature of the Plan.	Addressed in Policy 3.1.
Reduce overgrown bush along footpaths.	Covered as part of maintenance programmes.	Addressed in Policy 3.1.

Also, as part of revising the draft Management Plan, general editing to improve clarity and remove any typographical and grammatical errors will occur.

RESOURCES

The draft Management Plan was prepared through Project Twin Streams funding with peer review and management by Parks Planning, who are responsible for the preparation of Reserve Management Plans and ensuring Reserves Act requirements are met.

Funding was provided in the 2005/2006 Annual Plan for the acquisition of land to be vested as reserve and included in the draft Management Plan. Infrastructure Auckland has approved funding of \$8.9 million for the Lower Oratia catchment, for revegetation, planting, stormwater management and land acquisition.

CONCLUSION

This report contains a summary of the submissions to the draft Management Plan and comments on the issues raised and suggested changes to the draft Management Plan. Extensive consultation has been undertaken in the preparation of the draft Management Plan as a complimentary component of Project Twin Streams.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Draft Lower Oratia Reserves Management Plan Submissions and Recommendations report be received.

2. That the Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan, incorporating the following recommended amendments be adopted:
 - a. That the following bullet points are added to Policy 2.3 of the draft Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan:
 - Liaise with neighbouring properties to encourage the construction of low, permeable or, where possible, no fences adjoining the reserves.
 - Ensure that any new fencing required along reserve boundaries adjacent to the cycle and walkway is permeable.
 - Allow for low screening planting where there is existing impermeable fencing along reserve boundaries adjacent to the cycle and walkway, in order to deter graffiti and enhance amenity.
 - b. That the following bullet point is added to Policy 2.3 of the draft Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan:
 - Unless otherwise required, Council dog bylaws will apply to all areas covered by this Plan.
 - c. That the bullet point referring to the provision of viewing platforms under Policy 3.4 is removed.
 - d. That the following bullet point is added to Policy 3.2 of the draft Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan:
 - Undertake regular mowing of grassed areas, in line with the Parks mowing schedule.
 - That general editing to improve clarity and remove any typographical and grammatical errors takes place.
 - That all references to the “all weather path” on the Millbrook Esplanade Reserve are changed to a “pedestrian path/cycleway”.
3. That a representative from the Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan Subcommittee be given delegated authority to approve the final Reserve Management Plan.

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