



Waitakere City Council

Office of The Mayor, Bob Harvey

Memorandum

To ELIZABETH GRIMMER

CC:

From BOB HARVEY

Date 19 JUNE 2007

Subject STREET NAME REQUEST FROM WORLD HARMONY RUN

Dear Elizabeth

Could I ask you to do me a favour please? World Harmony Run would like to have a street named after Sri Chinmoy, I have attached their letter. I'd really appreciate your help, it may be that there is nothing we can do but could you look into it please?

Yours Sincerely



**ROBERT A. HARVEY QSO, JP
MAYOR
WAITAKERE CITY**



Waitakere City Council

Office of The Mayor, Bob Harvey

19th June 2007

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Dear Sutibra

Thank you for your letter dated 8th June 2007.

I am forwarding your request onto Elizabeth Grimmer, chair of the Henderson Community Board. You should be hearing from Elizabeth in due course.

Yours Sincerely


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Cc: Elizabeth Grimmer – Henderson Community Board



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8th June 2007

His Worship The Mayor
Mr Bob Harvey
Waitakere City Council

Dear Mr Harvey,

Allow me on behalf of the membership of the Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team to congratulate you on your wonderful initiative in proposing the dedication of Waitakere City as a City for Peace. The commitment of both you and your Council members to a positive and brighter future and beyond this to providing an inspirational, pioneering role in the greater Auckland region is truly wonderful.

We have been honoured by your association with our nation wide World Harmony Run (formerly the Peace Run) and the 1993 dedication of Waitakere City as a sister city in the Sri Chinmoy Peace-Blossoms programme. Leadership that recognises core values—the importance of environment; a grass-roots involvement with people and communities; a concern to build a peaceful society; openness and accountability—generates confidence and trust, and Waitakere City under your guidance has deservedly earned these plaudits.

Thank you for responding to my recent inquiry regarding our proposal to name a street in Waitakere City as a Sri Chinmoy Street. I do believe it would be a wonderful tribute both to 75 year old Sri Chinmoy for his life long commitment to World Harmony and then to the ideals of Waitakere City with its aspirations to also serve this goal.

Auckland University's Professor Bansal aptly described Sri Chinmoy as among "a number of distinguished individuals who have come to personify noble qualities or ideals esteemed by everyone... These exemplars effect great changes in our world, in our thinking, and enrich the cause of peace on Earth in an enduring and powerful way. Sri Chinmoy embodies the timeless message of the great Indian sages and savants and his name has become synonymous with the spiritual force of inner peace, harmony, mutual love and tolerance—here the Vedic, Christian, Hindu, Buddhist streams converge in one shared vision of world peace".



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"May each and every individual each day have a new dream of world harmony."

- Sri Chinmoy

In August of this year some 75 members of our national marathon and World Harmony Run relay team will be representing New Zealand at the closing ceremony for this global relay in New York. It would be a wonderful birthday gift from New Zealand and from Waitakere City to announce a dedicated Sri Chinmoy Street to the 2,000 or more delegates from 76 countries at this event, along with a video of this and Waitakere's City for Peace dedication. New Zealand has long championed the cause of international friendship and world peace and this would be an exciting first. I know Sri Chinmoy would be deeply honoured by this initiative.

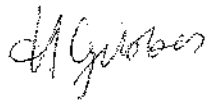
Our own members would be happy to help with any organisational or financial hurdles in dedicating the first Sri Chinmoy Street in greater Auckland and New Zealand—perhaps, too, planning of the City for Peace dedication might even include the lighting of the World Harmony Run peace torch with local celebrities, thus bringing our annual event forward to coincide with the City for Peace inauguration.

I have enclosed some further information and look forward to your response. Please do not hesitate to call me should you require any further material. Thank you again for your generous and kind consideration of our proposal—we deeply value your ongoing support. On behalf of our national membership may we wish you every much deserved success in your wonderful endeavours for the people of Waitakere City.

With very warmest regards,



Jogyata Dallas



Sutibra Gibbes

FOCUS GROUP : LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CENTRE

12 June 2007

Update

- Landscaping
- Modernising the building
- Library – resource for 2-102 year olds.
- Physical infrastructure, ie. seats to support this.
- Space “passive space for reaching” technology.
- Library – servicing catchment from Te Atatu South.
- Modernise internal layout.
- Knock it down – must seek further funding to achieve this. Budget signalled through design exercise. Build for what we need for 10 years.
- Can we add on?
- Is the reserve a constraint to expand? No, but lose reserve.
- Entrance needs to be “flush” with the road, to become “part of the town centre”.
- Can we buy the “old post office”?
- Theatre/Events Centre is needed in this area.
- Need to change the facades. Needs to be “welcoming”.
- Existing building “has potential”.
- Need a connection to the park – north face, sun and views.
- Landscape needs to be “softened”.
- Need to “better merge” the building with the park.
- Entrance – does the library have its own entrance?
- Need a circuit around to drive you around by footpath from the supermarket.
- Multiple entrances create potential security issues.
- Need to lose the shops at the street frontage to become community spaces.
- Views are important for connection. Café could face this.

Multiple purpose café, ie. weddings.

- Need toilets within the café.
- Need a reading area.
- Need to provide “space” for theatre, community groups, youth needs.
- Café should be for the “mainstreet” and the library “box” for community use.
- Café’s rely on aspect.
- Idea of bringing the library to the street side.
- Multi-purpose community space, eg. Telstra Stadium with movable seating inside cont...

Youth Centre

- Multi-purpose rooms of various sizes.
- Need **all** community services in this area.

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- Everything “community” should be centralised, ie. Community House.
- Current uses for the Community House is limited.

Community Hub

- Community House → Plunket → Library = HUB.
- Conference facilities, with modern audio equipment and visuals.
- Designed for future generations.
- Auditorium to pick up where school facilities can no longer provide.
- Provide activities to entertain youth.
- Providing for local community needs and not competing with the Trusts std.
- Good storage space.
- School holiday programmes.
- Provide for the elderly – library as a communal space.
- “Library is the drawcard”.
- Can the library contribute to the community space.
- Compromise of space → cut off areas when the library is not open.
- Good catering facilities.
- Exhibition space.

Staffing Levels

- Security – while facilities are open and lock-up etc.
- Good signage.
- Community volunteers to take on security needs like they have in the public hospitals.
- Quiet rooms.
- Community constable
 - Security
 - Central access point in Town Centre
- Sports facilities for youth. See the Massey example.
- Explore partnerships with outside agencies. Could be a commercial gym but doesn't have to be. But, is there the footprint? Issue for the designer.
- Flooring supports multiple uses.
- Interior and staffing should feel welcoming as a visitor.
- Need input from local iwi.
 - Have area by school.
 - Have marae.
- Particular accommodation for iwi?
- Area where the community can culturally express itself.
- Need two levels including a lift.
- Staff in place to market and promote the facility.
- Do we want a facility for parties/weddings? Or, do we prioritise local community needs first?
- Marketing plan will dictate the can's and cannot's.
- Need “protocol of uses”.
- Need offices for Community Board, Policeman, Town Centre Liaison, Council, Social Infrastructure Rep → Field Office for the Council.
- Service centre with fibre optic connections for high speed responses to queries.

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Top of Mind

1. We don't lose the money.
2. Area for small kids (not crèche) but safe space.
 - o Small indoor playground (covered).
3. Sustainability - Teleworking.
4. Small meeting rooms for diversity.
5. More books and audio and large print.
6. Dedicated art gallery space.
7. Accessibility for all – prams etc.
8. Flexible and future proof.
9. Shops to be revamped.
10. Theatre as community connector.
11. Design Plus, function – more than you expect – speaking about who the community are.
12. Air conditioning, acoustics.
13. Extend the playground "**safe**".
14. Tie in with the Waitakere main library "image bank".
15. Return slot on the street, visible, accessible.

Other comments:

- Casual recreation/hobby centre activity on single use basis, rather than current requirement to book for months at a time.
- Theatre – 500 seats for musicals, conferences, plays etc.
- Query about community newsletter, range of media.

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Responses From Activities We Want to Have

	No. of Responses
• Activities for older adults	15
• Inclusion of youth: Kids discos/Youth groups/Youth facility/ Teenagers activities / Youth café / Childrens' leisure classes	14
• Preschool Day Care/Learning Playgroup/Plunket/Ante/post natal groups/Creche	14
• Drama, going to the Theatre, Cinema Club, Performing Arts, Films	14
• Community arts events.	11
• Learning	10
• Indoor sports – basketball, badminton, bowls, rowing machines, running machines, changing facilities, basketball/volley ball/ badminton league, swim and water walking. Outdoor sports – skate park.	10
• Make music – orchestra, listen to music, learning music.	10
• Adult Education ESOL conversation groups	9
• Discussion Groups/Connecting/Networking	7
• Dancing, Dancing Ballroom	7
• Kapahaka	6
• Recreation Officer who is able to organise a range of activities.	5
• Link Community Centre with RSA.	3

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TE ATATU PENINSULA FOCUS GROUP MEETING ON HISTORY/HERITAGE

Monday 18th June 2007

Robin: After all of these sessions have been held, back in Council we will create a big document that covers all of the areas that we need to consider in Council and after that there will be some planning done – some planning for a Library, a Community Centre, some changes maybe to the way that the Town Centre looks and how it operates to service the Peninsula. That takes quite a bit of time, that might not happen until much later in the year, as it takes time for us to gather info.

Anita Bussey: I arrived here in 1925. At 4 months old, so I consider myself old Te Atatu. Very small farming area, very few people, wonderful people. Didn't have neighbours, they were family. The Methodist Church had just been built, small school, 1 teacher and 1 room. It's now the Guide Den, in Robbie Street I think. I left Te Atatu Peninsula to get married in 1946, didn't go very far, to Henderson and Ranui. I came back in the 1970's. I hope to stay here for a little while. I married the only son from the first baker in Henderson.

I came here in 1947 from Devonport with husband and one month old baby. At that time, after the war, accommodation was scarce when you were married, so you would double up with your parents if you could. We had a room in Devonport with a relative of my husbands. Then we were told by husbands Aunt who had property in Taikata Rd, was told about Mrs Barrington Snr who owned where the Harbour View development is now. She had a cottage there made out of army huts in an L shape and they were all fitted out, with just about everything except a bathroom and a laundry. But Mrs Barrington let us have a bath there. She didn't have a laundry, so she used to get Joe McCormack who was the carrier here, and he would take all her soiled linen or whatever to the laundry in town and I did the same. I've been here since 1947, lived in different areas, and we finally built down in Taikata Road. But the Harbour Board took the property while we were here, while we were in the cottage and I might add that we weren't the only ones who had a cottage like that. But George & Maybel Robbie they had one, and they were on Beach Road and also after they had that one, Jim Gill had it or bought it or whatever, they lived down

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Beach Rd past the Totara Court. Mr Gill was the compost man and he and Sir Dove Myer, they were very keen on compost. Mr Gill used to drive the truck down with a wrapping over the hocks??? and the hocks?? would be flying out everywhere and Grandpa Gill, his father lived across the road in a cottage. There was a line of cottages which were rented to people who came out here for a holiday for the beach although it was very tidal. Grandpa Gill had a lovely vegetable garden but he didn't use compost, he thought that was being stupid, he used artificial manure. My name is Sonia Coates.

My name is Derek Reeve. I probably am one of the original baby boomers that came out here at 3 months old. Came out here in 1953. And my father Wylie was an engineer. He built our house in Yeovil Rd. In those days, he used to have to travel, there was no motorway in those days. After work or in the weekend, he used to travel around New Lynn to come here and build the house. I was told that in those days, getting building equipment and all that sort of stuff, when they actually finished the house, they would have to get a barge from Pt Chev Beach at high tide and come across and land at Te Atatu beach and then the carrier, whether it was Len French, or whoever was the carrier at the time, would take the building equipment back, that sort of stuff back to the house.

My memories of Te Atatu, very rural, paddocks and blackberry bushes. Orchids, things like that. We were the third house built in Yeovil. One of the original subdivisions if you can call it that.

My name is Pat Matthews. I've been here since I was 3 years old. I am what you call a Queen St Maori. Born in the city, we moved to Gloria Ave. Over the years, I have seen many changes in Te Atatu. It's always had a strong community, right through sports and everything we did. I know my younger brothers, all their league mates and all his mates are all still together, and they are all in their 40's now, but there has always been that commitment and camaraderie and very strong bonding. Over the years I've seen paddocks, I mean over the years Gloria Ave was where we used to get blackberries from. I still remember mud tracks. Mr Thomas owned that land, the streets are named after his kids. Over years things have changed, was

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working class/middle class community as I remember it, but now has gone a bit trendy - a bit yuppie on Waimanu Bay. But it's always had a strength about it.

Over in the corner here is John Turner. He has taken some wonderful photos of Te Atatu. We've got them on his computer. John can tell us about the photos he's taken.

Basically Tim McElroy and myself, we have both been photographing Te Atatu for the last 5 years intentionally. These are some of the ones similar to a show at Corbans Art Estate at the moment on the Peninsula. One of the things that interests me, especially with the early identities, is the question - do you have any photographs of the family growing up, of the house, of the streets etc, and I would love to be put in touch with what photographs you may have of the Peninsula. That would be really useful. Ideally, I think what we should do is try to get copies into the book.

(lady) I've been keen to have something done like this for a long time.

One of the things, is that the photos are fairly spontaneous and I usually don't ask permission, I take the pictures. It means that I have accrued quite a few photos of people I don't know, so I'm also asking if you would be willing to identify some of the people, please let me know. When I do know I write them on the logs. I'm in need of people like you, historians and so on to provide more context to the photographs. The photos show things like changing shops. Several of the shops around here have changed hands 5 times in 5 years.

So Tim and I are trying to record these changes. I am also very interested in photographing infill housing which is very big here. Especially, old identities would know that. Not too many full sections left now. Another part of my interest in documenting changes.

I'm Margaret Hutchinson and live at 68 Spinnaker Drive. But my association first was in 1956 when friends of ours were married and moved to Rewa Rewa Rd. We came out to visit them we were married and lived in Kelston. When we came from

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Kelston to here, my late husband and I thought it was miles away. It just seemed to be at the other end of the world. The strange thing was my family lived at Pt Chev, we went swimming there, I took my children swimming there and I took my grandchildren swimming there and I looked across this side, never been here since then in 1956, and I thought what a beautiful place to be. It was all farm, just so lovely and strangely my late husband came as a woodwork teacher and taught at Te Atatu Intermediate and latterly when I finished teaching I came here to relieve at the same school and that was up until 1990 never believing that I would be here myself and my husband died at the end of 1990. I bought my section in 1992. The doors just opened and it was there especially for me and I'm a bit like that man who did the composting. Because when I had my section levelled so that I could still do my lawns when I am 90, everything was taken away and it was just bare clay and I used to collect the vegetable scraps from the green grocer over the road. Taken them down, lay them down, cover them with sawdust or a bit of horse manure or grass clippings, that went on for about 4 or 5 years until I got the rockery done and it was all finished. I think this is Gods special place on earth here. It's just so beautiful. Not far away from the motorway to go north or south but you are out of the way. I am looking over the water to the shore and I just think I'm on a tropical island away from all the rush and bustle, can see the city and everything. It's just a beautiful and peaceful place. I'm thankful to be here.

I moved to Te Atatu when I was 14. I remember Arthur Thomas who lived next door to the police station, he was quite a character. Te Atatu was interesting growing up as a teenager. The highlight was going to the township to go to the shops, life was good growing up as a teenager. There weren't many problems, no graffiti, traffic was great. I remember Hocks Yoghurt farm across the road, it was quite a big thing in its day. I know a lot of our area being married to a policeman. Arthur Thomas was an identity. You will see his photo in the RSA.

Jack was a country cop. He moved from Ohura (King Country) came to Te Atatu in 1957. Got to know just about everyone who lived in Te Atatu. He was probably on first name terms with most in Te Atatu, respect on both sides. He was the only cop here. 24 hour station. Henderson only had one policeman. Fairly big areas to cover. He would patrol the township every Friday night because guys like myself

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and our mates - he didn't like us loitering. He was the sort of guy if you were smart to him you would get a kick in the backside. You couldn't get away with that today. That was pretty much him. 1957-1971 town cop. He moved to become the Arms officer in Henderson. He had a coronary and died in 1972. Quite a character. One of the most amazing things about Jack Pringle was that up until the time he was the local policeman probably fewer than 20 youths/young people were put through the courts and I think within 3 months the number had tripled. I think there's a lot to be said for having a local policeman on the spot. Lots of people bemoan the loss of Jack and knowing what it was like to have a local cop here and they remember how it was.

I came from Mt Albert to here because I had friends going to school at Avondale College. My wife and I were looking for a house for the family, being ex service persons this area had a lot of ex service people, navy and airforce living in housing which they owned, they got involved with the Housing Corporation rather than on base and when we came here of course people like Neil Housing were very into Govt activities of houses. Several other companies, but Neil predominantly in housing. The people like the Robbies who I used to go to school with, not with the French's. Key's family lived by the gin factory. I got to know a lot of people in the area although working outside Te Atatu Peninsula I didn't have much dealing with what was happening in the shopping centre. My family grew up here, my lads went to school at Liston College and got to know identities such as Ross Dallow, the Talyancich family, the Devcich's and in current years been involved with the Resident & Rate Payers Association, Go back and see that other people have lived here and moved out of the area, not too far away in some instances. I always say the area has had the good, the bad and the ugly. Meaning that it was once, as Ross Dallow, who is Simon Dallow's father said to me, you are living in a nice quiet area passed, you will have to put up with the future. Unfortunately, was the change from quarter acre section down to the 1/5th acre section, which meant that all the subdivisions that was happening in this particular area, has been I say to the detriment to the isolation of the area. The traffic has been a headache. It still will be a headache. High rise apartments which I don't think anyone was too happy with but it's gone ahead. The shopping people have had a battle to try to keep their head above water with the big developments at Henderson and Westgate. I think

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the saying is that the past is sitting between the little township that we knew in the past is long gone and the Council should keep its eye on trying to preserve, not its isolation but what we once had. Then I think we will have something to be proud of.
Name Bruce Hertzell.

Robin – out of your stories, are going to come some concerns. Bruce is the first person to raise concerns in detail – change in demographics, more people, more traffic.

Stephanie going to write down our concerns, things that have happened in the past.

(Sonia) I am grateful we have got tar sealed roads after the metal ones we used to ride a bike on and double the children on the bike and a reasonable bus service because there was no bus after 8.30am when I lived here in the early days. I am grateful now that I don't have to take the car to town, just walk up the hill and catch a bus. Years ago they used to have committees for the hall, hall committees, they used to have committees for the bus service and that's another thing to think about here in Te Atatu. If there was anything big that happened in the town, a disaster, had you ever thought how you would get out of Te Atatu. You could if there was a 3 metre tide, in the creek and I know because I swim there in the summer. You'd get across but otherwise you would be trapped. And don't tell me that anyone coming out of town is going to give way to the right, if you try and get out here.

Need to write down the question, the way the motorway interchange works in terms of getting in and out of Te Atatu Peninsula.

Len French will tell you the same thing and I don't how many times they have tried to get a bridge across but they can't find a bottom in the creek.

(Debbie) Sense of community and preserving what we had. I was very fortunate to have been educated at Rutherford High, started there 1976. At that time, the high school was one of the largest secondary schools in NZ. I remember, as a turd, that's what third formers were called. I probably went to school with some of your

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children as well. Little kids going to school in their big uniform, we had to have separate lunch times because the school was so big that the junior school couldn't mingle with the senior school just in case we got bumped and hurt. About 1800, I think the size of the school. It was a very tight knit community way back then. People go away and come back. I was one of these. I was bought up here. I met someone, I went off to the shore and spent some time over there and then came to my senses and came back again. Nice and flat, it's lovely here, so close to everything. The key thing when you talk about preserving, is what we need to do, and that's where the importance of the history comes here and that's bringing us back to a central resource and for me as a youngster, I had the school. I've just seen the show that the school is putting on at the moment, Joseph and the Amazing Techni Coloured Dream Coat. Well, Ross Given did the lead for that when I was at school, now Ross is off in London doing shows over there. Yvonne Willering a good friend of mine, is a product of Rutherford High School as well. I'm not famous but there are lots of other people that are famous. I just think that is something that we need to go back to. Over the last few years we have started to lose that with lots of people coming in and that's where the Town Centre and Community Centre need to look at that and bring the history back into and all these sorts of things and supporting those gentlemen here with their art. We have got so many good artists, not just photographers, we've got sculptors, and we need to incorporate that into our Community Centre and our library or our area to remind our youngsters of what was before us.

(Eric) I remember, as a kid, the sense of neighbourhood, like we lived in Yeovil Rd, and there was big flooding problems, in those days. Rambley Park used to become like a lake, and I can remember as new families moved in, the new folk in the street would get out as a communal group and help the new neighbour that came in dig ditches outside his house, so that the drainage would sort of happen. I don't think that it was until early 1960's that Council came along with their big concrete tubes and did the crossings. A wonderful sense of community and neighbourhood in those days which is lacking now. I hardly know my neighbours now. It's not my fault and it's not their fault. We're busy. In those days we used to go fishing in Chapman Road at low tide and come back with 30-40 flounder every time. I remember dad getting flax and tying half a dozen together and telling me to give to

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the neighbours. The next day the neighbours would come giving us veges or things off their trees. That's how it was. A big sense of neighbourhood community. That's gone a bit now.

A strong resource in this community of people who've lived here for a long time who remember what Debbie & Eric have described where everyone knew and helped each other, and want to preserve and encourage it again.

Being a Peninsula itself, that's the bond of closeness.

As a newcomer I feel the same, I've been here 7 years, you feel that bond of friendliness.

Grant is interested in history, involved with West Auckland Historical Society. Very interesting to hear all the stories of people that came here. Some before 2nd World War, a lot afterwards. Derek who had the story of being part of the baby boom generation, is very much an essential story of the peninsula. Prior to that time, not a lot of people lived here so there are a lot of people that came here during that time. There are a lot of people in Te Atatu that have children and grandchildren of that generation so it's a defining kind of period for the Peninsula. The growth of suburbs outside of the central Auckland area.

I think Derek was talking about that the community is lost a wee bit. That's possibly a perspective of someone who has been here and seen the change. For someone that's come in, I've only been here 11 years. But coming to Te Atatu has a sense of community compared to other parts of Auckland. And when we came here, one of the things that really impressed us as a family, was the sense of community, that people look out for one another and were happy to chat away to you. I moved in to Yeovil Rd, a number of people who had built their homes, and they built their homes in the 1950's, and they raised their family there and are still there. Every Xmas Eve, for the last decade I have been there, gather together and just have a drink or two together. There are a few less of them now than when I arrived here. They had that sense of tight community and mate-ship and comradeship. My children have experienced the lovely community feel that Te Atatu has. It's changed a lot in the

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last 10 years. I remember when the park was there, with the skateboard and the yellow slides, and taking my kids there. That's all changed now. It was lovely then, I don't think the wee playground has worked quite as well since the old playground has gone in all honesty. It's a tiny little playground and kids don't quite have a place to play. They used to climb up the mound and go down the slide and watching the developments there, my wife Trish used to take the boys to watch the diggers their with a packed lunch and they would just watch the diggers and part of our family entertainment was walking through and watching the houses that were half built, watching what they were like. They are all reasonably established there now. One thing I have noticed over the 10 years, and it hasn't changed is the youngsters, the youths they still loiter on a Friday & Saturday because they don't have anything organised for them. I feel for them, I really do, I felt for them when I first arrived and I still feel for them because they are kids that just want to do something so they just all congregate together but there isn't a lot that has been organised for them.

Bruce: While we are talking about the development of the area. Probably people that are in new houses here now and the old established houses, even the houses that have been sold off and people have seen the opportunity, the comment where I come from is a little bit on the negative side in that I see the development of the land which was once Harbour View land been taken over by Waitakere Properties as part of Council, and the finances that that generated, very little as I see it has come back into the area, except possibly the exercise where the town centre or the village green situation has been updated. A lot of the area that has gone to development has not been returned at this stage anyhow through Council coffers into the area. The roading, terrible roading when you compare that the re-roading that has been done in the area to what it was before – some improvement but it's still very sub standard. A lot of noise. It's a little bit of a negative comment from me but I feel this is an opportunity to discuss.

Taipari Stream, we've had one gentleman who has been chasing for years and years to get an upgrade on Taipari Stream and he's had an uphill battle for the last 15-20 years. There were no toilet facilities. Do you know Willy Rambler. It seemed that he helped in his own way. We've got a playground down there now and a \$60k toilet. I said to Mr Rambler, you didn't know what you were doing when you put that

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toilet there. What do you think will happen at Guy Fawkes. We have trouble down there all the time, at all hours of the night, boy racers coming up. I was there when they were dumping, no compensation for rates, there were rats and towards the end there was even, what we weren't certain but it looked like nightsoil. Now that whole Taipari is reclaimed, I'm not complaining now, but we complained too, not only Mr Rambley. Not only Mr Rambley had a rat come in the house, had to ring up the men, because that was the depot then, for the Council depot, rang them up and George Andrews came and killed the rat. Another time they lit a fire, they used to do that regularly and I couldn't see out my window, it was just like someone had dropped a sheet, so I rang them up and said I hope the wind changes, and do you know it did. And do you know what happened, they all went up to Riverhead Pub. I was annoyed because I could have gone with them and that's the truth.

My name is Hayley (used to be Hayley Crawford). My parents bought me into the area when I was little. I grew up in this area, went to all the schools and in the space of 33 years time, I remember back to when I was a teenager and my parents made sure that I was at home doing stuff, they would keep busy or they got me interested in stuff in the community but there was no hanging around at night. God help me otherwise, I wouldn't be here today. But, now when I come home on a Friday night from work or anything like that, there are just crowds of young teenagers. They have nothing to do, not that they don't have anything to do, it's they have a different thought of what to do. I had a practical thought of what to do with myself at that age but they have no practical thought other than drinking and being stupid. It's quite a difference, and I sometimes wonder what are their parents doing, where are their parents and surely they must know that their kids are out there doing that. My parents always knew where I was, always - and so you sit there wondering – why and how come. How are they allowed to carry on like that, there is nothing out there for them to worry about. There are no police going around saying why aren't you at home. There is nothing like that. Unfortunately it's also becoming very intimidating for other people, they don't feel safe in walking out at night, going from one shop across the road to the other shop. I felt it myself the other night. I was thinking, oh, there's a bunch of youths there and there's a bunch over there, and they were having a go at each other across the road and I had to

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walk through the middle of it and yet when I was that age it didn't happen, it's kind of creepy.

Land agents are describing Te Atatu Peninsula now as being the new Ponsonby of the west and all the rest of it. I don't know, I've got a house here its great, blah blah blah but I think you are getting a lot of people here now who are coming here and just looking more at the capital gain and looking at what they can get out of the area themselves rather than actually contributing and being a part of the area and I really feel now, and I might be wrong, some people can disagree with me, to me the way its going it just feels now like more and more like an inner city suburb and its losing that special rural sort of connected type of feeling. Because you are getting a lot of people, and probably the kids of these parents as well. A lot of people are coming here and all they can see is the dollar signs and their contribution to the area is a negative one. This is how I feel and I think that the kids are a by-product of that thinking.

I don't agree. You may not agree, but it's a possibility, it's a theory.

I feel that a lot of homes in Te Atatu that were looking really ramshackle, people have come in and now you are driving down the streets and you are saying wow that's looking really lovely. And I think it's giving other people an opportunity to come into a nice town. Auckland's too small, we are growing so big.

Can I speak on behalf of newcomers. We've only been here 7 years and we came from England so we are not even New Zealanders, well we are really, we are New Zealanders, we had everything done for us. We think it's absolutely delightful here. But unless people are encouraged, unless the newcomers are encouraged to feel part of the community, they are not going to get involved in the community and that is the important thing. I mean, we refer to Te Atatu Peninsula as the village, I just say that I am going into the village to do shopping or whatever. To us, it's got that atmosphere and I think it's so important, and even in the 7 years that we've been here, we think it has improved. You know different shops coming in. I agree with you a lot of people perhaps a lot of people coming in with the property point of view, I also think a lot of people living in the very big houses on Harbour View, they

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probably go out to work during the day, they come back at work or stay in the city and do whatever, it's a shame really that they don't feel part of the community and I don't know how you change that.

I would like to talk in defence of the youth. I wasn't saying it in a negative way to them because I remember back when I was their age, and I don't think it was too different in all honesty 30 odd years ago to what it is today. If you don't have anything to do constructively you just do stuff and we did, my friends and I. So, I think part of it, is some organisation of things for them. My kiddies, also just probably carrying on from that slightly, the Tennis Club at the back over behind Hammer Hardware, its run by a bunch of lovely, lovely people but they are all ageing and they have done some wonderful things, not all of them sorry, but a lot of them have done some wonderful things for the kids in the community. I mean it's really positive. We joined as a family. I hardly see anyone on those courts yet they are nice tennis courts and those are the kinds of things we should be promoting for our kids around the community. We should try to get those used all the time, not just every now and then but the coaching of the kids has been fantastic for them. You must agree that the courts are not as well used as they could be.

It would be great if they were being used. None of us have marketing degrees over there and probably in all honesty we would welcome input. - again we would welcome some input. We can't just drag people in there unfortunately. It's a great facility for a community. It's got the clubhouse you can hire upstairs and it's under utilised.

One thing that stresses me quite substantially actually, the number of trees that get planted to beautify the place and the number of trees that get absolutely smashed and damaged and vandalised. I was sitting in the main courtyard here one day just having an ice cream and I watched three 16 year olds I suppose, and they were just smashing a cabbage tree to pieces and I just went up to them and said, excuse me, I lied, I'm from the Council, if you continue to do that, I will report you and they gave me the evils and they had these big poles in their hands and everything and I sat there for about an hour until they disappeared. These are just innocent trees and

these kids felt like they needed to smash these trees up so what's going on in their heads.

I want to say congratulations for sitting there for an hour, for having the courage to speak to them and you are part of this community and you have just demonstrated how you are part of this community. But I mean you see lots of trees down the main roads that have been planted, growing quite happily and then the next day you go past and they are all smashed to pieces. It's really sad. Trees don't hurt people.

Perhaps this is where the new Community Centre that is going to be revamped can incorporate things for young people.

In the meeting last week, there was quite a lot of discussion about the sorts of things we want to have happen at the new Community Centre and I asked people to put marks against activities that were written down. We analysed those and the one that came out tops that everyone wanted was "Activities For Youths" So, that's a really good signal for us, telling us that in that building there needs to be some activities going on for young people in this area.

40-50 years ago, the women's institute used to put things on. They used to have halls, and dancing. They are talking about bringing that back on a Saturday night. They used to have busloads come down here to the dances.

Actually the local restaurants formed a group and built that hall. I was 10 years old and learnt ball room dancing. There were no babysitters in those days, mum and dad were on committees. All the old fellas used to dance round and round that's what happened in those days in small areas. I remember when my daughter was a teenager and saying to her, we had dances and she said, who put them on mum. And I said well our parents did, do you want me to? Because things have changed, the children don't particularly want to be organised by their parents today which is very sad but I don't know how you are going to change that. There are a lot of the descendants of the original settlers still around here. The Moore family a big family, and the Thomas's, Alan Robbie from the butcher shop, The Kea's. There are still descendants of the older folk – the McCormacks. We arrived in the McCormacks

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truck which had to be stopped and the ti-tree cut to put the mud where the truck went on. When my husband and I were organising our wedding to be, we got on Jack Gills truck when he was picking up cream to go into St Michael on All Angels to organise the wedding day. It was the only way we could get there. We didn't have a car, we did a lot of biking. I have a friend here that used to bike from Herne Bay all the way out to visit me on the Sunday so I must have had something.

Quite a few very strong Maori families out here in the old days, they don't seem to be around as they were in those days but they were fine families and good people. Some descendants of these people still here. There was the Puru's and the Rogers, and the Dunns, big families, really big families. Those big families seem to have dissipated quite a bit. They certainly bought a feeling of identity to the area in a big way. That's probably because I was more involved in the rugby and the league in those days. I actually owned the house where Te Atatu League started. We had our first meeting there as well. Lee Moore. Do you remember Lee Moore? That's where Te Atatu Rugby League started in that house. So the community was the start of all the sports clubs that were out here like Te Atatu Rugby Club which is now Waitakere Rugby Club, Te Atatu League Club, the Softball Club, the Roosters, so there was quite a bit sporting movement in the early days out this way.

Icons:

The stone seat next to Hadads.

The sailing club.

Te Atatu was home of the Roosters (League).

Mansion house at end of Totara Rd.

The Pedrotti house, off Taikata Rd.

Rutherford High School.

The Hardware Shop.

Pine Tree down end of the beach.

The Hall in Rogan Street.

Police Station.

Fire Station.

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(Sean). I've been here 2 years. I moved here because it had an identity to the place. I must be one of those that's come here to make lots of money. I've felt quite welcome here. The Catholic Church is just down from me, it stands out as being an unusual building. I don't know if it's got a good history or not, because I haven't been here long enough to know but in my mind it stands out. There are also some quite big trees around the place, some Norfolk pines and that and I imagine that they've been here for some time and probably before the subdivisions, so they probably tell a little bit of a story. I just want to thank you for sharing the history of the place because as a new person coming into the area you sort of look around and you try to get your bearings and its those historic elements I guess that stand out and make you feel part of a place. Even if I wasn't here 10, 20, 50 years ago, I can sort of relate to things. That's really good. It's very important. I always think of it as an old photo album that you flick through, you know, you would never rip out your old best photos and chuck them away so same as some of the things we've got around here.

Pine trees. Norfolk pines. They were planted by the Stick family. It's a memorial the park.

Methodist Church.

I was going to mention the trees as well. Beautiful Pohutukawa on the corner of Gloria & Yeovil and the trees, the Olive Grove and the Titoki down in the main park. And Norfolk Pines. I just wanted to say that I've been here one year. I just really appreciate what everyone has been saying. The reason why we shifted here was because of the community feel and I don't think its quite gone, that's why we shifted here. Since we've been here it's been wonderful, the schools are wonderful, and our neighbours give us feijoas, lemons and rhubarb and that's just the sort of thing that happens.

People have lived here for such a long time, like Anita, , she's a legend and there are other people around like Len French and I don't even know the half of them but their stories need to be documented.

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John Rowles song, he described this place as a sleepy little town.

(John) I would like to make an observation. I believe that on the Peninsula we have some Asian families who have been here a long time, it's just very noticeable tonight, I don't think any of us are Asian, one of the reasons that they are not here obviously is that they are running their shops. As a community, one of the things we need to do, not only look after the youth, but look at possible ways of interacting key players in the community who work extremely long hours to basically get their kids a good education and yet they just usually cannot escape from their jobs to come to meetings like this, so I feel for them – it's hard to be part of a community, sometimes it's the language difficulty and differences so on, as well. So I would like to see us as a community look into what could be done.

John Chan – Takeaway shop.

I grew up as a teenager here 40 years ago, and back then Rutherford High was one of the biggest schools, with a big huge population, it was known as nappy valley out here. The town was huge. As a teenager there was a lot of things to do, a lot of sport. As you grew up and started to date there was dances at the football club and you used to have more home gatherings like parties and things like that and it was all pretty good. Now the population is back again, it's quite substantial now, I'm sure those things are still there, getting them interested now. I think our children have different interests.

Herbie. There was a proposal once to build a harbour bridge from Te Atatu Peninsula to the other side. What has happened to this? Something to do with rock – Len French will know.

Are you talking about the Massey Bridge? Where are you going to build it?. It came back from Council that it's not on any of the plans at the moment. The ferry is still on the plans to town but do we actually want all that extra traffic. Yes, it would be nice for the shops maybe but do we want the extra traffic roaring down our roads?

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John Crawford. Noeleen and I have lived here for 33 years. There are two icons that haven't been mentioned although Anita touched on one of them. That's the old Girl Guides, it used to be the first school here. In Robbie St and the other one is 46 Rewa Rewa which was one of the first farm houses here.

The gin factory. Is there a building that's identified with the Gin factory?

There is still a plan to join over the back corner over here to the back of the Concourse with a bridge over the creek to where the tip is. That is still on the Council plans as an emergency escape. It is also a traffic route for people who are going in to Lincoln Rd and down to Henderson so you don't have to fight your way down to Te Atatu. That will happen sometime.

It would be good if a historical society could be formed. I know John is going to write things down but I think if was a historical society was formed, you've got the nucleus of people here.

Can I just point out, I know I probably don't read the local paper from cover to cover but I didn't know anything about these meetings until Noelene rang me and asked if I would like to come. I don't know how people know about them but I am just suggesting make it a wider thing perhaps. Robin: Well we tried. I haven't had anybody speak to me about it except when Noelene said. Robin: So you haven't seen the little posters and flyers and things at the library or community centre or any of the shops. I go to the library, I obviously hadn't looked. I just wondered if there's enough of them. It was in the Western Leader.

(Debbie) I will just take the opportunity to do a bit of marketing. Just following on from a lot of the issues that we've had here. We have an organisation in Te Atatu called the Te Atatu Resident & Ratepayers Assn and its being going a very, long, long time and we have ex members here as well. I am currently the president of that assn and we have public meetings every three months and they are advertised around the place as well. At our public meetings we also talked about these meetings and told people when they were on also. And that's talking about some of these issues here, about community issues and looking at things that we can do as

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a community. We have quite often looked at Chris Carter coming in and speaking, we've had our community constable come in and speak to our community. It's about people actually getting involved in their community more and coming along to those meetings. I know these two young new people have been along to our meetings as well. New members to our community. I think it's about us also getting out of our houses and unfortunately it is at night because we have to work during the day. And so we have the meetings at night. It's a good idea to come along, just like you have tonight, network and find out who is running the tennis club and who is running the schools and things like that. It's while we waiting for these other things to come along, is to come along to our Resident & Ratepayers Assn meeting.

I'm Graham Smith. I'm the chairman of the Steering Group for the Business Assn and some of you who've been involved in the businesses here will know that it fell over in about 2000. It has been re-established again, it's been reincorporated. This assn is in formal partnership with Council to work through all the things in the village itself and upgrading the village and the streets and the shops and all that sort of stuff. So come along tomorrow night when we will be talking about the businesses in the village. It's pretty exciting. There are five new businesses in the city in the village in the last few months. Two gone. Five new ones arrived, so are you all aware of it, have you all kept up with it? You all know when we were talking about Chinese food, we all know that there are five D grade takeaways in town at the moment, and two E Grade's that are still being used. So, be aware of that. Any of you who live here and you run your business from here, get in touch with me as well because you have every right to be part of the business assn too. It is not just for retailers, it's for everyone is operating a business out of Te Atatu Peninsula. Please be involved.

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FOCUS GROUP : HISTORY / HERITAGE

18 June 2007

Issues / Concerns

- Resident and ratepayers – way to get involved too.
- Business Association – good contact.
- Population “back”
- Massey bridge ?
- Preserve what we once had.
- Sense of community – still here.
- Change from ¼ acre sites.
- Peninsula creates closeness.
- Civil Emergency – is there a back up plan?
- Document stories of community
- Motorway interchange – in and out.
- More space, especially for young people.
- A “central” resource.
- Capturing others, eg. Asians and views – John Chan takeaways.
- Influx of new people
 - Coming for capital gain.
 - Not to be part of community.
 - Although also tidying up.
- Form historical society?
- Support what’s here.
- Better publicity these meetings.
- Playground town centre – suits users/community?
- Young people nothing to do/“hanging out” – intimidating.
- Money from Harbour View – has it gone back to community?
- Roads/traffic up to standard?
- Newcomers need to be “encouraged”.
- Promote/use existing facilities eg. tennis courts.
- New community centre – incorporate things for young people.

Icons

- Stone seat in between Hadards.
- Gin factory.
- League Club – Te Atatu Roosters.
- Mansion House end of Totara Road
- House top (by Lamley Park) Taikata Road – Pedrotti.
- First superintendent Sunday School house.
- Rutherford High School.
- Hardware shop.
- Brick villa.

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- Was local brick making place here.
- The gun emplacements.
- McCormack House.
- Pine tree – by beach.
- Hau Ruby Street – 1st farmhouse
- Police Station
- Fire Station – gone now.
- Catholic Church
- Big trees – Norfolk pines, Pohutukawa, Titoki etc – planted by SH1 family village green.
- Methodist Church.
- Old girl guides building – was first schoolhouse.
- 46 Rewarewa -1st farmhouse

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FOCUS GROUP : TOWN CENTRE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENTS 19 June 2007

What's Good / Needed

- Fewer takeaways.
- Better variety, presentation and quality.
- RSA is good.

- Need a physical business directory on main street/library – lit and good mapping.
- Six monthly flyer.
 - Intro for new business.
 - Better regular communications
- Encourage new business to join Business Association with a “focus” on better image.
- Set up a Business Association.
- New coffee shop great example.
- Need a “village atmosphere” – No smorgasbord.
- Medical centre “that’s” visible in the town centre.
 - Can’t move out of town.
- Welcome to Te Atatu Peninsula sign.
- More boutique business
 - Different to mall. No LFR.
- Café’s with Alfresco – community feel.
- Different trees & hanging baskets.
- Village concept must be maintained.
- Compact, identifiable edge.
- Christmas parade, Farmers market – events.
- Dedicated F.M within Town Centre.
- Theme/identity branding.
- Best Shop competition.
- Remove takeaways that are “D’s” and “E’s”.
- Council support for Civic contracts to keep clean.

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What Businesses Do We Want ?

Businesses in the New TAP Town Centre.

Art Gallery/Art Supplies/Framing	x 2	9
Banking Services		2
Butcher	x 4	6
Chemist & Medical Centre Combo	x 2	4
Craft Shop	x 3	5
Dentist	x 2	0
Fitness Centre		7
Furniture & Linen		0
Gift Shop	x 2	9
Health Food Products		4
High Quality Restaurant	x 4	16
Homeware		3
Jewellery	x 1	1
Menswear		6
Music Store		2
Organic Fruit & Veges		7
Post Shop	x 2	3
Shoes	x 2	5
Sports, Bike Youth		6
Stationery	x 2	2
Supermarket		1
Watchmaker		1
Wine Shop		3
Womens & Lingerie	x 2	5

What can be done about the D&C Takeaways?

- Educate the people providing food – work with the Health Dept.
- Close down anything below a D rating.
 - Council task.
- Regularly publish a list – include what the ratings mean.
- “Reward the good”.
- Don’t go there.
- Put in high quality competition.
- New standards could have resulted in high proportion of E’s.
- Six monthly review of the food license.
- Phone Council and contact – good control area.

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**FOCUS GROUP
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT STREET IMPROVEMENTS
25 June 2007**

- 4 Lighting
- 4 Pedestrians and Crossings
- 2 Open Spaces and Parks
- 5 Signage
- 1 Public Tpt
- 4 Footpaths
- 3 Communications
- 3 Cleaning & Rubbish
- 3 Toilets
- 4 Roundabout
- 3 Security
- 2 Seats
- 1 Roding
- 4 Parking
- 3 Drainage
- 2 Streetscaping
- 2 Building Frontages
- 2 Trees Landscaping
- 1 Traffic Flows
- 5 Road Signage
- 2 Fountains/Artworks & Sculptures
- 5 Identity of the Town Centre/Village
- 1 Cycleways
- 2 Street-scaping

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Report Back

Parking

Plenty at shops but the sidewalks at shops are narrow.

Support shops with alfresco dining – room to make footpath wider but would result in reduced parking.

- Disabled parking a priority.
- Overflow available at rear of shops.

Roundabouts

Good for slowing the cars coming into centre.

Pedestrian stop lights at Gunner Rd.

Lighting

- Problem at shops – need consistent colours but need colours that throw more light.
- Brighter lights = Brighter centre.
- Mainstreet Assn could take responsibility for lighting.

Identity

- Somewhere that people want to go to.
- Emblem
- Sign at Shell and entrance.
- Common shop frontage in main street.
- Resolve building line/legal issues.
- Security : Lighting = Identity & security.

Gunner → Roundabout → Pedestrian Mall

- Could put street furniture in there.
- Resolve issues around “use of space”.
- Relocate parking area to create wider space.
- Lighting – urban lighting on pedestrian route to Town Centre needs to improve.
- Uniform feel to lighting needed.
- Consistent shop frontage eg. Mt Albert (hanging baskets).
- Replicate roundabout planting in Town Centre.
- Representational/understandable art.

Security

- Joint Maori/Pacific Island wardens and community policing a priority.
- Security cameras.

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Rubbish

- Support for "hotline system".
- Regular pick up from shops.
- Constable on "the beat" along mainstreet.

Toilets

- More in key areas.
- Support for what is there.

Cycling

- Better public info on cycle routes.

Support the Walking School Bus.

Gunner Rd

- Access issues and traffic volumes.
- Slip Rd/Redesign of roundabout will result in a better traffic flow.
- 50% supported traffic calming at Gunner Drive.
- Traffic lights at Gunner Drive.
- More definitions (??)
- More route options.
- Bypass to take vehicular traffic around the Town Centre.

Transport (PT) must go past and stop at hospice.

- Need bus way on the motorways and facilitate this through Park 'N' Ride at motorway end.
- Bus commuting = more local shopping.

Cleanliness of the shopping centre.

- Report any issues through hotline. Better comm's that this service is there.

Softening of Landscaping.

- Even trees have to have softening.
- Flowerbeds in Henderson would be a positive change and would contribute to traffic calming.
- Mix of tree height and house/shop heights take away the linear uniformity.

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