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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - 7 February 2005

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of the New Lynn Community Board held on Monday, 7 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 PRESENTATION ON RAIL UPGRADE UPDATE

The presentation is to 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 representatives will be present at the meeting to answer any questions that may arise. The purpose of the presentation is to ensure that Community Board members are fully briefed if residents contact them about the forthcoming activities.



5 PETITIONS - EAST WEST ORGANICS

The Chairperson has approved the receipt of a petition containing 18 signatures from shoppers at East West Organics requesting Council to reconstruct the kerb to facilitate a smooth transition off and onto West Coast Road. The prayer of the petition reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned, are shoppers at East West. We believe that the entrance to the property poses a traffic hazard, because the construction of the kerb:

- *does not allow a safe entrance or exit.*
- *is a threat to the wheels / tyres / suspension on one's vehicle.*

Westbound traffic in 2 lanes, merges into 1 lane at the nearby West Coast Road / Kamara Road intersection. This creates considerable pressure on any vehicle wishing to turn left into No 374.

Making a hasty exit, turning left, likewise.

- *We request that Council reconstructs the kerb to facilitate a smooth transition off and onto West Coast Road."*

For guidance of Councillors, Standing Orders have the following provision in regard to petitions:

1. The petition shall comprise less than 500 words and shall not be disrespectful, nor use offensive language or make statements made with malice.
2. A limit of five minute shall be permitted for the person to present the petition.



6 PUBLIC FORUM

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.



7 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Gayle Marshall and I attended the Auckland Region & Far North Community Boards' Association Executive Committee meeting. It was interesting to learn how Auckland City Council was still coming to grips with the Remuneration Authority ruling and the City Councillor and Community Board's payments. Some Councils last year had decided to continue the past method of remuneration but now have to change to comply with the new legislation. I am glad that our Council made the earlier decision to change.

At the time of writing my report our first Annual Plan meeting was held. Other Board members and I have expressed concern with the lack of commitment to New Lynn.

The Mayor in his report to Council states the following, "I know more than anyone, you are elected by wards and the pressures of local and individual communities are often high. However, the next three years must see total commitment to Henderson. Believe me, it won't be hard. Double tracking will come right to the base of the new council building. New trains will follow and hopefully electrification". This statement should greatly concern the community of the New Lynn Ward and us.

It has been an interesting month in the city in various ways. The opening of the Waitakere Hospital was certainly a long overdue achievement for all who lobbied various governments, politicians and Hospital Boards. They can be proud of their determination. The hospital is well planned, light and airy with modern facilities.

Honouring of Sir Tom Clark, a well-known identity and founder of the Crown Lynn and Ceramco Potteries, he was also well known in many other business ventures. Sir Tom Clark was involved in yachting and supported Sir Peter Blake in his many ventures. For those of you who remember the 50's, 60's and 70's, the New Lynn Community benefited greatly from having such an entrepreneurial company in its area. Up to 700 people were employed at one stage and there was a colourful mix of new migrants from around the world. The shops in New Lynn had a good customer base and during the lunch break there were large queues for the banks, lunch bars, butchers etc. I can recall the "Queen's Visit" to the Crown Lynn Pottery in the early 1960's.

Road Safety - as of 27 February 2005 two very important new road rules came into effect. The pedestrian crossing change is one to watch out for. Drivers must give way to pedestrians on both sides of a pedestrian crossing unless that crossing is divided by a raised traffic island. The other new ruling is the requirement to indicate when turning at a roundabout. This makes it important that Councils maintain a clear view restrict vegetation to a level that allows clear visibility over a roundabout at all times.

Fire Services Review. The fire services are under review at the present. This could become an issue of concern for the community. I can recall a similar situation some years ago when there was a risk of losing our local volunteers fire service and their associated works.

What was the most talked about issue in Waitakere City last month?

The protection of the Waitakere Ranges and Foothills.

RECOMMENDATION



That the Chairperson's Report be received.

Pim van der Voort, JP

CHAIRPERSON



8 COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
1	Parking Situation in Claridge Street and Roick Parade, Glen Eden - Proposed Parking Spaces 5 May 2003 and 1 September 2003 Public Forum (Resolution 849/2003 and 1783/2003)	The proposed works for the improvements of Claridge Street Common Reserve have been completed by the contractors. Final inspection by Council officers are being carried out.	Warren Ogilvie  836 8000 Ext 8561
2	Glen Eden Citizens Advisory Bureau Storage and Tea-making Facilities 2 August 2004 (Resolution 1367/2004)	Work to install the Glen Eden Citizens Advice Bureau meeting room kitchenette facilities as approved by Council on 29 September 2004 is programmed for March 2005.	Peter Sewell  836 8000 Ext 8759


	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
3	Community Board Appointments 8 November 2004 (Resolution 1919/2004)	<p><u>New Lynn Citizens Advice Bureau</u></p> <p>The Manager of the New Lynn Citizens Advice Bureau has verbally confirmed acceptance of a representative from the New Lynn Community Board to the Management Committee of the Bureau.</p> <p>A written confirmation is on its way.</p> <p>The Board is thus requested to appoint a representative to the Bureau.</p> <p><u>Glen Eden Community House</u></p> <p>The Glen Eden Community House has confirmed their request for continuing representation of the Board on their Management Committee. The House's Coordinator considers that it would be desirable for Gayle Marshall to be re-appointed as the Board's representative in order to provide continuity.</p> <p>The Board is thus requested to appoint a representative to the Glen Eden Community House Management Committee.</p>	Audrey Chan ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8603
4	Police Presence in Glen Eden 7 February 2005 (Resolution 84/2005)	A letter has been sent to the Police conveying the Board's concern that there was reportedly no Community Constable in Glen Eden.	Audrey Chan ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8603
5	Proposed Speed Bumps/Islands for Onedin Place 7 February 2005 Public Forum	The matter has been looked into by Council officers. However, it is considered that this is a Police enforcement issue, as traffic calming measures like speed bumps and islands are not normally installed for culs-de-sac.	Paul Schischka ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8742
6	Bus Lane at Whau Creek and Widening of the Whau Bridge 7 February 2005 Public Forum	The matter will be examined and outcome reported to the Board.	Ross Hill ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8737
7	Castleford Street - New 'No Stopping' Control 7 February 2005 (Resolution 94/2005)	The new 'No Stopping' Control was expected to have been installed by March 2005.	Paul Schischka ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8742

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8	Titirangi Road – New ‘P15’ Parking Control 7 February 2005 (Resolution 95/2005)	The new ‘P15’ Parking Control was expected to have been installed by March 2005.	Paul Schischka ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8742
9	Glen Eden Library - Disability Parking 7 February 2005 (Resolution 96/2005)	The Parking Controls to address the Glen Eden Library disability parking were expected to have been installed by March 2005.	Paul Schischka ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8742
10	Elected Members’ Remuneration - Remuneration Authority Determination	<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 recommends 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</i> 	Charlie Ingg ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8854

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		<p><i>Subcommittee - 0;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <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>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</i></p>	

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		<p><i>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> <p>8. <i>That when on approved Council business all actual or related expenses be met by the Council.</i></p> <p>9. <i>That the rate for reimbursing an Elected Member for travel, using their own motor vehicle on Council business, be as follows:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="663 1025 1241 1200"> <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><i>10,000</i></td> <td><i>54.3 cents</i></td> <td><i>66.9</i></td> <td><i>83.4</i></td> <td><i>103.0</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>14,000</i></td> <td><i>45.0</i></td> <td><i>54.3</i></td> <td><i>66.6</i></td> <td><i>82.0</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>40,000</i></td> <td><i>24.0</i></td> <td><i>27.6</i></td> <td><i>33.8</i></td> <td><i>40.9</i></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>and that the Council also pays the approved rate to appointed Members. Any infringement fees eg. parking and speeding infringements are by law the responsibility of the offender.</i></p> <p>10. <i>That the Chairperson of Te Taumata Runanga be paid a salary of \$19,030.</i></p> <p>11. <i>That all appointed non-elected Members of Council Committees and Subcommittees except the Hearings Committee be paid a meeting fee of \$195.”</i></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>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>54.3 cents</i>	<i>66.9</i>	<i>83.4</i>	<i>103.0</i>	<i>14,000</i>	<i>45.0</i>	<i>54.3</i>	<i>66.6</i>	<i>82.0</i>	<i>40,000</i>	<i>24.0</i>	<i>27.6</i>	<i>33.8</i>	<i>40.9</i>	
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REPORTS PENDING				
	Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
1	Paturoa Foreshore Erosion - Results of Coastline Survey	2 December 2001 Public Forum (Resolutions 343/2003 and 642/2003) 5 July 2004 (Resolution 1182/2004)	4 July 2005	Harish Singh ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8953
2	Anti-Speed Device for Vardon Road	1 December 2003 Public Forum	4 April 2005 (A report covering survey results)	Adam Moller ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8750
3	J. Hubscher's Submission at Public Forum on Various Issues, including Footpaths, Public Toilets, Bus Shelters, etc.	8 November 2004 Public Forum (Resolution 1921/2004)	4 April 2005 (Report will investigate and prioritise issues with recommendations to the Board for further consideration through the 2005/2006 Annual Plan process)	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8294
4	Petition for Road Crossing for Great North Road Residents, Kevin Court	29 November 2004 Public Forum (Resolution 2136/2004)	4 April 2005	Ross Hill ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8793
5	West Coast Road – New Parking Restrictions	29 November 2004 Public Forum (Resolution 2143/2004)	4 April 2005	Paul Schischka ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8742
6	Friends of Whau Steering Group	January 2005	4 April 2005	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8294
7	Appointment to Steering Group on Shopping Trolleys in Streams	7 February 2005	4 April 2005	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8294

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8	Traffic Issues at Oates Road/Glendale Road Intersection	7 February 2005 Public Forum (Resolution 84/2005)	4 April 2005	Paul Schischka  836 8000 Ext 8742

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee Secretary's Report for 7 March 2005 be received.
2. That the New Lynn Community Board appoint a representative to:
 - (a) New Lynn Citizens Advice Bureau; and
 - (b) The Glen Eden Community House Management Committee.
3. That the New Lynn Community Board support the recommendations of Council on Elected Members remuneration contained in resolution 180/2005.

Report prepared by: Audrey Chan, Committee Secretary.



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 New Lynn Community Board for the park in their 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 Nth Road	7 May 2005
Henderson Ward	Wakeling Park, Wakeling Road, off Te Atatu Road	14 May 2005
Waitakere Ward	Dalmatia Green, Chislehurst St, off Newham Place	21 May 2005
Massey Ward	Fairdene Reserve, Fairdene Avenue, off Lincoln Road	28 May 2005

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 2004/2005 Annual Plan 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 Mason Park, New Lynn Ward, be accepted as the confirmed site for the 2005 Trees for Babies event.
3. That a Community Board Member be nominated from the New Lynn 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 New Lynn 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 to 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 Council's 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 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 and 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 Island 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 Council's 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 the 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 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 GLEN EDEN STREET SIGNAGE PROJECT UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report is provided to update the New Lynn Community Board on current Glen Eden Town Centre Revitalisation Projects, and in particular the street signage project, as requested at the New Lynn Community Board meeting held on 7 February 2005 (Resolution 84/2005).

BACKGROUND

The current Glen Eden Revitalisation Projects originate from Council requesting Enterprise Waitakere to undertake studies to identify business issues in the town centre. Subsequently, Enterprise Waitakere contracted Karen Remetis of the Town Centre Development Group to undertake a consultation process with local businesses and community groups. Under the project name of "Glen Eden Lives", about 40 local residents and business people attended two evening meetings, held at the Glen Eden Community Centre, to discuss the main areas of concern about the future development of the town centre. From the discussions and group exercises, the main issues identified were condensed into the following areas:

- Landscape and design;
- Marketing and promotion;
- Heritage and Environment;
- Business improvement;
- Enabling the future.

As a result of a report to Council with a presentation by Karen Remetis and community groups involved in the consultation process, \$100,000 was allocated for revitalisation projects identified as being important after further consultation with representatives of the community groups. At subsequent meetings with Council staff, Enterprise Waitakere and representatives of the various community groups, including the Glen Eden Business Association, the Glen Eden Community Protection Society, Friends of Waikumete and the Playhouse Theatre Trust, it was agreed that revitalisation works to be funded by the approved budget would include the following projects aimed at enhancing the shopping precincts in the town centre:

- Small landscape/garden enhancement projects in six sites around the town centre (to a value of \$50,000).
- Installation of new signs for: town centre entries; directions to community facilities; and heritage information.
- Heritage trail maps (recently agreed to be fixed to face of the new library "way-finder" sculpture).
- Major direction signs to Glen Eden on the corners of Glenview Road-Great North Road and West Coast Road-Great North Road.
- Design of a new "logo" specifically for the promotion of Glen Eden.

Since the early meetings when the projects were decided, a working group of members from the community groups listed above and Council's project manager have met regularly (approximately bi-monthly) to monitor progress on the current projects and to discuss future developments and needs of the town centre. Other issues that have been considered with investigations and advice initiated for future projects and developments include:

- A town centre alcohol strategy;
- Suggestions for a programme of security, safety and access that could be initiated from within the business community;
- Proposed renovation and upgrading of existing landscape structures in the town centre retail precincts;
- Concept planning for the future urban development of the town centre.

To date, the agreed projects have all commenced and are at the following stages:

- The small landscape works have all been implemented and the final inspections of the completed works were signed off (except for the six (6) month maintenance period) in December 2004;
- The new Glen Eden logo has been designed by Graeme Gash, a local resident and the designer of most of Council's "branding" graphics;
- The heritage sign boards have been designed and produced by Bill Paynter another local Graphic Designer. The boards themselves are currently at the sign manufacturers ready for erection when the contract for the manufacture and installation of the signs is finalised;
- There have been a number of delays in the project for manufacture and installation of the seven town centre information signs which include:
 - Four (4) welcome signs at the entries to the town centre;
 - Two (2) direction signs to community facilities; and
 - One (1) double sided sign displaying heritage and historical information.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Urban and Rural Villages, "2020 vision" statement in Council's Long Term Council Community Plan, is aimed at ensuring that:

"Town Centres are thriving places, providing exciting options for people to live, work and play. Public facilities, places and spaces teem with people; the streets are alive and busy."

The Long Term Council Community Plan also lists Council's specific goals for the development of urban town centres and rural villages, the following key principles are particularly relevant to the Glen Eden town centre enhancement projects reported to this meeting:

Continue the urban consolidation programme

- Continue developing exciting, innovative and vibrant urban centres.

Encourage lots of living and working in town centres

- Foster a sense of place through community engagement and unique design.

Create imaginative, interlinked urban public spaces

- Create vibrant, safe, accessible spaces for people to live work and play;
- Bring the Green Network into urban public spaces.

Provide people friendly green spaces in urban and rural areas

- Continue to work pro-actively with the community on design;
- Continue the street tree planting programme.

The projects listed earlier in this report have been identified, developed and supported by the Glen Eden business and community groups involved and reinforce the objectives and intentions of the Long Term Council Community Plan. On installation of the street signs, the current town centre revitalisation programme for Glen Eden will be completed.

ISSUES

The engineering and Consent processes required for completion of the signage project have resulted in a number of unexpected delays in construction but these are at present being resolved.

The intended work programme to complete the approved Glen Eden signage project involves the following actions and timeline:

- Submission of amended application for Resource Consent under a revised interpretation of requirements of the Waitakere City Council District Plan - **25 February 2005**
- Submission of amended Building Consent drawings and structural engineering calculations for slip-base footings for two (2) signs, to meet traffic safety requirements requested by roading engineers - **4 March 2005**
- Anticipated approval of Resource Consent - **7 March 2005**
- Anticipated approval of Building Consent - **14 March 2005**
- Approval, acceptance and sign-off of revised construction and installation contract with selected contractor - **18 March 2005**
- Construction contract commences with anticipated completion of installed signs at all locations - **22 April 2005**

This timeline will be subject to receiving structural engineers' calculations as planned and no further Consent requirements or delays in approvals.

RESOURCES

The design, and development and implementation of the current Glen Eden Revitalisation projects have been funded to date, from the original approved Budget which has been carried over each year to date. The funds remaining from that budget were carried over into the 2004/05 Annual Budget and are adequate to continue the works required to finalise and implement the signage project.

CONCLUSION

The current projects for this stage of the Glen Eden revitalisation programme are near to being finalised. Delays in the completion of the final project which involves the manufacture, assembly and installation the street signage project are being addressed and an anticipated timeline has been included with this report.

This report is to update the Board and to provide the opportunity for presentation of more information if requested.

RECOMMENDATION

That the New Lynn Street Signage Project Update report be received.

Report prepared by: Peter Joyce, Project Manager Urban Design: Strategy and 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.

NEW LYNN COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Gayle Marshall Pim van der Voort (alternate)
Keep Waitakere Beautiful Committee	Elizabeth Francke
Glen Eden Citizens Advice Bureau	Gayle Marshall
Green Bay Community House Management Committee	Pim van der Voort Sandra Taylor (alternate)
Council/Police Liaison Group	Elizabeth Francke Sandra Taylor
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Hearings Committee	Elizabeth Francke Sandra Taylor (alternate)
Community Sports Fund Allocation Subcommittee	William Buchanan Gayle Marshall (alternate)
Long Term Council Plan and Annual Plan Special Committee	Pim van der Voort Gayle Marshall (alternate)
COMMUNITY BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE	
New Lynn Community Board Street Events Subcommittee	William Buchanan

