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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary - Tuesday, 6 July 2004

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Waitakere Community Board held on Tuesday, 6 July 2004, 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 - AUCKLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATES

Councillors Sandra Coney and Paul Walbran from the Auckland Regional Council may be in attendance to update the Board on Auckland Regional Council activities.



5 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.



6 CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Highlight for me this month is I passed my last paper in a five year marathon in obtaining my Graduate Diploma in Not for Profit Management. I am to graduate on 15 September this year. It has been a longer process than should have been but when there is so much more going on in your life you have to fit things in as best you can.

Piha South Sand Dune Project

I'm probably not the first Community Board member who has had a meeting at 9.00 am on Piha beach in 26 knot winds and I'll bet I'm not the last, but what an experience.

Along with six very dedicated Piha residents we met and huddled in the entrance to the takeaways first and then ventured out to assess the beach planting etc. I am pleased to say that the planting has held up well over the winter months and that any small gaps would be replanted as required by Coastcare. The low barrier fence at the car park edge is certainly contributing well to retaining sand control and dispersal.

Ranui World Refugee Day Celebration

I was predominantly wearing my Ranui Community Centre Co-ordinators hat here as well as the Community Boards and as member of Ranui Action Project. What a fantastic event. We danced, we sang, we clapped and we laughed!!

This event was organised by the Ranui Action Project, Waitakere City Council and in partnership with the Afghani, Eritrean, Somali and other refugee communities present in Ranui and opened by Deputy Mayor Carolynne Stone.

Kaumatua Dennis Hansen during his welcome likened the Community Centre to the 'teneira' (needle). The Community Centre being the needle that threads together the different cultures of the community.

Refugees are accepted into New Zealand under the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees quota and families are being settled in Ranui. This event was an opportunity for the community to welcome refugee families by sharing their culture, stories of their journey to Ranui and their wonderful food.

I was particularly moved by the story of the young Somali girl who spoke about having arrived here at the age of 11 not able to speak one word of English (scary stuff). She spoke beautifully in English and is currently studying for a degree at Auckland University.

Glengarry Road Footpath and Curb and Channelling

The granting of an additional \$380,000 in the Annual Plan to complete the whole of the left side (going up from West Coast Road) of Glengarry Road is a definite success for the Waitakere Community Board and especially for my fellow board member Diane Goodley who has worked with and advocated strongly for residents, the Greenview Park Retirement Village and the Salvation Army Hospital to get this done. A special thanks to the Greenview Park Village for its hospitality and for allowing us the use of the Village dining room for the public meetings.

Swanson Stream Planting - Church Street

What an amazing turn out this event had. The weather was perfect, the plants were all planted in record time, kids had their faces painted, I myself found about 6 golf balls while digging holes, and as I left I spotted a young girl who must have had nearly half a Foodtown bag full.

AGM's

Yes it's that time of year again and I have or am attending as many as I am able to get to of the Resident & Ratepayer AGM's as possible. I would like to thank my board members who also attend these along with myself and our Councillors.

Betty Hansen

I would like to acknowledge the indomitable spirit of Betty who went into hospital recently for an operation on her leg and ended up having to go back for two further operations because the original didn't heal properly. I visited her on two occasions and her smiling face and cheerfulness was an inspiration to me. I'm sure you all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Bush Road/West Coast Road Intersection

I hope next time you are driving up West Coast Rd you will take a minute to stop and have a look at the new pedestrian safety improvements and vehicle access at the intersection to Bush Road. Comments from residents are that it exceeds all their expectations of what was proposed but they are very pleased with the work Council has done. I must admit the morning Mayor Bob, myself and Kevin Healy stood on that corner talking to residents I felt we were very vulnerable to being skittled by traffic.

I hope you are all keeping the winter chills at bay!!

RECOMMENDATION







That the Chairperson's Report be received.


Christine Shepherd JP

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT




7 **COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
Community Board Projects on Parks for 2004/2005	This is to inform the Board that information and submission forms have been sent to the relevant Community Groups for Community Board Projects on Parks for 2004/2005. Submission forms are to be returned by 6 August 2004.	Toni Grogan  836 8000 Ext 8969
Castle Heights Crossing Point between 169-194 Sturges Road, Henderson Board Member's Request	Consideration of the installation of a pedestrian refuge has been programmed into the Minor Safety Projects list for the 2004/2005 year. However, this is subject to the availability of funds. (This was a late request.)	Adam Moller  836 8000 Ext 8750
Munroe Bridge Project 'Paremuka Bridge' Resolution No: 6 May 2003	Paremuka Bridge contract has been awarded to Fulton Hogan Limited. Work will start when the earthwork season starts on 1 October 2004. It is likely that the works will be completed by October 2005.	Edwin Dearham  836 8000 Ext 8736
Piha Stream Pedestrian Bridge and Mid Beach Surf Tower	The committee of the Piha Residents and Ratepayers have been invited to a meeting with the Parks team to discuss these matters further.	Warren Oglivie  836 8000 Ext 8561
Application for Boat Launching Rights at Te Henga by the Te Henga Offshore Boating Club 6 July 2004 Public Forum	<p>At the Community Board meeting on 6 July 2003, the Te Henga Offshore Boating Club submitted the following request during the Public Forum:</p> <p><i>'Requests the Community Board support for the Te Henga Offshore Boating Club's proposal to use the Bethels Beach Surf Club access to the beach in order to carry out the boating club activities'.</i></p> <p>The Te Henga Reserves Management Plan, which regulates the use of and access to the reserve, does not refer to the activities of the Boating Club, which was only established in 2002 at the time the Plan was adopted. The objectives of the Management Plan clearly reflect the wishes of the community to restrict vehicle access to the Park but also to support community groups and activities.</p> <p>The Boating Club were asked to supply letters of support for their application from Bethels community groups.</p>	<p>Warren Oglivie  836 8000 Ext 8561</p> <p>Mandy McMullin  836 8000 Ext 8792</p>


Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
	<p>The Club has returned with letters from the Bethells Beach Surf Life Saving Patrol, the Bethells Beach/Te Henga Community Group and Beachcare, all endorsed the Boating Club's application for beach access for the launching of boats with conditions relating to the access.</p> <p>Therefore, the Te Henga Offshore Boating Club will be granted beach access for boat launching via the Bethells Beach Surf Club access way, subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gates are only unlocked during use to stop other members of the public using the vehicle access. • Boats are not launched/or beached through the patrolled area. • Boats and boat trailers are not to be parked in the Surf Club parking area. • Boats and boat trailers are not to be parked in such a way that they hinder the visual or amenity values of the beach to people on foot, ie. discreet parking - not leaving trailers right on beach front. • Vehicles travel at a safe speed to the public. • Use of a display permit for Club vehicles. • A nominal fee to be negotiated. • Right and conditions of access subject to annual review. <p>Parks Assets are currently looking at upgrading the security key system for the Bethells Beach access gate. It is proposed to involve all stakeholders, including the Boating Club, in developing and monitoring a new system.</p>	
<p>Surf Tower at Piha Mid Beach</p>	<p>Council's Parks Engineer and an independent engineer have assessed the surf tower. There will be a recommendation made to the United North Piha Surf Life Saving Club that the tower be removed due to structural deficiencies. Council will need to discuss with the Surf Life Saving Club the future of lifeguard operations at Piha Mid Beach.</p>	<p>Warren Oglivie  836 8000 Ext 8561</p>

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
<p>McLaren Park Community Project 9 September 2002 Resolution No: 2766/2002</p>	<p>The McLaren Park Community Project progressed well in 2003/2004 achieving some major milestones including the project gaining incorporated society legal status and the formation of a successful McLaren Park Community Project youth group. The project held a range of successful community events over the past ten months and the McLaren Park Community Project Coordinator has worked on establishing after school programmes in the area for 2004/2005. Increased Council funding of \$10,000 is available in 2004/2005 for the project providing total Council funding of \$40,000 for ongoing community development initiatives and provision of community services in the McLaren Park Community Project area. Leisure Services is currently negotiating a further contract with Caroline McCurdie for a ten month period over 2004/2005 (starting 1 August 2004) for 25 hours per week as McLaren Park Community Project Coordinator. The additional five hours per week will enable the development of longer term strategic planning for the project.</p>	<p>Polly O'Brien ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8559</p>
<p>The Laingholm Beach Hall</p>	<p>The Laingholm Districts and Citizens Association have advised Leisure Services that they are undertaking a community consultation process called 'Planning for Real' to further clarify the commitment that Laingholm residents have to using Laingholm Beach Hall and any upgrades. The Laingholm Districts and Citizens Association plan to conduct a community skills survey in August 2004 and a community planning session in September with a view to advising Council of the results by the end of September 2004.</p> <p>Outcomes of further progress will be reported back to the Waitakere Community Board after September 2004 and a report on the future of the Laingholm Beach Hall submitted to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee later this year.</p>	<p>Polly O'Brien ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8559</p>

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
<p>Changing Social And Recreational Needs Of Our Rural Communities</p> <p>3 June 2003</p> <p>Resolution No: 1064/2003</p>	<p>The changing social and recreational needs of our rural communities will be addressed as part of the new Leisure Strategy process currently underway to replace the current Leisure Strategy, which is ten years old. In May 2004 the City Development Committee approved the following project scope for the Leisure Strategy Development due to be completed by September 2005:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive literature and data analysis, and inventory of existing leisure facilities and sites in Waitakere City; • Development of guidelines for leisure facility models at a City Wide, principal and local community level; • Community leisure visioning and consultation; • External analysis of non-leisure factors such as demographic, technological, political, legal, cultural and economic; • Internal analysis of leisure factors such as local, regional, national and international leisure trends and determine strategies; • Profiling and development of catchment specific strategies to increase leisure participation; • Determine future facility needs and requirements, and identify potential locations within individual catchments; • Develop 10 year plan and 3 year implementation plan; and • Meet the timeline and requirements of the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006. 	<p>Polly O'Brien</p> <p> 836 8000</p> <p>Ext 8559</p>
<p>Removal of Power Poles from Kauri Point Sea Cave</p> <p>Board Member's Request</p>	<p>The power poles from Kauri Point Sea Cave have been removed by the Auckland Regional Council. There will be no more updates on this issue as it has now been completed.</p>	<p>Harish Singh</p> <p> 836 8000</p> <p>Ext 8953</p>
<p>Karekare Public Toilet Upgrade</p> <p>6 May 2003</p> <p>Resolution No: 872/2003</p>	<p>The appellant has indicated that they wish to go to mediation in regards to the public toilet upgrade. Waitakere City Council will be accepting this proposal.</p>	<p>Harish Singh</p> <p> 836 8000</p> <p>Ext 8953</p>

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
<p>Wekatahi / Marawhara Stream Realignment 1 October 2002 Resolution No: 2938/2002</p>	<p>Works to realign the streams were successfully completed in late October 2003. A survey was undertaken at that stage and a further survey will be taken in October 2004, so a comparison can be made to see if there are any changes to the positions of the streams. Some planting and re-contouring of the sand will be undertaken in the next few months.</p>	<p>Harish Singh  836 8000 Ext 8953</p>

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
<p>Signage for Hoani Waititi Marae Board Member's Request</p>	<p>May 2004</p>	<p>September 2004</p>	<p>Adam Moller  836 8000 Ext 8750</p>
<p>Glengarry Road Footpath Board Member's Request</p>	<p>June 2004</p>	<p>September 2004</p>	<p>Adam Moller  836 8000 Ext 8750</p>
<p>Claude Abel Pond - Piha Public Forum 2 March 2004</p>	<p>March 2004</p>	<p>September 2004</p>	<p>Mandy McMullin  836 8000 Ext 8792</p>
<p>Waitakere River Realignment 6 May 2003</p>	<p>May 2003</p>	<p>September 2004</p>	<p>Harish Singh  836 8000 Ext 8953</p>
<p>Project Twin Streams - Community Board Participation 5 August 2003 Resolution No: 1620/2003</p>	<p>August 2003</p>	<p>September 2004</p>	<p>Tony Miguel  836 8000 Ext 8294</p>
<p>Piha / Karekare and Huia / Cornwallis Local Water Plan Issue from the Environmental Management Committee</p>	<p>August 2003</p>	<p>September 2004</p>	<p>Tony Miguel  836 8000 Ext 8294</p>
<p>Watercare Waitakere Water Supply Dams Environmental Management Committee 12 August 2003 Resolution No: 1709/2003</p>	<p>August 2003</p>	<p>September 2004</p>	<p>Tony Miguel  836 8000 Ext 8294</p>

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Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Piha Water Safety Risk Signage 5 August 2003 Resolution No: 1616/2003	August 2003	September 2004	Warren Oglivie  836 8000 Ext 8561

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee Secretary's Report be received.

Report prepared by: Owena Schuster, Committee Secretary



8 NEW STOP CONTROL - INTERSECTION OF PARRS CROSS ROAD AND PINE AVENUE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report seeks the Waitakere Community Board's approval for a new 'Stop' control on Parrs Cross Road at its northern intersection with Pine Avenue.

BACKGROUND

A member of the public who had a near accident at this intersection contacted Council requesting that turning priorities at this intersection be more clearly sign posted.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Waitakere City Council's 'Integrated Transport and Communication' platform provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for city travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally responsible, and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication, and safety.

'Stop' controls can improve safety at intersections by ensuring that drivers behave in an appropriate manner at intersections where approach site distance is limited.

ISSUES

Driver sight distances for vehicles on Parrs Cross Road entering the intersection with Pine Avenue are restricted by the contour of the ground and a small decorative wall located close to the corner. 'Stop' controls are normally warranted in 50km/h speed zones on non-priority approaches to an intersection where driver sight distances in either direction 9 metres back from the limit line are less than 60 metres. Driver sight distances in this location are significantly less than this distance.

Parrs Cross Road intersects with Pine Avenue at an angle of 31 degrees. This high angle allows vehicles headed westward along Pine Avenue to exit Parrs Cross Road at a higher speed than would be possible for a right angle intersection. The low angle of intersection may also fool some drivers into believing that Pine Avenue is a continuation of Parrs Cross Road and that they have priority. It is therefore recommended that a 'Stop' control be installed in this location.

A1 This intersection is attached at page A1.

RESOURCES

The proposed alterations can be implemented under the 2004/2005 maintenance contracts.

CONCLUSION

The proposal to install a new 'Stop' control at the northern intersection of Pine Avenue and Parrs Cross Road is desirable to improve road user safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the New Stop Control - Intersection of Parrs Cross Road and Pine Avenue report be received.
2. That in relation to **PARRS CROSS ROAD**:
 - (a). That, in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, The Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 - Traffic, the following controls be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) That a '**STOP**' control be established on **PARRS CROSS ROAD** at its northern intersection with **PINE AVENUE**.
3. That the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of the Traffic Regulations 1976 be hereby approved to be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said parking limitations and restrictions.

Report prepared by: Paul Schischka, Transport Engineer.



9 **SWANSON ROAD - RELOCATION OF BUS STOP**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report seeks the Waitakere Community Board's approval for relocation of a bus stop in Swanson Road, Swanson.

BACKGROUND

In early 2003 a flush median was installed in Swanson Road east of the Swanson Railway Station. Prior to the installation of this new marking there was a bus stop located at number 707 Swanson Road, immediately outside the block of shops on the corner of Swanson Road and Church Street. Now that the flush median has been installed the bus can no longer stop outside the shops due to the narrowness of the traffic lane in this location.

The previous bus stop at 707 Swanson Road was not a legal bus stop. The bus used to stop illegally over the no stopping lines in this location. However this was the location at which local residents were accustomed to catching the bus from and Auckland Regional Council's Rideline service were directing the public to wait in this location for the bus.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Waitakere City Council's 'Integrated Transport and Communication' platform provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for city travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally responsible, and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication, and safety.

Correctly marked and sign posted bus stops are desirable to both notify public transport users of the pick up and drop off locations for bus services and to keep these locations clear of other vehicles.

ISSUES

It was originally intended to relocate the bus stop to outside Swanson Primary, at a location just west of the pedestrian crossing outside the school. However during consultation on the relocation of the bus stop the school objected to this location and another location was proposed.

A2 It is proposed to relocate the bus stop so that it will be located in the concrete parking bay immediately to the west of the driveway of number 713 Swanson Road. This is 80 metres from the old location and bus timetables will not be significantly affected is attached at page A2.

The residents of number 713 and 715 Swanson Road were sent consultation letters notifying them of the proposal to locate a bus stop outside their properties. No replies were received.

The only bus company that regularly uses the bus stop - Stagecoach, have been notified of the proposed relocation.

RESOURCES

The proposed new bus stop markings can be implemented under the 2004/2005 maintenance budgets.

CONCLUSION

The proposed relocation of the bus stop in Swanson Road is desirable to allow buses to stop in a suitable location for easy loading and unloading of passengers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Swanson Road - Relocation of Bus Stop report be received.
2. That in relation to **SWANSON ROAD, SWANSON:**
 - (a) That, in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, The Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 - Traffic, the following controls be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely;
 - (i) on the north kerb line of Swanson Road starting from a point 4 metres west of the south west corner of number **711 SWANSON ROAD** and extending a further 15 metres west along the kerb line a new '**BUS STOP CONTROL**' be put in place.
3. That the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of the Traffic Regulations 1976 be hereby approved to be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said parking limitations and restrictions.

Report prepared by: Paul Schischka, Transport Engineer.



10 SUMMERLAND DRIVE COMMUNITY FACILITY CONCEPT DESIGN

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to update the Waitakere Community Board of project progress, and to seek endorsement from the Board for the concept design of the Summerland Drive Community Facility, for recommendation to City Development Committee.

BACKGROUND

A partnership between Council and the Ministry of Education was established several years ago to develop the idea of co-locating a community facility with the now existing Summerland Primary School. The concept of a community facility co-located with the school was presented to the community for consultation, with resulting widespread support for a collaborative approach.

Council Meeting, 29 November 2000, resolved:

“That \$350,000 be included in the 2001/2002 Annual Plan to complete the purchase of sites adjoining the new Sturges Valley Primary School on which new community facilities can be co-located at a future date.”

4112/2000

The land was subsequently purchased in the 2001/2002 financial year.

The 2002/2003 Annual Plan provided \$30,000 to progress the concept plan for a proposed community facility and to undertake comprehensive community consultation. A significant level of consultation was undertaken in 2003, with a wide variety of views captured from the different segments and key stakeholders of the Summerland Drive community. Strong community interest was shown in the proposed facility with clear views expressed as to what the facility should deliver to the local community. Consultation findings were reported to the Projects Special committee at the October 2003 committee meeting, with the following key criteria established by the community:

- A facility that is the hub and heart of this new community.
- A facility that is quiet, just for locals and does not disturb surrounding residents.
- A facility that blends in with the surrounding homes and school.
- A facility with attractive landscaping and outdoor seating at the front of the facility that provides a place to meet or take a rest.
- A facility that offers a place to meet socially or to take part in classes or activities.
- A facility that is multi-functional.
- A facility that has a lot of input from local residents in terms of management, services and classes provided.
- A community notice board that can be used by the facility and residents to promote classes and local news and events.
- A place where all sections of the community are valued.

The report presented to Projects Special Committee in October 2003 also provided an analysis of strategic outcomes along with funding and development options. The Committee approved:

“That Summerland Drive Community facility detailed design commence during the 2003/2004 year and be funded from the funding provided in the 2003/2004 Annual Plan for a facility size of 300 sqm, with potential to extend.”

“That it be recommended to Council that the cost of the Summerland Drive Community Facility as provided in years 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 be re-confirmed at \$660,000 and be available for 2004/2005.”

2000/2003

A report of the Management Options for the Summerland Drive Community Facility was presented to the City Development Committee in June 2004, with the following recommendations approved:

“That the City Development Committee approve Option Two: Council Owned and Community Managed (Community House) as the preferred management option for the Summerland Drive Community Facility currently under development.”

“That Leisure Services staff work with the existing community members from the Summerland Drive Community Facility Project Advisory Group to establish a volunteer Community Management Committee for the Summerland Drive Community House.”

“That a report be brought back to the City Development Committee early in 2005 regarding a proposed funding agreement with the Summerland Drive Community House Management Committee to manage the operations of the Summerland Drive Community House (once they have obtained legal entity status).”

904/2004

Work is now underway in establishing the Community Management Committee, with the Community Advisory Group formed to facilitate the community consultation in 2003 providing a core nucleus of community members willing to commit.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The initial (1998) brief conceived of a 'Sustainable School Development Project' with the potential to integrate the social, environmental, educational and environmental ethos of Council into a practical initiative. The project was seen to contribute to the "Urban Village" concept through improving social contacts for residents and protecting the natural environment. Through partnerships with the Ministry of Education and the local school community it was envisaged that the new primary school would become the focal point for the area and also be a leading national example of sustainable development through the integration of:

- Sustainable building principles.
- Energy, waste and water efficiency.
- Co-location and shared use of school and community facilities.
- Green network projects.

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.

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 is to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well being of communities, in the present and for the future.

ISSUES

Graeme Johansen Architects have been engaged to design and manage construction of the community facility. They are a small West Auckland firm of Architects based in Titirangi.

Landscaping around the building is being designed by Melean Absolum Limited Landscape Architects who are working in close conjunction with the Architect and Councils Parks Planning Department.

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A concept design has been developed, as attached at pages A3 to A4 based upon community vision and expectations identified through community consultation. This has been approved by consultation with a community steering group, and an internal Council control group to cover off issues such as security, learning centre requirements, landscaping issues, eco-building concepts, disability issues etc.

At time of writing this report, the concept design has yet to have a quantity survey cost analysis as some of the elements of construction are still to be agreed upon. However the building is expected to come within budget as the Architect has been made fully aware of the necessity to design within the budget limits.

Key elements of design include:

- North facing to capture as much natural sunlight as possible in the day rooms, yet main meeting rooms and IT suite are shielded from large solar gains and temperature fluctuations.
- The main corridor is proposed to be of polished concrete allowing a 'heat sink' for capture of and slow release of heat at night.
- Use of natural materials, eco-sourced if possible.
- Durable materials for long life and low total cost of ownership.
- A distributed system of rooms allowing several functions to be held at the same time without causing too much interference with each other.
- Expressive roof lines, and natural colours to give an interesting and dramatic presence to the building.
- Logical and intuitive room layout.
- Indoor / outdoor flow.

A Resource Consent will be obtained to allow the change of use of land designated Residential to Community Use. Once the concept plans are approved an independent Resource Consent Consultant will be engaged to lodge the consent and manage the process through Council. On the Regulatory side of Council a Commissioner or similar will need to be obtained to process the application independently.

It is expected that the developed designs and resource consent will be completed towards the end of the current year, following approval of the concept design and quantity survey costs from the City Development Committee September 2004 meeting, and that the tender for construction will occur over the New Year period, with construction completed by June/July 2005.

At the time of writing this report, the Community Advisory Group is deliberating on a name for the community facility. We anticipate being able to verbally advise the Board of the selected name when presenting this report in August 2004.

RESOURCES

\$60,000 funding was allocated in the 2003/2004 budget to progress the project and commence detailed design. A request to carry \$55,000 of this amount into the 2004/2005 year has been approved by the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Special Committee meeting held on 29 June 2004.

\$750,000 funding for Leisure Services Facility Improvements is allocated in the 2004/2005 budget to complete detailed design and construction of the facility. \$60,000 has been allocated from the Parks and Landscape 2004/2005 budget (Land Subdivision Reserve Fund) for landscaping costs.

CONCLUSION

Recent community consultation undertaken has clearly identified a vision and need for a community facility on Summerland Drive. The community has expressed a desire to create a sense of heart in this relatively new community, a place where everyone feels welcomed and valued and where the community can come together to share cultures, arts and learn something new.

A concept design has been developed, based upon community vision and expectations identified through community consultation. The concept design has undergone minor changes and met with approval from Community and Council interest groups.

All parties involved feel that the proposed plans will provide an exciting building that will add visual flair to the proposed site, and provide a heart and hub to the local community. It is expected that the developed designs and resource consent will be completed towards the end of the current year, following approval of the concept design and quantity survey costs from the City Development Committee September 2004 meeting. Tender for construction will occur over the New Year period, with construction completed by June/July 2005.

The Community Advisory Group are currently deliberating on a name for the community facility, and we anticipate being able to verbally advise the Board of the selected name when presenting this report in August 2004.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Summerland Drive Community Facility Concept Design report be received.
2. That the Board endorse the Concept Design of the Summerland Drive Community Facility.
3. That the Board recommends to City Development Committee that the concept design be approved, pending the completion of a quantity survey cost analysis to confirm design meets the budget.

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11 DRAFT SWANSON RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN SUBMISSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report brings the submissions on the draft Swanson Reserves Management Plan to the Waitakere Community Board and provides for the decisions on submissions and finalising of the Reserve Management Plan.

BACKGROUND

The process of preparing a Management Plan for the group of reserves referred to collectively as the Swanson Reserves began in October 2001. The preparation of the Management Plan is guided by the statutory process outlined in the Reserves Act 1977. The Management Plan, when adopted, is intended to guide the future management of these reserves.

The Swanson Management Plan includes the following twelve reserves; Swanson Scenic Reserve, Swanson Stream Esplanade Reserve, Swanson Stream Reserve, Robert Knox Memorial Park, Swanson Station Park, Swanson Heritage Park, Swanson Oaks, Awhiorangi Reserve, Kitewaho Plantation Reserve 1, Kitewaho Plantation Reserve 2, Kitewaho Reserve and Welsh Hills Reserve.

During the process of preparing the draft plan, two additional sites were added to the Plan. These are the Kay Road Balefill site and the 16 ha site containing the Billy Joe Stream that is situated between the balefill and Swanson Stream. These are both Council freehold land retained for landfill purposes and intended (all or part of) as future reserve. As they will one day make a significant contribution to the Swanson Reserves network, it was considered appropriate to include them in the Plan in order to guide their development toward this end.

The process of preparing the draft Plan has involved an ecological survey, historical and landscape research and consultation with iwi representatives and the public, including two submission periods. An Advisory Group was set up consisting of members of the Waitakere Community Boards, Taumata Runanga, Royal Forest & Bird Society, Waitakere Branch, the Residents and Ratepayers Association and relevant members of staff. The draft Reserve Management Plan was prepared with ongoing liaison, advice and amendments from this Advisory Group.

The intention to prepare a Management Plan for the Swanson Reserves was publicly notified in October 2001. A public meeting was held in February 2002 and during the following months, individual consultation was done with interested parties. By the closing date of 1 March, 2002, 10 written submissions had been received, including a petition of 56 signatures.

The Draft Reserve Management Plan was publicly notified in August 2003 and submissions closed in October 2003. During this second stage of consultation, 5 written submissions were received, including submissions from Swanson Residents & Ratepayers, Ritchies Transport Holdings and Redwood Park Golf Club. The consultation period was extended to allow a late submission from the Residents and Ratepayers Association.

This report was initially presented to the Community Board on 3 February this year, at a hearing of submissions. At that hearing, Ritchie's Transport Holdings spoke to their submission, opposing the recommended amendments to the draft Plan that removed the option of their upgrading the Swanson Scenic Reserve Car Park in return for its use. As Ritchies' proposal was opposed by the Residents and Ratepayers, also represented at the hearing, the Community Board voted to allow two months for all parties to reach an agreement on the car park. Following a site meeting with EcoWater, Parks, Transport and Ritchies, it was agreed that Ritchies would submit a detailed proposal for the car park. In late June, Ritchies returned to Council stating that they no longer wished to pursue the option of upgrading the car park due to the fact that the cost would outweigh the benefits.

A5-A117

The Draft Reserve Management Plan is attached at pages A5 to A117.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Plan is prepared under the Reserves Act 1977 Section 41(3) "The Management Plan shall provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance protection and preservation as the case may require, and, to the extent that the administering body's resources permit, the development, as appropriate, of the reserve for the purposes for which it is classified...". All reserves, other than Local Purpose reserves, are required under the Reserves Act 1977, to have a current Management Plan.

The reserves are located in the Swanson catchment, a Waitakere Ranges foothills environment. Many of them are located adjacent to the Swanson Stream, a major corridor for the Green Network, and now included in "Project Twin Streams" (Swanson Scenic Reserve, Swanson Esplanade Reserve, Billy Joe Site, Kay Road Balefill site and Swanson Stream Reserve). Others are located in bush in the upper catchment surrounding tributaries to the Swanson Stream (Awhiorangi, Kitewaho's and Welsh Hills). A third group are the township reserves, small urban parks with low environmental and high cultural values, (Swanson Station Park, Robert Knox Memorial, Swanson Heritage Park and Swanson Oaks).

Combined, the reserves have the following significant values:

- ecological values as part of the Eco-city Green Network,
- cultural values attributed to the location and quality of the reserves, and
- recreational values, providing opportunities for active and passive recreation.

The Parks Strategy, undertaken to reflect Council's strategic direction, identifies the Swanson Stream Corridor as a City-wide park with a Green Network focus. City-wide reserves are expected to fulfil a regional role by providing recreational opportunities for the wider Waitakere City and Auckland region.

Swanson Stream and its riparian margins have potentially high ecological and recreational values, providing habitat and movement corridors for native species and opportunities for passive recreation along the stream margins. Included in the reserves are areas identified in the District Plan as Protected Natural Area and Restoration Natural Area. The Swanson Stream also links several major reserves in the Swanson network, including Swanson Scenic Reserve, Crows Park, the Billy Joe site and Kay Road Balefill. The restoration of the Swanson Stream Corridor is a key objective that could provide valuable environmental educational opportunities.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

Historically the Swanson community have a high level of engagement in the development of their community facilities and the political processes that affect them. The development of the three township reserves; Heritage, Railway and Oaks - recent additions to the Swanson reserves network, has been carried out through a council/community partnership with much of the preliminary work achieved through the Swanson 2000 process. (Note that Heritage Park is a working title). This work was done prior to the preparation of the draft Plan and the concept plans developed included in Part 3.

Submissions to the plan indicate a level of community support for ecological restoration in those reserves with high natural values and a desire for them to remain largely 'undeveloped' with a focus on weed and pest control.

Submissions support the development of active recreation facilities in the grassed area of Swanson Scenic Reserve, in particular facilities for youth, which are lacking in Swanson. As this is a recreation reserve with high visibility from the road, good opportunities to develop access and few close residential neighbours, this has been identified as a potential location for the development of a mixed-use facility such as basketball/tennis courts/skate park.

In 2001, Ritchie's brought a proposal to seal the car park in Swanson Scenic Reserve before the Waitakere Community Board and it was referred to the Reserve Management Plan process for resolution. Ritchies' proposal was included in the draft for comment and opposed by the Residents and Ratepayers. Following an attempt to reach a resolution on this issue by submitting a detailed proposal, Ritchies withdrew their offer. The recommendations are as discussed in the report.

This report responds to the public submissions received on the Draft Management Plan for the Swanson Reserves. Altogether, a total of 100 copies of the draft plan were printed, copies were distributed to Waitakere libraries and the Civic Centre and the remainder posted out by request. In all, a total of 70 copies were sent out. The draft Plan was also available for viewing and comment on the Internet.

The issues raised in the public submissions to the draft Plan are discussed below and recommendations made as to how and if the points raised should be addressed within the Management Plan.

A118-A128

Copies of all the submissions are provided, including a letter from Ritchies, and are attached at pages A118 to A128:

No	Issue Raised	Comments	Recommended Amendments
1	Photographs of Reserves		That the photographs of the reserves used in the draft plan, along with additional photos as required, be included in the final Management Plan
2	General Typographical and Grammatical Errors	It is considered appropriate to amend all typographical and grammatical errors that may be discovered in the revision of the Plan and those highlighted by submissions.	That all typographical and grammatical errors highlighted in submissions and discovered during the amendments to the Plan be corrected.
3	The Title of Heritage Park	At the time the writing of this agenda report, the title Heritage Park is a working title and is likely to change. These should be noted in the Plan.	That a note be made in the Plan as necessary to refer to the fact that this name used in the Plan is a working title only.
4	Redwood Park Golf Club Inc		
i	"...with 1000 members the club believes it is providing a valuable recreational and sporting space for people who are mostly residents of Swanson and West Auckland".	The draft Management Plan recognises the significant contribution made by the Club as a recreation facility and the advantages of having it as a neighbour. (Part 1 sec 6.3).	No change required.
ii	Loss of area would increase the danger of flying golf balls to pedestrians. It is therefore essential that there is no interference to the status quo.	Council recognises that flying golf balls would pose a danger to the public using the esplanade reserve and as a result, public access has not been encouraged in this area. Accordingly, the draft Plan in its current form supports the status quo and the integrity of the golf course in the following policies: Policy 2.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Redwood Park Golf Club and the local community to investigate options for the eventual linkage of Swanson Scenic Reserve and Parklands Road by an informal walkway through Swanson Stream Esplanade Reserve and Swanson Scenic Reserve encompassing either or both banks of Swanson Esplanade Reserve as appropriate. Ensure that the development 	No change required

No	Issue Raised	Comments	Recommended Amendments
		<p>of any such option be undertaken in a way that would not require the Redwood Golf Club to vacate existing leased land or remodel the course unless agreed to by the Club.</p> <p>Policy 5.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Redwood Park Golf Course to investigate options for developing a future walkway linkage between Swanson Scenic Reserve and Parklands Road, ensuring the integrity of the golf course. <p>These policies recognise and protect the current integrity of the golf course and the wishes of the Club. However, they also recognise the desire for eventual public access in the stream corridor and provide the flexibility to develop this in a way that meets the needs of all parties. A management plan has a life expectancy of 10 years, making this plan valid until 2014. The Plan needs retain the flexibility to allow for a range of options – including any not yet thought of, due to changes in circumstances during that time.</p>	
iii	The club strongly supports the location of the walkway on the northern bank of Swanson Stream.	<p>The Swanson Stream Corridor is identified as a City-wide Green Network reserve and this particular stretch will eventually link three major Swanson reserves, (Swanson Scenic Reserve, Kay Road and Crows Park) when Kay Road Balefill is open to the public. A walkway on either side would be valuable link for many reasons.</p> <p>Certainly the north bank would be the favoured option in that it would meet the needs of all parties, it would not interfere with the functioning of the golf course and would largely remove users from the hazard of flying golf balls. The Concept Plan “Swanson Scenic Reserve To Crows Park - Linkages” in Part 3 shows the walkway on the north bank.</p>	No change required

No	Issue Raised	Comments	Recommended Amendments
		<p>However, initial investigative work has shown that the north bank is generally less suited to the development of a walkway due to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The steepness of the slope and integrity of the riparian vegetation. • The fact that a section of it is privately owned. <p>There is community support for a walkway and also for the integrity of the Golf Club. Should circumstances change in the future, it may be possible to develop a walkway using both sides of the stream and including the south bank only in the places where the north bank is not feasible.</p> <p>The existing policies of the Plan recommend the <i>investigation of options</i> and that no option is pursued that does not <i>have the agreement</i> of the Club.</p>	
iv	It should be noted that greater public access to some golf courses has resulted in increased vandalism.	The Plan does not support greater public access to the golf course. A walkway adjacent to the course, might also offer benefits to the Club by increasing visibility.	No change required.
v	<p>Pleased at the recognition of the five-yearly lease but concerned at the suggestion that this is only until such time as the public require greater access.</p> <p>Would be more secure if they had a deed of lease similar to the Swanson Railway Trust, i.e. rights of renewal for 2 further terms of five years.</p>	<p>The granting of leases in reserves is governed by the Reserves Act 1977 and Councils internal policy.</p> <p>The Reserves Act requires that a reserve be managed in a manner that is consistent with the <i>primary purpose</i> for which it was classified under the Act. Swanson Esplanade Reserve, is classified as a Local Purpose (<i>esplanade</i>) reserve. Its primary purpose being esplanade. Under the Act, a local authority is unable "to impede the right of the public freely to pass and repass over the (esplanade) reserve on foot..." unless to protect the stability of the ground or biological values. As the functioning of the golf course does impede public access and does not serve the primary</p>	No change required.

No	Issue Raised	Comments	Recommended Amendments
		<p>purpose of the reserve, (for access, recreation and conservation) it would not be appropriate to grant a long-term lease for this activity in an esplanade reserve.</p> <p>On the other hand, Swanson Station Reserve is Council freehold land, now reclassified as Local Purpose (community purposes) under the Reserves Act. The activity of the Trust is in keeping with the primary purpose of the reserve.</p> <p>Council's internal policy in regard to leases in reserves is as follows; "The standard term of lease is 5 years. Council will consider requests for 10 year leases or more in some cases – for example if a group intends to build its own facility and an ongoing need for the service provided can be demonstrated". Longer leases such as that for the Swanson Railway Trust are occasionally granted under the policy. (Note that this is only a 5-year lease with a right of renewal). The Railway Station trust fits the above criteria as a community group that has developed its own facility. They may have required the stability of the longer -term lease to attract backing for the venture.</p>	
vi	<p>Prepared to work with Project Twin Streams in designing a programme of appropriate riparian planting that will enhance the natural values of the Swanson Esplanade Reserve without impacting on the functioning of the golf course.</p>	<p>The plan focuses on the restoration of the riparian margin in the esplanade reserve as a priority. It is a project that can be carried out without impacting on the layout of the golf course and will achieve a positive outcome for all parties. Restoration work in the esplanade reserve is not dependent on or related to the development of the walkway.</p>	<p>No change required</p>
vii	<p>Pleased to see their significant contribution recognised in the plan and therefore hope that there will be no future problems with 5 yearly roll-over of the lease of the Swanson Esplanade Reserve.</p>	<p>There is nothing in the draft Plan to hinder the renewal of the lease at the time of rollover. The lease would be reviewed according to the general provisions for the granting of leases as covered in Objective 9 of the Plan. The last bullet of</p>	<p>Policy 9.6 That the following bullet point be amended to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Recognise and support the significant contribution made by Redwood Park in the community by providing and maintaining

No	Issue Raised	Comments	Recommended Amendments
		Policy 9.6 relates to the Redwood Park lease, and this could be strengthened by the addition of the words "and support"... the club.	a quality, well-used regional recreation facility, when reviewing the lease for the esplanade reserve."
5 Rosalie Yozin			
i	Supports protecting the ecology of the area but the report does not disclose enough information to assess whether the Management Plan would be achieving this. ...a lot of vagueness in the descriptions given.	<p>The descriptions referred to are presumably the reserves values descriptions in Part 1 sec 6. These are provided as background information to place the objectives and policies in context. The Objectives and Policies of Part 2 are the heart of the plan and state what is to be achieved.</p> <p>In this case, Part 2, Objective 3 of the Plan deals with ecological values; <i>To recognize and protect the significant native biodiversity within the reserves. In particular, give priority to those ecosystems that support threatened species, but also including all indigenous flora and fauna in the reserves.</i></p> <p>This is the overarching goal and the policies provide more detail regarding its implementation. This is a planning document, its purpose being to provide clear and consistent guidelines (objectives) for the 'use and enjoyment of the reserves'. The plan has a 10 year life and needs to be broad and flexible enough to allow for changes in circumstances during that time, eg. changes in funding, communities and technology. Details will be defined at contract stage.</p>	No change required.
ii	Support walkways and public access to certain areas...appreciate and enjoy natural surroundings.		No change required.
iii	Totally opposed to a domain in Swanson. Domains are for urban suburbs. Swanson Scenic Reserve is rarely utilised. This land could have improvements made on it to facilitate and develop sporting requirements.	The Parks Strategy, adopted by Council in 1999 identifies the need to develop a community Domain in rural areas; "Rural and coastal communities often have good access to wilderness-type parks but sometimes lack a domain with space suitable for casual recreation."	<p>Policy 2.1 That bullet points 7 and 8 be amended to read;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the local community to investigate possible options for the establishment and development of a local Domain.

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		<p>The Swanson community has identified the need for a community hall and space for active and passive recreation facilities, especially for youth. It would make sense to locate these on the same site or near to other facilities centrally located in Swanson if possible. This would effectively constitute a 'domain' as defined in the Parks Strategy.</p> <p>The following objectives in Policy 2.1 of the Plan refer to the domain and do not exclude Swanson Scenic Reserve as a location for any of/all of the above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the local community to investigate options for the establishment and development of a local Domain. • Investigate the development of a local Domain through the acquisition of land in Penihana subdivision. • Support the establishment of a combined tennis/basketball facility in Swanson, possibly, to be located either in the proposed local Domain or in Swanson Scenic Reserve. <p>The development of the hall/domain will be decided outside the bounds of this Management Plan. All hall options that are currently on the table at the time of the drafting of this Plan have been included in the Plan. They are all options '<i>to investigate...</i>' and as such, are not binding. There will be ongoing consultation over the development of facilities in Swanson, including the location of the hall and possible domain which is supported by the following objective of the Plan in Policy 2.1;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in ongoing partnership with the local community to manage and develop the reserves to fulfil community needs and aspirations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the expansion of the Railway Station Park to local Domain size through the acquisition of land in Penihana subdivision.

No	Issue Raised	Comments	Recommended Amendments
		It is proposed to make minor amendments to the current provisions regarding the development of a domain, emphasising that nothing has yet been decided.	
iv	Against anything that would destroy Swanson's unique rural character. Disappointed with the extravagant expenditure and the end results of Swanson 2000 and Swanson Oaks. "The Concept Plan for Swanson Heritage Park looks like another ugly extravagant stereotype urban creation".	The Concept Plan for the Heritage Park included in the draft is a Concept Plan and the detailed design has not yet been developed. At the Swanson Residents and Ratepayers meeting on Dec 1, 2003, four locals volunteered to join a group that will develop the consultation process to engage community input into the detailed design of the Heritage Park. The submitter was one of the volunteers. Hopefully this situation will provide the submitter with the opportunity to have direct input into both the consultation process itself and the detailed development of the Concept Plan.	No change required.
v	Key areas to develop as priority for Swanson are: i Walking tracks ii Something for youth eg. skate board areas (possibly on the Swanson Heritage Park) and mountain bike track. This should be given precedence over horse trail tracks for small minority of the community.	Provision for walking tracks is included in the plan, as are facilities for youth. Kay Road balefill is identified as a suitable location for a possible future horse and/or mountain bike trail. Detailed development of the projects will be carried out with community input and their prioritisation decided through the allocation of funding through the Annual Plan process.	No change required.
vi	Support Council giving the weed management problem a high priority and attending to the problems relating to the streams.		No change required.
vii	Do not support Ritchie's proposal to seal the car park until the community has been given full details of how the deal proposal is to work.	See submission 6	
viii	A site should be set aside for a community Multi purpose Hall near the station or on the Swanson Scenic Reserve	The Concept Plan for the Heritage Park shows a possible location for the community hall. At this stage this is only one option being considered. The choice of location for the hall will be decided outside this plan. The location of the community hall/domain in Swanson Scenic	Policy 2.1 That the following bullet point be added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the local community to ensure the best location for and development of a community hall.

No	Issue Raised	Comments	Recommended Amendments
		Reserve is an option allowed by the draft plan.	
6 Christine Rennie			
i	<i>Swanson Heritage Park</i> Objects to the Concept Plan for Swanson Heritage Park. First time have seen the Concept Plan and feel that there has not been enough community consultation.	The development of this Concept Plan was done outside this management plan process, as is the detailed design. As above (iv).	No change required.
ii	Do not believe that the Heritage Park is the ideal site for a Community Hall. Whatever goes on in this reserve needs to blend in with the RURAL character of Swanson and the concept plan does not show this.	As above (iv).	No change required.
iii	The concept plan does not show any considerable car parking, and as it is the area of the railway station I think there needs to be some consideration as to how much car parking is going to be needed in the future.	Concurrent planning being undertaken for the development of the railway and facilities, includes parking on the other side of the track rather than in the reserve. As above (iv).	No change required.
iv	What looks like palm trees is not ideal for rural Swanson - more likely graduating natives in the 'triangle area' in particular – maybe walkways and the odd seating. The surrounding area needs to be well thought out and developed with more car parking in mind because existing car parking is near full capacity during the day.	As above (iv). The trees indicated are likely to be cabbage trees.	No change required.
v	There would also be a problem with noise to many local residents as they are in close proximity to Swanson Heritage Park.	As above (iv).	No change required.
vi	Believes the project to be a low priority	There is no money in this year's budget for this project. Funding will be allocated through the Annual Plan process and the submitter can place a submission, either individually or through the Residents & Ratepayers Ass, proposing that the project is a low priority.	No change required.
	<i>Swanson Station Park</i>		
vii	What happens to the Swanson Station Park when the final renewal date of the lease is reached on 1 December, 2015?	The renewal of the lease will be revised and renewed in accordance with the criteria set out in Policy 9.6 of this Plan or such other plan that has	No change required.

No	Issue Raised	Comments	Recommended Amendments
		replaced it by 2015.	
	<i>Swanson Scenic Reserve</i>		
viii	Am not sure if this needs to be reclassified here we have a large reasonably flat area for some form of recreational activities.	This reserve is effectively split in two - with two owners and two classifications, all being vested in the Council for the purposes of management, see Part 1 sec 6.1.1. The grassed area is classified as Recreation Reserve - the most appropriate classification for the range of uses proposed.	No change required.
ix	Also there could be a multi-function facility to accommodate sports/local/cultural functions.	This needs to be considered in the discussion over the location of the community hall. (See viii).	No change required.
x	Here the road is wider than where the Swanson Heritage Park is therefore off street parking is ample and safer. Wider road also means on-street is feasible plus the area opposite the reserve could be used for short-term parking also.	As above (See xvii).	No change required.
xi	As there are not many residential houses in this area the noise would not be as much of a problem as the Heritage Park site. Also, there is the community constable nearby ...an advantage for security reasons	As above (See xvii).	No change required.
xii	Tennis courts, multi-use basketball court, skate park are a few of the recreational activities already suggested in the draft ...came as a result of community meetings some time ago, however, I still believe to get an accurate gauge of what really is required or wanted is to do a household door to door or telephone survey ...of the whole of the Swanson village and outer areas - I am not aware that this has been considered or acted upon.	As above (See iv).	No change required.
xiii	For a resident or ratepayer to have any idea of what is going on locally they need to be approached directly or have information put in their letterboxes...., (or a) permanent notice board in clear view be erected near the	These are matters to be considered outside the bounds of this particular Reserves Management Plan. The comments have been forwarded to Council officers working with the community in other Swanson projects.	No change required.

No	Issue Raised	Comments	Recommended Amendments
	BP station.		
xiv	Does not agree that there was an extensive community consultation for Swanson Beyond 2000 - was not aware of it. "I had no input into it whatsoever and would have liked to..." Also does not consider 140 and 90+ attendance at meetings (p28) to be a good representation of the community at large.	As above (ix).	No change required.
xv	Does not agree with the description on page 30 of the station building as being <i>currently the hub of the community</i> . "This is a matter of opinion and I have to say that I do not agree with this. The village itself in my opinion is the hub of the community..."	It is, as the submitter suggests, a matter of opinion and it is proposed to delete it from the Plan.	Part I Sec 6.1.1: That the following words be deleted from the second sentence in paragraph one: ...and is currently the hub of the community so that the sentence reads: The station building serves a dual purpose, as train station and café.
xvi	Not sure how much of a priority the recreational activities/facilities and the preservation of the Green Network is but would "like to see all the consultation needed to ascertain this is carried out before any final decisions are made as these are important and permanent developmental features of Swanson and will require much thought and consideration taking into account of course the ongoing maintenance".	Decisions over the actual implementation of the objectives outlined in this Plan will be made through the Annual Plan process. A submission to the Annual Plan can be made either individually or as part of that submitted annually by the Residents and Ratepayers Ass.	No change required.
xvii	Read with interest the character of William Swanson many other people with similar characteristics residing in Swanson...thank God for that.		No change required
7 Ritchie's Transport Holdings			
i	<i>Swanson Reserve car park</i> 'As you are well aware, Ritchies Transport has made application to the Community Board, to seal and compact the Swanson Scenic Reserve car park'. The submission supports Ritchies own application for all-day, off-road staff car parking. Ritchies offer to seal and compact the Swanson car park in return for the use of the car park by Ritchies staff	This proposal by John Ritchie was originally brought before the Community Board in 2001 and was referred to the reserves management plan process in September, 2001 to be subject to the consultation process. There is no disputing that the car park is currently in a poor state and needs upgrading, a fact acknowledged by Ritchies, the community and Council. Moreover, the draft Management	<i>Part 1 Sec 5.3</i> That Sec 5.3 be amended to include the following: Submissions to the draft plan indicated a lack of local support for the Ritchies proposal, which was subsequently withdrawn from the Plan. The car park will need to be upgraded by Council in conjunction with the development of any facilities in

No	Issue Raised	Comments	Recommended Amendments
	<p>on a first-come, first-served basis.</p>	<p>Plan proposes the grassed area of Swanson Scenic Reserve as an ideal location for much-needed recreational facilities and the existing car park would need to be upgraded to support this.</p> <p>The merits of the Ritchies proposal are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that there would be no cost to ratepayers, • that parking would be on a first -come first-served basis, • there would be least demand from Ritchies in the evenings and weekends when most demand from the public. <p>If the Ritchies proposal is not accepted, any future upgrade of the car park would be dependent on the allocation of Parks funding through the annual plan process and would be subject to a priority rating.</p> <p>Submissions to this Plan (see 4 and 7) indicate that the proposal does not have the support of the Swanson community and for this reason it is proposed to remove it from the plan. There have been no submissions in favour of the proposal other than that from Ritchies themselves (6).</p>	<p>this reserve.</p> <p>Part 2 Policy 5.3</p> <p>That the following bullet point be removed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate options for a formal agreement with Ritchies Coachlines to develop the car park in Swanson Scenic Reserve that accommodates the needs of Ritchies staff without compromising the free availability of car parking for reserve users. <p>That bullet point 1 be amended to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and maintain the car park in Swanson Scenic Reserve as required in order to service the proposed walkway and other amenities in the reserve. <p>That the following bullet point be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That parking restrictions be implemented as and when required to ensure the best care and use of the car park for all reserve users. <p>Part 3 Table Of Works</p> <p>That the following bullet point be removed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Ritchies car park proposal. <p>And replaced with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade car park as required.
8	Ian Hutchinson – on behalf of Swanson Residents and Ratepayers Association. LATE SUBMISSION by arrangement - Received 10 December 2003.		
i	Thank you for this opportunity to collect community input and forward this late submission.		No change required
ii	Kay Rd Balefill - Support the inclusion of the Kay Road Balefill and Billy Joe Stream site as part of the management plan.	Implementation bullet point 2 of Policy 2.2 already allows for early (staged) access to the Billy Joe stream site: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigate options for the	Policy 2.2 That the following bullet point be added: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigate ways of

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	<p>- Maintain existing timeframe and management, but investigate ways of giving earlier access/walkways to the Billy Joe stream site.</p>	<p>staged implementation of an informal walkway that will eventually go from Parklands Road along the Billy Joe Stream and through the Kay Road Balefill site and Crows Park to Crows Road.</p> <p>The Billy Joe Stream drains from the balefill gully and lies directly below the balefill itself. At present it is only the weeds at the bottom of the Billy Joe site on Parklands Ave that prevent access. Once past them, it is possible to walk through the site and enter the balefill below the gas flare. Providing access along this route would automatically open access to the balefill, the flare and the wetland containing the population of <i>astelia grandis</i> unless they were fenced off. Security fencing would be required and would be an expensive option due to the terrain and the length of the boundary. As neither site is a reserve and both are under the management of Aftercare, providing public access is unlikely to be considered a priority. Despite these obstacles, provision of early access to this site is an option that should be provided for should circumstances change.</p>	<p>providing earlier access to the Billy Joe Stream site, independent of public access to the balefill site.</p>
iii	<p>Green Network - Support the aims and outcomes outlined in 4.1, page 22. Corridors and linkages for wildlife, native vegetation and connections to the Foothills and then the Ranges are seen as important.</p>		<p>No change required.</p>
iv	<p>-Weed strategy and weed control is an obvious investment priority, throughout the reserves but especially the Swanson Stream and adjoining reserves.</p>		<p>No change required.</p>
v	<p>Swanson Scenic Reserve - Concur with the issues raised in the Draft Plan, ie. under-used and under-managed yet has great</p>	<p>Parts of the grassed area of this reserve are poorly drained and boggy in winter, possibly related to the historical landfill. Drainage would need to be</p>	<p>Policy 2.1 That the following bullet point be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate options for

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	potential for recreational and sporting uses. Better drainage solutions that would allow for winter use was mentioned as another need on this land.	addressed as a matter of course, should any facilities be developed in the reserve. Winter use of the grassed area would be improved by drainage.	improving drainage in Swanson Scenic Reserve in order to improve year-round use.
vi	<p><i>Scenic Reserve car park & proposal from John Ritchie's contribution to the upgrade.</i></p> <p>- The obvious and immediate need for the substantive upgrade of the car park is seen as one of the main reasons why the park is under-utilized, however we do not support the proposal mentioned to share the usage with Ritchie's Coaches as it was felt that the business interests and use and development of public reserves should be kept quite separate. This is not an anti-business position but one specific to the issue of this Reserve and its requirements.</p>	This issue is addressed in submission 6.	No change required.
vii	<p><i>-Swanson Stream & Esplanade Reserve</i></p> <p>The Stream was identified in the Beyond 2000 Project as having the potential to be a key walkway and linkage. The R&R supported the Twin Streams project application for funding to include Swanson Stream as we see the upgrade, weed reduction and walkway development as a key aspiration. The present state of the Stream, from the Swanson Road/Parklands end through to the Scenic Reserve and beyond Ritchies is deplorable and significantly detracts from the ecological value of the area. Weed infestation, particularly bamboo infestation, is a problem along the stream area and its tributaries.</p>	<p>The Plan identifies the Swanson Stream and esplanade reserve as a key walkway and linkage opportunity.</p> <p>Weed control is a significant problem in the stretch of Swanson Scenic Reserve mentioned in the submission. One of the biggest contributors is garden escapees and the dumping of garden waste along this stretch of the stream.</p> <p>Weed control and restoration of the riparian margin in Swanson Esplanade Reserve is listed as a high priority in the Table Of Works, Part 3.</p> <p>It is proposed to strengthen the provisions relating to weed control in Swanson Scenic Reserve.</p>	<p><i>Part 1 Policy 8.1</i></p> <p>That the following bullet point be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discourage the dumping of garden waste from neighbouring properties around the stream margins of Swanson Scenic Reserve. <p><i>Part 3 Table Of Works</i></p> <p>That the following addition be made:</p> <p>10. Swanson Scenic Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden escapees along the stream margins between Ritchies depot and Birdwood Road.
viii	We note that the golf course seeks to have a walkway placed on the northern side of the Stream, and we would agree that practical plans are developed in conjunction with the golf course's needs.	The Concept Plan "Swanson Scenic Reserve To Crows Park - Linkages" in Part 3 of the Plan shows the walkway on the northern side of the stream, the option that would address the golf course's needs as discussed in submission 3 iii. However, for practical reasons	No change required.

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		<p>the walkway may not be feasible or affordable along parts of this bank, therefore Council wishes to retain the option of access to parts of the south bank <i>should they be required</i>. As suggested development on the south bank will not go ahead without the consent of the golf club.</p>	
ix	<p>-The outer bush reserves are little known and even less used, and improved access and walkways, even in a simple and informal way, would greatly improve the use and appreciation of these areas.</p>	<p>The plan proposes the development of walking access into Kitewaho Reserve and also into Welsh Hills Reserve should it be requested in the future. However there were no submissions requesting access into Awhiorangi or the Kitewaho Plantation Reserves. At present these reserves are largely inaccessible due to the fact that their only point of access is by steep and unstable roadside banks.</p> <p>Alternative access to Awhiorangi would make it possible to develop a walkway in this quality reserve. Walking access into the Kitewaho Plantation Reserves is less likely due to the steepness of the sites and the fact that there is already a substantial reserve across the road.</p>	<p>Policy 2.2 That the following bullet point be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate options to acquire additional access into the Awhiorangi Reserve should the opportunity arise.
x	<p><i>-Linkages and Walkways</i> For both ecological and recreational benefits, these would seem to be a crucial part of this plan, which we would support and endorse as a key priority. Plans for bridle trails are also well received, although we realise these are dependent upon the outcome of the final Structure Plan results. However, the point was made that relatively few residents would ride horses on them, compared to those requiring walkways and trails for walking dogs, cycling or mountain biking. In fact, provision for the use of cyclists in any of the parks or walkways is barely mentioned in the Plan, and this was raised in community discussions over recreational opportunities for young people.</p>	<p>The submission raises the issue of provision of recreational opportunities for cyclists and young people. The draft plan has general provisions that include recreational opportunities for youth in Policies 2.1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the development of recreation facilities for youth, including skate facilities, in conjunction with local youth population. <p>and identifies the Billy Joe site and Kay Road Balefill as being suitable for the development of a bike trail in 9.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate options for the future development of a mountain bike trail on the Kay Road balefill and the Billy Joe site. <p>It is proposed to strengthen these provisions by adding more specific references.</p>	<p><i>Part 2 Policy 2.1</i> That bullet point 10 be amended to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the development of recreation facilities for youth, including but not restricted to, skate facilities, a hard court and a bike trail, in conjunction with the local youth population. <p>That the following bullet point be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the development of cycle ways and bike trails wherever possible and appropriate within the reserves. <p>Policy 2.2: That the following bullet point be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the development

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			<p>of walking and cycle ways as a priority within and between reserves, wherever possible.</p> <p>Policy 2.3: That the following bullet point be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the development of facilities that promote walking (including walking dogs), mountain biking and cycling within appropriate areas of Swanson Scenic Reserve, the Billy Joe site and Kay Road Balefill.
xi	<p>-Are dog owners sufficiently recognised in the recreational uses of the Reserves? This comment was raised by a number of people.</p>	<p>Policy 2.8 of the draft Plan addresses the needs of dog owners.</p> <p>Under Council's Dog Control Policy, all Council reserves are designated dog exercise areas subject to general conditions unless otherwise signposted. Conditions apply in any public place and include prohibiting or restricting dogs from entering inside a 10 metre range of a children's play area, sports field or fitness apparatus and within 10 metres of a person picnicking on a reserve. Dogs are required at all times to be under the owner's supervision.</p>	<p>Policy 2.8 That Policy 2.8 be amended to read: <i>To provide for the appropriate recreational needs of dog owners and provide clear guidelines on dog control in the reserves where required.</i></p> <p>That the following bullet point be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the appropriate needs of dog owners and their dogs are addressed in the management of the Swanson Reserves.
xii	<p>-Landscape Values are briefly mentioned in the Plan, however we feel they play a far more important role that is often given credit, in the overall rural/semi-bush character of Swanson and significant priority should be given to preserving and enhancing them. The rural character of Swanson has been identified again and again as being the most highly cherished attribute of our community, which people feel is under threat from development, subdivision and the rapid pace of change in the City, and would like to see this objective confirmed/strengthened in the Draft Plan.</p>	<p>The Management Plan applies only to those reserves included in the Plan and does not have any influence over matters outside the reserves affecting the landscape, such as subdivision and development. However, the Swanson landscape is unique and the reserves are places where this landscape can be protected, enhanced and celebrated. Minor amendments could be made to strengthen the existing provisions.</p>	<p><i>Part 2 Section 7</i></p> <p>That the words 'unique' and 'or other developments' be added to the Objective so that it reads:</p> <p><i>Objective</i></p> <p>To protect and enhance the unique natural character and landscape values of the Swanson Reserves and ensure that the potential adverse effects of structures or other developments on this landscape are avoided, remedied or mitigated.</p> <p><i>Policy 7.1.2</i> That the word 'landscape' be</p>

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			<p>substituted for the word 'environment' and the word 'unique' be added in so that it reads:</p> <p><i>To ensure that any new structures or additions to existing structures are designed to complement the open space character of the reserves and improve their identity without compromising the unique natural character of the foothills landscape.</i></p>
xiii	<p>-Village parks, Swanson Station Park and the recently completed Swanson Oaks are proven successes with community input and council management/implementation, creating valuable assets for Swanson.</p>		<p>No change required.</p>
xiv	<p>- The Heritage Park is the community's next priority. We want to see the existing concept plan developed and finalised and implemented, which includes the provision for a community building. Another amenity that was previously discussed, were tennis courts, although their possible location on either the Heritage Park or at the Swanson Scenic Reserve was undecided.</p>	<p>As in response to submission 3 iv, community input into the detailed design of the Heritage Park is now being sought and will be completed outside the process of this Management Plan. The provisions of the draft currently allow for tennis courts in Swanson Scenic Reserve or elsewhere. It is proposed to specifically include the Heritage Park as an option.</p>	<p>Policy 2.1 That bullet point 9 be amended to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the establishment of a combined tennis/basketball facility in Swanson, options to include the proposed local Domain, Heritage Park and Swanson Scenic Reserve.
xv	<p>-The objectives, outlined in Policy 2.1 & 2.2 on page 58/59, would seem to be at the heart of a coherent management plan for reserves in Swanson and these are supported.</p>		<p>No change required.</p>
	<p>-While it is understood this is a draft plan, we note that there is little mention of a prospective timeline for implementation or prioritising of the objectives contained. We see this as a valuable document that requires action rather than a comprehensive study for future planners.</p>	<p>Once the final Management Plan is adopted, it becomes the guiding document for the management of the reserves over the next ten years. The actual implementation of the policies is subject to the allocation of funds each year through the Annual Plan process, to which submitters propose suggestions regarding the prioritisation of works. The adopted Management Plan includes a list of works and their order of priority in Part 3, the</p>	<p>No change required.</p>

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		Table Of Works.	
	-The community in Swanson does value extended consultation and it has been shown that successful results have been more regularly achieved through this, and we would want to continue being a partner in the process.	Policy 2.1, bullet point 1 of the draft Plan specifies this ongoing community/council partnership in the management and development of the reserves.	No change required.

SUMMARY

This report contains a summary of the submissions to the draft Swanson Reserves Management Plan and comments on the issues raised and suggested changes to the draft plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 That the Draft Swanson Reserves Management Plan Submissions and Recommendations report be received.
- 2 That the Swanson Reserves Management Plan, incorporating the following recommended amendments be adopted:
 1. That the photographs of the reserves used in the draft plan, along with additional photos as required, be included in the final Management Plan.
 2. That all typographical and grammatical errors highlighted in submissions and discovered during the amendments to the Plan be corrected.
 3. That a note be made in the Plan as necessary to refer to the fact that this name used in the Plan is a working title only.
 4. vii **Policy 9.6**
That the following bullet point be amended to read:
 - “Recognise and support the significant contribution made by Redwood Park in the community by providing and maintaining a quality, well-used regional recreation facility, when reviewing the lease for the esplanade reserve.”
 5. iii **Policy 2.1**
That bullet points 7 and 8 be amended to read;
 - Work with the local community to investigate possible options for the establishment and development of a local Domain.
 - Investigate the expansion of the Railway Station Park to local Domain size through the acquisition of land in Penihana subdivision.
 - viii **Policy 2.1**
That the following bullet point be added:
 - Work with the local community to ensure the best location for and development of a community hall.

6. xv **Part I Sec 6.1.1:**

That the following words be deleted from the second sentence in paragraph one:

...and is currently the hub of the community so that the sentence reads:

The station building serves a dual purpose, as train station and café.

7. i **Part 1 Sec 5.3**

That Sec 5.3 be amended to include the following:

Submissions to the draft plan indicated a lack of local support for the Ritchies proposal, which was subsequently withdrawn from the Plan. The car park will need to be upgraded by Council in conjunction with the development of any facilities in this reserve.

Part 2 Policy 5.3

That the following bullet point be removed:

- Investigate options for a formal agreement with Ritchies Coachlines to develop the car park in Swanson Scenic Reserve that accommodates the needs of Ritchies staff without compromising the free availability of car parking for reserve users.

That bullet point 1 be amended to read:

- Develop and maintain the car park in Swanson Scenic Reserve as required in order to service the proposed walkway and other amenities in the reserve.

That the following bullet point be added:

- That parking restrictions be implemented as and when required to ensure the best care and use of the car park for all reserve users.

Part 3 Table Of Works

That the following bullet point be removed:

- Implement Ritchies car park proposal.

and replaced with the following:

- Upgrade car park as required.

8. ii **Policy 2.2**

That the following bullet point be added:

- Investigate ways of providing earlier access to the Billy Joe Stream site, independent of public access to the balefill site.

v **Policy 2.1**

- That the following bullet point be added:

Investigate options for improving drainage in Swanson Scenic Reserve in order to improve year-round use.

vii **Part 1 Policy 8.1**

That the following bullet point be added:

- Discourage the dumping of garden waste from neighbouring properties around the stream margins of Swanson Scenic Reserve.

Part 3 Table Of Works

That the following addition be made:

10. Swanson Scenic Reserve

- Garden escapees along the stream margins between Ritchies depot and Birdwood Road.

ix **Policy 2.2**

That the following bullet point be added:

- Investigate options to acquire additional access into the Awhiorangi Reserve should the opportunity arise.

x **Part 2 Policy 2.1**

That bullet point 10 be amended to read:

- Support the development of recreation facilities for youth, including but not restricted to, skate facilities, a hard court and a bike trail, in conjunction with the local youth population.

That the following bullet point be included:

- Support the development of cycle ways and bike trails wherever possible and appropriate within the reserves.

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That the following bullet point be included:

- Support the development of walking and cycle ways as a priority within and between reserves, wherever possible.

Policy 2.3:

That the following bullet point be included:

- Support the development of facilities that promote walking (including walking dogs), mountain biking and cycling within appropriate areas of Swanson Scenic Reserve, the Billy Joe site and Kay Road Balefill.

xi **Policy 2.8**

That Policy 2.8 be amended to read:

To provide for the appropriate recreational needs of dog owners and provide clear guidelines on dog control in the reserves where required.

That the following bullet point be added:

- Ensure that the appropriate needs of dog owners and their dogs are addressed in the management of the Swanson Reserves.

xii **Part 2 Section 7**

That the words 'unique' and 'or other developments' be added to the Objective so that it reads:

Objective

To protect and enhance the unique natural character and landscape values of the Swanson Reserves and ensure that the potential adverse effects of structures or other developments on this landscape are avoided, remedied or mitigated.

Policy 7.1.2

That the word 'landscape' be substituted for the word 'environment' and the word 'unique' be added in so that it reads:

To ensure that any new structures or additions to existing structures are designed to complement the open space character of the reserves and improve their identity without compromising the unique natural character of the foothills landscape.

xiv **Policy 2.1**

That bullet point 9 be amended to read:

Support the establishment of a combined tennis/basketball facility in Swanson, options to include the proposed local Domain, Heritage Park and Swanson Scenic Reserve.

3. That a representative from the Waitakere Community Board be delegated authority to sign off the final Reserve Management Plan approving amendments made as a result of the decisions made by the Special Hearings Committee and editing and formatting changes.

Report prepared by: Mandy McMullin, Reserve Management Planner, Landscape Development.



12 **STURGES ROAD PEDESTRIAN REFUGE**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report seeks the Waitakere Community Board's approval for the proposed construction of a pedestrian refuge island in the vicinity of 204 Sturges Road.

BACKGROUND

A129

A request was received from the residents of the Castle Heights Village at 169 Sturges Road via the Waitakere Community Board seeking the installation of a crossing facility outside the village where construction of footpath, kerb, channel, and road widening was taking place. A suitable location was identified for the refuge island shown as attached at page A129. The construction of the island was programmed for inclusion in the minor safety programme following completion of the footpath works.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Waitakere City Council's 'Integrated Transport and Communication' platform provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for city travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally responsible, and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication, and safety.

Construction of pedestrian refuge islands provides better access and safety within local communities and promotes public transport by making it more accessible. Pedestrian refuges also encourage the use of travel modes that are healthier and more environmentally sustainable.

ISSUES

Subsequently objections to the proposed construction of the island were received from five residents of Sturges Road in the area between 204 and 210 Sturges Road. The major issues in these objections being as follows:

- Installation of the island would result in less on street parking being available on the newly widened section of road.
- The proposed island was not included in the information circulated to residents prior to commencement of the footpath works.

A129

Attached at page A129 indicates the extent of parking restrictions required as a result of installing the proposed island.

The proposed island was not included in the initial plans for the footpath works as the need for the island had not been identified at that time. As a consequence of enquiries and concerns expressed following the setting out of the island location on site, the issue has been referred back to the Waitakere Community Board for a decision on the placement of the island and to provide an opportunity for concerned residents to have their views heard.

While the provision of the proposed pedestrian island does have some impact on the availability of on street parking it is considered desirable for road safety and to provide a better balance between serving the needs of motorists and providing for the safety of pedestrians. Prior to the footpath project there was no on street parking on the eastern side of Sturges Road in this area. The proposed island eliminates one potential parking space on the eastern side and parking for a potential two to three cars on the western side outside Castle Heights Village.

RESOURCES

Funding for new island is available from the Minor Safety Projects line item in the 2004/2005 Annual Plan.

CONCLUSION

Although there is some loss of on-road parking space the proposed pedestrian refuge near on Castle Heights Village or 169 Sturges Road should now be constructed to improve the pedestrian network and pedestrian safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Sturges Road Pedestrian Refuge report be received.
2. That the proposed pedestrian island as attached at A129 in the Agenda Report be approved for construction.
3. That in relation to **STURGES ROAD, HENDERSON**:
 - (a) That, in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, The Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 - Traffic, the following controls be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - On the west kerb line of **STURGES ROAD**, from a start point 12 metres south of the south kerb line of **HERCULES DRIVE** to an end point 24 metres further south, a '**NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES**' control be put in place.
 - On the east kerb line of **STURGES ROAD**, from a start point 50 metres south of the south kerb line of **SAN DOMINGO RISE** to an end point 9 metres further south, a '**NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES**' control be put in place.
4. That the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of the Traffic Regulations 1976 be hereby approved to be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said parking limitations and restrictions.

Prepared by: Adam Moller, Principal Transport Engineer: Design, Transport Assets.



13 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.

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region Community Boards' Association Executive Committee	Christine Shepherd
Corban Reserve Workers Memorial Workshops	David Hallett
Footpath Construction: Budget Allocation	Kevin Healy
Friends of Arataki Trust	Kevin Healy
Glen Eden Citizen Advice Bureau	Betty Hanson
Keep Waitakere Beautiful	Christine Shepherd
Huia/Cornwallis Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Diane Goodley (Alternate: Rob Taylor)
Indoor Youth Facility Project Team	Christine Shepherd
McLaren Park Community Project Steering Group	Christine Shepherd Diane Goodley
Piha/Karekare Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Betty Hanson (Alternate: Rob Taylor)
Piha/Karekare Stormwater Liaison Group	Betty Hanson
Summerland Drive proposed Community Facility Project Advisory Group	Christine Shepherd
The Weedfree Waitakere Trust	Diane Goodley
West Coast Plan Liaison Group	Betty Hanson
Waitakere Ward Weed Control (Working Party)	Diane Goodley
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Community Sport Fund Allocation Subcommittee	David Hallett (Alternate: Diane Goodley)
Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan Subcommittee	Kevin Healy Diane Goodley
Hearings Committee	Rob Taylor (Alternate: Diane Goodley)
Kay Road Balefill Site Management Committee	David Hallett
WORKING GROUPS	
Glen Eden Library Working Party	Betty Hanson
Project Twin Streams	Kevin Healy
Wai Care Programme	Betty Hanson and Rob Taylor
Wellbeing Fund Working Party	Diane Goodley
Council/Police Liaison Committee	Kevin Healy

