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BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD

**SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE
23 AND 31 JANUARY 2013**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Submissions Committee
held on Wednesday 23 January 2013 at 12.30pm in the Meeting Room, Shirley Service Centre,
36 Marshland Road and reconvened on Thursday 31 January 2013 at 4pm in the Board Room,
corner Beresford and Union Streets, New Brighton**


PRESENT: Linda Stewart (Chairperson), Tim Baker, David East, Julie Gorman and Tim Sintes.

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received and accepted from Tim Sintes for the meeting on 31 January 2013.

The Committee reports that:

PART B – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL'S DRAFT CEMETERIES BYLAW, HANDBOOK AND MASTER PLAN – BOARD SUBMISSION


 At its meeting on 17 December 2012, the Board decided that its Submissions Committee prepare a submission on the Christchurch City Council's Draft Cemeteries Bylaw, Handbook and Master Plan.

The Committee reviewed the draft documents and prepared the **attached** submission for consideration and adoption by the Board.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the submission prepared on the Christchurch City Council's Draft Cemeteries Bylaw, Handbook and Master Plan, be adopted.

2. CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL'S DRAFT NEW BRIGHTON CENTRE MASTER PLAN – BOARD SUBMISSION

 At its meeting on 17 December 2012, the Board decided that its Submissions Committee prepare a submission on the Christchurch City Council's Draft New Brighton Centre Master Plan.

The Committee reviewed the draft document and prepared the **attached** submission for consideration and adoption by the Board.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the submission prepared on the Christchurch City Council's Draft New Brighton Centre Master Plan, be adopted.

3. CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL CITY PLAN – AN ACCESSIBLE CITY – BOARD FEEDBACK

The Submissions Committee was invited to consider the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority's Draft Accessible City Transport Chapter to the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan with a view to providing feedback on behalf of the Board.

The Committee reviewed the draft chapter and **agreed** that the following feedback be provided on behalf of the Board, for consideration by the Council's Submissions Panel:

'The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board offers its general endorsement on the contents of the proposed transport chapter of the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan.

Features of the intended transport system which the Board particularly likes as contributing to the recovery of the central city are:

- *inner zone vehicle speeds being limited to a maximum of 30 km/hr (page 6)*
- *physical kerb separation of cyclists from other moving traffic (page 10)*
- *wayfinding signage that offers a mix of pictorial and written information (page 19)'*

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The Committee **resolved** that the meeting be adjourned at 3pm and that it reconvene at 4pm on Thursday 31 January 2013.

The meeting concluded at 3pm.

Burwood/Pegasus Community Board Submissions Committee 23 and 31. 1. 2013

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Attachment to Clause 1

SUBMISSION TO: Christchurch City Council

ON: Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw and Handbook, and Draft Cemeteries Master Plan

BY: Burwood/Pegasus Community Board

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board ('the Board') appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback to the Christchurch City Council on its Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw and Handbook, and Draft Cemeteries Master Plan.

2. BOARD RESPONSE

The Board generally supports the contents of the various documents and commends the Council for looking to standardise its rules for the operation and management of those cemeteries it owns or administers.

With regard to heritage cemeteries, the Board notes that an objective of the Master Plan is '*to recognise and manage heritage cemetery sites and the values associated with these sites.*'

From a review of the accompanying Cemeteries Handbook it is not entirely clear to the Board how heritage cemetery sites are to be managed. For example, public access to internment records and the Council's processes to source this information do not appear to be covered in the text. What are the entitlements and rules for heritage/friends groups, families etc to contribute to the maintenance and upkeep of graves in heritage cemeteries?

Also, the Board would offer the view that all cemeteries afford some level of heritage status and from that perspective provide opportunities for heritage tourism, arranged school visits etc.

The Handbook on Page 22 details the conditions applicable to vaults. There is seemingly no mention made of mausoleums which the Board notes have their own cultural significance and accordingly, need to be provided for.

On the matter of poor persons burials (page 16), the Board considers the intended exclusion of monuments or crosses is too inflexible. The Board can envisage a future circumstance where a modest recognition of a grave is applied for and deemed acceptable on the basis that it would not impact on maintenance activities.

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BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD
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Attachment to Clause 2

SUBMISSION TO: Christchurch City Council

ON: Draft New Brighton Centre Master Plan

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board ('the Board') appreciates the opportunity to provide this feedback to the Christchurch City Council on the Draft New Brighton Centre Master Plan ('the Plan'.)

2. BOARD RESPONSE

2.1 Introduction

The Board feels well assured that the Council's commitment to undertake this Master Plan signals a very positive message for the future of the New Brighton business district - a centre with lively retail services and an entertainment destination that will take full advantage of its coastal setting.

The long held aspirations of the community, businesses and landowners for the revival of the shopping centre will in the Board's view, be more realisable and achievable with the adoption of this Master Plan.

Whilst the focus of the Plan is on the business zoned area which ends on its eastern edge with Marine Parade, the Board does submit that on reflection, this is too limiting. In the Board's considered view, the eastern boundary of the Master Plan must incorporate the adjacent New Brighton Beach Park land to the north and south of the New Brighton Library and Pier.

This prime area of Council land positioned as it is between the shops and the sea has a uniqueness which the Board submits must be added to the Master Plan footprint.

The Council's revitalisation plan for New Brighton in 2002 stated in its vision that New Brighton provides "*a destination place where the sea and foreshore attract people and the beach is 'connected' back to the commercial area to attract spending and investment*".

The Board's considers this sentiment to be even more relevant today given the adverse impacts on the New Brighton community since September 2010.

2.2 (a) 'Big Picture'

Themes

1. Consolidation of the centre through land rezoning

The Board **agrees** with this intention. The proviso it has though is that if the Centre becomes very successful then a planning based mechanism needs to be available to address this circumstance.

2. Enhancing the flow of pedestrian and cycles routes

The Board **strongly agrees** with this theme.

3. Development of precincts

This theme is **agreed** by the Board. The Board does however see a perfunctory disconnect reflected in the draft Plan as has been mentioned in the above introduction, in respect of its emphasis on just the business zone which omits the equally important adjacent foreshore area.

4. Reinforcing the river to sea link

This theme is **strongly agreed** on by the Board.

(b) **Public Space Actions**

Themes

A1 - New north-south road corridor

Yes, the Board **strongly agrees** with this intention. This new proposed extension of Oram Avenue opens up the opportunity to therefore review Marine Parade's role as the main north-south link. A4 below refers.

A2 – Continue road through pedestrianised mall

The Board **strongly disagrees** with this proposal. (Refer A4 below).

A3 – Bus Interchange

The present, as well as previous Burwood/Pegasus Community Board's have long advocated for the provision of this very important facility as a key infrastructure component that will contribute towards improving the city's public passenger transport system.

The Board would also reiterate its long held support for associated 'park and ride' facilities for use by motorists and cyclists and also bus layover facilities being provided in close proximity to a suburban interchange. The layout of Owles Terrace nearby offers such an opportunity.

Accordingly, the Board is very pleased through this process to offer its **strong agreement** for a bus interchange to service the wider New Brighton area.

A4 – Upgrade of Marine Parade

The Board **strongly disagrees** with the indicated upgrading of Marine Parade in the way proposed.

Should the Oram Avenue extension eventuate, the Board sees exciting potential to reconfigure the layout and utilisation of land at, and around the Marine Parade/Mall intersection. The present road could be closed and the existing buildings on the south east side of Marine Parade re orientated to Beresford Street thus providing open court yard, market spaces and outdoor dining areas that are sheltered from the prevailing easterly wind and which would therefore link more directly with the adjacent library, pier, beach park and beach area.

A5 – General streetscape upgrades

The Board **strongly agrees** with this intention.

A6 – New Public Toilets

Yes, the Board **strongly agrees** with this improvement but with the proviso that the specifications for the centrally located toilet facilities matches the scale and extent of the overall improvements proposed in the Plan.

(c) **Private space actions**

Project reference

B1 – Relocation of supermarket

The Board **strongly agrees** with this proposal

B2 – Indoor entertainment hub

The Board is in **strong agreement** with this proposal which will provide for the local community and also attract visitors to the commercial centre.

David East and Tim Sintes declared an interest and took no part in the consideration of this aspect of the Board's response.

B3 – Car parking improvements

While the Board **agrees** with the sentiment of what is proposed, it does have some reservations that the changes may not meet parking demand if the success of the Plan's components exceed the revised spaces available. In this respect, the Board would flag that some thought needs to be given to including the provision of a car parking building in the Plan.

B4 – New pedestrian links

The Board **strongly agrees** with what is proposed and described on page 45.

B5 – New residential development

The Board **agrees** with the sentiment that more residential space be provided within the zoned area. The Board's point of difference with the Plan however is that it would prefer to see residential provision mixed with commercial uses throughout the area rather than confining the residential precinct to just the western end of the zone. In the Board's opinion this would provide a people presence throughout the area, generate pedestrian flow and foot traffic for the shops and contribute much to helping overcome the longstanding anti-social issues, recurring graffiti etc.

B6 – Design guide for the Centre

While in **strong agreement** with this intended action, the Board is hopeful that the design guide will feature the uniqueness of the centre's coastal location and environment.

(d) **Recovery Together**

Project reference

C1 – A stronger, active business association

The Board **strongly agrees** with the importance of this aspect especially during the recovery period. From what it is aware of, the Board is most encouraged with the recent renewed activity amongst a number of the local business interests who are keen to work together to advance the future commercial success of the centre.

C2 – Additional Council Customer Services

The inclusion of this aspect in the Master Plan is a feature **strongly agreed** on by the Board.

The Council's acquisition of the building that provides the present meeting venue for the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board was undertaken on the basis that at some future point, scope existed via future budgets, for a Council service centre and associated staffing to be established in the remaining area of the building.

C3 – Prepare a graffiti action plan

A plan to proactively address the scourge of ongoing graffiti in the centre is **strongly agreed** on by the Board.

C4 – Transitional projects and events

The Board **strongly agrees** with this initiative.

C5 – Appoint a New Brighton Case Manager

The Board **strongly agrees** with this intention as it will provide a single point of contact with the Council for business operators, land owners and developers.

2.3 **What are the best aspects of the Draft New Brighton Centre Master Plan?**

The Plan will provide the needed framework that will contribute much to guiding the business recovery and redevelopment of the centre as well as informing the Council's future budgets and expenditure programmes in this location.

2.4 **What aspects of the Plan need improvement?**

The Board is generally supportive of the Plan's focus and intended directions.

There are however two features of the Plan which the Board submits need changing.

Firstly, there is the fundamental exclusion of the Council's adjacent beach front land in the Plan's footprint. The majority of the Board consider this omission needs to be rectified by including in the Plan all the beach park land immediately to the east of Marine Parade and bounded by the existing north and south car parks.

Secondly, there is the proposal to position the residential precinct at the western edge of the centre. As referred to in B5, the Board's preference is for there to be a mix of people both living and businesses operating across the whole of the centre area.

2.5 **General Comments**

Overall, the Board likes many aspects of the Plan but it has been interesting to hear through this submission phase, business interests saying that the Plan itself does not provide the incentive for investment whereas the added element of the waterpark proposal with its point of difference and destination focus, does provide the catalyst for future investment in the New Brighton Centre.

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