Waipuna
Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Wednesday 26 June 2019
Time: 4.30pm
Venue: Hao Room, Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre
341 Halswell Road, Halswell

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Hi Peter, thank you for the opportunity to speak to your Community Board at the Public Forum Session. I understand it will be at 4.30pm on 26 June 2019.

The following is a brief submission that I would like to make. This could be read with the attached two plans and three photos:

- Suburban Estates developed the first stage of Country Palms in 2003. We planted approximately 11 large palms. In the 15 years since they were planted, there was no maintenance needed to be done to them. Recently, because we were planting another palm on our newest stage, we employed our Palm man to trim the existing palms. We thought one trim per 15 years of "maintenance free" was pretty good.

- The latest stage of Country Palms has been completed over the last two years. The CCC arborists advised me that Phoenix Palms are listed in the IDS rules as inappropriate. However, they kindly allowed us to install one more palm to show the continuation of the theme already created off Country Palms Drive (see plans).

- We were allowed to plant palms other than Phoenix or Trachycarpus, but unfortunately there are no alternative types of palms that will survive (eg, Nikau palm) in Christchurch. My final option is an artificial palm/statue (see photo) which is quite artificial, costly and may not be approved by Council either.

- Our purchasers are asking for a second (very last) palm in the obvious position off our entrance at Halswell Junction Road.

- Our submission would be that our purchasers cannot understand how one more palm (to go with the other 12), in an obvious location, is not appropriate.

- Whilst I respect the decision of your arborist, we are raising this matter with you on behalf of the new residents who will live there, and we ask that you discuss this matter with your staff. If this is something that could be encouraged to be approved, just one last time, I would predict the whole community would see it as the right decision.

I look forward to talking to you on the 26th.

Thank you
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NEW PALM ON SHEEHAN STREET
Riccarton Peace Garden

The Riccarton Community would like to set up a Peace Garden, a focus point at Harrington Park as a statement of peace and unity within our multicultural local community in Christchurch, New Zealand. The creation of the Peace Garden would provide a spirit of the place complimenting the redevelopment programme of the park.

Riccarton Peace Garden

Our proposed Peace Garden is a community-led, community-funded project. The concept is designed and supported by our multicultural community, and the planning process had since drawn on local skills and capacity. The planning process exudes resilience of Riccarton which had helped us through different unpleasant events in the past decade.

As a partnership project, we would love to start by seeking your support to engage with the council park staff to explore possibilities and how this project can be achieved as a low maintenance project, one that enhances the functionality of the park and compliments the approved redevelopment plan of the park. Beyond this, we, the community would aim to partner with the council, OAK Development Trust, other community stakeholders and actors to implement this project. A partnership approach that promotes shared sense of responsibility and community pride.

Design Concept: Standing Stones

Standing stones are stones set into the ground vertically or horizontally, being a single stone or group of stones in a line or rolls or circles. Historians had dated most standing stones from 4000 BC to 1500 BC. They were set up by early communities to establish a place of power for ceremonies and gathering. A lot of examples had been traced to the Neolithic people of the British Isles and Brittany, but also occur elsewhere in the world.
Extending this concept, we intend to place 3 pieces of rock surrounded by flat stones in a sea of sand. The local community can write poems on the rocks and other expression or aspiration of peace and unity on the flat stones. As we propose to set this up in Harrington Park as part of the redevelopment programme, we intend also to add a functional utility to the design by transforming the outer ring into a path of pebbles for foot-massage with railing for the more elderly.

Illustrations as follow:-

Standing Stones

Flat Stones

Pebble Foot-Massage

The implementation of our Peace Garden would be inspired by local knowledge and input of truly multicultural community. The Peace Garden would create a stronger sense of ownership and belonging in a community we all call 'home', taking us to the future as a community that grows and learn in peaceful coexistence. We strongly believe our community funded Peace Garden would be a model for others to emulate, making Harrington park distinct in Christchurch and New Zealand.