

Waimāero
Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board
Submissions Committee
EXTRAORDINARY MINUTES

Date: Monday 20 February 2023
Time: 5.45pm
Venue: Boardroom, Fendalton Service Centre,
Corner Jeffreys and Clyde Roads, Fendalton

Present

Deputy Chairperson	Linda Chen
Members	David Cartwright Nicola McCormick Shirish Paranjape Bridget Williams

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- Part A Matters Requiring a Council Decision**
Part B Reports for Information
Part C Decisions Under Delegation
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1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Committee Resolved FBSC/2023/00001

That the apologies received from David Cartwright and Jason Middlemiss be accepted.

Linda Chen/Bridget Williams

Carried

2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. Ōtautahi Christchurch Urban Forest Plan

Officer Recommendations

That the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Submissions Committee:

1. Makes a submission to the Council regarding the proposed Ōtautahi Christchurch Urban Forest Plan.

Committee Resolved FBSC/2023/00002

That the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Submissions Committee:

1. Adopts the following submission to the Council regarding the proposed Ōtautahi Christchurch Urban Forest Plan:

Question	Feedback
Please provide any comments you have on the Plan	<p>The Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board thanks the Council for its work in preparing this Plan and for the opportunity to give feedback.</p> <p>If the Council holds a hearing on the Plan, the Board would appreciate the opportunity to speak.</p> <p>The Board suggests that the name 'Urban Forest Plan' might be confusing for residents, and recommends that the name be changed to include the phrase "tree canopy" since enhancing the city's tree canopy is the primary focus of the Plan. The phrase "tree canopy" is becoming widely understood in the community but "urban forest" is not.</p>

	<p>The Board would support the Council producing visual imagery to demonstrate what the tree canopy might look like in fifty years if this Plan is implemented.</p> <p>The Board commends the proposal to produce clear guidelines for tree planting to make sure that the right trees are planted in the right place. We continue to deal with numerous problems caused by historic decisions to plant inappropriate trees in inappropriate places, which go on to cause considerable stress and costs to both the Council and private property owners. There is no joy in removing mature trees, but sometimes it is the most practical solution in these cases. If we can address these legacy issues, while increasing our tree canopy and avoiding these issues in future, that would be a significant measure of success.</p> <p>The Board's view is that the best way to enhance the city's tree canopy will be to ensure that new trees complement, rather than restrict or compete with, how our communities want to use the space and we support the initiative to produce guidelines around this.</p> <p>The Board suggests that the Council pro-actively engages and collaborates with communities who want more trees in their neighbourhood to develop and implement tree planting projects in those areas. The success of a project like this could then inspire other communities to do the same.</p> <p>The Board endorses an increase in tree diversity. The Board suggests that the Council produces guidelines and collaborates with the community to raise awareness of what different species can look like when fully mature, the impact they will have on the surrounding site and the maintenance required, so people can make informed decisions about what trees to plant.</p> <p>The Board has the following specific suggestions and requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• That the wording "Our urban forest is nurtured by partnerships, participation and good role-modelling" be included in goal 4. Our intention for this is to show that the Council needs to set a good example in managing its own trees and being accessible to provide advice.• The Board seeks further information about how the Council will implement the 'involve' goal, specifically relating to "encourage communities to actively participate". For example, will this involve direct funding support for communities to plant more trees, or will it involve celebrating and recognising the efforts of volunteers? <p>The Board would support the Council considering converting under-utilised Council parks, reserves and/or vacant land into forest settings, perhaps similar to the Addington Bush example.</p>
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2. Authorises the Deputy Chair of the Submissions Committee to correct any minor omissions or typographical errors in the submission before it is submitted.

Bridget Williams/Nicola McCormick

Carried

Shirish Paranjape left the meeting at 6:13 p.m. during the consideration of item 4.

4. Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2023

Officer Recommendations

That the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Submissions Committee:

1. Makes a submission to the Council regarding the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2023.

Committee Resolved FBSC/2023/00003

That the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Submissions Committee:

1. Adopts the following submission to the Council regarding the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2023.

Question	Feedback
<p>Do you support the proposed changes to the Bylaw?</p>	<p>Yes, in part – comments below</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>The Board thanks the Council for the opportunity to submit on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2023. The Board supports the proposal to merge the two previous bylaws into one document, this will make the regulations easier to access and also reduce the cost of future bylaw reviews.</p> <p>The Board submitted its concerns about allowing residents to opt out of the kerbside collection service during the Annual Plan consultation. The Board continues to have reservations about allowing residents to opt out of the service. Council services are provided for the benefit of everyone and should be operated very cost effectively. We have concerns about the long term impact on our communities if we move to a user-pays model and begin eroding the economies of scale for these services. If other providers are able to provide these services more cost-effectively than the Council, the Council should be learning from their example to improve our service rather than allowing residents to opt-out. For apartment buildings, the Board recognises that having separate bins for each apartment can cause problems but suggests that a better solution would be for the building to have a central waste management point which can be serviced by the Council contractor, rather than opting out of the service altogether. It is the Board’s view that residents should be using the Council kerbside collection service unless there are genuine reasons why it would be unreasonable or impractical for the Council contractor to access the site.</p> <p>The Board encourages the Council to continue to consider ways to incentivise residents and businesses to manage</p>

	<p>waste more sustainably. The Board has a particular concern about green waste for businesses, and would support the Council exploring initiatives to make it easier for businesses to manage their green waste sustainably.</p> <p>The Board encourages the Council to provide more information to the community on what to do with plastics that cannot be put in the yellow bins, for example bottle caps, soft plastics and bread ties. The Board feels there is an unmet need for services or information on how to manage these items sustainably, and an opportunity to collaborate with organisations who want to find solutions.</p> <p>The Board is experiencing issues with charity clothing bins and has discovered that there is currently no policy or regulation to manage where they are placed. The Board sees this as a gap that needs to be addressed immediately. At present there is no redress if a bin owner does not manage issues to do with their bin including noise and litter, and also no controls around where bins are placed or how many can be placed there. The Board believes the Council needs to introduce rules to manage this. The Board is fully supportive of charity clothing bins, but they need careful management to ensure they are in the right place and do not create a nuisance.</p>
<p>Are shopping trolleys on public land an issue that needs to be addressed?</p>	<p>The Board has not heard a lot about this issue in our area. In the first instance, the Board suggests that a pragmatic solution could be to raise awareness that abandoned shopping trolleys can be reported using Snap Send Solve. We still meet a lot of residents who are unaware of this tool.</p>
<p>Do you want to speak to the Hearings Panel</p>	<p>Yes</p>

2. Authorises the Deputy Chair of the Submissions Committee to correct any minor omissions or typographical errors in the submission before it is submitted.

Bridget Williams/Nicola McCormick

Carried

Meeting concluded at 6.23pm.

CONFIRMED BY THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON THIS 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023

LINDA CHEN
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON