

Chairperson and Community Board Members
PARAPARAUMU/RAUMATI COMMUNITY BOARD

28 OCTOBER 2014

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

ŌTAIHANGA EAST RIVERSIDE RESERVE AREA DRAFT RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board's consideration of the Draft Reserve Management Plan for the Ōtaihangā East Riverside Reserve Area (the Plan) and a recommendation of the Plan to Council for adopting.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 This report does not trigger the Council's Significance Policy.

BACKGROUND

- 3 In 2012 the Council purchased two adjoining land parcels south of the Waikanae River for a recreation reserve. The park is approximately 60ha and is centrally located within the district. It is considered a district-wide park. The park was gazetted a Recreation Reserve in 2013 and requires a management plan under the Reserves Act 1977 (The Act).
- 4 Preparation of a reserve management plan includes a 2 month public consultation process to determine what use and enjoyment the community would like the park to provide. The draft Reserve Management Plan was approved for release by the Environment and Community Development Committee at the 8 May 2014 meeting for a two month public submission period from May 31 to August 1 2014.
- 5 Alongside preparing the draft plan has been a search for recommended names for the open space. There was a concurrent public submission period seeking support for names put forward or recommendations for other names.
- 6 There are no requirements or other provisions in either the Reserves Act or Local Government Act covering the naming of open spaces. Kapiti Coast District Council has a Reserves, Structures and Commemorative Places Naming Policy (2011) that provides a framework for naming open spaces or structures within the district.
- 7 The final reserve management plan recommended for adopting will have a regulatory function for the development and use of the park. The reserve management plan defines what activities are permitted, which require authorisation and which are prohibited on the Park.

- 8 This Reserve Management Plan provides a framework for carrying out the future management of this reserve in an integrated way. It sets out the governing principles for management. To assist long term planning of the on-going development of the park a comprehensive development plan should be prepared.
- 9 A Development Plan will be prepared in 2015 following adoption of the Reserve Management Plan. The Development Plan will be consistent with the policies and principles of the Reserve Management Plan.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 10 Two hundred and thirty nine submissions were received on the draft Reserve Management Plan. Approximately 30 submitters expressed an interest in speaking in support of their submissions. Submissions were heard by the Environment and Community Development Committee on 11 September 2014.
- 11 Submissions were received from the following groups; Forest and Bird, Kapiti Fly Fishing Club, Keep Paraparaumu Beautiful, Waikanae Association Football Club, Capitol BloKarts, NZ Motorcamp Association, Fish and Game, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Transpower, Sport Wellington, Regional Disability Network, Wellington Tenth Trust, Palmerston North Maori Reserve and Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust.
- 12 None of the submissions proposed any major changes to the draft plan. Most submissions (more than 75%) relate to possible developments on the park and will inform the development plan.
- 13 No significant changes are recommended to the overall vision and key objectives. Twenty five submissions make suggestions that result in clarification, correction or minor changes to the draft Plan as follows;
 - addition of a plant list, a definitions page, a list of figures,
 - completion of references,
 - specific health and safety policies for Transpower,
 - clarification around animal access (dogs and horses),
 - recognition of Te Āti Awa as mana whenua within the park,
 - inclusion of education within activities,
 - clarification around opening times and times of use.

The draft plan has been updated to include all these points.

- 14 The draft plan is being externally reviewed prior to being presented to the Council for adoption. The review will consider the Plan's consistency with the Act and identify any technical issues that should be addressed.
- 15 As part of the consultation Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai has been reviewing relevant sections of the document including Iwi History, Rongoā, Cultural Values and Activities. These sections have been updated to reflect their input and will need final confirmation with the iwi prior to the Plan's adoption.
- 16 Sixty seven submissions were received with recommendations of or in support of a name. A number of submitters spoke in support of their recommendations. 9

names were proposed and will be tested against the criteria in Council's naming policy. The name of the park is not included in this report. It will be separately reported to the Council.

Financial Considerations

- 17 There are minor direct financial considerations with preparation of the reserve management plan that will be accommodated from existing budget.
- 18 An adopted Reserve Management Plan will define what activities are permitted, require authorisation or are prohibited on the park. It will outline what Council's responsibilities are for monitoring and managing activities as well as what assets Council may provide in general and the respective levels of service. These activities will generate operational costs.
- 19 The Reserve Management Plan will provide the framework for a Development Plan. The Development Plan will outline and map specific developments on site. Some of these developments may be private. Council developments will be aligned with the Long Term Plan, Annual Plan and Asset Management Plan in which projects will be identified and budgeted.

Legal Considerations

- 20 The Reserve Management Plan has been prepared as required in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.
- 21 There are no other legal considerations with this report.

Delegation

- 22 The Community Board has the authority to consider this matter under Part D of the Governance Structure, Clause 10.16; Community Boards have *'Authority to make recommendations to Council after reviewing existing, or considering new draft Reserve Management Plans for local public parks and reserves within its areas.'*

Consultation

- 23 The draft Reserve Management Plan was approved for release for public consultation by the Environment and Community Development Committee on 8 May 2014.
- 24 There was a two month public submission period from May 31 to August 1 2014 as required under the Reserves Act 1977. Interest groups were notified, advertisements were placed in all the local papers and two open days were held on the park. Site visits were arranged with groups who expressed an interest.
- 25 A briefing paper was given to Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 15 July 2014.
- 26 A briefing paper was given to the Paraparaumu/Raumati and Waikanae Community Boards 23 July 2014.
- 27 Paraparaumu/Raumati and Waikanae Community Boards are being asked to provide comment on the Plan as the park is on the boundary of two communities with access from Lancelot Grove in Paraparaumu/Raumati and access off Te Arawai Bridge from Waikanae.

Policy Implications

- 28 The Management Plan will set the policy for the management and development of the Park.
- 29 Council Documents including Kapiti Coast District Plan, Open Space Strategy; Cycle, Walk, Bridle (CWB) Strategy have been guiding references for the development of the draft Plan.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 30 There are Tāngata Whenua considerations with the management and naming of this reserve area. The area is wholly contained within Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongatai boundaries, they are mana whenua. It is particularly relevant to the hapū, Ōtaraua.
- 31 As the reserve is considered a District-wide asset there are also considerations for other iwi in the district. Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongatai managed a formal process of discussion with other iwi through briefings to Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti.
- 32 Representatives from Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongatai provided guidance as part the focus group during preparation of the draft Reserve Management Plan. There has been an on-going work with Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongatai for updating the draft plan and the naming process.

Publicity Considerations

- 33 Publicity considerations at this point include response to submitters with a summary of plan changes as a result of public comment. Following recommendation of the draft plan to go to Council further publicity will be required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 34 That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board consider the draft Management Plan attached to this report CS-14-1345 and recommend it to Council for adoption.

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Appendix 1

Draft Reserve Management Plan – Ōtaihangā East Riverside Reserve Area
Status October 2014 Application for Recommendation