

TE HIKU O TE IKA REVITALISATION PROJECT

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Adele Gardner
Te Hiku Community Board Chair
Kaitiaia

Dear Adele

The Project Working Group (PWG) responsible for the Te Hiku o te Ika Revitalisation Project have a number of requests for the Te Hiku Community Board to consider and give feedback on.

1. PARK EQUIPMENT TO DONATE

As you know we are upgrading the park equipment in full at Awanui, Allen Bell (the end by the basketball court) and Korora Park in Ahipara. We understand there is an asset disposal policy to be followed which we are hoping to obtain before our next meeting. Our PWG would like to propose:

- The Korora Park equipment is removed and donated to Roma Marae, Roma Road, Ahipara.
- The Awanui park equipment is offered to Awanui Primary.
- The two pieces around the court (monkey bars and a low climbing net) is moved down to the existing playground at the northern end of the Allen Bell Park.



We also propose to pay for the engineer to sign off the safety of the reinstated park equipment as we have a moral obligation to ensure the children who play on it are safe. However, there would be no further maintenance or expense required by FNDC as the ownership of the equipment would be transferred to the marae and school if you agree.

2. COMMERCE STREET

a. Seating

We have done a stock take of the seating currently in place along Commerce Street. See attached document with pictures, locations and comments where applicable. There are 25 in total and as they have been there for 15-20 years they are tired and need freshening up with stain or paint but they are in relatively good condition for their age. Many of the seats are in front of professional offices now which some businesses have commented are not

appropriate. Would the Community Board agree to some of the seating removed from the main street and relocated into some of the park spaces which have nicer environments for people to sit in.

Our PWG is currently in the process of working with Under the Table for some unique designs relevant to Te Hiku that could be put into our street. However, the budget would only stretch to 3-5 of these pieces. We wouldn't remove all the current seating but want to hear your thoughts on what you'd like to see in the main street.

b. Magnolia Trees

The business owners in the main street are not happy with the Magnolia trees lining Commerce Street. They are too big, blocking some CCTV cameras, trucks are hitting the branches and damaging buildings or their vehicles (even though trucks are not permitted in Commerce St) and the leaves fall everywhere with several business owners saying there is little to no maintenance.

Would the Community Board agree to removing the Magnolia and replacing them with specimen trees that don't grow as large or drop as many leaves. We would need advice on the type of tree suitable for the replacement but wanting to check your thoughts as the streetscaping funds of the project money could assist in some of the costs to do this.

3. MEMORIAL PARK



The Kaitaia Pump track is planned to go in the grass area in front of the swimming pools at Memorial Park, Bank Street Kaitaia. The foundation of the angel remains in the park. The pump track expert, Velo Solutions has been to measure up and has said the concrete structure will need to be removed for the track to fit between the trees and footpaths. Is the Community Board happy for us to have the structure removed (or relocated elsewhere if you have an alternative site)?

We look forward to hearing your decisions after your next meeting.

Kind regards

Andrea Panther
Chairperson of the PWG