

MINUTES

TITLE: Hearing for Exchange of Land – Esplanade Reserve, Best Island
DATE: Friday 14 December 2007
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Crs M J Higgins (Chair) and R G Currie

IN ATTENDANCE: Manager Property Services (J K Frater),
Administration Officer (B D Moore)

1 EXCHANGE OF LAND – ESPLANADE RESERVE, BEST ISLAND, RICHMOND

1.1 Proposal

The purpose of the hearing was to hear and consider submissions to an advertised proposal to exchange the portion of esplanade reserve which contains the road access to the Greenacres Golf Club at Best Island, for a further parcel of land on the southern side of the esplanade reserve which would link to another esplanade reserve and Barnett Avenue. The proposal was illustrated by a map and aerial photograph contained within the hearing agenda.

1.2 Hearing of Submissions

Cr Higgins noted that no submitters were present at the hearing.

1.3 Staff Report

Manager Property Services, Mr J K Frater, spoke to his report of 6 December 2007 contained within the agenda. Mr Frater commented on the two submissions received to the proposal. He said he did not believe that Wakatu Incorporation had any basis for its objection. Mr Frater explained that the subject land has not come to the Council through the Crown as it was from a private land ownership and vested in the Councils through the subdivision process.

Mr Frater said that Susan Ritchie, Solicitor of Glasgow Harley, representing the Barnett family landowners of Best Island had advised him this morning that Ms Ritchie was unable to attend the hearing and that this submission was withdrawn.

Mr Frater said that the access to the golf club has gone through the esplanade reserve for many years and that it is known that Greenacres Golf Club is considering a resource consent application to the Council for an

accommodation building. Cr Higgins noted that the esplanade reserve to be revoked and transferred to the Golf Club, being Part Lot 1 is a minimum of 15 metres wide. The proposed esplanade reserve to vest in Council is 20 metres wide.

1.4 Consideration of Decision

Cr Currie expressed some concern with the present access formed through the proposed esplanade reserve area. Mr Frater said that he believed this to be a management issue and the matter be brought to the attention of the applicant by way of a notation on the Council's decision. He acknowledged that the present access road goes through the existing and proposed reserve and there is a need for these to be relocated outside of the reserve land.

Moved Crs Currie/Higgins

THAT the proposal to exchange part of the esplanade reserve, contained in Lot 2 DP 8350 for part of the land contained in Part Lot 1 DP 1667 at Best Island be approved.

CARRIED

Cr Higgins closed the hearing at 9.05 am.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: