



Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Oraka Aparima Community Board will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 13 August 2024
Time: 6.30pm
Meeting room: Riverton Senior Citizens Room
Venue: Corner Bath Road and Princess Street, Riverton

Oraka Aparima Community Board Agenda - Late Items OPEN

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Memorial seat Rocks Highway Riverton

Record no: R/24/8/51132
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Approved by: Sam Marshall, Group manager customer and community wellbeing

Decision Recommendation Information

Purpose

- 1 A request has been made to support the installation of a memorial seat on Rocks Highway to commemorate the lives lost in a recent drowning tragedy.

Executive summary

- 2 A tragic drowning occurred after a boat capsized on the Riverton bar, resulting in the loss of three locals from Riverton.
- 3 A request has come on behalf of family involved in the tragedy, wishing to honour the memory of the Richard and Heather King, by erecting a memorial seat across from the Kings residence on Rocks Highway.
- 4 Council staff will work on the appropriate process and site location with the family to support the application.
- 5 The Oraka Aparima Community Board has the authority to support or decline the application, and Council staff recommends that the board support the application.

Recommendation

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled "Memorial seat Rocks Highway Riverton".**
- b) **determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.**
- c) **determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.**
- d) **approves supporting the request to erect a memorial seat at Rocks Highway Riverton**

Background

- 6 A tragic drowning occurred after a boat capsized on the Riverton bar, resulting in the loss of three locals from Riverton.

- 7 A request has come from Simon Bastion on behalf of one family involved in the tragedy, wishing to honour the memory of the Richard and Heather King, by erecting a memorial seat across from the Kings residence on Rocks Highway.
- 8 The family has contacted the MenZshed in Riverton to build and install the memorial seat. The MenZshed has previously installed several high-quality seats around Riverton.
- 9 SDC staff will assess the proposed location with the family and identify a suitable site in the vicinity. The initial site proposal is in the vicinity of the King's property on Rocks highway.
- 10 A concrete slab may be required, and historically all the costs are met by the applicant. It is understood from informal discussions with the board chair that the community will cover the costs of the concrete slab.
- 11 An application to construct the seat on Council property will be required from the applicant.
- 12 SDC staff will seek approval from the Kings family for the installation of the memorial seat at Rocks Highway.
- 13 The Oraka Aparima Community Board has the authority to support or decline the application, and Council staff recommends that the board support the application.

Issues

- 14 The request is to honour two of the drowning victims (husband and wife) from the tragedy with a seat across from their residence of the view they adored. There was a third drowning victim that family and friends may wish to honour in a similar way.

Factors to consider

Legal and statutory requirements

- 15 None identified.

Community views

- 16 The Oraka Aparima community board represent the views of the community.

Costs and funding

- 17 The applicant will be covering the costs of the memorial seat, installation costs and the plaque or inscription. A concrete slab may be required, and historically all the costs are met by the applicant. It is understood from informal discussions with the board chair that the community will cover the costs of the concrete slab.

Policy implications

- 18 The board has delegated approval to support or decline structures erected on Council property.

Analysis

Options considered

- 19 The board is being requested to support or decline this request.

Analysis of Options

Option 1 – approves supporting the request to erect a memorial seat at Rocks Highway Riverton

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">the installation of the memorial seat in memory of the King’s can proceed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">none identified.

Option 2 – declines supporting the request to erect a memorial seat at Rocks Highway Riverton

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">none identified	<ul style="list-style-type: none">the installation of the memorial seat in memory of the King’s is not able to proceed. .

Assessment of significance

20 Not considered significant.

Recommended option

21 Option 1 is the recommended option.

Next steps

22 A formal approval from the community board will go to the King’s family.

23 Council staff will work with the family on the location and remaining application process.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.