Date: Wednesday 18 April 2018  
Time: 4.30PM  
Meeting Room: Local Board Chambers  
Venue: Papakura Service Centre  
            35 Coles Crescent  
            Papakura

Papakura Local Board

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A Playground for Keri Vista Hill

Where?

- Closest play area
- New development
- Eventual development
Why?

- There is huge growth on our hill, hundreds of new homes are going in above us to an area which will apparently be called ‘Harbour View Heights’.
- We have a large base of young families.
- Children playing on the streets, particularly on Keri Vista Rise hill need somewhere to go and play safely.
- The closest playground/skatepark to us services Dominion Road/Elsie Morton area. Keri Hill families do not want to go down there due to distance, elevated crime and its reputation for difficult characters using the area.

We are a close knit community, the desire to have our kids out to play has come up on message boards often. We just need somewhere to let them do so safely.
The benefits of play

Physical and mental health benefits

- Supports cognitive development and the learning of many skills needed in adult life. These include the ability to:
  - learn rapidly, make decisions, and problem-solve
  - manage stress, events, movement and apparatus
  - regulate and build relationships
  - assess personal safety and manage risks
  - access forms of play, such as walking, running, jumping and climbing, support physical health and
- through
- the development of basic motor skills
- the exercise of hands, the need to stretch and other vital organs
- something easily
- learning to understand the natural world is an important part.

Environmental benefits

- Playing outdoors exposes a wide range of opportunities for physical, cognitive and social play. It allows for exploration, including sensory experiences with mud, dirt, water and sand. It allows for
- the construction of new spaces, the collection of objects and interaction with natural objects, and the
- opportunity to trial. Such experiences help children understand and respect nature.

Economic benefits

- There is growing evidence that play can deliver economic benefits to individuals, businesses and
- society. This may be demonstrated through
  - increased economic activity for businesses related to play spaces
  - employment opportunities in the management and delivery of play spaces and play
  - programmes
  - added economic value to play areas which, according to recent workplace productivity and leisure
  - stats.

Social and community benefits

- Community play spaces support social cohesion by enabling
  - social interaction between neighbours, which generates a sense of unity and improves
  - a sense of safety
  - expression is, and is seen if, people with different backgrounds and beliefs?
  - community participation by elected people and stakeholder groups

Taken from the Auckland Council Tātara: ‘Investing in Play’ Document.

Would residents use Dominion Road park?

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Who will use it?

This data is collected from a spread of 200 families in the hill currently (using our Keri Vista Residents Facebook Page).

With the population looking to double up on our hill I imagine the figures will reflect a similar growth in support.
What does the community want?

Ages of children are mostly preschool to intermediate. This particular spot it up on a hill, we would like to see the landscape used to that advantage. A lot of the ideas off the recent Council discussions were positively received by the community.

Quite a number were also keen to see this as a multi-purpose area with table/picnic space for families to enjoy. A lot of residents also walk and exercise in the area, so multi-purpose equipmt would be fantastic.

Please consider us 😊

For the Auckland Council, their Long-term Plan 2015-2025 includes $25 million to provide new play spaces, and $33 million to renew existing assets over the next 10 years.

We would like to be a part of this.