

Memorandum

To: Devonport / Takapuna Local Board

From: George McMahon
Parks and Places Specialist

Date: Wednesday, 20 June 2018

Subject: Rebekah Jaung, memorial plaque with seat donation

1. Introduction

The purpose of this memorandum is to determine whether the Devonport / Takapuna Local Board support Auckland Council staff exercising their delegation to provide approval for a donated park bench with plaque to be installed at Sylvan Park

2. Detail

In accordance with the “Plaques and Memorials on Parks Interim Guidelines”, an application form (attachment A) from Rebekah Juang has been received to provide for a donation of a park bench, at Sylvan Park.

Attachment B to this memorandum is a map showing the proposed location on the ground.

To determine appropriateness of memorials, an assessment of the application is undertaken in accordance with the plaques and memorials guidelines. The key generic protocols and assessment criteria for assessing an application is as follows:

Where there is no policy (i.e. identified in Reserve Management Plan), plaques and memorial structures will only be approved in recognition of:

- i) An important historical figure or important person associated with the area;*
- ii) An important cultural location;*
- iii) An organisation or community group involved in the development of the area;*
- iv) Someone who has come to a misadventure on the park; or*
- v) A significant event e.g. events of civic (national or local) nature.*

3. General

The application has been assessed in accordance with the policy; the information available suggests the application does meet the generic protocols for plaques and memorials.

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4. Implementation Issues

There are no foreseen issues with implementation. The applicant has confirmed they will pay for the seat, plaque and installation.

5. Comments

Due to the nature of event, the sinking of the MV Sewol between Incheon and Jeju, the Parks and Places Specialist supports the installation of a memorial plaque and donation of a park bench at Sylvan Park as per the details, contained within attachment A and B.

6. Recommendation

That the Devonport / Takapuna Local Board, support the Manager Land Advisory Services, Stakeholder and Land Advisory, Community Facilities, exercising their delegation to execute the landowner approval to the applicant for the installation, at the applicant's cost, and the wording of the plaque to be confirmed prior to installation with the Devonport- Takapuna Local Board, as per Attachments A and B.