

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairperson and Members of the Community Services Committee

FROM: Manager Property

REFERENCE: 31948

DATE: 6 June2006

SUBJECT: Waimea West Recreation Reserve

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To consider a request for a boundary adjustment and exchange of land between Diana Mellor and the Waimea West Recreation Reserve.

BACKGROUND

Ms Mellor, the Waimea West Recreation Reserve Committee and the Community Services Manager have discussed the possibility of a boundary adjustment between the two properties which would provide improved access and parking for the recreation reserve and would enable Ms Mellor to relocate her house to the rear of the property away from the road. Boundaries have been agreed as per the attached plan. Telfer Young was engaged to value the proposed new boundaries and they have recommended that the net effect would be an increase of value to the Mellor property of between \$7,000.00 and \$8,000.00. This is based on the assumption that the parties will share the costs of obtaining subdivision consent and the new titles.

DISCUSSION

The Waimea West Recreation Reserve is subject to the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 and is vested in the Council. The proposal is an exchange of land under the Reserves Act and would require the giving of public notice, the hearing of any objections with the final decision as to whether or not to approve the boundary adjustment being made by the Minister of Conservation or their authorised delegate.

The proposal will provide much needed parking for the Waimea West hall and tennis courts off Waimea West Road. The proposal will also allow the rear land of the reserve to be utilised for a useful purpose as the present configuration makes it very difficult to access the rear land.

AFFECTED PERSONS

The two parties identified are affected persons as are the users of the reserve and adjoining neighbours. As part of the consultative requirements of the Reserves Act 1977 and the Local Government Act 2002 the views of those persons would be sought through either personal notification or public notice.

SIGNIFICANCE

The subject of this report is not regarded as significant under the Council's policy on significance but has substantial significance for the future use of the Waimea West Recreation Reserve.

OPTIONS

The options are whether to give public notice of the intention for the exchange of land, to retain the status quo or to consider it at a later date. Ms Mellor has indicated that if the exchange is to proceed she wishes it to occur within the next few months or not at all.

RECOMMENDATION

That public notice be given pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977 to exchange part of the land known as the Waimea West Recreation Reserve being Section 170, Waimea West District for part of the land owned by D Mellor being part Section 133, Waimea West District; and

That the Chairperson of Community Services Committee, Crs King and Higgins be authorised to hear any objections and report back to the Community Services Committee with a recommendation.

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