LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this submission be considered.

I am completing this submission:
On behalf of a group or organisation

My submission refers to:
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I also want to respond to:

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Your Submission:

Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?

I am writing this submission as PResident and on behalf of the Canterbury Volleyball Association Inc (CVA). CVA is strongly in favour of the upgrade of Cowles Stadium as described in the discretionary projects. CVA mainly uses Pioneer stadium for volleyball on a regular basis. However, we are forced to limit our winter activity in Terms 2 and 3 due to a lack of available volleyball space. We also use Cowles stadium for tournament weeks and week-ends and believe this stadium is badly in need of upgrading. Ideally a single show volleyball court with seating for 2-2500 people would fit our desire to hold national and international matches and focus final matches in one venue. Currently we try to use Pioneer stadium but the seating available is insufficient for final matches. Expanding to a 6 court venue would also assist our stadium management during major tournaments. In a recent CCC sponsored event CVA was forced to use 4 stadiums to accomodate the 18 courts required to run the event. The logisitics of this made the exercise expensive and difficult to co-ordinate. Our ability to attract such events is also diminishing as other centres in NZ build large barn structures that can host all players at one or two venues. Had Cowles stadium been in 6 courts we would have been able to accomodate all of the volleyball within three stadiums at Pioneer, QEII and Cowles - with comparative ease. It would also be appropriate to upgrade the equipment and changing rooms etc to accomodate a larger venue. Cowles stadium is comparatively easy to get to and has ample parking so we believe the extension of Cowles stadium would be an excellent investment with maximum potential to make a significant change to our ability to host and run national, international and local volleyball events. We also believe that the enlargement would relieve some of the pressure on our main facility at Pioneer stadium by allowing more space for basketball and related activities so that CVA can implement its strategic plan around after school and intermediate volleyball programmes. These are currently on hold due to a lack of available stadium space.

Thank-you Derrick Moot Presidnet CVA Inc.

Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)

Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?