
E-PETITION: BUILD AN EXERCISE PARK IN WELLINGTON

Summary

Primary Petitioner: Leander Schubert
Total Signatures: 134

Presented by: Leander Schubert

Recommendation

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.

Background

1. Wellington City Council operates a system of ePetitions whereby people can conveniently and electronically petition the Council on matters related to Council business.
2. Leander Schubert opened an e-petition on the Wellington City Council website on 26 September 2019.
3. The e-petition details are as follows:
To show support for the council to build an exercise park or callisthenics park near central Wellington to encourage healthy living
4. The background information provided for the e-petition was:
Exercise parks are parks which are fitted out with equipment like pull-up bars, parallel bars and dynamic machines to allow people to exercise free of charge while receiving the benefits of being outside.
 1. *In countries like Australia, these parks/areas are common and well used.*
 2. *As the capital Wellington should be on the forefront of such activities.*
 3. *This will promote exercise and healthy living and can serve as a community interaction area.*
5. The petitioner also provided some relevant links which may be accessed from <https://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/epetitions/petitions/closed/2019-09-to-build-one-exercise-park-in-wellington>
6. The e-petition closed on 26 October 2019 with 134 authenticated signatures. The list of authenticated signatures is presented as **Attachment 1**.

Officers' response

7. Council's Long-term Plan does not include funding for the development of a purpose built exercise park within the City, however, design and provision of furniture and

equipment that can be used for informal exercise including callisthenics, parkour and other forms of outdoor exercise is something that is considered in significant open space or community development projects.

It is noted that Council provides a network of community parks and play spaces across the City that are frequently used for informal exercise and this is something that is supported and encouraged in Council's Play Spaces Policy.

Officers are happy to meet with Leander Schubert to discuss how the aspirations of this community can be met through planned open space or community development projects.

Attachments

Attachment 1. Authenticated signatures

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| Author | Sarah Murray, Customer and Community Partnerships Manager |
| Authoriser | Paul Andrews, Manager Parks, Sport and Recreation Barbara McKerrow, Chief Operating Officer |

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Engagement and Consultation

Not applicable at this stage.

Treaty of Waitangi considerations

Not applicable at this stage.

Financial implications

Not applicable at this stage.

Policy and legislative implications

Not applicable at this stage.

Risks / legal

Not applicable at this stage.

Climate Change impact and considerations

Not applicable at this stage.

Communications Plan

Not applicable at this stage.

Health and Safety Impact considered

Not applicable at this stage.