

Petition: Officers' Response

Title: "Free Outdoor Gyms for Wellington"

Primary Petitioner: Jac Lynch
Total Signatures: 92 (via ePetition)

Presented by: Jac Lynch
Contact officer: Julian Todd – Manager Recreation Wellington
Director responsible: Neville Brown – Director City Services

Officers' recommendation:

Officers recommend that the Committee:

1. *Receive the petition*
2. *Agree to refer the petition to officers to inform any future discussions with potential investors in outdoor community recreation projects*

Background:

The ePetition 'Free Outdoor Gyms for Wellington' was initiated by Jac Lynch on 13 December 2010 and closed on 13 February 2011.

The purpose of the petition is to encourage Wellington City Council to develop free outdoor gyms throughout the city.

The petition was open to all members of the public with internet access to the Council's website. It received 92 signatures.

Officers' response:

Council has previously responded to a request from Karori Medical Centre who wished to fund the provision of outdoor gym equipment in the suburb and as a result included it in its planning for the redevelopment of Karori Park in 2005/2006. This project included 5 activity stations located around the perimeter track and have been in use ever since.

Maintenance for the equipment has become the responsibility of Parks & Gardens since their introduction.

To purchase 6-10 pieces of outdoor gym equipment similar to those located at Karori Park would cost in the region of \$50-60K. In addition to this there would also be installation and maintenance costs for the projects.

Currently no upgrade or renewal plans allow for the development of further outdoor gyms.

It is recommended that the development of outdoor gyms may be considered in future developments where there is an identified community demand and potential for partnerships exists to fund installation