

NOTICE OF MOTION dated 11 May 2020

West Palm Beach Section of Te Ara o Wairakei

For consideration by Council at its meeting currently scheduled for 19th of May 2020 or at a subsequent date agreed upon by the mover and Chief Executive.

Proposed motion

That Tauranga City Council:

- a) Receives this Notice of Motion;***
- b) Consults with residents of Palm Beach West and Tangata Whenua on reinstating and enhancing this section of Te Ara o Wairakei;***
- c) Reports the results of said consultation to the Projects, Services and Operations Committee;***
- d) Undertakes no further planting in Palm Beach until this matter has been reported back to the committee;***
- e) Continues to engage with the community on Te Ara o Wairakei project moving forward.***

BACKGROUND

In May 2019 Crs Brown and Morris attended a community meeting of Palm Beach residents surprised to see plantings along the waterways in their community. It was accepted that consultation on the project, especially with neighbouring residents, was inadequate.

Subsequently, the Chief Executive called a halt to planting in the Palm Beach East section of the project and the grass verges reinstated. However, the Palm Beach West section had been planted days before and has been retained.

Since that time, Council has reengaged with the community and several onsite meetings have been held; however, due to Covid-19 we have been unable to hold any further face to face consultation since March.

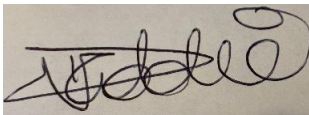
There have been a number of submissions to our draft 2020/21 Annual Plan requesting the removal of plants and reinstatement of the area. An aggravating

factor being that the new plantings were poorly maintained. Council accepted this criticism and has made contract changes as a result.

Passage of the resolutions above will show our community that Council is committed to doing projects 'with our residents; not to our residents.'



Cr Steve Morris (mover)



Cr Dawn Kiddie (seconder)

Attachments:

Palm Beach, Papamoa, map.

Photos before and after the project.

Palm Beach West

Palm Beach East



Palm Beach West

Before:



May 10th:



Before:



May 10th:



Bank erosion following weedkilling of the grass verge and subsequent planting.



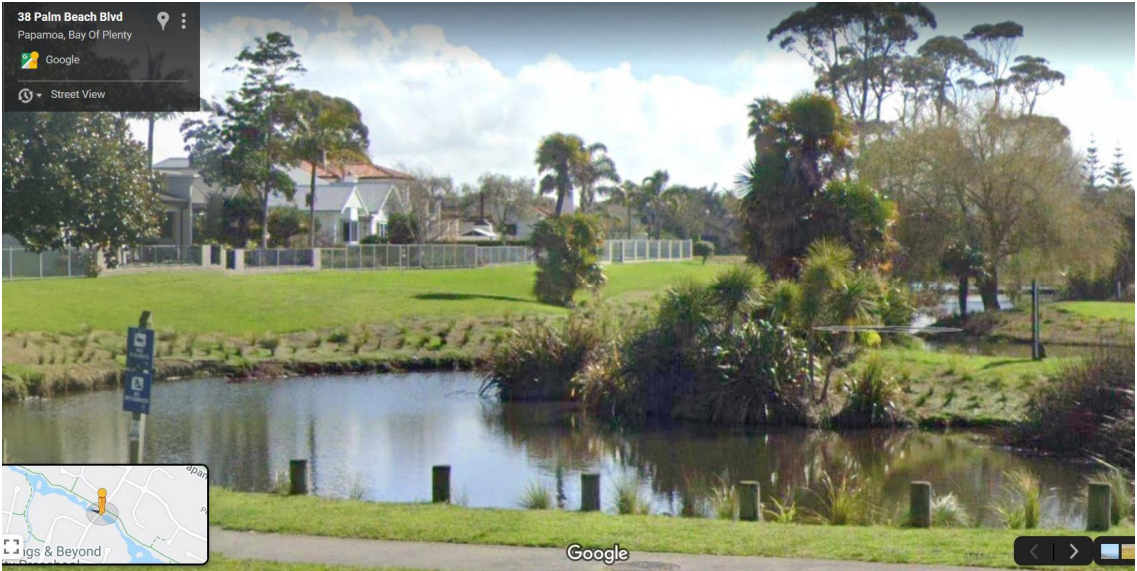
April



Before



After:



Palm Beach East, The grass banks have been retained as of May 10th

