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Local hero ... Tom Leibovitch with his petition form and some of the signs that have sprung up around Shenton Park to oppose displacing junior sports teams with a hospital carpark on Rosalie Park. Photo: Paul M...

Cheers for Action Man

By LLOYD GORMAN

Thunderous applause greeted Tom the 15-year-old lacrosse player on Tuesday night at a packed meeting at Subiaco council.

He presented a petition calling on the council to dump the plan for a carpark on Rosalie Park and save his beloved club.

Tom Leibovitch had collected 280 signatures for the petition, which he handed to the corporate and technical services committee.

The committee voted to recommend the council not approve the carpark unless the sports clubs and others agreed.

Tom, a former student at Rosalie Primary School and now at Scotch College, didn't ask for permission, advice or help with his campaign to convince the council that it should not allow a carpark for QEII to be built on the site of his club's playing fields.

"I got the idea when I saw the junior footy club collecting names outside the council offices on Saturday," he said.

"So next day I got on the computer, found a petition form, changed it to include what I wanted the council to do and went out to get people to sign it.

"I went down to Rosalie Park and asked spectators and anyone else who was out and about if they would sign it.

"I also collected a smaller number on the