

## Minutes

### Meeting of the SWMPF Our Davis Park Working Group

Friday, 11 December 2015

9.30am – 11.30am

Dick Lawrence Oval, Lefroy Road, Beaconsfield

**Chair:** Colin Alston (Disability Services Commission)

**Participants:** Co-chair Julie Mitchell (SMYL); Sgt Brad Cooper (WA Police); Vicky Piromalli (Department of Housing); Alison Lawrie (Fremantle Multicultural Centre); Stephen Loo (Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Mike Pforr (City of Fremantle); Gareth Griffiths (Palmerston)

**Apologies:** Karen Chalcraft (UnitingCare West); Nicola Shaw (community representative)

**Minute-taker:** Colin Alston

- 1. Welcome, introduction and apologies**
- 2. Approval of minutes of meeting 19th June 2015**  
The minutes were approved without change.
- 3. Update on actions arising from the minutes**

#### **Planning for a Community Centre in Davis Park:**

Colin provided an overview regarding the challenges involved in having a dedicated structure erected in Davis Park. Due to council regulations, the City of Fremantle will not approve a portable structure on the park. A gazebo was discussed with residents as a possible compromise. Residents agreed that a gazebo was necessary as there is little shade available; however, they still wished to pursue a purpose-built community facility in the area. Residents agreed at an informal meeting held earlier in Davis Park that they would send Mike pictures of gazebos. Mike will provide feedback to determine if this meets COF planning regulations. Margaret McKenzie (resident) has provided Mike with pictures of other gazebos that could be installed in Davis Park.

Mike advised that the City may not fund this project due to recent works committed by the City. Once a structure has been identified, Mike will submit to capital works for approval. Should the gazebo not be funded, the DPWG will seek alternative funding opportunities.

**Action:** Mike to provide an update at the next meeting.

The DPWG will continue to explore the viability of a community centre close to the park. The DPWG raised questions regarding how community centres have operated (both nationally and internationally). The DPWG require a deeper understanding of the strengths and challenges of a community centre.

**Action:** Colin to research and provide an update at the next meeting.

#### 4. Davis Park Project Manager Update

Alison provided an update as per the grant reporting requirements. Alison reported strong connections with a number of residents. This has resulted in a resident performing at the International Childcare Centre Christmas event that was held on the park. Alison reported that residents had been continually asking if activities were planned for young people over the Christmas holiday period. The DPWG agreed to explore programs over the holiday period. Alison advised that there is room in the DSS grant to employ someone to facilitate a program. Stephen Loo discussed the possibility to contracting a PCYC employee Timmy Kelly to run a basketball program in the park.

**Action:** Stephen to speak with Tim and communicate with Alison.

Alison discussed a lawn moving initiative proposed by a small group of residents. Residents indicated that having a lawn mower that the community could use to cut verges would promote the opportunity for men in the area to network, while improving the physical appearance of the area. Julie discussed the potential for SMYL to assist with education and training should it be required.

The DPWG felt this initiative was positive for the area and would support the project outcomes set by residents; however, it raised a number of issues, such as storage, ownership of the lawn mower, potential income, maintenance and governance. The DPWG did not believe the DSS grant could be used to purchase the lawn mower grant. Colin suggested that a grant from Lotterywest or a local charity would be a more appropriate pathway.

**Action:** Alison to update the group at the next meeting.

Alison spoke about a Cultural Diversity Project/ grant that has been submitted on behalf of the DPWG to support individuals in the area to develop a short-film acknowledging its history. Alison explained that this grant would only cover the development of the video and would require additional resources in order to show it. Julie advised that SMYL had also put in a grant to cover the set up and showing of the film during Harmony Week.

Mike explained that the City hold outdoor movies as part of City events. Mike suggested that if the SMYL grant were not successful the City may be able to provide the screen, audio and to show a Disney film.

Alison also spoke about providing multicultural food during the showing of the movie. Alison would speak with FMC to determine if the DSS grant would cover this. The DPWG raised issues around public drinking. Brad suggested having signage to remind residents that drinking alcohol is not permitted in the park.

**Action:** Julie and Alison to inform DPWG of the outcome of their grant applications as soon as these are known. Mike to report back on the possibility of the City hosting a movie should the grant not be successful.

## 5. Programs, meetings and event calendar

The DPWG discussed the need to develop a calendar of events for the next few months. Alison reported that more meetings need to take place at the park. Colin and Julie suggested incorporating informal meetings at the park more frequently during the summer months. Colin and Julie also identified the need for members of the working group to attend programs, events and meetings at the park whenever possible over the summer period.

**Action:** Alison to put together a list of events and structured activities taking place at the park and distribute to the DPWG.

**Next Meeting:** Friday 29 January at 9.30am