

Minutes

Meeting of the SWMPF Our Davis Park Working Group

Tuesday, Nov 21. 2017

9.30am – 11.30am

Davis Park, Beaconsfield

Chair: Julie Mitchell (SMYL)

Participants: Judy Walls (SWMPF); Stephen Loo (DoC-Child Protection); Steve Altham (DoC-Housing); Kim Metcalf (DoC-Housing); Louise Ainsworth (City of Fremantle); Hannah Filtzhardinge (Councillor); Jaimy Hayward (Disability Services Commission); Snr constable Michael Butcher (WAPOL); Constable Jav Ang (WAPOL); Julie Gorman (Fremantle PCYC); Kate Seery (Fremantle Early Learning Centre); Hannah Fitch-Rabbitt (Fremantle Foundation); Miraby, Lois and Maria (residents)

Apologies: Catherine Hollingworth (CAMHS); Gareth Griffiths (Palmerston); Pascal Veyradier (City of Fremantle); Amanda Crow (Crossroads – St Pats);

Minutes: Julie Mitchell

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies-

Welcome Simone Ireland-Reclink
Kim Metcalf-Dept for Communities-Housing

2. **Minutes of meeting 3 October 2017**-accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Business Arising

- a. Simone provided an overview of Reclink-target vulnerable and disadvantaged people 16-65.
 - i. Football- December Fremantle oval "Kick in the Park" specifically targeting homeless, D&A and other vulnerable people. Supported by SFFC, Football Commission.
 - ii. Sampson Rec Centre-Multi Sports eg indoor soccer under a disability inclusion program.
 - iii. Bowling at Melville-\$4.00 per session
Most cost are met or reduced by 50%.

b. Young Parents Group-Jaimy

Young parents with limited support mechanisms. First meeting in the park with Buster went well with 4 Mums attending. Jaimy phoned and then door knocked on the day to get them along to the park. Activities focused on education games, songs and reading about dogs. The children played together and a couple of pay dates have been arranged independently. Activities planned included joint events with Buster and FELC.

c. Judy provided feedback about the Annual Event attended by representatives from member organisations. Presentations included progress and activities over the past year from the working groups and official launch of the new IF branding. A new email tag will be circulated shortly.

d. Louise provided an update on the Beaconsfield redevelopment from the CoF perspective. 2nd phase of the Community Engagement has commenced based on the feedback from phase 1. People from Davis Park attended the community workshop and contributed via the web link. Comment period closes in December. The elected members on the working group will consolidate the feedback and community comments. Updates are available to view on My Say-Heart of Beaconsfield. Working group is meeting with FELC this week.

e. Kim mentioned that data collection has commenced based on information collected by housing visits. A table is being collated with resident's requirements, those prepared to move and those who wish to remain in the local area. The FAQ's will also be updated based on the data collected and questions raised as part of this process. Steve advised that the regular inspection process over 12 months was considered a better option rather than an intensive interview/inspection as previously discussed. Current tenancy turnover is about 15% annually. 52 % are 7yr and 17% long term tenants.

New tenants are on fixed term leases, generally 1 year, and represent about 30% of the tenancies. Hannah F queried the risk around social problems with the high proportion of short term tenancies.

Social Housing in DP is not going to be a bulldozed. Houses will be redeveloped as they become empty. Housing is aware of the need to maintain a balance between community needs and progress of the redevelopment. Transfers would still have to be considered within the guidelines and circumstances of each application. Factors to consider include the geographical, physical needs and the timeline.

Hannah F queried Housing response to the increased community safety and what strategies were in place-the responsibility can't be left to Police.

Steve stated that Housing was not doing anything different than what would normally happen. There will be a number of years before the redevelopment begins and as properties become vacant decisions need to be made; they can't be left empty.

Louise advised that this had been agreed at the last stakeholder meeting that during the next set of inspections (12 months) residents will be able to ask questions discuss options to stay or move etc. Join newsletters - How Beaconsfield is progressing - will be tied to the milestones or quarterly. March-the final edit of the process from CoF. Publicity to include details of new school etc, feedback database, Masterplan, neighborhood watch & community development.

Housing have contracted Dismantle in conjunction with First Nation housing project and DCP to work with kids in Davis Park and several other locations including Kalgoorlie and Esperance.

The continued engagement and support of the families/kids after the project was discussed. Hannah suggest Freo Massive as a source of volunteers.

Steve also mentioned a couple of Community Centres, one in Mosman Park and one in Hilton that had recently been refurbished and reopened. Potential to use 13 O'Reilly Close for a community centre was discussed. Housing would maintain and clean the property/yard on a regular basis. Requires signoff by the Minister.

ACTION: Steve to progress and advise.

Lois (Resident) suggested Community Champions be identified from within the residents. Persons would be able to advocate for residents and mediate between neighbors. Many of the issues come from a lack of understanding or capacity to negotiate between neighbors – specifically between Aboriginal and white residents.

Steve suggested Neighborhood Watch may be able to facilitate training. Other suggestions included training select resident in First Aid.

ACTION: Hannah F will take up the idea with Council Community Safety Team. Further investigation of funding sources for 1st aid required.

Kate offered the use of the FELC facility for First Aid should a trainer be sourced.

Park is well maintained, but the park table has recently been vandalized with graffiti.

ACTION: Hannah to arrange for Council to clean up.

2. SWMPF Leadership Group/Working Group Updates

See IF launch above

3. Working group member updates

- a. PCYC- Julie provided feedback on the Impact100 grant application and subsequent funding options. School holiday program via Circus WA with funding directed through PCYC. Move to share resources between centres such as the climbing wall, bouncy castle etc. PCYC is seen as a safe place-60-70 Indigenous kids in contact regularly.

Programs include:

- Protective behaviour
- Cyber security
- Hilton harvest
- Hip Hop class

Only one youth worker-additional funding is desperately required.

Some volunteers form South Metro TAFE-Community Services and Youth Work students. Julie to check number of kids from Davis Park attending PCYC.

ACTION: Hannah to assist with the recruitment of volunteers.

- b. Hilton Precinct Xmas party 12 December.

- c. Albany has received \$750G for Icebreakers (drug rehab) program.

4. Next Meeting

Special meeting 5 December at CoF. Hannah to arrange for Pascal and Chris Scanlon, Community Safety to attend. Framework for Community Safety reps and a community centre.

Meeting in the park 1st Tuesday of each month, 6 February 2018