

Minutes

Meeting of the SWMPF Our Davis Park Working Group

Friday, 23 September 2016

9.30am – 11.30am

Hilton PCYC Paget Street, Hilton

Chair: Julie Mitchell (SMYL)

Participants: Gareth Griffiths (Palmerston); Jaimy Hayward (Disability Services Commission); Matthew King (Housing Authority); Julie Gorman (Fremantle PCYC); Stephen Loo (Department of Child Protection); Pascal Veyradier (City of Fremantle); Judy Walls (SWMPF); Nicola Shaw (Crossroads); Nadeem Khan (Housing Authority)

Apologies: Emma Beck (Department of Child Protection); Karen Chalcraft (UnitingCare West); Colin Alston (Disability Services Commission); Danielle Loizou Lake (Fremantle Early Learning Centre); Catherine Hollingworth (CAMHS);

Minute-taker: Julie Mitchell

1. **Welcome, introduction and apologies-** Welcome special guest Kevin for WASUA and Nadeem Khan for Housing Authority.
2. **Minutes of meeting 26 August 2016-**accepted as an accurate record of the meeting
3. **WASUA**
 - a. Kevin has previously provided advice regarding safe disposal to community members and staff of the child care centre following the discovery of the discarded syringe in the child care centre grounds. One of the strategies suggested at that time was the sharps disposal container that has been installed in the Park.
 - b. Kevin suggested signs on the bins directing to the sharps disposal and a sign on the sharp disposal container. Very difficult to see as it is located near the power box.
 - c. The exchange programs have nearly 100% return rates, so the discarded items probably come from pharmacy purchased items, hospitals or dealers.
 - d. Education about safe disposal-distributed by pharmacies with the sale of fit packs and kits. WASUS has a resource

and program that targets pharmacies and would include those identify locally if requested.

- e. Display the safe needle disposal poster available from the Department of Health web site. http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/Safe-disposal-of-needles-and-syringes
- f. Kevin did not recommend a letter drop as there is the potential for negative responses from users and non users. The best solution is to include safe disposal and exchange program information with a community resource card that integrates other generic services such as GP's and other health and community services.
- g. Ongoing need to educate the residents who have been picking up the discarded syringes about safe disposal practice and to encourage them to use the sharp box. This will provide some data on the ongoing nature and extent of the problem.
- h. Kevin also suggested data collection from the residents for example where they are finding the syringes, what time of the day and what other items or packaging is also being discarded.
- i. Contact local pharmacies regarding the inclusion of safe disposal literature with purchases. Diane at WASUA has a package designed for this purpose. Jaimy to make initial contact with pharmacies and coordinate activities with Diane.

4. Housing redevelopment in Davis Park

Nadeem Khan from Housing Authority gave an overview of the usual redevelopment process. For Davis Park the process is still in the very early stages and it is unfortunate that the article occurred at this time as the redevelopment is at least 10 years away. Normal procedure is to engage residents in the planning and rehousing process.

City of Fremantle is also a key stakeholder in the process.

Housing was not aware of any resident that had raised concerns about the article and the suggested redevelopment.

A couple of Housing Authority houses are currently vacant and not worth repairing and a few others have already been demolished.

Nadeem mentioned another recent redevelopment project in Bentley. The community consultation process was extensive, but there needs to be a plan/proposal before anything can occur.

The working group suggested that a broad discussion with the residents of DP involving the DG of Housing would be a good opportunity to provide some reassurance to residents about the process which would be undertaken once the redevelopment begins.

Working group members suggested that they could canvas potential issues which residents may wish to raise with the DG, and feed them back through the Housing Authority, to ensure the DG is prepared. Preparations for the consultation will continue and the Working Group will keep the Authority informed.

5. SWMPF Leadership Group

- a. Quarterly report to Leadership group. Attached.
- b. \$75 000 funding will be available for project that addresses the priority areas.

6. Working group member updates

- a. City of Fremantle – Pascal reminded members about the planned Mental Health Week activities 9-15 October.
- b. SMYL – Feedback from the DP event both positive and negative. Issue with the distribution of flyers. Appears that only 1/3 of the letter box drops occurred.
- c. Palmerston will follow-up with WASUA regarding the pharmacy information kits/training.
- d. PCYC & City of Fremantle have been successful in a funding application for Davis Park. Able to provide more detail next meeting.

Next Meeting

Friday 28 October 2016, 9.30am at Davis Park