

Minutes

Meeting of the SWMPF Our Davis Park Working Group

Friday, 26 May 2017

9.30am – 11.30am

Davis Park, Beaconsfield

Temporary Chair: Judy Walls (SWMPF)

Participants: Jaimy Hayward (Disability Services Commission); Kate Seery (Fremantle Early Learning Centre); Gareth Griffiths (Palmerston); Hannah Fitch-Rabbitt (Fremantle Foundation) Pascal Veyradier (City of Fremantle); Louise Ainsworth (City of Fremantle); Stephen Loo (DCPFS), Judith (resident), Marrabi (resident)

Apologies: Catherine Hollingworth (CAMHS); Emma Beck (Department of Child Protection); Sn Sgt Brad Warburton (WAPolice); Julie Gorman (Fremantle PCYC); Julie Mitchell (SMYL); Hannah Fitzhardinge (Councillor)

Minutes: Judy Walls

1. **Welcome, introduction and apologies-** Acknowledgement of Country was provided by Stephen, along with a special acknowledgement of Sorry Day. Acknowledgement of country to open each meeting going forward.
2. **Minutes of meeting April 28, 2017** – no minutes were available, however Gareth & Jaimy provided an update as to the previous meeting. It was noted that a good number of residents attended (approx. 5).
3. **Updates:**
 - a. *Unsafe disposal of syringes* – Jaimy & Gareth provided information from the previous meeting where it was reported that approx. 20-30 syringes had been found by residents in the park, and that a young woman had suffered an overdose also in the park. Local residents assisted the woman until paramedics arrived. Judith (resident) confirmed that only around 4 syringes had been found in the month of May. The inconsistency in the numbers from one month to the next could be influenced by a number of things, including the availability of supply of drugs, quality of drugs, a new dealer in the area, etc. The safe disposal training provided by WASUA at the last meeting was considered timely and was well received. Judy (SWMPF) has contacted WASUA to determine if they can provide a supply of sharps containers to the working group, so that we can ensure that the residents have access to safe disposal material.
Action: Judy to follow up with WASUA.

- b. *Sharps box* – the inappropriate position of the sharps box in the park was discussed again. Under a lamp post does not encourage use of the facility.
Action: Pascal will discuss with the appropriate City maintenance staff to move the sharps box to the area around the trees in the northern part of the park. An additional box could be installed in the male toilets at Bruce Lee Oval, where no box exists currently.
- c. *Safety & Security* – Mellis, a resident bordering the park has cited many instances of people jumping the fence into her back yard, causing her alarm. This needs to be addressed with the Housing Authority in terms of safety & security.
Action: Attempt to have senior Housing Authority personnel present at working group meetings, along with WA Police.
Action: Pascal will also follow up on blocking off the alleyway access beside the childcare centre.
- d. *Working Group Meetings* – Jaimy suggested that it would be of benefit to the local residents if the agenda of the working group meetings could address some of their concerns, which would also provide a stronger impetus for them to attend. Jaimy offered to produce a small flyer about the working group meetings, with the date of the next meeting, for engaged residents, such as Mellis, Judith, etc to distribute, to those residents who had expressed an interest in attending. This was agreed by the members. It was noted that the working group could work to empower the local residents to lead on issues of concern in their neighbourhood.
- e. *Gazebo* - Pascal reported that the gazebo has yet to be completed and could not provide an estimated timeframe.
- f. *Sign* – Pascal circulated a short narrative which was to be included on the DP sign, based largely on the historical input from Margaret (local resident).
- g. *Redevelopment & Community Consultation Process*-Louise outlined the Community Engagement process which had occurred so far, including the stall at the Family Fun Market in April, also at the Growers Market, and the community visioning workshop on May 23. These processes will contribute to a Master Plan is being developed, and options will be fed back to the community after all the inputs have been analyzed. The feedback process should begin in August. How to feed back to DP residents was noted. The possibility of a notice board in the Gazebo was considered. Louise also announced that the Scheme Amendment for Davis Park had been advertised, which meant that the current rules in the town planning scheme for this area no longer apply, and as such a new development plan (known as a structure plan) would be produced after the current consultation process. Louise also informed the group that a team from the Housing Authority would be undertaking a stocktake of the trees in Davis Park and surrounds, so if people were seen in the area, this would be their purpose.

- h. *Family Fun Market* – Kate provided an update on the market which has held on April 30. Good attendance (approx. 200 people) and a number of dignitaries, including the Mayor, the local Councilor (Hannah Fitzhardinge) amongst others. Their learning from the day was that the market stalls were less successful than hoped, and in future they would concentrate on staging a community event for children & families instead of the commercial element. The Centre would be seeking new funding for the next financial year to hold community events such as this. Pascal suggested they review the revised grant notifications on City of Fremantle website from next week, but pay attention to issues of sustainability in any future application for funding.

4. SWMPF Leadership Group/Working Group Updates

Not provided.

5. Working group member updates

Nil.

6. Next Meeting

It was discussed whether the DPWG meetings could be scheduled for a Tuesday going forward, to allow for the participation of the Sergeant for Beaconsfield (WA Police) to attend. Most working group members agreed that they could accommodate the first Tuesday of the month at 9.30am.

Action: Judy to confirm that this would be acceptable with Julie Mitchell (Chair) and the WA Police, as well as Housing Authority.

If so, the next meeting date would be **Tuesday July 4, 2017** at Davis Park. TBC.