

Minutes

Meeting of the SWMPF Our Davis Park Working Group

Friday, 31st July 2015

9.30am – 11.30am

Dick Lawrence Oval, Lefroy Road, Beaconsfield

Chair: Colin Alston (DSC)

Participants: Karin Mac Arthur (SWMPF); Vicky Piromalli (Department of Housing); Alison Lawrie (Fremantle Multicultural Centre); Stephen Loo (Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Julie Mitchell (SMYL); Nadine Hicks (Fremantle Multicultural Centre); Karen Chalcraft (UCW); Mike Pforr (City of Fremantle); Shirley Tunstall – Ashley (DP Resident); Bianca Gabrielson (DP resident); Margaret McKenzie (DP Resident) and Maureen (DP visitor)

Apologies: Sgt Brad Cooper (WA Police); David Pigram (South Metropolitan Population Health Unit); Daniele Prongue (South Metro Community Drug Service)

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

Karin introduced Amma Buckley from Curtin University who has been employed by SWMPF to undertake evaluations of all of the 4 initiatives that SWMPF is undertaking including the Davis Park project.

2. Volunteer to take minutes

Alison Lawrie (FMC)

3. How we are going to measure the impact of our project – Dr Amma Buckley, Curtin University.

Amma and Karin have developed a Program Logic which provides a picture of the project, including its resources, proposed activities, outputs, and outcomes. Amma will be using a range of data sources to inform the evaluation, including pre and post project surveys, interviews and focus groups.

There was some discussion about existing shared project outcomes and there was agreement to change one of these from “*Davis Park has improved image in the media and the wider community*” to;

“*Residents and wider community report Davis Park is a good place to live*”

4. Approval of minutes of meeting 19th June 2015

The minutes were approved without change.

5. Update on actions arising from the minutes

Davis Park sign

Karin updated the group regarding feedback from the SWMPF Steering Committee regarding the proposed use of SWMPF funds to purchase a sign for Davis Park. This proposal was not approved on the grounds that such a sign was the responsibility of the relevant local government.

Karin has sourced a quote for the sign, and there is still general agreement that the community should be involved in providing a history of Davis Park on the sign. There was a suggestion that there be a specific Davis Park sign project group once funding has been identified.

Actions:

- Karin to continue discussions to source funds to design and install a Davis Park sign.

CoF upgrades to lighting in Davis Park

Mike reported that there will be upgrades to lighting in three of the Davis Park laneways. The 20k crime prevention grant is funding one of these upgrades and the CoF is contributing another 40K towards lighting upgrades in two other laneways. A contract has been awarded and it will be around 3 months before the lighting will be actually installed. Feedback from residents suggested that the improved lighting in the upgraded playground area is already making a difference to residents feeling safer.

Residents advised that improved lighting around Conway and Fifth would improve a sense of safety in the area.

City of Fremantle was acknowledged and thanked by the working group for contributing further funds to upgrade lighting in the Davis Park area.

SMYL offer of a mobile classroom for the Davis Park area

Julie reported that SMYL has access to a mobile classroom which could be made available to Davis Park area which could be a focus for meetings and activities.

Issues:

- Access to power
- Cost of moving and insuring the classroom could be around \$100/day
- Where classroom could be parked overnight

Actions:

- Julie to speak with SMYL board about the possibility of subsidizing the cost of the daily cost of the classroom while it is being used in the Davis Park area
- Karin to explore possibility of using SWMPF funding to kick start use of the mobile classroom

- Mike to discuss with CoF re where the classroom could best be placed and whether it can access the power in the park
- Karin to talk with SFSHS re possibility of the classroom being parked at the school overnight for security reasons

Davis Park Facebook page

Karin and Bianca to arrange meeting with Geri Hardy at SFSHS re development and administration of a Davis Park Facebook page.

Action: Karin to introduce Bianca to Geri at SFSHS

SWMPF /Davis Park branding

This is an ongoing issue which has been listed as an agenda item by Karin for the next SWMPF Leadership Group meeting

All other actions completed or followed up as agenda items at the meeting.

6. Update on Davis Park position (DSS Grant) – Alison Lawrie

Alison Lawrie has accepted the position of Davis Park Program Manager which is a position funded by the Department of Social Services as a result of a successful Fremantle Multicultural Centre DSS Community Capacity grant application. This is a 12 month position to the end of June 2016. The project aims to support the achievement of the shared outcomes of the Davis Park working group with a particular emphasis upon community engagement and leadership development in the area.

Over the last week particular achievements have included

- Development of a rolling operational plan to direct the activity of the PM
- Setting up of a regular communication schedule with the DPWG chair and FMC OM, and the DPWG.
- Beginning to door knock in the Davis Park area to meet with residents, share information about the DPWG, development of a contact list, and encouragement of residents to attend the DPWG.
- Meeting with Jenny Brooks, Manager Customer Services DH to gain feedback and insights regarding Davis Park strategies.
- Set meeting with UCW IFSS and DCPFS re the development of strategies to address parenting in the area.

7. Debrief: NAIDOC and City of Fremantle morning teas

NAIDOC – Stephen Loo

Stephen and Karin reported that while the event was very well organized and had many wonderful activities, it was not well attended. The issue re event promotion and community engagement to attend was again raised. It was felt that flyers alone were not a sufficient strategy to promote events , and that more community input is necessary to ensure community engagement and attendance.

City of Fremantle Morning Tea to launch new playground

The CoF new playground was launched on 17 July. The playground has been well received by residents with young children. Families were encouraged through door knocking to attend the event on the morning and some of these were families who had previously been too afraid to go into the park.

Buster the Fun Bus staff were present and were able to reconnect with a few Davis Park families that have attended Buster in the past. Photos were taken of families enjoying the new area and copies of these photos have been given to families. The City of Fremantle was again congratulated on the upgrades to the playground and Davis Park in general.

8. Events Schedule August and beyond

CoF and FMC are collaborating to have regular scheduled youth engagement events in Davis Park through August, September and October. No other events are currently scheduled as yet but it was emphasized that the development of a regular scheduled events is an important community engagement strategy in the area.

9. Update on parenting sub group – Karen Chalcraft/Alison Lawrie

UCW IFSS held school holiday activity for children out the front of Bianca Gabrielson's house. Very successful, now just wanting to establish a regular presence in the area. Alison has convened another meeting on 19th August in Davis Park to progress planning for the development of parenting strategies.

Action:

Parenting sub group to be reconvened on 19th August 10 -11am in Davis Park

10. Update on young people sub-group – Julie Mitchell

Young People sub group was held on 29 July. Brad Robbins has resigned from PCYC Hilton and so is no longer involved. Davis Pigram has changed role at the Health Department and his ongoing involvement on the DPWG Young People sub group is unclear. Travis Young and Megan Milligan attended from the South Metropolitan Population Health Unit with Julie from SMYL. A number of young people had been identified through David's youth leadership group and through Headspace to engage.

Karin raised the possibility of applying for a \$5K grant through the Department of Sport and Rec to resource recreational activities for disengaged youth in the area. Given CoF's youth recreation engagement and the Make Your Mark project happening through August, Sept and October, it was recommended that application for further funding be delayed until feedback is obtained from these youth engagement projects.

There was discussion about the need for a youth outreach worker in the area, but there are no resources available currently to support this.

Action

- Davis Park Project Manager – Alison Lawrie to join the youth sub group and help to resource the group’s activities with the view to developing a funding strategy to employ a youth outreach worker
- Julie to convene another youth sub group meeting
- Karin to follow up re David Pigram’s involvement in the working group.

11. Update on housing and police

Vicky reported that she believed that there had been less antisocial behavior occurring in the area requiring police attention.

She suggested however that there might be “succession planning” that has been put in place by a known drug dealer in the area to get others to deal drugs on his behalf. Residents report that there is still one active drug dealing household in the area and that there are drug affected people coming into the area regularly and squatting and causing a nuisance. There is a known address in White Gum Valley which is thought to be the source of this drug use.

Vicky also reported that there had been reports of illegal dumping of rubbish in the area with one report of a truck allegedly from the Town of Cottesloe dumping rubbish on a verge on Caesar Street Beaconsfield. There has been a recent clean-up of verges in the area as a result of good communication between Vicky and Brian Chester of CoF.

12. Update on Make Your Mark project – Alison Lawrie/Mike Pforr

CoF Youth recreation Officers are holding sport/parkour activity in Davis Park on Thursday afternoons from 27th August over 8 weeks. On several afternoons, Darren Hutchens a local street artist has been commissioned by Fremantle Multicultural Centre to run consecutive workshops to gain ideas from young people as to what they would like painted on the Davis Park basketball court as part of the Make your Mark project.

13. Any other business

Community garden

An organization called Growing Change has approached Karin about collaborating with the DPWG and Davis Park community to help to establish a community garden in the area.

Action

Karin will forward the details to Alison to follow up

Buster the Fun Bus

Buster will be returning to Davis Park in term 4/ November



Next Meeting: 11th September at 9.30.