

## Minutes

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

Tues, 4 July 2017 (9.30am – 11.00am)  
St Patrick's Boardroom

**Temporary Chair:** Judy Walls (SWMPF)

**Participants:** Jaimy Hayward (Disability Services Commission); Louise Ainsworth (City of Fremantle), Mike Butler (WA Police), Amanda Crow (Crossroads – St Pats)

**Apologies:** Julie Mitchell (SMYL); Hannah Fitzhardinge (Councillor) Kate Seery (Fremantle Early Learning Centre); Gareth Griffiths (Palmerston); Hannah Fitch-Rabbitt (Fremantle Foundation) Pascal Veyradier (City of Fremantle); Stephen Loo (DCPFS), Jennifer Valiseni (City of Fremantle).

**Minutes:** Judy Walls

1. **Welcome, introduction and apologies-** Acknowledgement of NAIDOC week and the impact of this on members' attendance was noted. Welcome to Mike Butler (Police Sergeant – Beaconsfield) & Amanda Crow (Crossroads –St Pats). Farewell to Emma Beck (DCPFS) and Sharon Bornshin (Housing Authority).
2. **Minutes of meeting 26 May, 2017** – revisions provided by Louise.
3. **Updates:**
  - a. *Gazebo* – Judy visited the park today and found that the Gazebo was under construction and should be completed by Thurs 6 July. The positioning of the Gazebo was over the existing seating, rather than in another area of the park as had been previously suggested.
  - b. *Sign* – the Sign has not yet been placed in the park, however Louise provided a copy for the members to view. The group did not feel that the sign met the original purpose of providing a sense of community.  
**Action:** Judy to follow up with City of Fremantle to see if the sign has been produced, and if not, determine if there is an opportunity to alter it.
  - c. *Redevelopment & Community Consultation Process*-Louise provided an update on the community consultation process to date – the on-line consultation process has closed and a number of options were being developed for the greater Beaconsfield area. Feedback to community would begin in August, and Louise would consider how to link in with agencies' plans for events in order to feedback to Davis Park residents. In early 2018 the Masterplan would be ready. At that time the Housing Authority would begin their planning processes around redevelopment of the housing stock.

- d. *Unsafe disposal of syringes* – Judy provided feedback from WASUA around the risks of promoting residents picking up discarded syringes. Whilst the working group does not promote such activities, it is clear that residents do pick up discarded needles it was felt that providing awareness raising on the safe disposal of such equipment would provide a harm reduction outcome. Further attempts will be made to find out from City of Fremantle Community Safety Officers as to the policy and practice around sharps in parks, and where ultimate responsibility lies for picking them up (**Judy & Louise**). Further information will also be sought from Dept of Health regarding policy & practice in safe disposal in community settings (**Amanda**). This information will be brought back to the next meeting for discussion and planning.
- e. *Sharps box* – new sharps box against the fence has not been put in place.  
**Action:** Judy will follow up with Pascal.
- f. *Community / resident engagement* – new ways of engaging residents were discussed, which were more positive and less risky in terms of reprisals. Focusing on younger women or older residents in different groups was suggested, whereby residents could come together around a positive issue such as parenting or engaging in the redevelopment process. It was considered that these groups might meet with limited involvement of the working group, so as not to intimidate them. Then possibly a representative from those groups could attend the working group meetings. It was suggested that the working group think through engagement options to be discussed at the next meeting.  
**Action:** Jaimy to follow up on a parenting group which Pascal had mentioned, and to try to organize a few younger women to join together to discuss local issues.  
**Action:** Judy to follow up on Buster the Fun Bus to see if it could schedule future visits to Davis Park.
- g. *Safety* – the issue of closing off the alley beside the Early Learning Centre was again raised. It was not considered necessarily the best option, and the previous suggestion of moving the fence boundary of one of the properties was raised again. Louise to follow up.
4. **SWMPF Leadership Group/Working Group Updates**  
Insufficient time.
5. **Working group member updates** – Nil.
6. **Next Meeting**  
August 1, 2017. 9.30-11.30 in Davis Park – meet at the Gazebo.