

**Minutes  
'Our Davis Park' Working Group  
11.00am-1.00pm, Friday 13 February 2015  
Dick Lawrence Oval, Lefroy Road, Beaconsfield**

**Chair:** Colin Alston (Area Manager, Disability Services Commission)

**Participants:** Mike Pforr (City of Fremantle), David Pigram (South Metro Population Health Unit), Jody Hansen (South Metro Population Health Unit), Karen Chalcraft (UnitingCare West), Alison Lawrie (Fremantle Multicultural Centre), William Toon (Fremantle Foundation), Stephen Loo (Department of Child Protection and Family Support), Sgt Brad Cooper (WA Police), Julie Mitchell (SMYL), Karin Mac Arthur (SWMPF)

**Davis Park residents:** Karen Anderson, Allira Bolton, Bianca Gabrielson, Nikita Woods

**Visitor:** Jenni Gordon (SWMPF)

**1. Apologies**

Jayne Hickman (Department of Housing); Rebecca Slavin (PCYC); Daniele Prongue (South Metro Community Drug Service)

**2. Approval of minutes of meeting 12 December 2014**

Approved without change.

**3. Update on actions arising from the minutes**

- UCW: Parenting support program. This is due to be implemented in March; however a couple of obstacles have been encountered regarding the DPCFS liaison officer and venue. Stephen Loo to meet with Karen to ensure DPCFS Parent Support team are provided with the necessary information to release an officer to assist with this program. Mike advised Karen about the City of Fremantle's booking/subsidy procedure.
- Fremantle Multicultural Centre to follow up on mediation service.
- Buster the Fun Bus to trial gardening activities at its Tuesday session. DSC keen to explore opportunities to engage people with disabilities in horticulture activities at Davis Park.
- Fremantle Multicultural Centre to work with City of Fremantle Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at Davis Park where they'll be hold hip hop/break dance and facilitate art designs created by the community.

- Feedback from Julie (SMYL) re youth services in the area: - Scholarships are available for training programs if young people are referred appropriately. Refer to the Department of Training's website for brokers listed to facilitate referrals for under 24s. Over 24s are open referral.

#### **4. Local policing update**

Brad reported on the progress of the new community policing model. He and his staff now have a more regular presence in Beaconsfield/Davis Park and are building relationships. They also have developed a very good relationship with South Fremantle SHS. He advised that his team is charged with engagement and investigation only. For emergency and life threatening situations residents should continue to call 000.

#### **5. 2015 action plan**

- Davis Park event calendar: Working group members asked to provide Colin with details about events they can organize so we have a schedule for the year. This will then be posted on the SWMPF website.

**Action:** Colin to distribute calendar to members for completion.

- DSS community capacity application: \$100,000 grant available to employ a project officer from July 2015 (12 months) to drive the work of the Davis Park working group. This will include identifying 10 residents with the potential to become community leaders and who would receive training. Position will be based at Freo Multicultural Centre.
- Mike gave an update on the park renovation, which is progressing well. The new swings (one of the top 4 requests from residents) are now installed, and will be followed in due course with a scooter path, redeveloped basketball court, and play logs. All residents will be invited to leave their handprints in the concrete around the scooter path.
- Grant possibilities: Karin advised Lotterywest had contacted her to arrange a meeting to discuss possible funding opportunities. The working group agreed she should highlight the residents' request for some form of drop in centre.

#### **6. Davis Park baseline data collection feedback**

Thanks to the collective efforts of the outreach officers of St Pat's Street to Home and Crossroads teams, Ruah Inreach and Anglicare WA, all 231 households at Davis Park have been given the opportunity to complete our survey (collecting our baseline data).

Feedback from the surveys indicates that while there is a very high level of awareness about the Our Davis Park project, many residents are afraid of getting involved because they fear possible repercussions. This feedback requires the working group to review its current community development approach and will be a key focus of ongoing discussions.

### **7. Change of working group meeting Friday 6 March**

This scheduled meeting needs to be changed as a result of a clash that now occurs with the re-scheduled SWMPF Leadership Group.

### **8. Date of next meeting**

9:00am, Friday 27 February.

### **9. Any other business:**

- David Pigram provided information on the Hey Dad program.
- **Action:** David to provide detailed presentation to the next meeting on this important program.
- Urban Youth Crew hip hop could be funded by SMPHU for activity.
- Youth forum 26<sup>th</sup> Feb @ PCYC potentially set up youth ref. group.
- SMYL has computers to give away as a result of their impending move; DSC has furniture to give away following its recent move.
- Residents attending the meeting agreed that social media, and in particular the introduction of an Our Davis Park Facebook page, would provide the best way to communicate information and events to all residents. Karin to follow up.