

Minutes

Meeting of the SWMPF Our Davis Park Working Group

Thursday, 12 March 2015

9.00am – 11.00am

Dick Lawrence Oval, Lefroy Road, Beaconsfield

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

Participants: Mike Pforr (City of Fremantle); Stephen Johnston (Department of Social Services); Alison Lawrie (Fremantle Multicultural Centre); Sgt Brad Cooper (WA Police); David Pigram (South Metropolitan Population Health Unit); Karin Mac Arthur (Community Partnership Broker, SWMPF)

Apologies: Stephen Loo (Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Daniele Prongue (Community Drug Service - Palmerston); Karen Chalcraft (UnitingCare West); Bill Toon (Fremantle Foundation)

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

2. Volunteer to take minutes

Alison Lawrie

3. Approval of minutes of meeting 13 February 2015

The working group introduced a few amendments to the minutes, which have now been posted on the SWMPF website.

4. Update on actions arising from the minutes

Aboriginal Mediation Service

AMS have indicated difficulty contacting some of the parties referred to them for mediation.

WA Police have access to a mediation unit headed by Rob Skitteris formerly of the Ethnic Diversity Unit.

Actions:

Brad to refer matter to Rob Skitteris for possible Police mediation

Davis Park Survey Feedback

Karin reported that there was widespread feedback that Davis Park residents were aware of the SWMPF Davis Park Working Group but there was some reluctance to engage with the process for fear of repercussions.

SMYL

SMYL and DSC will have furniture and computers to donate due to office moves

Police Report

Brad reported increasingly positive engagement with the Davis Park community. Discussion was had about the importance of being able to capture this qualitative information through possible interviews with community policing squad at some point.

PCYC

Brad Robbins has taken over from Rebecca as manager of the Fremantle PCYC and will be joining the Davis Park working group.

5. Update on UCW/DCPFS Parenting Program

Neither UCW or DCPFS was present to discuss the progress towards implementing a parent support program. Alison offered to facilitate a meeting between DCPFS and UCW to progress this program.

Actions:

Karin to follow up with DCPFS and UCW and advise that Alison would be in touch to organize a meeting to discuss the parenting issues in the park. Alison to arrange an informal meeting to brainstorm ideas after she comes back from leave on the 24th March.

6. Update on garden (Buster the Fun bus) and DSC/SMYL trainees

Mike provided update regarding the Buster the Fun Bus. 2 – 7 families are attending regularly. Not having any problems with unsupervised children coming along, which was a feature of the previous attempt to have Buster in the Davis Park.. Belinda from DCPFS still attending to help support the initiative. Buster will be in Davis Park up until Easter and then will stop going due to the wet weather. Plan is for it to return to the park in December. Colin reported that he met with the Buster coordinator about the garden initiative. This may occur during a Harmony Day event on the 24th March.

Actions:

- Davis Park Working group members to advertise the Harmony day event to their clients in the area
- Colin to organize photographs of the event

7. Update on Davis Park position; Crime Prevention grant ; DSS Strengthening Communities Grant

Alison reported that work had begun developing the Activity Plan for the new “Our Davis Park” Project worker role in conjunction with Colin and Karin. The position won’t be active until July. Steven advised that DSS is very interested and invested in the Our Davis Park project. He advised that he would be retiring from DSS in three weeks’ time and that his replacement on the working group would be Peter Ryan. The Working Group thanked Stephen for his valuable contribution to the Working group and encouraged him to continue participation in a community member capacity.

Crime Prevention Grant

Mike reported that City of Fremantle had been successful in its grant application for \$20,000 to improve lighting. The City has begun exploring options in relation to improving the lighting in the Davis Park area. An alleyway running between Caesar Street and Davis Park has been identified as being a possible site for a lighting upgrade. Bollard Lighting is being explored as a possible option.

PCYC have not been advised as to the outcome of their Crime Prevention Grant application as yet.

Actions:

- Alison to continue to draft the Our Davis Park Project Activity Plan in conjunction with the Working Group and feed back at regular intervals.
- Mike to continue feedback the Council’s progress in undertaking the lighting upgrade

8. Aboriginal Dads’ Program – Presentation by David Pigram

David provided an overview of the “Hey Dad” fathering program specifically targeting Aboriginal men.

The Working Group agreed that this initiative would be a valuable contribution when discussing parenting issues and interventions in Davis Park. The idea was raised of identifying a Davis Park Dad who could undertake the “Hey Dad” training who could then run the course in the Davis Park area himself,

Actions:

- David to explore the costs and availability of having a “Hey Dad” workshop for Davis Park Dads.
- David to be involved in the discussions with UCW/DCPFS and FMC regarding parenting strategies.

9. Event Schedule – Update re Harmony Week (FMC) - March 2015; Hip Hop Dance (Fremantle Arts Festival) – Easter Saturday; Youth Week (Urban Youth Crew – David Pigram) – April 2015

Harmony Week – FMC are unable to hold a Harmony Week event in the Davis Park area during the actual Harmony Week 16th – 21st, however FMC will be supporting the CoF Buster the Fun Bus Harmony Day event on the 24th March.

FMC/ CoF/ Fremantle Foundation Grant Paint the Davis Park Basketball Court Project

CoF/FMC are collaborating to hold an event in Davis Park on the 4th April which will hopefully incorporate the beginning of a community engagement strategy around the “Paint the Davis Park Basketball Court” project. This project will be funded in part by the Fremantle Foundation grant to FMC. A Street Artist is being commissioned to work with the community to identify designs to reflect cultural diversity in the park to be painted on the Basketball Court. Karin highlighted the idea of having residents’ handprints being incorporated in the design.

Youth Week 11th April – PCYC Hilton

PCYC Hilton had indicated last December that they might hold a youth week event in Davis Park – it is unclear since the change of coordinator whether this is still occurring.

YouthWeek – Davis Pigram – Urban Youth Crew

David will follow up with Urban Youth Crew about a possible Hip Hop activity in Davis Park.

Actions:

- Alison/Mike to ensure that photographs are taken of the Buster and Beat Box events
- Alison /FMC to develop up a flyer to advertise the “ Paint the Basketball Court” project
- David to follow up with Urban Youth Crew about a possible Hip Hop event in the Park
- Karin to follow up with Brad Robbins at PCYC re Youth Week event

10. Proposal to hold informal gathering at Davis Park this month – for discussion

Colin raised the idea of holding the next Working Group Meeting in Davis Park itself to encourage as much participation from residents themselves. Morning tea to be provided.

Actions:

Colin to organize agenda for the event which highlights achievements to date. Colin to organize morning tea and photographs of the event.

11. Volunteer to progress South Fremantle SHS project to develop Facebook page for Davis Park residents

Karin has met with South Fremantle SHS Principal who has expressed willingness to involve SFSHS students in helping to establish a Facebook page for Davis Park. This needs a Davis Park Community resident to drive.

Actions:

Colin to include on next meetings agenda call to the community for a volunteer to help to work with SFSHS students to set up and manage the Davis Park Facebook site.

12. Any other business

- **Strategies to promote SMYL scholarships among young people in Davis Park**

Discussion was had around ways to promote the opportunities for young people to gain scholarships for training and education.

Actions:

This matter to be included on the next meeting's agenda

13. Next meeting

27th March 9am – 11am – Davis Park