

## Minutes

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

**Friday, 27 March 2015  
9.00am – 10.30am  
Davis Park, Beaconsfield**

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

**Participants:** Emma Beck (Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Karen Chalcraft (UnitingCare West); Mike Pforr (City of Fremantle); Alison Lawrie (Fremantle Multicultural Centre); Sergeant Brad Cooper (WA Police); David Pigram (South Metropolitan Population Health Unit); Allira Bolton, Karen Anderson (Davis Park residents)

**Apologies:** Stephen Loo (Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Daniele Prongue (Community Drug Service - Palmerston); Stephen Johnston (Department of Social Services); Karin Mac Arthur (Community Partnership Broker, SWMPF)

#### **1. Welcome, introduction and apologies**

#### **2. Davis Park Update**

Colin Alston delivered key findings from the survey undertaken in Davis Park over December 2014/January 2015. The survey was designed to obtain baseline data to measure the impact of the Our Davis Park project.

**Action:** The report will be available to working group members at a later date.

#### **Vandalism of vacant houses in the area**

It was raised that there are a few houses that are currently vacant. All of the properties have been vandalised. Police have been called to all of the properties.

#### **Physical Abuse of individuals in the area**

Alison reported that a number of individuals have been targeted recently. One individual has been physically assaulted and required medical

treatment. Concerns have been raised that violence has increased in the area recently. Police have attended a number of call outs.

### 3. Parenting Support Group

A meeting between UCW, FMC and South Metropolitan Population Health Unit will be convened shortly. The purpose is to finalise the dates, delivery and support/resources to run a parenting support group.

**Action:** Emma Beck will report to Glenn Mace to ensure that a representative who is familiar with Davis Park attends this meeting.

### 4. Police Report

Sergeant Brad Cooper delivered a brief update regarding crime statistics in the area. He reported that the number of incidents reported over the past few weeks have increased. Concerns raised are lack of community involvement and a culture of community bullying.

Allira felt that it would be a good idea for Davis Park to explore the history of the area – e.g. the area was originally built for male migrant workers. It was discussed mapping the area could be a potential project in the future.

**Action:** To raise at a later date as a future project.

### 5. City of Fremantle Report

#### **Buster:**

Mike reported that Buster had 6-7 families attend the Harmony Day event. The city feels that the reintroduction of Buster into the area has been a success. Due to wet weather and to ensure the whole community benefits from this program, Buster will be moving to a different location in Terms 2 and 3. Mike indicated that Buster would return in Term 4.

#### **Crime Prevention Grant:**

Mike spoke about using the grant toward lighting in the alleyways. The City will be undertaking an assessment.

**Action:** Mike to report back to the group once the outcome of the assessment is available.

### 6. Youth Forum

David reported that the youth forum had an excellent turn out. Key themes of the forum were an introduction to the Aboriginal health team, and an introduction to leadership (facilitated by South Metropolitan Youth Link - SMYL).

Follow-up sessions are planned for next week, and then the group will meet on a fortnightly basis.



**Action:** David to report back to the group at the next meeting.

**7. Next meeting**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 9am Dick Lawrence Club Rooms.