



Minutes

Meeting of the SWMPF Our Davis Park Working Group

Tuesday, 6 February 2018

9.30am – 11.30am

Davis Park, Beaconsfield

Chair: Julie Mitchell (SMYL)

Participants: Judy Walls (SWMPF); Stephen Loo (DoC-Child Protection); Nadeem Kahn & Kim Metcalf (DoC-Housing); Hannah Filtzhardinge (Councillor); Jaimy Hayward (Disability Services Commission); Gareth Griffiths (Palmerston); Pascal Veyradier (City of Fremantle); Sgt Phil Gazzone (WAPOL); Louise Ainsworth (City of Fremantle); Julie Gorman (Fremantle PCYC); Simone Ireland (Reclink); Judith, Lois, John, Miraby, and Maria (residents)

Apologies: Catherine Hollingworth (CAMHS); Hannah Fitch-Rabbitt (Fremantle Foundation); Amanda Crow (Crossroads – St Pats); Snr Constable Michael Butcher (WAPOL); Snr Sgt Brad Warburton (WAPOL)

Minutes: Julie Mitchell

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies-

John McBain - Acknowledgement of Country

Round the table introductions and a number of new attendees outlined their role/interest:

- Phil Gazzone- attending as proxy for Brad Warburton, provided an overview of his role to look at crime in the community and identify opportunities to reduce. Phil reviews the call outs and crime stoppers reports to direct police activities.
- John McBain – Aust. City Farms and Community Gardens Network President.
- Lois (resident) is looking to make a positive change and help the local children. Focus on stamping out crime in DP.
- Margret (resident) has been involved in various working groups. Lot of changes to the park, but not seen any change in behavior. Waiting for the redevelopment to occur.
- Nadeem Khan-acting RM Housing advised Steve Altham had moved on and new RM Sally Farnham was due to commence 12 Feb.



2. Minutes of meeting 21 November 2017- not tabled

3. Business Arising

a. Community Champions

Lois identified the need for local residents to be community champions at the November meeting. Since then a lot of work has been happening behind the scenes. Lois provide an over view of her vision for a community centre with a focus of bringing parents and children back together; food brings groups together. Significant drug and alcohol problem, time to step up and do something. Lois is a chef and youth worker. Number of teenagers who should be attending school, lack of education further contributes to the disruptive behavior, stealing and dealing.

Phil provided an over view of the local police structure and how service/police activity is planned. Phil advised that in order to respond police need more information through Crime Stoppers. Crime stats for Beaconsfield have been low, but starting to increase.

General discussion around local issues, cause and impact on residents. Margaret suggested that it was not easy to get local residents to get involved in community issues, as people just wanted to stay inside their houses.

Discussion about community connection and information sharing and the use of social media. Texting was identified as the most successful method, issue that mobile phone numbers change frequently. Public notice board most effective with older residents.

b. Community Centre

Hannah (Councilor) confirmed that the Minister for Housing (Peter Tinley) had approved the use of the property in O'Reilly CI as a community centre, and that the maintenance and cleaning would be covered by the Dept of Housing. Hannah also confirmed that the CoF would consider taking the lease, but were looking for a sub-lessee to take on management and day-to-day running of the centre, and hold the key.

General discussion raised some key issues:

1. Management of centre – who will manage this?
2. A risk assessment / management plan was required
3. Grow, cook and eat food effective in connecting community



4. Relationships between Police and community need to be strong to address safety issues.
5. Security of the premises
6. Who would use the centre
7. Housing has \$\$ to bring the building up to scratch-work would be dictated by the intended use
8. Drive must come from community-minimum 4-6 residents required to manage the centre. Lois to follow up.
9. Important not to raise expectations in community until the bureaucratic issues are resolved.
10. Suggestion-maintenance/renovation of building be undertaken with residents/community involvement to build ownership/buy in.

A key to the site was obtained and working group members took a walk through the premises to determine what was required in terms of renovations, and if it would be fit for purpose.

4. Other business

Julie G advised that PCYC is looking at a breakfast program and could bus kids from DP to PCYC.

5. Next meeting:

A follow-up meeting to address some of the safety and process issues is planned for **9.30am in the park on Tuesday 20 February.**

Other agenda items to be held over until the next DPWG meeting 6 March 2018