

Minutes

Meeting of the SWMPF Our Davis Park Working Group

Friday, 8 May 2015

9.00am – 11.00am

Dick Lawrence Oval, Lefroy Road, Beaconsfield

Chair: Colin Alston (Disability Services Commission)

Participants: Mike Pforr (City of Fremantle); Mel Croke (Department of Housing); Karen Chalcraft (UnitingCare West); Alison Lawrie (Fremantle Multicultural Centre); Sgt Brad Cooper (WA Police); David Pigram (South Metropolitan Population Health Unit); Stephen Loo (Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Julie Mitchell (SMYL); Margaret McKenzie (Davis Park resident); Karin Mac Arthur (SWMPF)

Apologies: Peter Ryan (Department of Social Services)

- 1. Welcome, introduction and apologies**
- 2. Volunteer to take minutes**
Julie Mitchell (SMYL)
- 3. Approval of minutes of meeting 27 March 2015**
The minutes were approved without change.
- 4. Update on actions arising from the minutes**
All actions have been undertaken. .

Karin advised she would keep a record of the important ideas and recommendations raised at these meetings so we don't lose sight of these as a result of other immediate imperatives.

- 5. Update on meeting with key stakeholders re vacant houses and spike in vandalism/anti-social behavior**
Mel advised that there had been an increase in the vandalism and a recent flair up should settle following changes in O'Reilly Street. Clear boundaries have been set and residents are aware of the consequences.

Improved communication channels between services have improved response time and positive outcomes.

Actions:

Nil

6. Feedback on Beat the Streets/Make your Mark 4 April

Mike outlined the event held over the Easter weekend at Davis Park that involved Break dance Hip Hop at the Esplanade and a performance at David Park. Approx 50 people attended the event from a broad cross section.

In conjunction with the event designs were sought from young people for the basketball court upgrade and the Make Your Mark project. Local artist Darren Hutchinson to coordinate the art work/design.

Karin congratulated Mike and the CoF for making the commitment for such a high level event at Davis Park. Alison provided feedback and cited an example of a very positive response from a young resident.

Christina George (CoF) has produced a video of the event.

Some discussion about the difficulty with finding Davis Park as the locale does not 'Google'.

Actions:

- Mike to send Karin some pics of the event for uploading on the website.
- Karin to investigate the possibility of getting a sign for Davis Park.

7. Update on Davis Park position (DSS grant)

Alison reported that FMC still negotiating an activity plan with funding body. Delay in recruiting due to internal issues.

Actions:

Alison to circulate JDF prior to advertisement of the position.

8. Update on new lighting for Davis Park (Crime Prevention grant)

Mike reported that City of Fremantle had progressed the lighting plan with poles now the preferred option. Priority will be the laneway between Bruce Lee oval and Davis Park, (most often tagged location). Then other locations depending on \$\$.

CoF proposes a survey of residents to gauge increase safety after lighting has been installed. Discussion about the best method- suggested door knock of immediate residents to ensure a response as most home during the day and feed from visiting services.

CoF will send a letter to residents advising of the upgrade to the playground. Work expected to take 2-3 weeks, commencing in about 2 weeks.

Actions:

CoF to survey immediate residents and DCP, Housing and other visits to collect responses where available.

9. Update on Youth Forum 16 March

David indicated about 40 young people between 11-17yo attended with most of the participants aged between 15-16. Group discussion focused on identifying positive engagement strategies that included fishing, camping, basketball, cooking and art. Follow up has been difficult as forms and consents not completed.

Actions:

Nil

10. Update on parent support program and sub-group meeting

Karen provided feedback on the protective behaviors program proposed for the students from the three primary schools with further activities planned to engage parents.

Alison provided clarification on the discussion and minutes from the working group, specifically in relation to the mandated attendance notes and parent participation. The discussion centred on two ideas- one a prevention and the other a systemic response.

Mel advised that housing does advise DCP where actions impact on young people under 16.

Karin provided some clarity on the engagement of Winterfold PS in the SWMPF's At Risk 8 – 13 year olds project and asked for the officers involved to coordinate approaches to the Principal.

The working group agreed that the program should be run in all three schools Hilton, Winterfold and Beaconsfield to enable maximum parental participation.

Karin also thanked FMC for volunteering to provide hospitality, but confirmed that SWMPF would meet this cost.

Actions:

- Karin to put officers working with Winterfold PS as part of the SWMPF at risk 8-13 year olds project in touch with those working

on the parent support programs in order to coordinate approaches to Winterfold PS.

11. **Event Schedule**

Make Your Mark-27 June 2015. Project to commence 4 weeks prior, Thursday afternoons after school.

NADOIC-July. CoF will have a number of activities at the Aboriginal cultural centre near the roundhouse.

Stephen Loo to organize morning tea with story telling and damper in Davis Park.

Karin stressed the importance of locking in a series of regular, informal events to help build relations in this fragmented community. This project will only be sustainable if we build the community's capacity to drive this project and its various initiatives.

Actions:

- Alison to email information re Make Your Mark events to working group.
- Stephen to look at organizing morning tea during NAIDOC week. Stephen to advise working group members of any assistance required.

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

On hold until the Residence Association is functioning.

Actions:

Karin to contact SFSHS to update current position

13. **Any other business**

- **Proposal to have more sub-group meetings (focused on specific issues, such as parent support) in place of 3-weekly meetings**
- Colin suggested a change to the working group meetings to every 6 weeks, with working groups to meet on a more frequent basis. The group agreed to establish the following sub groups:
 Parenting Group: DCPFS, FMC, UCW
 Young People: PCYC, SMPHU, SMYL, CoF and Palmerston
 Housing & Police: WA Police and DoH.

- David Pigram expressed concern that there was an apparent disconnect between the work of this group and that of the At Risk 8-13 year olds.
- Karin advised the group of an approach made by the new social inclusion at DSR who was seeking advice on how the department might support the SWMPF in Davis Park. It was agreed that the single most important priority was to fund a youth outreach worker at Fremantle PCYC.

Actions:

- Karin to email members re coordinator/chair for each working group to formalise the feedback process.
- Karin to send David information about the At Risk 8-13 year olds group so he can see if there are any particular initiatives this group could support.
- Karin to contact DSR to provide working group's feedback.

14. Next meeting

9.00am, Friday, 19 June 2015