

## Minutes

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

**Monday, 23rd September 2014**

**9.00am – 10.30am**

**Dick Lawrence Oval, Lefroy Road, Beaconsfield**

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

**Participants:** Jayne Hickman (Housing Support Officer, Department of Housing); Alison Lawrie (Manager Accommodation Program, Fremantle Multicultural Centre); Kim Marshall (Coordinator, South Metro Community Drug Service); Mike Pforr (Coordinator, Community Development, City of Fremantle); Stephen Johnston (Assistant Director, WA Settlement and Multicultural Affairs, Department of Social Services); David Pigram (Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer, South Metropolitan Population Health Unit); Megan Cromarty (Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer, South Metropolitan Population Health Unit); Sharron Ryan (Senior Child Protection Officer, Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Karin Mac Arthur (Community Partnership Broker, SWMPF)

**Apologies:** Sgt Brad Cooper (WA Police); Delia Parker ((Behaviour and Attendance Officer, Department of Education); Kim Marshall (South Metro Community Drug Service); Stephen Loo (Aboriginal Practice Leader, Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Rebecca Slavin (Manager, Fremantle PCYC)

#### **1. Purpose of Meeting**

- To gain feedback from the working group in relation to the DCPFS - initiated Child Protection Week event that was held in Davis Park on the 13<sup>th</sup> September
- For the City of Fremantle to provide information regarding their Davis Park community consultation in relation to physical upgrades to the park.

#### **2. Feedback from DCPFS Child Protection Week Event**

Sharron Ryan from DCPFS (proxy for Stephen Loo) advised that it was generally thought that the event was successful. It was fine day weather wise - with lots of DCPFS staff in attendance. A number of residents (30 – 50?) with young children

attended and participated. Sharron raised a concern that the event may not have been promoted widely enough as DCPFS only distributed 60 flyers. Jayne said that she had spoken to around 30 residents prior to the event occurring as well. Karin advised that it had been the group's understanding that DCPFS would be ensuring the flyers were distributed to all households in Davis Park.

Notwithstanding this, the group agreed that flyers are not a fail-safe way to promote events as so often they are put in the bin without being read. This raises the issue of how best to promote future events and represents another reason to progress the formation of a functional residents association to help with advertising community events and engagement.

Alison advised that Brad Cooper had taken a lead role in trying to engage 6 – 10 children and young people who were not engaging in the event in the park. This would provide a good foundation to making connections with some of the core young people who can sometimes cause difficulties for other residents. The group agreed that Brad was a fantastic asset to the project.

Thanks were given to those who actively participated in the day such as:

- Department of Housing – for distributing flyers and encouraging residents to participate in the event and residents association
- SMYL– for providing the trestles
- PCYC – for providing the BBQ
- Fremantle Council for providing Buster the Fun Bus, the Information Stall and, of course, the proposed plan for the redevelopment of the Park and attendant community engagement staff
- Uniting Care West for providing the face painting activity
- David – for providing the music!
- Other organization who provided representatives on the day such as FMC, and DSS etc

### **3. City of Fremantle Feedback from their community consultations**

#### *City of Fremantle refurbishment plan*

Mike reported back on the consultations with the Davis Park residents on the day of the DCPFS event. He thanked DCPFS for the opportunity to partner with the Child Protection week event to get feedback from residents about a number of possible initiatives that could be undertaken to refurbish the park with the \$90K plus GST allocation that the Fremantle City Council has made to the area.

Drawings were made by a landscape architect of possible improvements to the Davis Park area and residents were invited to write comments and suggestions on post it notes and attach them to these drawings. Feedback was received from about 30 residents – so about 10% of the total cohort, which is viewed as an acceptable response rate.

The responses were collated and summarized, with a clear top four suggestions identified that the Council could potentially start acting on now. These are:

- Installation of a path to cater for scooters, skateboards, prams, gophers, etc advantages being that a path would be resistant to vandalism. Cost would be approximately \$40K
- Installation of Logs for sitting and playing on throughout the area – around \$5 -\$10K
- Installation of a swing for under 3 year olds - \$5 - \$10 K
- Basketball court – improve surface and line markings

Other suggestions that received support included

- Art work – which could be driven by the FC Art Officer and involve Davis Park children and young people
- Inviting the children and young people to make their hand prints in the wet concrete around the new path (a community event would be held around this).
- Moving location of the playground –to make it more visible from Edgar Court and O’Reilly Close
- Increasing shade in the park though planting of mature trees (approx. \$40K)

Decision making regarding which other initiatives the City will act on will be made following consultation with key stakeholders such as the Davis Park Working group members. The decisions will be informed by what other community funding might be available (eg GreenSkills).

Karin suggested that we delay feedback to the 10<sup>th</sup> October meeting which will discuss specific initiatives that the working group can begin to act upon.

**Actions:**

- Mike will email summary of feedback from the community.
- Karin will present summary of feedback to the residents’ group meeting this evening.
- Working group will meet on 10 October to firm up ideas and initiatives going forward

**4. Residents’ Association**

A flyer inviting Davis Park residents to come to an informal meeting to discuss establishing a residents association has been distributed by Karin, Alison, Jayne, and Mott. In addition, Karin engaged some local children – through Allira – to distribute the flyer to all households.

Karin has been to see each of the people individually who had indicated that they wanted to join the residents association. Karin said that she had discussed with Allira whether those with child minding issues could self-organize so that some of the single parents in the area could attend the meeting about the residents association.

Margaret does not want to have an ongoing role in the activities of the working group or residents association.

Alison raised the issue about the meeting time as it was not a very family friendly time and as most of the Davis Park residents don't work, that the meeting time could be held during the day and in the park.

Karin, Stephen and Colin will be attending the resident's association meeting this afternoon.

### 5. Site Visit on the 17<sup>th</sup> October of Impact100 Grant donors

- Alison asked for members of the Working Group to put aside some time on the 17<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30pm at Davis Park to meet with Impact100 Grant donors regarding the Davis Park project and the FMC Impact100 grant application.
- PCYC and the City of Fremantle will be lodging Crime Prevention applications for projects to support the Davis Park project.

**Next Meeting:** The workshop to develop the group's action plan will be held at 9.00am on Friday 10 October.

Working group meetings will be held thereafter every three weeks, commencing Friday 31 October.