

## **Minutes**

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

**Friday, 31 October 2014**

**9.00am – 11.00am**

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

**Acting Chair:** Karin Mac Arthur (Community Partnership Broker, SWMPF)

**Participants:** Mike Pforr (City of Fremantle); Rebecca Slavin (Fremantle PCYC); Allira Bolton (Davis Park resident); Julie Mitchell (SMYL); Kim Marshall (Palmerston); David Pigram (South Metropolitan Population Health Unit); Stephen Loo (Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Karen Chalcraft (UnitingCare West)

**Proxies:** Jess Wallwork (Department of Housing)

**Apologies:** Colin Alston (LAC Area Manager, Disability Services Commission); Sgt Brad Cooper (WA Police); Stephen Johnston (Department of Social Services); Alison Lawrie (Fremantle Multicultural Centre); Jayne Hickman (Department of Housing); Megan Cromarty (South Metropolitan Population Health Unit); Jayne Hickman (Department of Housing)

#### **2. Volunteer to take the minutes**

Julie Mitchell.

#### **3. Approval of minutes of meeting 10 October 2014**

The minutes were approved without change.

#### **4. Update on actions arising from the minutes**

##### **Action:**

- 4.1 CoF and PCYC submitted tender for lighting in Davis Park and youth outreach program respectively for Crime Prevention grant program.
- 4.2 Community champions that had been supporting the Community Forum and Residents Association have “fallen by the way side”. E.g. Mott experienced bad health and transferred out of the area. It is critical to find new champions to drive this project.

Most of the issues raised at the residents meeting last month related to Police and Department of Housing (DoH) and it was clear it would not be possible to form a Residents Association until these issues have been addressed. A Residents' Forum will therefore be held on 25 November. Alison Lawrie (FMC) has prepared information of systemic housing issues.

4.3 Mike reported that Buster, supported by Belinda from DCPFS, had been at Davis Park Tuesday morning for the past 3 weeks. Eight families have been attending with some of the older residents also joining in. The over 55 walking club will commence next week and continue to the end of November. He noted that Tuesday mornings are therefore a good time to make contact with engaged residents.

4.4 Drug dealing and alcohol abuse. DAWN and Palmerston both very helpful, but neither operate an outreach program. Kim Marshall suggested a Local Drug Action Group that must be community driven may be worth considering.

<http://localdrugaction.com.au/>

Karin has also discussed the issue with Paul Losbey, Manager Fremantle headspace. Headspace requires referrals or self presentation. Mike to talk to Christine regarding the possibility of linking in young people with Headspace. David suggested peer support in the community. Number of people studying Community Services in the area that could be advocates.

4.5 Street ball and Night Hoops –kids had been identified and applications could be signed by DCPFS staff. No applications yet received Davis Park young people. Rebecca can arrange transport for a local pick up point for Night Hoops. Steven to pass on the information to Julie Fitzgerald.

David to explore potential for informal basketball games in DP. Karin to follow-up Julie Duthrie, Yr8-9 Coordinator at SFSHS.

Sea container proposal for a drop in centre is still on the action list but funding is required.

5.5 David mentioned SMPH is looking to establish an Aboriginal Youth Reference Group for health programs. He will provide more information at the next meeting.

5.6 List of Youth Service Providers in the Fremantle region has been circulated. Members to consider possible services we might approach.

5.7 Issue with illegal dumping on street verge. DoH unable to respond if culprit not identified and council can issue fine. Very difficult if rubbish comes from complexes. Jess mentioned collection is often a private company that can profit or council. Rubbish removal is the biggest maintenance cost item for DoH. Mike to advise on the CoF disposal site in Knutsford St. Jess advised out of session that DoH is going to arrange special rubbish collection next week; however, the longer term issue remains to be resolved.

## **5. Finalisation of project outcomes and indicators**

The revised outcomes and indicators were approved without change.

## **6. Finalisation of initial action plan**

### **Action:**

6.1 Karen Chalcraft, UCW, advised that the Parenting Support Program would be ready to commence in 3 weeks' time – six sessions over three months. Check availability of the Dick Lawrence Oval (Colin) where sessions would be held. Project will focus on play activities. UCW staff to visit Buster prior to start to ensure no duplication in services and activities are targeted appropriately. More intensive one to one Family Enhancement Program can be provided if people self refer. Stephen Loo offered DCPFS support staff to assist. Allira Bolton noted the need for activities for 6 to 11 year olds.

6.2 Other activities discussed to date include Aboriginal Dads Program and hip hop -David to follow-up options and provide more information at our next meeting. Any funding required will be sought through the SWMPF.

## **7. Event schedule – members to advise their proposed events**

### **Action:**

7.1 Tuesday 25 November 1-3pm in Davis Park. Brad (Police) and Mel (DoH)- Karin to facilitate. Allira will distribute the promotional material. Karin to provide rugs and water. Mike to see if he can get chairs and portable mic. David, Steve, Rebecca and Julie to provide support and record individual questions as required.

The group agreed it was important to take a very positive approach to this Forum. Rather than ask people again to 'raise their issues', ask them to come to the Forum with their ideas and suggestions to make Davis Park a place where everyone enjoys living. Karin to draft flyer accordingly.

7.2 Colin to sponsor an event during Disability Awareness week first week of December. Suggested a week day event with a focus on multi cultural-bring a plate. Jess suggested DoH OT attend, perhaps HAAC provider and other.

## **8. Working group Terms of Reference – for members' feedback**

**Action:** Feedback to Karin by the 7 November. No response will assume approval.

## **9. Draft survey for Davis Park residents – for members' feedback**

The group agreed that the questions should be made shorter wherever possible. Also that any member of a household could complete the survey – it should not be limited to the 'head' of household.

**Action:** Suggested changes to collect demographics. Julie to seek feedback from language specialist to ensure this is kept as simple and succinct as possible. Karin to then run through survey questions with Allira.

FMC to organize students to complete the survey with residents asap.

### **10. Any other business**

Kim advised she has been appointed to set up a new service delivery site in the south east metro. Danielle Prongue will take over as Palmerston's representative in this working group.

Stephen advised that Glenn (DCPFS District Director) was prepared to commit additional staff resources and program funds to the project.

Mike advised that the swing should be in place by the end of December, with the bike path and logs earlier next year.

Rebecca advised the PCYC was holding an open night as part of the CoF Festival from 5.30pm-9.00pm that night.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 9am on Friday 21 November.