

## Minutes

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

**From 9.00 – 11.00am on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2014  
Dick Lawrence Oval, Lefroy Road, Beaconsfield**

**Chair:** Colin Alston

**Participants:** Mel Croke (Regional Manager, Department of Housing); Jayne Hickman (Housing Officer, Department of Housing); Alison Lawrie (Manager Accommodation Program, Fremantle Multicultural Centre); Karen Chalcraft (Manager, Parenting and Support Unit, UnitingCare West); Stephen Loo (Aboriginal Practice Leader, Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Kim Marshall (Coordinator, South Metro Community Drug Service); Mike Pforr (Coordinator, Community Development, City of Fremantle); Delia Parker (Behavior and Attendance Officer, Department of Education); Stephen Johnston (Assistant Director, WA Settlement and Multicultural Affairs, Department of Social Services); Meg Cromarty and David Pigram (South Metropolitan Population Health Unit), Michael Carter (Perth Indigenous Coordination Centre, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet); Karin MacArthur (Community Partnership Broker, SWMPF)

**Davis Park residents:** Margaret McKenzie, Allira Bolton

**Apologies:** Sgt Brad Cooper, WA Police

#### **1. Welcome**

#### **2. Approval of the minutes**

Minutes dated 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014 were approved without change

#### **3. Business arising from the minutes**

No business arising

#### 4. Debrief 26 July event

- Chair thanked everyone who attended for their contributions in making the event a success.
- Approximately 50 residents attended this event and 38 surveys were completed.
- Things that residents would like to change (three most cited):
  - i) Drug dealers and drugs
  - ii) Environment – syringes, rubbish, graffiti, vandalism, drinking, fighting and
  - iii) Parents not supervising their children, assuming responsibility for their children.

Wishes for the future (five most cited):

- i) To feel safe and secure (possible initiatives – lighting, CCTV, tenant behaviour, Police presence, meaningful engagement of disaffected youth people, newsletter)
  - ii) Parenting support programs (possible initiatives – play groups)
  - iii) All kids going to school, feeling motivated, training pathways, drop in Centre, transport to PCYC)
  - iv) To improve the park and playground (replace sand with matting/carpet; barbeque; public toilet; drinking fountain; urban art; skate park; bike track; improved swings; trampoline) and
  - v) Activities in the Park (clinic footy/basketball, movies, activities for kids)
- The meeting learned that a number of youth congregated just outside the area that the event was held. Once the Police/other agencies had left, the youth started throwing stones/verbally abusing some of the other residents.

#### **Actions to be taken in response to the questionnaire feedback:**

- Signage Board to communicate events (including residents' meeting) – Mike to clarify options and obtain quotations.
- Lighting – park/alley ways – Mike to arrange assessment of the lighting situation at Davis Park i.e. costing/options available etc.
- City of Freo has put aside \$100,000 for the refurbishment of Davis Park. Mike will consider proposed priorities put forward by residents of Davis Park and present the working group with a number of options in line with the proposed budget. Feedback will then need to be obtained from the residents in relation to the proposals.
- Karin to talk to Cameron, City of Freo re: CCTV at Davis Park/or other possible options that may be more effective.

- Karin to ask Brad to advise the working group at its next meeting how the new Policing model will be implemented at Davis Park.
- Mel to attend a future Residents Meeting to offer some practical advice in relation to tenancy issues.
- Colin to link in with the Danny Green Trust re potential funding for a sea container (which could be used as a designated activity Centre for residents of Davis Park)
- **All agencies** represented on the Davis Park working group to review the requests from residents and present proposals at the next meeting as to how they can assist in meeting these. It is understood that the SWMPF will need to source additional funding to enable agencies to allocate additional resources and introduce new services in Davis Park; however, the priority here is to identify what actions could be undertaken within the life of this project.

#### **5. How to engage interested people to support the project**

Approximately 12 additional residents have expressed interested in supporting Our Davis Park. The meeting agreed to hold a community forum, to which all residents would be invited, to discuss how they would like to be involved (it being recognized that not all interested parties could join the working group meetings). It was proposed to hold an afternoon tea for this purpose. We would take this opportunity to seek residents' feedback on the 'Our Davis Park' branding.

#### **6. Action plan arising from 26 July event**

Refer agenda item 4 above.

#### **7. Our Davis Park newsletter**

- Colin to provide Margaret with contact details of graphic designer at TAFE so Margaret can start working on this.

#### **8. Update Davis Park residents' group**

The minutes of the last residents' meeting, held on 6 August, were distributed. While Margaret expressed some concerns about the small numbers attending, it was acknowledged that this is a very important forum to improve communications between residents and one the working group needs to support. A key issue is to demonstrate the value of the residents association for all people living in Davis Park community, regardless of individual personality differences.

#### **9. Volunteer to take minutes at the next meeting**

Stephen Loo.

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

Grants of up to \$1800 are available to hold events during National Child Protection Week, which runs from 7 – 13 September. The meeting agreed to take this opportunity to hold a simple event for the children of Davis Park on Saturday 13 September.

#### **Actions**

- DCPFS to organize event on Saturday 13 September at Davis Park.
- UCW will support DCPFS in this event and facilitate a number of activities for the children and young people at Davis Park.

### **11. Next meeting**

The next meeting of the working group will be held at 9.00am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014 at the Dick Lawrence Oval.