

## Minutes

### Meeting of the SWMPF Davis Park Working Group

9.00am – 11.00am, Friday 13 June 2014

Fifth Avenue Cafe, 199 South Street (Cnr Fifth Avenue), Beaconsfield

**Chair:** Colin Alston (A/Regional Manager, Disability Services Commission)

**Participants:** Mike Pforr (Coordinator, Community Development, City of Fremantle); Rebecca Slavin (Centre Manager, Fremantle Police & Community Youth Centre - PCYC); Julie Mitchell (General Manager, South Metropolitan Youth Link – SMYL); Jenny Brooks (Team Leader, Department of Housing); Bill Toon (Fremantle Foundation); Alison Lawrie (Manager Accommodation Program, Fremantle Multicultural Centre); Kim Marshall (Coordinator, South Metro Community Drug Service); Sharron Ryan (Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Stephen Johnston (Assistant Director, WA Settlement and Multicultural Affairs, Department of Social Services); Megan Milligan (Senior Health Promotion Coordinator, South Metropolitan Public Health Unit); (Karin Mac Arthur, Community Partnership Broker, SWMPF)

**Davis Park residents:** Margaret McKenzie, Chor – Ueang Singleton, Allira Bolton

**Apologies:** Natalie Procino (Manager, International Early Learning Centre); Sgt Brad Cooper (WA Police); Stephen Loo (Aboriginal Practice Leader, Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Sue Rowe (Manager Attendance Behaviour and Wellbeing, Department of Education); Karen Chalcraft (Manager, Parenting and Family Support, UnitingCare West); Hailey Osborne (Communicare)

#### 1. Welcome

Karin handed over the chairing of this group to Colin Alston, who has kindly volunteered to assume this role. He welcomed all participants to the meeting, in particular those attending for the first time: Stephen Johnston from the Commonwealth Department of Social Services; Allira Bolton, a resident of Davis Park; Jenny Brooks, Team Leader with the Department of Housing; Bill Toon, who replaces Dylan Smith as the Fremantle Foundation's representative; Julie

Mitchell, General Manager at SMYL; Rebecca Slavin, Centre Manager at Fremantle PCYC; Megan Milligan from the South Metropolitan Public Health Unit; and Sharron Ryan who attended on behalf of Stephen Loo (while we do not as a rule accept proxies except when people are on leave, the DCPFS has a dedicated group of staff who work with Stephen in relation to Davis Park and are therefore across this working group's discussions).

## **2. Approval of the minutes of meeting 23 May 2014**

The minutes were approved.

## **3. Update on business arising from the minutes**

Karin reported that Dylan Smith had succeeded in securing the participation of the Dockers' Michael (Sonny) Walters to attend our first Davis Park community event. As a result we can now confirm that the first of our community events will be held on **Saturday 26 July** from noon to 2pm.

Colin confirmed that this was the first in a series of community events we will be holding with Davis Park residents. As discussed at our last meeting, the Department of Housing has kindly volunteered to look after the sausage sizzle on 26 July; UnitingCare West indicated at the last meeting it would organize the next event, to be focused on children. Can any other organisations willing to organize an event please let Colin know ([colin.alston@dsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:colin.alston@dsc.wa.gov.au))

Colin reported that he had succeeded in enlisting TAFE's support to assist Margaret McKenzie (or other resident/s) in producing the proposed Davis Park newsletter. TAFE's Desktop Publishing Unit propose to start this next semester. The content of this newsletter will be the subject of a future meeting.

## **4. Davis Park community event, 26 July**

The working group agreed that **all** services represented in the working group would attend the community event on 26 July.

In addition to hitting the ball with the Dockers' Michael Walters, residents will have the opportunity to participate in other activities, including (TBC) PCYC Outreach Streetball program, Buster the Fun bus and, possibly, a basketball game with Brad Robbins. It is hoped that there will be several uniformed Police officers to join in these activities.

Only Davis Park residents will be invited to the event. All services are asked to spread the word among any clients they have in Davis Park. There will also be a letter box drop of a flyer to promote the event, using the working project title of 'Our Davis Park'.

The meeting agreed to work on the basis of a maximum attendance of 100 people.

The meeting agreed to have a marquee for the event, regardless of the weather, as it would be a good indicator to residents that an event is happening.

Outcare have kindly offered to do a clean up of the Park beforehand.

The purpose of this community event is to enable the working group to:

1. Let residents know about the project and show we're here for the long haul.
2. Meet face-to-face with residents.
3. Get feedback from residents on the initiatives that they would like the group to undertake.
4. Get feedback from residents on the project name 'Our Davis Park'.
5. Answer questions from residents about available services and supports.
6. Identify residents who would like to be engaged in the project and receive advice from them as to how best to engage them.
7. Collect data on priority issues, including from non-Davis Park residents who regularly frequent the park.

#### **Actions:**

- **All service providers represented on the working group** to identify member/s of staff to attend the community event. They will be required to 1) assist in completing the one-on-one questionnaires with residents and 2) be visibly present (could be with organizational banner or other sign) so residents know whom to approach with any questions they may have regarding a particular service.
- Karin to develop branding for the Our Davis Park project.
- Karin to draft questionnaire and flyer for the community event. She will distribute both of these drafts to all members before she goes on leave next Friday.
- Karin to contact Peter Kenyon (Bank of Ideas) to seek his input on the draft questionnaire (if he is available).
- Karin to organize name tags for all service providers with new branding.
- Mike Pforr to see if City of Fremantle has marquee we could use. If not, we will look for a possible donation.
- Mike to see if Buster the Fun bus a possibility on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Karin to follow up with Outcare re clean up of Davis Park before the event.
- Rebecca to follow up re Streetball program at the event and, also, possible attendance of former Wildcats' player, Brad Robbins.

- Alison to see if Dismantle might re-schedule their proposed program in Davis Park to 26 July.
- Karin to invite Fremantle Herald to cover the event (but not advertise it).

### **5. Prioritization of possible initiatives to be undertaken for community consideration – refer draft action plan and notes from SWMPF Planning Day**

It was agreed out-of-session that Karin would group these issues/initiatives under very broad headings (such as ‘activities for children and young people’) so that they could all be included in the questionnaire for residents’ feedback.

### **6. Proposal to rotate minute taking among all members**

This proposal was approved. It was agreed that the minute taker should be appointed *before* each meeting. Stephen Johnston kindly volunteered to take the minutes of the next meeting.

### **7. Suggested change of meeting day**

The meeting day remains unchanged as Friday morning suits the majority of working group members.

### **8. Any other business**

- Karin to provide Colin and working group members with all required information before going on leave on 20 June (returns 7 July).
- Colin and Mike to follow up possibility of using Dick Lawrence Oval club rooms for future meetings.
- It was agreed that the creation of a shelter of some sort at Davis Park would fulfill a number of useful functions, not least for our meetings. This would be considered as one of the project’s initiatives.
- Mike reported on the City of Fremantle’s Urban Art project, which is now under way at Davis Park (see bus stop on South Street). A welcome by-product has been an end to street drinking there as the seat (temporarily removed) had been screening people drinking and using the garden opposite (belonging to an elderly lady) as a toilet. If no complaints are received after six weeks, the City of Fremantle proposes to permanently remove the seat.
- Karin distributed a flyer regarding a community forum being held at Fremantle Town Hall at 6pm on Monday 30 June where residents will have the opportunity to talk directly to WA Police Commissioner Karl O’Callaghan regarding policing issues in the area. The Commissioner will



be outlining a new policing model that will be implemented from September in Fremantle and will mean more officers 'in the frontline'.

- Name cards will be provided at all future meetings to assist people to know who's who in the group.

### **9.Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held from 9am-11am on Friday 27 June at the club rooms at Dick Lawrence Oval.