

Minutes

Meeting of the SWMPF Our Davis Park Working Group

Friday, 12 December 2014

9.00am – 11.00am

Dick Lawrence Oval, Lefroy Road, Beaconsfield

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

Participants: Mike Pforr (City of Fremantle); Stephen Johnston (Department of Social Services); Daniele Prongue (Community Drug Service - Palmerston); Alison Lawrie (Fremantle Multicultural Centre); Rebecca Slavin (Fremantle PCYC); Sgt Brad Cooper (WA Police); Jayne Hickman (Department of Housing); Jody Hansen (South Metropolitan Population Health Unit); David Pigram (South Metropolitan Population Health Unit); Stephen Loo (Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Karin Mac Arthur (Community Partnership Broker, SWMPF)

Apologies: Allira Bolton (Davis Park resident); Karen Chalcraft (UnitingCare West); Julie Mitchell (SMYL)

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

Karin advised she would be following up with a couple of organizations whose representatives had been absent for two consecutive meetings to see if they wish to continue in the group (in accordance with the Terms of Reference).

2. Volunteer to take minutes

Rebecca Slavin

3. Approval of minutes of meeting 21 November 2014

Previous minutes to be amended. Removal of the CCTV Discussion.

4. Update on actions arising from the minutes

N/A

5. Residents' forum (with Housing and WA Police) – feedback

- Evident from the Residents' forum and feedback from FMC, WAPOL and DoH, that there is a need for mediation services for some residents in the area.
- Current residential disputes are affecting the ability to form a residents' forum to drive the Davis Park initiatives forward and needs to be resolved before moving forward.
- FMC mentioned an Aboriginal Mediation Service through the Department of The Attorney General which could be utilized.
- David suggested a more informal gathering that has common theme and positive outcomes and slowly moves towards more formal forum once community becomes involved in non-formal gatherings.
- Suggestion to have community based target project to become involved in and move on to forum
- Mike suggested that small gardening project could be included with Buster the Fun bus as a term based project.
- Buster the Fun Bus can be used a pilot project to identify community members who would contribute to community garden and assist with credibility for future funding. Funding bodies need to see that the community has the drive and capacity to fulfill to outcomes of the project.
- Stephen suggested targeting the Community Garden at young people as the start and then as an opportunity to engage the parents and adult community of Davis Park. Community outlined a desire for community gardens and grant application was sent out by Karin asking for assistance from SWMPF group with the application. From the group Karin only received one response.
- Highlighted the need for the group to continue to focus on working collaboratively towards Davis Parks indicators and outcomes
- Karin sought clarification around new City of Fremantle policy where a letter of support for the community garden was not possible because of conflict of interest. Sought clarification that future applications would be able to receive Letters of Support from CoF. Mike to seek out further information from related department.
- Highlighted that all initiatives need to be driven by the residents if these are to be effective and sustainable.
- **Actions:**
 - FMC to follow up with DoTAG and potential mediation services.
 - CoF to report back to group if small gardening project through Buster the Fun Bus in Term 1 2015 is feasible.
 - CoF to report back to group if Letters of Support for future funding applications are possible.

6. Disability Awareness Week event feedback

Colin reported back on this very successful event, which attracted

approximately 100 people, including Davis Park residents. It provides lessons on which we can draw for future events in Davis Park.

7. Stock Take (how we are travelling)

DSC -Although time taxing, it is necessary for the group to meet once every three weeks. DSC has engaged more community members through community activities and referrals. DSC noted a positive impact from partnership perspective and engagement

DCP – Noted better pathways of meeting community in a positive light, especially given the negative DCP history in the community especially in relation to the stolen generation. The process has helped DCP engage with community on a positive level and provide support for drug and alcohol abuse and other issues affecting the community.

WA POL – Change of Police system is working well in the community and people are starting to feel safer. New system gives the opportunity to target crime and should result in less involvement from the police. The Davis Park working group has given opportunity to give more information to the community, to make community aware of resources available to them, to give the community confidence to become involved and to show police as approachable.

COF – 2012 finding from Community Development Report showed that for sustainability community development needed to have a multifaceted approach. From this perspective CoF has noted success of the Working Group's collaborative approach and also of the Buster the Fun bus in the park. From these initiatives CoF has improved its knowledge of the area, understanding the needs of the residents and also the different agencies' resources.

The project provides an opportunity to find out what works and what was not as successful, then grow and develop from there.

FMC- Highlighted how far the Park has come in the last 18 months. 18 months ago the residents were terrified. The Working group needs to view as a positive how many more conversations and community connections are taking place. FMC noted a slow break down of the level of distrust and the community is talking about becoming more involved, where 18 months ago these conversation were not taking place at all. There is a concern of the level of dysfunction still present in the Davis Park area, we need to focus on ensuring mechanisms in place to support positive changes.

SMPHU – Noted frustration at cross over of services and funds for programs. Highlighted the need to build on the residents' forum through different methods and channels. The Working Group has been successful

in providing good partnerships in concentrated areas, building relationships, finding organizations' strengths and working together as a collective. Need to focus less on being interventionist and more as support.

8. Working Group action plan – allocation of responsibilities

Unit Care West – Parent Program, program requires two items to commence.

1. Liaison Officer from DCPFS needed.
2. Use of Dick Lawrence room.

Suggestion to have a calendar of upcoming events in 2015 that the organisations can partner in community events to the purpose of their organisations, ie, PCYC & Youth Week. This will support planning of Davis Park events in 2015.

FMC received \$5000.00 runner up funding from the Fremantle Foundation as they were unsuccessful in being shortlisted in the Impact 100. Potential to utilize the funds to support Davis Park initiatives. FMC and PCYC met to discuss a few ideas, in particular a mural and street art as discussed at previous meetings. Potential to have banner sign in different languages with the help of Allira and young people. PCYC provided contact details for two Street Artists in the local area.

Suggestion of a Buster the Fun bus style community engagement approach, targeting elderly community members of Davis Park. Noted that CoF set up a walking group but received minimal response and perhaps more information is required from the community as to what might work. CoF has an over 55's portfolio which deliver programs to over 55's in the community. Mike to investigate if there are possible programs for the park in 2015.

Park redevelopment. Have started work on swing set at the park. However building material found in soil. The area is currently closed off and residents made aware. Once that has been investigated, work can resume.

Previously discussed activities for young people and SMPHU suggested Hip Hop for the young people. However Meg has since left and Jodie brings different skills set so the plan may change. Still plan to have an Aboriginal Youth Reference Group in the New Year. Discussion relating to Aboriginal Dad's program and previous discussion to start this as David had experience in this in the Kimberly. Karin asked if this could be progressed further as programs could be presented to SWMPF Leadership Group for funding.

List of Youth Services could be reviewed by SMYL to see if there are possible opportunities in Davis Park.

Funding applications need to be more structured as the group is missing opportunities due to short deadlines. Discussion of how to manage this, needs to be explored.

Karin sought information on establishing a Local Drug Action Network. Karin to follow up with Bram at Palmerston.

Follow up discussion in relation to statistics from Housing and WA Pol relating to disruptive behaviors and call outs. Both Housing and WA Pol had advised difficulties in breaking down these statistics to just Davis Park.

Actions:

- Stephen Loo to arrange contact for UCW parent group.
- Colin to forward the COF booking forms on to Karen at UCW
- UCW need to contact COF to establish booking.
- Colin to send out calendar for members to mark potential partnered events.
- Mike to source information from CoF over 55's portfolio for potential over 55's programs for the Park in 2015.
- Alison to give feedback to the group at the next meeting regarding decision for project from Impact 100 funding.
- SMPHU to provide feedback on potential to provide activities for young people in the park (hip hop, etc).
- SMPHU to provide feedback on progression of Aboriginal Youth Reference Group
- SMPHU to feedback to the group regarding potential Aboriginal Dads Program.
- Julie to feedback to group is SMYL can assist in reviewing youth services and possible support for Davis Park.
- Group to discuss ways to better structure funding opportunities to prevent missed deadlines at next meeting.
- Karin to follow up with Bram at Palmerston re Local Drug Action Network.
- Karin to follow up with WA Pol re call out stats and Housing for Disruptive behavior statistics.
- Karin to draft action plan for working group's input.

Youth Activities Grants (funding for young people to reach their potential)

Stephen Loo recently sent out email advising Youth activities Grant. Individual Grants of \$5,000 from a pool of \$100,000. Noted that a few

different organizations around the table could submit applications. Was noted by PCYC that the applications is very lengthy for \$5,000, however they would be submitting an application.

Actions:

- PCYC to report back on submission of Youth Grant.

9. Date of next meeting

Friday 13 February 2015

10. Any other business

- Karin advised that the surveys will be undertaken with Davis Park residents over the next few weeks, starting today. The interviews will be conducted by outreach officers from St Pat's, Ruah and Anglicare WA. A Beaconsfield resident kindly volunteered to distribute a flyer among all Davis Park households on Wednesday to advise them of the upcoming survey (attached with these minutes – the flyer was needed very quickly so there was no time to distribute among the group).
- Karin gave a brief overview of the different projects being undertaken by the SWMPF, all of which support the work being undertaken by this group (Vulnerable and At Risk 8 – 13 year olds, Coordination of Wrap-Around Services for Individuals with Multiple Needs, and Social Planning. Full details are available on the website www.swmpf.org.au, which will be updated over the Christmas break.