

Minutes

Meeting of the SWMPF Davis Park Working Group

From 9.00 -11.00 am, Friday 27 June 2014

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

Participants: Rebecca Slavin (Centre Manager, Fremantle Police and Community Youth Centre – PCYC); Karen Chalcraft (Manager, Parenting and Support Unit, UnitingCare West); Stephen Loo (Aboriginal Practice Leader, Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Bill Toon (Fremantle Foundation); Julie Mitchell (General Manager, South Metropolitan Youth Link – SMYL); Mike Pforr (Coordinator, Community Development, City of Fremantle); Alison Lawrie ((Manager Accommodation Program, Fremantle Multicultural Centre); Sergeant Brad Cooper (WA Police); Melanie Croke (WA Department of Housing); Stephen Johnston (Assistant Director, WA Settlement and Multicultural Affairs, Department of Social Services).

Davis Park residents: Margaret McKenzie, Allira Bolton

Apologies: Karin MacArthur (Community Partnership Broker, SWMPF); Kim Marshall (Coordinator, South Metro Community Drug Service); Sue Rowe (Department of Education).

1. Welcome

2. Approval of the minutes

Minutes of the meeting on Friday 13 June 2014 were approved without change.

3. Business arising from the minutes of 13 June 2014

Assistance for community event on 26 July 2014

- The City of Fremantle has agreed to make available Buster the Fun Bus
- A marquee will be provided by the North Fremantle Football Club
- Outcare remain a possibility for assisting with the clean-up after the event.

- Rebecca confirmed that the Streetball program would be run at the event.

4. Tasks for 26 July event and allocation of duties

There was discussion about remaining tasks for the event for which responsibility still needed to be finalized, including a possible formal opening. It was agreed there should be a brief formal opening welcoming those attending and telling them why it has been organized and what will be happening at the event.

Sergeant Cooper and Alison said it would be valuable for a Davis Park resident be involved in the opening so they could encourage other residents to become involved. Some residents had been around since Davis Park was established as a model housing development. Allira said there would be concerns that this was just a one-off event and Mike suggested that this could be countered by setting the date for the next event.

It was discussed that we look at balloons with Davis Park branding.

Actions:

- Barbecues will be provided by the PCYC and two will come from SMYL with gas bottles filled
- Housing staff will provide and cook the food for the sausage sizzle.
- Four Police officers would attend from Fremantle police station, (two of which would be on call).
- Fremantle Dockers player, Michael Walters, will be minded by Fremantle Foundation. Bill Toon will see if Michael can make a short speech about his own challenges and the decisions he took.
- Fremantle Council to organize the formal opening.
- Colin and Karin to prepare the script for the event.
- Alison and Margaret to discuss possible resident(s) who could speak at the opening.
- Alison will discuss with the child care centre provision of trestle tables and a power supply for the public address system.
- A half hour on-site meeting of the Working Group will be held on 21 July to finalize organization of the event.
- UnitingCare West will provide face painting for younger children.
- Alison to examine the possibility of Davis Park branding for balloons.
- Sergeant Cooper suggested putting up small posters in the marquis requesting that people not smoke in the marquis.

Involvement of the broader community

Colin raised the issue of involvement of local children and whether we engaged with the broader community. Melanie said there were risks with broader engagement with people outside Davis Park. Bill said there could be benefit in getting information about the Davis Park project to at least one street back from the precinct. It was agreed that this will be further considered in future.

Margaret said she was pessimistic about Davis Park residents getting involved. While Alison said she had seen a huge shift over the past 18 months in the level of engagement by the community there was still a lot of fear about people supporting their neighbours.

5. Discussion on the proposed flyer and name tag

It was agreed that the text for the flyer was fine but the appearance was somewhat clinical. Alison said a group of children from neighbouring streets were among those who came into Davis Park and Colin felt that the flyers should be distributed to streets around Davis Park.

It was agreed that all working party members attending should wear SWMPF name tags.

Actions:

- Stephen Loo to incorporate pictures and graphics on the flyer
- Margaret agreed to distribute the flyers.
- Julie to arrange name tags

6. Discussion and endorsement of proposed questionnaire.

Margaret suggested including some suggestions for improvements that people could tick and Allira suggested trialing it with Davis Park residents. Colin said the questionnaire should be anonymous unless respondents wanted to give their names and contact details.

Action:

Colin to do some further work with the appearance/layout of the questionnaire.

7. Structure of the newsletter

Margaret suggested the newsletter could include updates from the Department of Housing, Police with local news residents could share about their lives. Colin said he hoped the newsletter would encourage residents to contribute to give them a voice but Allira said this could be a double-edged sword.

Colin said the newsletter needs to be introduced at the right time when its purposes are clear.

Action:

For the group to continue to discuss the newsletter at a later date

8. Minute-taker for next meeting:

There were no volunteers.

9. Next meeting:

The next meeting of the working group will be held from 10.00 - 10.30 am on Friday 21 July 2014 at Davis Park.