

Minutes

Meeting of the SWMPF Working Group on Davis Park

9.30am – 11.30am, Friday 11 September 2015

Dick Lawrence Oval, Beaconsfield

Chair: Colin Alston (Disability Services Commission)

Participants: Alison Lawrie (Fremantle Multicultural Centre); Stephen Loo (Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Nadine Hicks (Fremantle Multicultural Centre); Mike Pforr (City of Fremantle); Sgt Brad Cooper (WA Police); Gareth Griffiths (South Metropolitan Community Alcohol and Drug Service, Fremantle)

Apologies: Karin MacArthur (SWMPF); Vicky Piromalli (Department of Housing); Julie Mitchell (SMYL); Karen Chalcraft (UCW); David Pigram (South Metropolitan Population Health Unit); Shirley Tuunstall-Ashley (DP Resident); Bianca Gabrielson (DP Resident); Margaret McKenzie (DP Resident)

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Gareth Griffiths introduced himself as the new representative of South Metropolitan Community Alcohol and Drug Service, Fremantle and the reason for the change in representation.

2. Volunteer to take the minutes

Gareth Griffiths (SMCADS)

3. Approval of minutes of meeting 31 July 2015¹

Group approved recorded minutes without change.

4. Update on actions arising from the minutes

Davis Park Sign

Group discussed the follow up of the issue of erecting a sign in Davis Park. Alison Lawrie spoke on behalf of Karin MacArthur. CoF have agreed to fund a sign in Davis Park and Karin MacArthur has asked Alison to follow up with residents about contributing to a history of the area which will be incorporated into the sign in some way

Actions:

- Alison to identify residents who might be willing to participate in developing a history of Davis Park.

SMYL offer of a mobile classroom for the Davis Park area

Alison reported that after Karin had asked her to follow up on the demountable classroom suggested by SMYL. South Fremantle Senior High School had agreed that the mobile classroom could be stored inside their trades building. Alison and Mike had met with SMYL onsite at Davis Park to assess the viability of having the classroom onsite at Davis Park. It was concluded that the mobile classroom would not be fit for purpose for the following reasons:

- There was no area flat enough to park the classroom without causing damage to the turf areas in the park.
- There were logistical difficulties getting the classroom moved to and from the park every day given the size of the classroom, the size of the vehicle required to tow it and the costs associated with having a driver to move the classroom every day.
- The classroom itself has fixed desks and chairs which might limit the internal use of the space.

Alison stated that she had made enquiries with ATCO as to whether they may have a demountable that could be utilised for the same purpose. Alison stated that ATCO had given an estimate of \$60 hire per week with approximately \$2000 one-off, transport and installation fee. Alison stated that she is discussing with the Davis Park residents whether this would be something they would find useful. Mike from CoF has provided a list of issues that the CoF planning department has raised that need to be addressed prior to proceeding with the idea. Alison advised that the FMC DSS grant might be able to be used to fund the hire of the building initially on a pilot basis, and Karin had suggested that the group could seek funding from SWMPF membership to fund the transport and installation. If the building was successful, ie used regularly by residents for meetings and as a source of information and support from external agencies, the building could eventually be purchased using a Strengthening Communities grant currently available through the Federal Local Member, Melissa Parke.

Alison also reported that ATCO had given a quote of \$11,000 for the purchase of the same classroom. Mike indicated that certain issues around security would have to be addressed before this decision could be made. Brad also expressed concern about vandalism in the area and that the unit could be a target.

Alison stated that she had discussed the possibility of using the mobile van that Fremantle Medicare Local own to perform a similar function. Alison reported that she had discussed this possibility with the CEO of Fremantle Medicare Local and that they would want to be paid for the use of the van.

Colin asked Alison what the exact purpose of the unit would be and Alison reported that she was viewing it as a good location to house information about

services in the area and information about issues that the community may be experiencing at the present time. Stephen suggested that a sea container may be suitable for this purpose as it could be closed, would be sturdier and safer re: vandalism. Mike suggested that there may be some sea containers which belong to Dismantle that are not going to be used for much longer on the Esplanade and that possibly these could be explored as another option.

Actions:

- Alison to provide Mike with answers to the questions raised by CoF Planning Department in relation to the access and use of a demountable or sea container.
- Mike to explore possibility of utilising the sea containers used on the Esplanade.
- Alison to discuss the sea containers when she meets with Dismantle on Thursday afternoon in Davis Park.

SWMPF / Davis Park branding

Alison advised that Karin had reported that the Leadership Group had unanimously agreed that only SWMPF and Davis Park branding should be used flyers distributed for DPWG events. Individual logos should not be used unless there were specific contractual obligations from funding bodies to do so. However, where there were contractual obligations to use individual logos, Leadership Group members asked those agencies to explain and make the case for collective branding. Individual logos should only be used in case of a legal objection. It was proposed that the lead agency/ies in an event should be recognized in the text of the flyer; they are also be free to put out their own individual statements, if required.

Leadership Group members who sit on the DPWG and who participated in the LG meeting were not in attendance; therefore there was no one present to elaborate on the discussion.

Action:

- All flyers developed for Davis Park events and auspiced by the Davis Park Working Group to use the SWMPF and Davis Park branding only.

Davis Park Facebook page

Geri Hardy, Principal at SFSHS, has kindly agreed to get SFSHS students involved in helping to set up a FB page for Davis Park.

Actions:

- For the development of the Facebook page be put on hold until it can be determined if there is a resident who is willing to take the lead and has the support of a significant proportion of residents to do so.

CoF Upgrades to lighting in Davis Park

Mike reported that a contractor has now been engaged to install the lighting following the CoF's successful Crime Prevention Grant application. Work is due to start early November.

5.Update from Davis Park Program Manager – Alison Lawrie

Community Engagement Strategy

Alison discussed the work that she had been doing around the introduction letters that she has been delivering, door to door, to the residents of the Davis Park area. This has been very time consuming.

Alison reported that she had established a list of approximately 20 residents in the Davis Park area that had expressed a real interest in the program that is currently being carried out by the DPWG. These residents have been provided the minutes of the DPWG, flyers relevant to the work carried out by DPWG, a calendar of events and invitations to participate in those events organised by DPWG.

Alison outlined how she had been establishing a presence in Davis Park on Tuesdays from 10:30 – 12:30 and Thursdays from 14:30 – 16:30.

Community Garden

Alison reported that she had been in touch with a Not For Profit Organization called "Growing Change" around the possibility of using them to establish a community garden in the Davis Park area. A Department of Local Government and Communities Grant is available in November 2014 which could be applied to fund capital costs associated with the establishment of a community garden. Mike proposed a possible link with the community garden that is already established at Hilton Primary School as it is only a short distance away. Colin stated that Hilton Primary School has a great number of activities for the local residents such as outdoor cinema. Colin raised the issue that there had previously been a discussion about having "verge gardens" in the Davis Park area.

Alison has also been approached by Curtin University Masters of Occupational Therapy students who wanted to be involved in developing a community garden funding application. Alison has arranged a meeting between them and a couple of DP residents who have expressed an interest in relation to a community garden on Friday 18th September.

Office of Multicultural Interests Community Grants

Alison is assisting Julie from SMYL to lodge an application for funding for a small event grant through OMI to hold a Harmony Day event in DP on March 17th 2016. This application closes on September 25th and has secured the approval of DWPG and SWMPF.

Alison is also drafting another application for a 20K grant through OMI to support a social cohesion film project called “Davis Park – Getting to know your neighbors “project.

The funding would support community engagement to film vignettes of DP residents of various backgrounds to illustrate the positives of diversity as well as how much DP residents have in common as well. The film would be launched at the Harmony Week event.

Diversions activities for Children/ Young People

The CoF Parkour activity in the park is being well attended, The afterschool time slot appears to be a good time for successful engagement.

Alison has been approached by Dismantle and will meet with them on Thursday 17th Sept to discuss their possible involvement in program delivery to at risk youth in Davis Park. A DSR – Youth at Risk Grant is available for such initiatives and closes in early October.

6.Feedback from Davis Park residents

Alison suggested that this agenda point become a standing item on the meeting agenda from this point.

Members present agreed to this. Alison reported that the residents have advised that they are enjoying the upgraded facilities in Davis Park at the moment and that the after school activities have been popular.

There was conversation about the benefits of the DP area having less verge rubbish and the responsibility of residents to keep their verges clean and tidy. There was also discussion about the financial difficulties that residents can face in getting rubbish removed from their properties.

It was proposed that Alison could utilise the presence that she had set up in Davis Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays to open up a line of communication with residents to organise a more collaborative approach with the residents to arrange for skips to be hired between a numbers of residents.

There were also concerns about certain areas being neglected by the council.

Actions:

- Residents to use CoF website to inform CoF about verges that need mowing.
- Alison to follow up with DoH regarding residents’ concerns.

7.Event to mark National Child Protection Week 10/9/15 – Stephen Loo

The DCPFS Child Protection week event had to be cancelled due to bad weather. Stephen suggested that the event that he had been organising could possibly be amalgamated into one of the events that are soon to be

held, preferably the “Make your Mark on Davis Park” event. Stephen indicated that he would be going on leave in 2 weeks and so he was hoping that any event could be carried out before then. Mike suggested that Stephen could amalgamate the event into “Buster’s” visit to Davis Park on Tuesday mornings. Stephen was keen for the event not to lose momentum and so would attempt to have the event joined up to the “Make your Mark” event on September 24th.

Action:

- Stephen to liaise with his Child Protection week organising team to reschedule their event on the 24th September

8.Events schedule October and beyond

Alison reported that the painting of the Make your Mark on Davis Park mural would be commencing late September /early October. Alison gave an indication of the dates that she was planning to attend Davis Park so that the working party has a presence there. Alison stated that the dates that she would be in Davis Park in October would be 6th and 8th, 13th and 15th, 20th and 22nd and 27th and 29th. The date proposed for the next DPWG is October 23rd and the proposed launch of the “Make your Mark on Davis Park” Basketball Court is yet to be determined and has to be done in collaboration with CoF staff.

Colin asked DPWG members to let him know of any events that they might know of happening in October that may clash with the already scheduled events.

9.Update on parenting sub-group – Karen Chalcraft/Alison Lawrie¹

The Parenting Group’s work became involved in assisting with the organization of the DP Child Protection Week event. A number of Parenting groups were approached to attend the event such as St Patrick’s Youth Place, Meerilinga, Relationship Australia’s Men’s Place and Moorditch Yarning. David Pigram also approached some Dads in DP and was planning to use the event to run an activity between dads and their kids. Unfortunately the event was cancelled due to the weather.

Alison acknowledged the great parenting support work that Christine Miedzablocki of DCPFS is doing at an individual casework level with some of the more hard to reach kids and families in the DP area.

9.Update on young people sub-group – Julie Mitchell

Due to the absence of Julie Mitchell, this item was not addressed.. However, there were a number of individual reports on activities for young people.

Gareth gave an update on the progress of the work that Palmerston have been doing in building protective behaviour and resilience as part of the SWMPF’s Vulnerable and At Risk 8 – 13 Year Olds project. Palmerston has

been carrying out programs in the SWMPF's three partner schools: Winterfold Primary School, Caralee Primary School and South Lake Primary School and has been averaging around 20 attendees in each location.

Alison identified a number of other schools where the children of Davis Park residents are likely to attend and where it may be useful to consider setting similar programs. The schools mentioned were Port Community School and Southwell Primary School.

Alison is meeting with Dismantle on Thursday afternoon to discuss their possible involvement in Davis Park with at risk youth.

Mike reported that the Parkour in the Park had been well received by children and families in Davis Park with 15- 20 children attending on Thursday afternoons.

10.Update on housing and police sub-group – Vicky Piromalli¹

Due to the absence of Vicky Piromalli, this item was deferred. However, the meeting noted that an update from Sgt Brad Cooper had been distributed to all members before the meeting.

11.Update on Make your Mark project and Parkour in the Park – Alison Lawrie/Mike Pforr

Mike reported that the Make your Mark project is going well and that he is at the stage of getting community members to help paint the mural. Mike reported that the Parkour event had received 15 – 20 participants and he is hoping that the same group of young people will then remain in the group when it is hoped that the Parkour will merge into an “Urban Art” activity. FMC have employed Darren Hutchens to work with DP community members to contribute to ideas about what to paint on the DP Basketball court. Darren will be in DP on the 17th and 24th September in conjunction with the Parkour activity. Painting should begin by late September /early October.

CoF planned activities in Davis Park

Mike stated that “Buster” was going to be back in Davis Park in 2 weeks' time and would be attending Davis Park on Tuesday mornings from 09:30 to 11:30 throughout the month of October. An hour long yoga session would also be taking place in Davis Park from 09:30 to 10:30 on Tuesdays, which would be free for Davis park residents.

12.Any other business

No business arising.

13.Next meeting

9.30am, 23 October 2015. **Note:** This meeting will be held in Davis Park.