

Minutes

Meeting of the SWMPF Our Davis Park Working Group

Friday, 26 August 2016

9.30am – 11.30am

Hilton PCYC Paget Street, Hilton

Chair: Julie Mitchell (SMYL)

Participants: Gareth Griffiths (Palmerston); Jaimy Hayward (Disability Services Commission); Julie Gorman (Fremantle PCYC); Emma Beck (Department of Child Protection); Pascal Veyradier (City of Fremantle); Judy Walls (SWMPF);

Apologies: Stephen Loo (Department of Child Protection); Karen Chalcraft (UnitingCare West); Nicola Shaw (Crossroads); Colin Alston (Disability Services Commission); Danielle Loizou Lake (Fremantle Early Learning Centre); Catherine Hollingworth (CAMHS); Matthew King (Housing)

Minute-taker: Julie Mitchell

1. **Welcome, introduction and apologies-** Welcome special guest Sam from the WA Aids Council and thank you to Gareth for arranging.
Judy Walls the Executive Director SWMPF.
Robert Shaw from SMYL who has been coordinating the event.
2. **Minutes of meeting 22 July 2016-** accepted Emma Beck
3. **WAAC**
 - a. Sam provided an overview of the needle exchange program and statistical data that shows almost 100% recover in Fremantle.
 - b. Discussion about the changes in drug use and potency over the past 10 years. Safe disposal practices and education of community required. The importance of identifying and supporting champions within the community was flagged.
 - c. Focus on young people not yet users themselves, inspiring them and responding to their needs (sport activities, school aid, etc)
 - d. Working group members would approach DP residents about cleanup of discarded syringes, to improve safety and to

attempt to gauge the quantity of syringes being discarded over certain time periods.

- b. Further options to be discussed next meeting.

4. Update on actions arising from the minutes

- a. **Gazebo** - Feedback from Bev Bone: The City has been successful in obtaining \$20,000 grant funding from Stronger Communities. At this stage officers have requested the City's co contribution (part of the funding guidelines) \$30,000. To be considered as part of the midyear budget review, the outcome will be deliberated in November 2016 at Council.

It is anticipated that the new gazebo will be built around or over the current bench and seats in the park.

Some discussion about the proposed placement. Possibly better to build gazebo in another location and leave the existing seating as is.

- b. **Sign:** Margaret has forwarded the history document to City. JM to follow-up progress.

5. SWMPF Leadership Group

- a. Judy advised that the notes from the planning day held on the 5 August had been circulated. Priority areas:
 - i. Strong connections between agencies;
 - ii. Improve information sharing between agencies
 - iii. Specialist support for complex issues
 - iv. Improve outreach to Davis Park.
- b. SWMPF secretariat function has funding through to July 2017.
- c. Discussion around alternative funding sources for DP projects and activities and the potential to team up with the Vulnerable Children working group.
- d. Judy would report back on potential communication mechanisms which might add value to the Forum.

6. Working group member updates

- a. City of Fremantle – Pascal mentioned a survey planned for the DP event. Copy to be circulated to DPWG members for comment and data collection on the day.
 - i. City has an event planned for Mental Health Week 9-15 October. Those interested in participating contact Pascal.

- ii. New library officer-broadening the resources and information available through the library.

- b. SMYL – Robert Shaw reported 28 exhibitors had confirmed attendance for the community event next Wednesday. A marquee will be erected as the forecast is for rain.

- c. Palmerston has arranged for WASUA to attending the next working group meeting and may provide additional insight into drug use/syringe disposal/ and engagement.

Next Meeting

Friday 22 September 2016, 9.30am at Fremantle PCYC