

## **SAMSON PRECINCT/ FRIENDS OF SAMSON PARK**

**Notes taken at the meeting held  
13 February 2012  
at the Samson Recreation Centre Crèche  
McCombe Ave, Samson**

### **Welcome**

The meeting opened at 7.00pm.

### **Attendance**

E Lewin, S Boyle, C Fraser, L Humphrey, B. Lethbridge, R Ashley, Cr S Wainwright, Cr Bill Massie, S Smith, A Liddiard, N Stanton, A Stanton, L Zaza, P Harrold, M Dicks, K Nicoll, Y Jones, S Vesey, R Fletcher, M Vesey

### **Apologies**

Kellie Bennett

### **Confirmation of minutes of last meeting**

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### **Matters Arising**

Nil

### **Correspondence In**

### **General Business**

S Boyle assumed the chair:

Bush regeneration report:

- Focus currently in Samson Park is on maintenance .
- After the first spraying in spring there has now been new growth particularly of wild lettuce. This weed is currently been mapped in the Park to monitor progress. It may need treatment come winter/ spring spraying program .
- Barrier fencing needs replacing in areas around the Park.
- Tracks around the Park are in some need of repair, as they are sandy in many places and some have roots of trees growing on them.
- The number of dead tress has been investigated and water stress has been found to be the most likely main reason, not disease.
- FESA have looked into the fire management of the Park and found it to be up to standard, with 56 call outs to the Park in past ten years, with an average response time of 6 minutes.
- A group of students will work in the Park this Wednesday under a program with Rio Tinto.
- Funding from external agencies has been looked at to help with devising an up to date Management Plan, re-vegetation or increasing community engagement.
- Annual planting day May 26<sup>th</sup> .
- Clean Up Australia Day in March with Samson Primary students.

A question was asked whether a specific budget amount had been set aside by the City for the maintenance of Samson Park. It was indicated that no specific Samson Park money was set aside and that it was all in Parks and Gardens budget. It was suggested that Samson should have a specific allocation, in recognition of its unique status in the City.

**ACTION: B Massie/S Wainwright**

Concern was raised that there was an increased fire risk currently in the Park due to tree debris on the ground throughout the Park. Residents and Councillor Massie met with FESA in Park on January 10 and believed that FESA shared this concern. Shane reported his managers were of an opinion that was different. Bill Massie and Sam Wainwright, as councillors, were asked to seek clarification of the perceived increased risk.

**ACTION: B Massie/S Wainwright**

Councillor Report: Sam Wainwright & Bill Massie

- South St./McCombe St. lights have been approved since January but new delays due to Bus stop abatement. Much discussion from residents at meeting who expressed dismay at further delay to the lights being installed. The hazards especially for the elderly currently were very much focused upon.
- The City of Fremantle applied to the Main Roads for slower speeds on South St, East of Stock Rd, but it was rejected.
- The roundabout on the corner of Letchford and Winterfold is planned to begin work soon.
- The government school buses to Seton College have been cancelled, despite presentations to the Minister Buswell.
- No new works budget has been set for work in Parks. Sam encouraged the Precinct to send a letter into Council on this issue.
- The Road to Rail campaign for transporting goods from the Port has the support of the City Council and Sam distributed some pamphlets on the campaign.
- Bicycle parking for the bus stop on South St, near McDonald's is being considered also.
- The PCYC in Hilton has lost the Police Officers working there. There is a campaign to have this support reinstated.
- Residents have raised the maintenance around Samson that needs to be done. Especially work in tidying up laneways.
- The leisure centre in Fremantle is due to have some major renovations undertaken, including a ramp for disabled or elderly to easier enter and leave the main pool.
- Currently the City does not avail itself of Disabilities into employment funding. Sam is pushing to change that.
- Concerned expressed about the amount of graffiti in the Park.
- Foot paths around Samson Park particularly need work. Problems identified a while ago but work to rectify them has not been undertaken.
- The shopping Centre shop owner is reportedly not chasing a lease holder. There are stories that he may sell the complex.
- Speed cushions in McKenzie Rd are yet to be installed.
- Seton students undertaking a community project in the Park.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Complaints were made about the foot paths around the Park.
- Jazz in the Park was seen as a successful event in last year's Fremantle Festival. Precinct members were keen to have this event repeated this year.
- The annual tree planting day was mentioned and a lunch on that day was suggested.
- A lot of concern was raised about the state of the toilets in Samson Park, the timing of their cleaning and the hours of opening. The concerns were widespread with many members mentioning breaches in these expectations. Council is asked to look into this matter.

**ACTION: B Massie/S Wainwright**

- Also concern was raised that the rubbish bins in Samson Park are not being emptied the twice a week they are supposed to be emptied.
- Councillors were asked whether the Dog's Day Out was going ahead this year.
- Suggested that a new rubbish bin be put in the Park near the dog bag dispenser specifically for the used dog bags.
- Concern that the storm water drains are cleared well before the winter rains this year.
- Speed calming is desperately needed now on McCombe St.

**Meeting closed: 8.05pm**

**Next meeting Tuesday 10 April 2012 at 7pm (PLEASE NOTE CHANGED DAY DUE TO EASTER)**