

SAMSON PRECINCT/ FRIENDS OF SAMSON PARK

**Notes of the meeting held
11 June 2012
at the Samson Recreation Centre Crèche
McCombe Ave, Samson**

Welcome

The meeting opened at 7.02 pm.

Attendance

E Lewin, C Fraser, B Lethbridge, R Ashby, S Boyle, B Massie, S Wainwright, R Fletcher, P Tinley
MLA.

Apologies

K Bennett, L & V Boreham

Matters Arising

The Chair reflected on the recent death of Laurie Humphreys, an active and regular member of the Precinct. His contribution to this precinct and Samson were acknowledged by all present.

Correspondence In

Nil

General Business

Councillor's Reports:

Bill Massie:

1. The Roundabout at Letchford Rd is now complete. Questions were asked about the traffic through the Winterfold/Stock Roads intersection. A wait and see approach is being adopted by the City of Fremantle about some of these issues.
ACTION: Write to City raising issues and suggestions for this intersection.
2. The lights at McCombe and South Streets have commenced.
3. A reduction of traffic flow on South Terrace is being considered by the owners of the businesses on the Café Strip.
4. King's Square consultation is still ongoing.

Sam Wainwright:

1. The City is having some difficulties with the State Government on funding for some services. An example is the Buster Fun Bus which has been denied further funding from the Department for Communities.
2. Also Volunteers Services, run out of the Meeting Place has lost it similar funding.
3. The Technical Services section of the budget is to be finalized at a meeting next week.
4. Sam is attending a meeting with the Fremantle Port Authority and will be bringing up the possibility of a wind turbines on Rous Head.
5. Bike network review for the state is under way and the City's submission focuses on the shared path between Perth and Fremantle and how it must be completed especially through North Fremantle.
6. There has been some success in returning a police officer to working at the Hilton PCYC. This is an ongoing matter.

Friends of Samson Park: Shayne Boyle

1. Funding ran out for the work around Samson Park in early April.
2. Priority is being given to the removal of the old fencing along the Woodland Path.
3. Fire access tracks are eroded and need repair.
4. Improvements need to be made to many walking tracks.
5. Signage around the Park needs upgrading.
6. Weeding is now urgent for many weeds.
7. Planting Day was successful.
8. Wildflower Walk on September 23.
9. The Samson Park Management plan is currently out for tender from the Council.

Peter Tinley, MLA for Willagee, Special Guest

1. Actions by the Police Commissioner with officers at PCYC reflect a move from Community Policing.
2. Decline in Public Education is evident in this area. With the rise of low fee paying private schools, especially secondary: questions need to be asked now about what is the public education plan for Fremantle region.
3. Local Government reform is currently being undertaken. The Alan Robson Report is due to Parliament in 2 weeks. An implication is that the delivery of services to City residents will change if there are fewer Councils.

Meeting finished at 8:30pm

Next meeting Monday 13 August 2012