

Samson Precinct Group

Minutes of Samson Precinct Group Meeting held on 1 October 2019

Venue: Annex Room, Samson Recreation Centre

Meeting Opened: 6:32 pm

Attendance: David Trimble (Chair). Karen Pina, Alison Evison, Richard Evison, Tony Miosich, Andrew Williamson, Lynn Maclaren, Paula Lourie

Apologies: Councillor Sam Wainwright

1. Minutes of previous meeting held 6 August 2019:

Moved by Alison Evison, seconded by Karen Pina that the minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

2. Business arising from previous meeting:

Issues raised at the August meeting where necessary were forwarded to the City for attention on 9 August 2019. We have received responses from the City to 4 of the 10 matters we emailed to them. All responses are reported as they arise on the agenda. After reading each response we can discuss the issue. Please advise me if you wish me to read the full emails, sent to and received from the City or just excerpts I have selected.

- a. **Standing Agenda Item: Fencing around the grassed area.** In response to our email on 09/08/19 an email was received on 16/08/19 from Mr Ryan Abbott, Manager Parks and Landscapes, City of Fremantle advising that *“At this stage, there are no plans to further realign sections of the fence surrounding the turf area. The fence will continue to be monitored and reviewed if required”*. The meeting noted the comments by Mr Abbott. There was general discussion regarding the fence and the following comments were made by those present:
 - i. The fence is getting damaged in many parts by children climbing on it;
 - ii. It is extremely visually unattractive (ugly);
 - iii. Baby birds have been observed flying into it and being injured and then being neglected by their parents; and
 - iv. A person present at the meeting stated that they had previously raised these issues personally with Mr Abbott with no success and wished this to be recorded in the Minutes.

New members at this Precinct Group meeting were advised that the group had previously raised concerns regarding this fence with the City without success. One person present stated that they strongly objected to the fence and wants it removed as a priority regardless of what the City wants. It was agreed that this issue would remain as a Standing Agenda Item and we would continue to address it with our Councillors and the City.

- b. **Standing Agenda Item: Dead area of bush land on the north-eastern corner of the park.** In response to our email on 09/08/19 an email was received on 16/08/19 from Mr Ryan Abbott. Precinct Group members were very dissatisfied with the email response received from Mr Abbott regarding this issue. This resulted in a Special Precinct meeting being held on 24/09/19 with Mr Graham Tattersall, Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery, City of Fremantle and Mr Abbott. At the meeting Mr Abbott stated that he would visit the area of the park in question and assess it to determine ways to improve it.
- c. **Standing Agenda Item: Improvement to the entrance to Samson at South St and McCombe Ave.** The meeting noted the email received from Councilor Wainwright in which he advised that he had *“asked officers to price a Samson entrance sign and consider if it can be squeezed into the 2019-20 budget”*. After further discussion it was agreed that in addition to this an increase in the maintenance program on the median strip and the verges on South Street in the vicinity of the intersection be requested. Also, improvement (beautification programme) accompanied with an ongoing maintenance programme on the street verges on McCombe Avenue between Bradbury Way and South Street is requested. To be referred to Councilor Wainwright. **Action Councilor Wainwright**
- d. **Samson Recreation Centre Parking: Notification to the Samson Primary School P & C of Samson Recreation Centre parking concerns.** Karen Pina informed the meeting that she had raised the matter with the Samson Primary School P & C, which was timely as Sports Days and Parents Evenings were planned. The P & C noted the information and the events have now both been held without any parking issues occurring at the Samson Recreation Centre.
- e. **Establishment of formal parking bays on Sellenger Avenue between Kirby Way and Sowden Drive.** The meeting noted the email on 12/08/19 from Mr Graham Tattersall, Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery, City of Fremantle advising that *“I have forwarded your feedback to our Engineering team and asked that they assess the situation and provide an update. Typically, where there is a subsequent project developed, the team will prepare design options and submit a proposal for consideration as part of the Councils annual budget process”*. It was agreed that as previously suggested by Councilor Wainwright, we should leave this as a Standing Agenda Item for future meetings and raise it with the City again in March 2020 to remind them of its importance to the precinct and seek an update on our request.
- f. **Formalisation of bush tracks in Sir Frederick Samson Park.** In response to our email on 09/08/19 an email was received on 16/08/19 from Mr Ryan Abbott. Precinct Group members were very dissatisfied with the email response received from Mr Abbott regarding this issue. This resulted in a Special Precinct meeting being held on 24/09/19 with Mr Graham Tattersall, Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery, City of Fremantle and Mr Abbott. After discussion on the email reply received

from Mr Abbott and damage caused to this bush forever site by the construction of this limestone track it was agreed by both the City and the Precinct Group to move on.

- g. **Bushfire Hazard Assessment.** The Chair advised that an email was forwarded to the City 09/08/19. No reply has been received. A further email was forwarded to the City on 25/09/19 advising the date of this Precinct meeting and requesting an update by noon 01/10/19. No reply has been received at this time.
- h. **Lack of progress / information from City re dog fountain.** The Chair advised that an email was forwarded to the City 09/08/19. No reply has been received. A further email was forwarded to the City on 25/09/19 advising the date of this Precinct meeting and requesting an update by noon 01/10/19. No reply has been received at this time.
- i. **Naming of approved tracks.** The Chair advised that an email was forwarded to the City 09/08/19. No reply has been received. A further email was forwarded to the City on 25/09/19 advising the date of this Precinct meeting and requesting an update by noon 01/10/19. No reply has been received at this time.
- j. **Improved signage within the park.** The Chair advised that an email was forwarded to the City 09/08/19. No reply has been received. A further email was forwarded to the City on 25/09/19 advising the date of this Precinct meeting and requesting an update by noon 01/10/19. No reply has been received at this time.
- k. **Shelter over picnic tables in BBQ area.** The Chair advised that an email was forwarded to the City 09/08/19. No reply has been received. A further email was forwarded to the City on 25/09/19 advising the date of this Precinct meeting and requesting an update by noon 01/10/19. No reply has been received at this time.
- l. **Repairs to benches in park.** The Chair advised that an email was forwarded to the City 09/08/19. No reply has been received. A further email was forwarded to the City on 25/09/19 advising the date of this Precinct meeting and requesting an update by noon 01/10/19. No reply has been received at this time.
 - i. **Failure of City to respond to email requests.** There was discussion concerning the failure of the City to respond on two occasions to the above email and requests. It was decided to ask Councilor Wainwright to seek clarification from the City on this issue. Additionally, it was suggested that we contact other Precinct Groups to ascertain if they have similar issues (lack of response etc) with the City. David Trimble to discuss the matter with other Conveners at the Precinct Convener's Meeting on 3/10/19 and report back to Precinct Group members. **Action Trimble**

3. General Business:

- a. **Lynn Maclaren**, a candidate for Hilton in the upcoming local government elections provided a brief background of her political career and a summary of how she would work for the suburbs of Samson, Hilton and O'Connor as well as the City of Fremantle if elected as our Councilor.
- b. **Friends of Samson Park Group**. Paula Lourie, Convener, provided a brief update on that group which had recently been re-established. They held a very successful wildflower walk on 22/09/19 and a bird walk was planned for late October. Some members of the group attend the park every Thursday morning between 8 – 10 am and do hand weeding in the north west corner, followed by morning tea. The meet near the main notice board on Sellenger Avenue opposite Kirby Way. Everybody is welcome and even if people can only come for one morning their assistance would be much appreciated.
- c. **Vacant block on the corner of McCombe Ave and Petterson Ave**. The poor condition of this block was commented on with it again being overgrown with weeds. Email to be forwarded to the City requesting that the matter be addressed. **Action Trimble**
- d. **Samson Park Management Plan**. Discussion occurred regarding access to the latest version of the Samson Park Management Plan. The only plan that both Samson Precinct Group and Friends of Samson Park members have is the City of Fremantle version dated February 2006. Request to be made to the City for copies of the current management plan for the park to be made available. If a new management plan is under development it was suggested that a person(s) representing both the Samson Precinct Group and the Friends of Samson Park Group be permitted to be part of the development team. **Action Trimble**
- e. **Tony Miosich**, a candidate for Hilton in the upcoming local government elections provided a brief background of his previous work as a Hilton councillor and a summary of how he would work for the suburbs of Samson, Hilton and O'Connor as well as the City of Fremantle if elected as our Councilor.
- f. **Andrew Williamson** gave a detailed introduction of his background in farming in wheatbelt, WA, and his completion of studies in permaculture courses in Ireland and soil health courses in the USA. He spoke strongly against the use of chemicals in weed spraying in the park explaining both the short and long term damage that this causes.

Next meeting to be on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 commencing at 6:30pm.

Meeting closed at 7:53 pm