

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ADVISORY GROUP

Wednesday 2 December 2020 at 6pm

Venue: Committee Room
City of Vincent
Administration and Civic Centre
244 Vincent Street Leederville

Attendees:

City of Vincent Councillors

Cr Alex Castle (Chairperson) (Cr Castle)
Cr Sally Smith (Cr Smith)

Community Representatives

Laura Dunlop – o/b David Reid (LD)
Shari Stockdale (SS)
Abid Imam (AI)

City of Vincent Officers

Virginia Miltrup – Executive Director Community & Business Services (VM)
Kate Allen – Community Partner (KA)

1. Welcome/Declaration of Opening

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 6.09pm and delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Apologies

Daniel Langlands
Suzanne Lawrence
Rosslind Ellis

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

SS who was not present at the last meeting queried what the status was of the Pop Up Play project following the discussion at the last meeting. VM advised that this had been discussed at Council Briefing and there was a desire from Council to consider some locations in the South Ward. KA advised she would obtain an update and send to the group. There was group consensus to get some quick and cheap pop up play options out for the holidays and use this to promote consultation for further projects.

ACTION: 1) KA to send out Pop Up Play update to the CYPAG members.

4. Business

4.1 Implementation of Youth Action Plan

KA advised that implementation had commenced, with new BMX sessions being run at Britannia Reserve. However the age group of the approx. 10 attendees seemed to range from 7-12 year olds, with the older demographic being harder to engage. CYPAG members discussed strategies for increasing this engagement such as having music, free food, limiting age to 12+ etc.

AI mentioned engaging an organisation such as Soul Alphabet, a not-for-profit run by Afrikan women. This organisation supports and promotes Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC) musicians and creatives as well as providing DJ services and running DJ-ing workshops.

KA discussed other upcoming events under consideration including music at Mary St Piazza. KA also advised that Headspace workshops have been scheduled at Aranmore and Churchlands High Schools for next year. YMCA HQ staff have been invited to participate in these workshops. The group discussed ways we can obtain feedback at these events as to what other mental health initiatives young people would like to see.

There was a query from the Chair as to how the YMCA HQ Youth Mental Health First Aid sessions are going. LD advised that the sessions run so far have been great and had really positive feedback. They are looking at possibly running a weekend session as well to cater to people who can't attend on weekdays.

KA also mentioned that with Youth Week coming up next year that we will be looking to run events as well as possibly a campaign highlighting youth achievement. The group suggested stories that celebrate more than just the traditional high achievers – focussing on young people that make a difference in their community through their kindness, volunteering etc.

SS suggested there could be a celebratory party at the end of youth week. The group suggested inviting award recipients and their friends to attend. LD suggested that this could be held at HQ.

The group discussed that the nomination process should be simple but also should make it clear the focus is kindness and progress not high achievement. Several young people were suggested who could be the 'face' of the campaign.

ACTION: 1) KA to further investigate Youth Week campaign.

4.2 Vincent Youth Network Update

KA advised that the Vincent Youth Network (VYN) will be assisting with running the Young Makers Christmas Market on Sunday. KA reminded the group that this is on from 8.30am-11.30am at North Perth Common. Currently there are 46 stallholders registered. The group was encouraged to continue to promote the event.

KA said that there will be a recruitment drive for VYN members again in the coming weeks and in the New Year. Given the natural attrition, young people have moved forward in their schooling and work lives.

Cr Smith queried whether the VYN volunteering could be used for school community service requirements. KA said that we had conversations with Churchlands SHS regarding this previously and they were uncertain. KA will follow this up with the schools.

Following the action from the last CYPAG meeting, KA sought advice from the City's health team regarding running of free or subsidised RSA courses for young people, as had been suggested by the VYN, and they were supportive of this, provided it is part of a broader suite of offerings.

The group discussed how this could be facilitated given that it is an online course. It was agreed that a face to face element was important and suggested that a session could be held with local hospitality employers discussing their tips for working in the industry and then City officers or YMCA staff assisting the young people to complete the course in a location such as the library or YMCA HQ.

ACTION: 1) KA to follow up with Churchlands regarding VYN membership counting towards school community service hours.

ACTION: 2) KA to investigate options for RSA course for young people

4.3 Other Business

There was no other business

5. Close/Next Meeting

The meeting was closed at 7.15pm. The next meeting is Wednesday 1 February 2021 commencing at 6pm

Signed

Councillor (Chairperson)

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20__

Summary of Actions	Date	Status
KA to send out Pop Up Play update to the CYPAG members.	16/12/20	Completed
KA to further investigate Youth Week campaign.	3/2/21	In progress
KA to follow up with Churchlands regarding VYN membership counting towards school community service hours.	3/2/21	In progress
KA to investigate options for RSA course for young people	3/2/21	In progress