



CITY OF VINCENT



SAFER VINCENT ADVISORY GROUP (SVAG)

Wednesday, 11 July 2018 at 6.00pm

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

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Attendees:

City of Vincent Councillors
Cr Joanne Fotakis (Chairperson)

Community Representatives
Sharan Kraemer (SK)
Irina Lobeto (IL)
Natashya Cox (NC)

Representatives
Chris Green – Wembley Police Station (CG)
Maria McAttackney – Nyoongar Outreach Services (MM)

City of Vincent Officers
Phillipa Baker – Community Projects Officer (PB)
Kate Allen – Community Partner (KA)
James Lockwood – A/ Projects and Strategy Officer – Community Safety (JL)
Peter Cicanese – Prosecutions and Strategy Officer – Community Safety (PC)

1. Welcome / Declaration of Opening

Cr Fotakis welcomed opened the meeting at 6:10pm and delivered Acknowledgement of Country on behalf of the Group.

2. Apologies

Community Representatives
Julie Foley – OIC Wembley Police
Kate Vivian – OIC Perth Police
John Waghorn – OIC Bayswater/Morley Police
Chris Parry (CP)

City of Vincent
Cr Susan Gontaszewski (SG)
Michael Quirk (MQ)
Sandra Watson (SW)
Rosslind Ellis (RE)
Karen Balm (KB)
Steve Butler (SB)

3. Declaration of Interest

Nil.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting held on 3 August 2017 were approved as a true and correct record.

Moved: Sharan Kraemer **Seconded:** Natashya Cox

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

5.1 Intramaps

It was proposed at the previous meeting that the CCTV camera locations be added as a layer within the City's Intramaps system, however this has not yet been actioned.

ACTION: Intramaps layer to be investigated and progressed by KA, and an update provided at the next meeting.

5.2 Leederville Rest Stop

The name of this project was changed to Leederville Outreach and Chill Out Zone. The three month trial was undertaken from December 2017 – February 2018 and feedback has been positive although outcomes are still being assessed.

ACTION: Chairperson has requested follow up by KA with JF at Wembley Police to find out if a drop in crime statistics or other feedback was noted by police on Friday nights during the project period with an update to be provided at the next meeting.

5.3 City of Vincent Website Translation Services

A request was made at the previous meeting as to whether the City can enable the website to be translated using third party programs such as Google Translator. Marketing had advised that this was to be added to the Scope for Stage 2 of the website.

ACTION: Chairperson requested follow up by KA to ensure that this has been done with an update to be provided at the next meeting.

5.4 'Business Beat' joint initiative between City and WA Police

Community Partnerships to liaise with Beaufort St Network and Bayswater Police regarding joint foot patrols to meet local businesses and provide advice about crime prevention. Bayswater Police cancelled scheduled foot patrol due to other commitments.

ACTION: KA to follow this up with both Beaufort Street Network and Bayswater Police. In addition, KA is to contact Leederville Connect and Wembley Police about implementing a similar initiative in Leederville.

5.5 Leederville CCTV Network Project

This project has been completed and acquitted. Four (4) staff have been trained to operate the CCTV system and the Community Safety team are considering training additional staff. Furthermore, the WA Police now have direct access to the City's cameras via the State CCTV Strategy 'Connected Solution' pilot program.

5.6 Target Hardening Home Security Checklist

KA investigated the feasibility of designing and implementing Home Security Checklists, however, as the WA Police already have a comprehensive checklist for home security it was considered a duplication. It was suggested that the City include this checklist as a link on our website.

ACTION: KA to add the WA Police checklist to the City's website resources.

5.7 Terms of Reference Review

The Terms of Reference have been reviewed, updated and endorsed by Council with the changes including a name change from Safer Vincent Crime Prevention Partnerships to Safer Vincent Advisory Group (SVAG), and a greater alignment to the City's Strategic Community Plan.

6. Order of Business

6.1 Public Open Space Strategy - Presentation

- PB provided background and context for the Public Open Space Strategy and requested feedback from SVAG members particularly from a context of safety in the City's parks and open spaces.
- NC asked for consideration of more multi-purpose public space which will encourage more people to use the space, increasing perception of safety. NC also advised lighting in parks was an issue and that people experiencing homelessness often squat in parks and at sporting club facilities which can be a safety issue.
- MM asked for spaces that cater to people experiencing homelessness, such as including secure lockers that people can use to store belongings which should reduce the items that are left in public spaces.
- NC requested consideration of population growth in the amount and type of spaces and amenities that are provided.

ACTION: KA to circulate PB contact details to the SVAP members to provide any further comments

6.2 Beaufort Street CCTV Upgrade and Laneway Lighting Project – Feedback

- PC and JL provided background on CCTV upgrade. The infrastructure is ageing and some cameras have been stolen. The City applied for grant funding to upgrade the infrastructure and has additionally put funds on budget for new cameras. There is also funding to upgrade lighting in the laneway area behind IGA which has been identified as a 'hotspot' for graffiti and other issues.
- MM noted that lighting is not necessarily a deterrent for graffiti offenders.
- PC and JL advised that they are seeking feedback on camera placement and suggestions of stakeholders that may wish to be involved in the project.
- CG noted that the Leederville cameras provide excellent quality footage.
- SVAG members discussed stakeholders – primarily businesses in the area – and their potential interest in camera locations, also possibility of businesses linking in their own CCTV footage to extend the network.

ACTIONS:

- 1) KA to send PC contact details for Beaufort St Network as a potential stakeholder.
- 2) KA to circulate PC contact details to SVAG members to provide any further comments on the upgrades.

6.3 Updated Terms of Reference

- This item was discussed at 5.7

6.4 Progress of Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2015-2018 (Plan)

- KA advised that the current Plan expires this year and is currently assessing the progress against the Plan to determine achievements what is no longer relevant etc.
- KA advised that the new Plan will be in a different format to the old Plan.
- KA has commenced the research and development phase for the new Plan and is seeking input from the SVAG members on content and objectives. Further information will be presented at the next SVAG meeting to enable the SVAG members to review and comment.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Chairperson requested KA send SVAG members a copy of the old plan, links to some of the City's recent Plan's and Strategies and also links to some examples of Plans from other Councils.
- 2) Chairperson to send SVAP members some general categories and themes to start generating ideas for the new Plan.

6.5 Development of Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2019-2022

- This item was discussed at 6.4

6.6 Weld Square

- KA advised that the City is continuing to receive requests from groups who wish to, or have been providing food and other services for people experiencing homelessness at Weld Square.
- As a result the Community Partnerships will be engaging with all stakeholders about service provision needs and concerns and will submit a report to Council.
- MM noted that Nyoongar Outreach Services (NOS) were still seeing issues with anti-social and aggressive behaviour at Weld Square from the same group of people and felt their needed to be a greater police presence to deal with the group that were causing the issue.
- MM also advised that Manna Inc had changed the meal service time in the past two weeks. KA advised the City was not aware of this and would investigate this further.

ACTIONS:

- 1) KA to follow up with Manna Inc and other stakeholders regarding meal service time
- 2) KA to request increased bike team presence at Weld Square from Perth Police

6.7 Security Rebates

- KA advised that other local governments such as Town of Victoria Park, provide a security rebate of around \$250 for residents and businesses who increase security by installing CCTV cameras, alarm systems, security screens, doors and lighting.
- KA asked for comment on whether the SVAG members should look into whether development of a Security Rebate program for residents and businesses, funded out of the Safer Vincent Initiatives budget, would be beneficial for the City.

ACTIONS:

- 1) KA to forward information to SVAG members on initiatives offered by other Councils, for consideration at the next SVAG meeting
- 2) KA to add this as an agenda item for the next SVAG meeting.

7. **General Business**

Community Representatives

NC queried whether recent increase in vacancies of commercial properties might cause a rise in anti-social issues, squatting etc. in Leederville. Chairperson advised commercial vacancies across COV are still very low so unlikely to have a major impact however we can review.

ACTION: KA to review whether this is an issue based on crime statistics, feedback from Police and the community

Wembley Police

CG advised that due to the changes to the WA Police structure, from Monday all police response and investigation/follow up (for general policing matters) will be undertaken by the Wembley Station. Under the current model, response is handled by Perth district.

Nyoongar Outreach Services (NOS)

MM advised that the main activity and issues had been at Weld Square, Forrest Park and Birdwood Square. June was the busiest month in the past 3 month period due to winter weather causing people to seek shelter. High rates of people presenting with substance use issues. MM noted there are lots of people squatting at the facility on the corner of Lord and Walcott Streets, next to Forrest Park. Requested to find out whether the facility is currently occupied. MM also queried high level graffiti in Gladstone Street near NOS premises and whether the City still has a graffiti officer.

ACTIONS:

- 1) KA to confirm whether the property at the corner of Lord and Walcott St is occupied and speak to owner or occupant re squatting issues accordingly.
- 2) KA to check whether graffiti incidents in Gladstone St area are being attended to by our graffiti officer.

8. Close / Next Meeting

Cr Fotakis closed the meeting at 7.30pm. The next meeting has been re-scheduled for Thursday, 27 September 2018.

Signed _____
Councillor Joanne Fotakis (Chairperson)

Date this _____ day of _____ 2018

	Summary of Actions	Responsibility	Due Date
1.	Intramaps layer – IT have created task request for GIS consultant. Community Safety team to provide maps.	KA	18 October 2018 In Progress
2.	Leederville Rest Stop – Leederville Outreach and Chill Out Zone 3 month trial December 2017 – February 2018 – Feedback from WAPOL requested.	KA	Completed
3.	City of Vincent Website Translation Services – Website third party programs such as Google Translator – the technical language does not translate well on City’s websites. Marketing investigating proper translations in most relevant languages for key pages on our website.	KA	18 October 2018 In Progress
4.	‘Business Beat’ joint initiative between City and WA Police – held with Beaufort Street Network and Bayswater Police. Meetings held with Leederville Connect and Wembley Police about implementing a similar initiative in Leederville.	KA	Completed
5.	Target Hardening Home Security Checklist – the WA Police checklist has been added to the City’s website resources.	KA	Completed
6.	Beaufort Street CCTV upgrade and Laneway Lighting Project – Feedback: – 1) Send City’s Prosecutions and Strategy Officer (PC) contact details for Beaufort Street Network as a potential stakeholder. 2) Circulate the City’s Prosecutions and Strategy Officer (PC) contact details to SVAG members to provide any further comments on the upgrades.	KA	Completed
7.	Progress of Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2015-2018 (Plan): – 1) Chairperson requested the SVAG be sent a copy of the old Plan, links to some of the City’s recent Plan’s and Strategies and examples of Plans from other Local Governments. 2) Chairperson to send the SVAG some general categories and themes to start generating ideas for the new Plan.	KA Cr Fotakis	Completed 18 October 2018 In Progress

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8.	<p>Weld Square: –</p> <p>1) Follow up with Manna Inc. and other stakeholders regarding meal service times. Changed Tuesday due to food safety (do not have access to kitchen after 11am) and submitted a written request to CoV for approval.</p> <p>2) Request increased bike team presence at Weld Square from Perth Police.</p>	KA	Completed
9.	<p>Security Rebates: –</p> <p>1) Forward information to SVAG members on initiatives offered by other Local Governments for consideration.</p> <p>2) Add to Agenda for next meeting</p>	KA	Completed
10.	<p>General Business – Community Representatives–</p> <p>Review whether this is an issue based on crime statistics, feedback from Police and the community.</p>	KA	Completed
11.	<p>General Business – Nyoongar Outreach Services –</p> <p>1) Confirm whether the property at the corner of Lord and Walcott Street is occupied and speak to owner or occupant regards to squatting issues.</p> <p>2) Check whether graffiti incidents in Gladstone St area are being attended to by our Graffiti Officer.</p>	KA KA	<p>In progress 27 September 2018</p> <p>Completed</p>