



# AGENDA ATTACHMENTS

## Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee

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Wednesday, 8 May 2019, 6.00 pm

**FPOL1905-5 VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICES REVIEW 2018/19 - FINAL  
RECOMMENDATION REPORT**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Confidential - under separate cover**

**FPOL1905-9 DAVIES STREET POCKET PARK PETITION  
ATTACHMENT 1**

**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED**

**03 Oct 2018**

**INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

To the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Fremantle,

We, the undersigned residents of Davies Street Beaconsfield and surrounding streets, do respectfully request that the Council include the upgrade of the sump in Davies Street into a pocket park in the current budget cycle.

We request this for the following reasons:

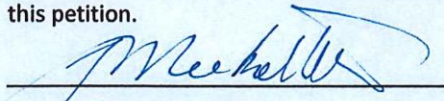
1. Davies Street is a small vibrant street with a diverse mix of housing types and residents. As a street we have an active Davies Street Community group. We want to have a meeting place in our street to come together for community interaction and events. The redevelopment of the sump is an ideal location for a pocket park to strengthen our street and neighbourhood community.
2. The upgrade of the sump into a pocket park would be an excellent outcome for the City of Fremantle's Greening Fremantle: Strategy 2020. The Davies Street pocket park concept fits many of the key objectives of the strategy, such as community engagement, walkability, and enhancing tree cover and fauna.
3. We believe that the sump conversion into a pocket park, to be named Spot Park in memory of a much loved dog in our street, could be modelled on the Minilya Street pocket park with decking over the front part of the drainage sump. This is a good compromise as it maintains the integrity of the sump while creating a community space for residents. As part of this process the cleaning out and revegetating with appropriate planting would be a significant improvement to the amenity.
4. As a street we have already taken steps to enhance the verge in front of the sump.
5. To assist council in considering our proposal we also attach a brief response to the criteria used in the development of the Minilya Street pocket park together with an idea of what the project might look, albeit as a community we are open to direction by council as to the finished project.

As the initiator of this petition, my name and contact details are below:

Jim Meckelburg

Davies Street, Beaconsfield

For further information in relation to this matter and as initiator of this petition, I am the primary point of contact and take responsibility for advising petitioners of the outcome of this petition.



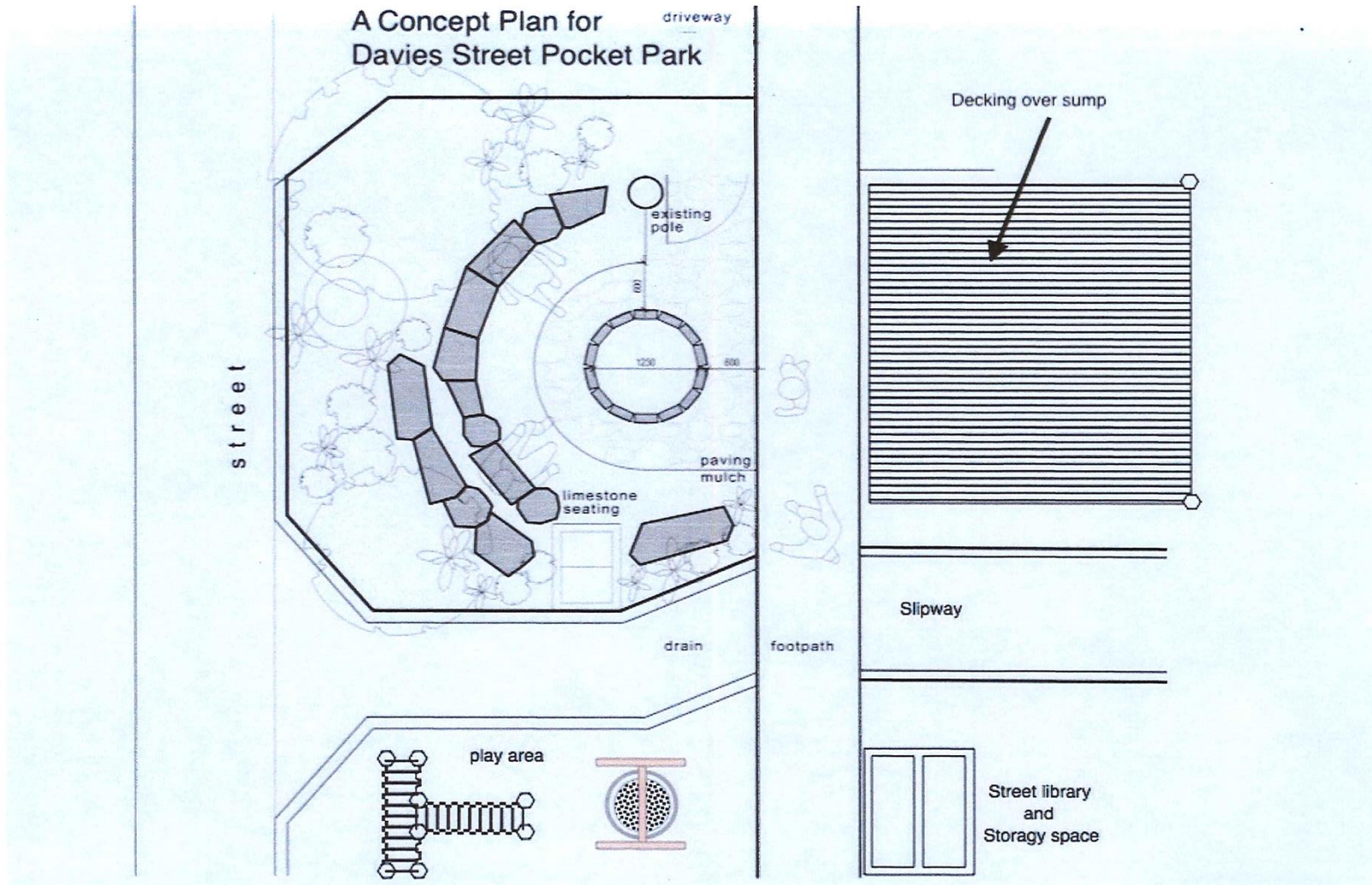
Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Signatories follow on additional page/s

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| Criteria used for the White Gum Valley Pocket Park  | Proposed Davies Street Pocket Park   |
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| Why was this site chosen?<br>Residents in this area of White Gum Valley do not have public open space that is a close walking distance (within 400m).   | Why was this site chosen?<br>Residents in the area of Beaconsfield surrounding Davies Street do not have a <b>Local</b> public open space that is a close walking distance (within 400m).  |
| The City of Fremantle carried out a detailed analysis of potential open space in this target area, taking into account a range of factors:  | Indications for this area suggest that the Davies Street sump and verge actively respond to the following range of factors:  |
| land ownership  | Fremantle City Council controls the sump, access and verge.  |
| site conditions, services and site-work requirements  | Through the council's greening verge project the bulk of the verge has been cleared and mulched and then planted out with locally donated native plants. Through the Davies Street Community crowd funding project some money is available to provide further, alternative, seating and beautification for community gatherings. Through this petition it is hoped that council will assist by enabling public access to the front of the sump utilising decking in a similar manner to the WGV [WGVPP] sump pocket park. We would also like to see the actual sump beautified using native plants, ground covers and bushes |
| pedestrian accessibility  | As with the WGVPP access is via Davies St and associated streets. There is also potential access from Field Street via the sump drainage path  |
| public transport accessibility (ideally within 500m of a bus stop)  | Public Transport is available from either end of Davies Street/Howell Vista i.e. South Street to north and Lefroy to the south.  |
| road accessibility  |  |
| nearby facilities surrounding amenity (such as cafes or retail)   | The only surrounding amenity is the TAFE restaurant. The proposed pocket park therefore provides a local gathering spot for community without commercial spending  |
| passive surveillance  | Davies Street has an active community presence including its own WhatsApp group, Facebook and email connections to ensure substantial passive surveillance   |
| population and demographics.<br>The Minilya Av / Biddles Lane site was chosen because it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is City-owned land</li> <li>• has existing shade trees</li> <li>• has good footpath connectivity</li> <li>• is near a bus stop (Watkins Street)</li> <li>• is near a café</li> <li>• has good passive surveillance</li> </ul> The potential pocket park location is shown below. | population and demographics.<br>Davies St sump has a similar profile to the WGVPP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is City-owned land</li> <li>• but lacks shade trees</li> <li>• has good footpath connectivity, including potential access from Field St</li> <li>• is near 2 bus stops (Lefroy and South Streets)</li> <li>• is near a restaurant [approx. 400 m]</li> <li>• has good passive surveillance</li> </ul>  |
| Can an alternative site be chosen?  | As an alternative there is a vacant block of land on   |

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| <p>The City is not able to purchase land for this project. A previous analysis has identified this is the only suitable location in this area of White Gum Valley - this project aims to address a lack of green space in a specific catchment area</p>  | <p><i>the intersection of Grosvenor and Howell owned by the state government, but that would require intergovernmental agreement to be developed as a pocket park and would still leave the need to improve the visual aspect and reduce the rodent infestation at the sump.</i></p>  |
| <p>What site constraints are there?<br/>The land on the corner of Biddles Lane and Minilya Av is a drainage sump and must retain this function. The City is unable to change or convert this sump as part of this project but propose to build decking over a portion of this site, with a balustrade that complies with pool fencing requirements. To extend the available area the adjacent verge would be incorporated, with proposed native plantings, seating and new trees. This area could also incorporate play equipment.</p>   | <p><i>What site constraints are there?<br/>The proposed land in Davies Street is a drainage sump and must retain this function. Although the City is unable to change the functionality of this sump as part of this it could, as with the WGVPP, build decking over a portion of this site, with a balustrade that complies with pool fencing requirements. It can also improve the visual amenity by clearing unnecessary/inappropriate material and provide appropriate native vegetation as part of its Greening Fremantle Strategy 2020. To extend the available area the adjacent verge would be incorporated, with proposed native plantings, seating and new trees. This area could also incorporate a small amount of play equipment and a street library either on the verge or adjacent to the decking</i></p> |
| <p>What will guide the concept for this space?<br/>The proposed pocket park is part of the City of Fremantle's Green Plan 2020, which has a target to provide usable open space within walking distance for every resident and worker in the City of Fremantle. The City's Play Spaces Plan differentiates between major and local play spaces. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>major</b> play spaces service a large catchment and include parking, toilets, sports facilities, bbqs and more.</li> <li>• <b>local</b> play spaces service a highly localized catchment (less than 1km). They may provide shelter/shade, seating, play equipment, natural landscape features and access for people with disabilities.</li> </ul> <p>The proposed White Gum Valley pocket park would service a 400m walkable catchment and is intended only for the immediate neighbourhood. Therefore, 'local' play space provisions will be used as a guide for the community to develop agreed priorities.</p> | <p><i>The proposed development of the Davies Street sump is along similar lines as the WGVPP. That is, it would service a 400m walkable catchment focusing on the immediate neighbourhood. Therefore, 'local' play space provisions can be used as a guide for the community to develop agreed priorities.</i></p>  |



For confidentiality reasons, the following pages of the petition have been removed as it contains personal information of 45 signatories.