MAIN ISSUES IDENTIFIED

* Overuse of ground/ park
* Intensity of use
* Gates
* What is the purpose of Citizens Park
* Blend the needs of all users- sport and dogs
* Premier sporting ground- poo, holes, sticks
* Some dog owners are not playing by the rules- human behaviour
* Keeping dogs off during training/ games
* Considering future expansion:

1. What can be achieved now (improve the current situation)

2. Longer term future

IMPROVEMENTS

* Draft budget- Education and Enforcement Officer- additional resource. Inform – Educate - Enforce
* Consider alternate sites for open space – working with Education Department eg. schools with courts not used after hours
* Lighting- cause and effect- currently under the Open Space Lighting Policy, CP is given: April- October, 2 light towers, 7 days a week (above and beyond other sites)
* Review Council Policy
* Cost of sport- there are still costs involved if sport aren’t there
* Briefing Council next week – update on first 2 CPUG meeting outcomes
* Signage- options –inject humour, it will be noticed
* Code of Conduct – ie. Invitation to use the facility
* Gates back on?? Still in question.
* Explore SA model in greater detail
* In the interim- explore temporary fencing at Mary Street – or elsewhere, so dogs are safe in the short term
* Ongoing group discussion. Social element. Designated Dog Group
* Volunteers to pick up poo

REFERING TO TOR

* Off Leash status – needs a 28 day gazette- can’t happen during CPUG process (a formal process needs to commence)
* Confusion with signage at the park regarding off leash area
* Dog representatives were against changing the off leash status
* Sports Clubs were silent- don’t want to necessarily change the status but also need to consider some other option

OTHER ISSUES/ QUESTIONS

* Bob Hutten- wanted to know cost to maintain sports grounds
* Too early to bring in Paws for Play
* Lighting Saturday/ Sunday- is this necessary. JH requested that the group think about this and come back with thoughts. Do Friday/ Saturday nights cause antisocial behaviour? Cause and Effect- when lights are on during winter it attracted unauthorised access by outside sporting clubs.
* Council will bring the themes together from Meeting 2 - into a few categories
* The group as a whole think that they won’t come to a consensus by the end of meeting 3. There was discussion of meeting a 4th time. Sport representatives were open to this, but thought in a Reference Group like this- there is not always an agreed outcome by the end.