

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group Meeting on 21 October 2009

Present:

1. Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako (Chairperson – Samoa)
2. Pisa Joe Alaifea (Deputy – Samoa)
3. Anna To'o (Samoa)
4. Kolovula Murphy (Tonga)
5. Brenda Cottingham (Niue)
6. Malakai Jiko (Fiji)
7. Martha Ahmed (Tokelau)
8. Avia Liai (Tuvalu)

9. Councillor Leonie Gill
10. Marie Retimanu-Pule
11. Bessie Fepulea'i
12. Billie Tait-Jones
13. Phoebe Velovaa

Welcome:

- Warm pacific greetings and welcome from the Chairperson who thanked everyone for attending the meeting

Opening Prayer:

- Ana To'o

Apologies:

- Deputy Mayor Ian McKinnon, Councillor Iona Pannett & Councillor Celia Wade-Brown
- Lopeti Tefoto, Mafi Katoa, Maligi Hetutu

PRESENTATION – Tom Etuata, CEO, NiuFM

- Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako welcomed Tom Etuata and Matt Tafuga to the meeting and gave a quick introduction
- Tom Etuata said that NiuFM had a very small association with Wellington City Council and this was through the 2009 Pasifika Festival. NiuFM has a strong association with the Auckland City Council. Tom is keen for WCC and NiuFm to have a stronger association which will benefit the Pacific people of Wellington.
- Tom Etuata talked about the Pacific Media Network and how we currently have two stations, NiuFm which appeals to the younger audience and 531PI which appeals to the older audience
- The group were shown results and statistics from a survey that NiuFm had undertaken with their listeners.

Comments & Questions

It may be a good idea for PAG to survey their communities to see what kind of a response they may get which may differ from the NiuFm survey results. PAG members to report to their communities and then collate responses and forward to Martha Ahmed who will collate and put a proposal forward. Please have these responses to Martha by 9 November 2009

PASIFIKA FESTIVAL 2010

- Funding - \$60,000.00 has been allocated for the Festival
- Layout

A diagram of the layout was provided for the group. The stalls/marquees have been set up this way for the Waitangi festival the week before and it is left as is for the Pasifika festival. Any changes to the layout will incur a charge.

- Food stalls

There will be 14 food stalls (2 per island group)

Food stall application forms - These were made available to the group to distribute to their community and it includes the information from the health inspectors

Please complete all sections otherwise your application may be unsuccessful

Applicants are to retain page 3 of 4

Applicants are to sign page 4 of 4

Approved stall holders must use biodegradable packaging as part of the Kai to Compost recycling initiative implemented by Wellington City Council

Closing date for application is Friday 27 November 2009. Please contact Bessie if you are going to be delayed in getting your application in.

A meeting will be held in the first week of December for approved stall holders

A commercial kitchen is to be used to prepare the food. Church Kitchens can be identified as commercial kitchens.

- General

WCC wanted the festival to be all inclusive to the Wellington community not just the groups known by the PAG members

No BBQs will be allowed. As it a Pasifika festival it is important that food uniquely Pacific is provided

There is current negotiation with events and metro

MC and final act is yet to be confirmed

Questions & Comments

Vula was concerned at the charge for food stalls and felt that the PAG members should be exempt from the charges as the PAG started the festival – *A charge has been implemented to try and recover costs as this years went over the budget and there wasn't any back up funds to pay the overspend and to deter groups from cancelling at the last minute as there is always groups that pull out at the last minute.*

Concerns that there won't be enough food at the festival due to having to prepare food in a commercial kitchen – *Groups may need to think about working together so there is a constant supply of food*

Concerns about the youth stage ending up being the focal point instead of the main stage.

Area between the control marquee and the youth stage is quite vast. Can we put something there?

The Kaumatua tent is too far away from the stage

Samoans to have another stall as the Samoan population is greater than the other islands

Main stage too small

There was not enough hot water at the washing station

The opening ceremony had already started at the youth stage

Can we look around for local bands? *PAG to provide some names of local bands*

Is there going to be a bigger stage? *Yes*

The PAG would like to have a draft budget at the next meeting

Action: Bessie/Marie to provide a draft budget

Phoebe to provide a list of suppliers for the biodegradable packaging

I LOVE THE ISLANDS SAMOA TSUNAMI RELIEF CONCERT

WCC is the main sponsor for this event with Bessie managing the event. Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs, The Samoan Advisory Council, Lower Hutt City Council and Porirua City Council are also providing assistance.

There will be reserved seating for the Samoan High Commissioner and his wife, the Faifeau and his wife and the Samoan PAG reps. You have to buy a ticket but let Bessie know and she can seat you with the Samoan PAG reps.

It is general admission so there is no allocated seating doors open at 6pm

Please support this event by spreading the word to your family, friends etc and buy a ticket. Its only \$20 and you will not be charged the service fee

All proceeds from this concert will be going to the Samoan Charitable trust

Questions & Comments

WCC have provided the venue, production, the lighting, catering for crew/artists for free
AIRNZ have provided free travel for the artists

Duxton and James Cook Hotel are providing free accommodation for artists

Richard McLean and Michelle Brooker are helping with marketing

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were moved as a correct record by Councillor Leonie Gill and seconded by Ana To'o

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- No matters arising

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS

- Tonga – a homework night has been started. The community will send an email to the grants team and would like to have a bus tour. Tongan pipe band will be coming over at Christmas
- Tokelau – Keli has resigned and Martha is trying to recruit another member
- Tuvalu – Independence day celebration went well and Lopeti is the Tuvalu president for their group.
- Niue –
- Fiji – Fiji day celebrations went well and are wanting to hold a Youth forum
- Cook Island – Radioathon for Samoa Tsunami will be held on Friday 23rd November.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The next Pacific Forum will be held in April 2010
- The Mafutaga Matutua group Newtown received funding and they were the only Pacific group to apply out of the 150 applications received by grants

Closing Prayer

- Malakai Jiko

Next meeting: Wednesday 18 November 2011

Meeting closed: 8.30pm