

## Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group meeting, 12 September, 2012.

<b>Time &amp; Venue</b>	6.00 to 8.00 pm, Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Wakefield St.
<b>Present</b>	<b>PAG</b> - Tina McNicholas (Chair), Stacey Kokaua-Balfour, Anthony Leaupepe, Siofilisi Tafo'ou, Sainimili Pouvalu, Violet Ekenasio, Martha Samasoni, Fetu Ole Moana Tamapeau, Maria Solouota, Malakai Jiko, Manuila Tausi, Teloma Munro, Mailingi Hetutu <b>Council Officers</b> - Janette Wallace Gedge, Rekha Jatav <b>Councillors:</b> Cllr Ian McKinnon, <b>Visitors</b> – Stevenson Pule, Wellington City Council Youth Council; Ramona Tiatia, PHA Pacific committee
<b>Apologies</b>	Dan Kauraka, Cllr Leonie Gill, Cllr Paul Eagle

<b>Welcome</b>	Anthony Leaupepe welcomed everyone and acknowledged the passing Martha Samasoni's aunt and a senior member of the Tongan Community
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Siofilisi Tafo'ou
<b>Visit</b>	Ramona Tiatia, Pacific committee of PHA gave thanks to the group for their hosting of the PHA Gateway. She commented that the highlight of the visit was the session in the Council Chambers. The PHA felt very honoured by the opening ceremony and the support of the karanga. She presented gifts of thanks to PAG, Cllr Eagle and Billie Tait-Jones in acknowledgement of their support. Ramona mentioned that the PHA had been invited to bring a delegation as observers to the Pacific Health Minister's Forum next July and invited APG members to attend. Ramona also acknowledged the guidance of the deputy mayor and his leadership within Council.
<b>Councillor update</b>	Councillor McKinnon update: Earthquake presentations going on around the city. He invited PAG members to extend the invitation to attend to their communities to attend. Potential for major earthquake is estimated to be 1 in 10, less than it was thought to be, and pointed out that Wellington is in a good position to cope with an event. Homework centres: Has been a topic recently. Request from the Mayor and Deputy mayor to find out what's available and what is being used and what is needed. Cllr McKinnon attended a presentaiton on Access Radio at the Multi cultural council. This may be a useful way for the community to get the message across. Agreed we would evaluate and recommend a plan. Pasifika Festival is a wonderful event which is why the Council supports it. Pacifica choir performed at the conferring of a Hon. Doctorate on PM Of Samoa – Cllr McKinnon suggested we could have them at the Pacific Forum. Comment from Anthony: Neville Brown's presentaiton to PAG in August was very informative and gave huge relief to the community.

	<p>Sofi: answered about the Homework centre. The Tongan community have been looking for a homework centre and have now got the use of the St Patrick Hall in Kilburnie.</p> <p>Martha: said she runs a radio programme.</p> <p>Malakai: told us that a few communities have 1 hour radio programmes funded by CCDHB. There is also a national programme on a Saturday night.</p> <p><b>Questions for the Councillors:</b> Agreed we would bring together an analysis of what the problems are and we could then look to see how we can solve.</p> <p>Violet: commented would be good if Council could support ongoing radio programmes – cost comes from own pocket for language programmes, some hook into health funding.</p>
<b>Posters for Pacific Forum</b>	<p>Trina Saffioti, Manager Communications and Marketing, presented a set of posters designed as a result of discussions at the Pacific Festival sub group meeting.</p> <p>PAG Members agreed posters were very good and asked if one of a family could be added. Photo will need to be shot within next few days. Anthony and Sainimili both offered to be models for a family poster.</p> <p>Advertising Pacific Forum: members suggested use radio to invite people to attend Pacific Forum.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Barbara Burke to call Anthony tomorrow to set up photo shoot. Sainimili to be back up for photo shoot if Anthony not available.</p>
<b>Open Spaces</b>	<p>Mark Jones from Policy presented outline of Open spaces framework being developed. Important to get input from the community so that we can match our investment to what's important.</p> <p>He invited comment from the group and provided three questions as a guide. PAG members also agreed to ask their communities for further feedback.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> feedback from meeting to be summarised and sent to PAG members. PAG Members to invite further comment from the community and feedback at next PAG Meeting.</p>
<b>Pacific Forum discussion</b>	<p>Sandra Crews lead the discussion.</p> <p>Performers will come from Tuvalu and Cook Islands Communities as agreed.</p> <p>Catering – suggestions to come from PAG members for suitable caterers. Must be GST registered or registered charities.</p> <p>Posters, letter from mayor and invitations to be distributed through networks, Note: Malakai requested three packs</p> <p>Suggestion from PAG to theme forum: It takes a village to prepare for an earthquake</p> <p>Brief presentations on Emergency preparedness to come from PAG members who have undertaken preparedness exercises in their communities from: Malakai, Sofi, Violet, Anthony</p> <p>PAG members will co –facilitate table top discussions, Sandra to send an outline in advance</p>
<b>Pacific Festival Planning</b>	<p>Presentation from Rebecca Hardie, Community Events Manager.</p> <p>Thanks for valuable feedback, Now looking at a theme at theme and at options to grow festival, possible layout in Villages with individual stages for each community group, approach form Te Papa</p>

	<p>Suggestion from PAG to have event in marae evening before festival, questions: Is Te papa the right environment? how will it enrich the festival? What is Te Papa adding? And what would be the costs involved? If move to Te papa what will they add? We would lose the atmosphere of the big ground, will they provide additional activity if we keep main event on Waitangi Park?</p> <p>Question would Te Papa sponsor the festival?</p> <p>Festival co-ordinator – begin to recruit next week for a fixed term contract. Info to be provided to PAG members.</p>
<b>Visitor</b>	Stephenson Pule of the Youth Council introduced himself
<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>	Minutes of last meeting moved with amendments Fetu ole Moana seconded Malakai Jiko.
<b>Community updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Niue Day at Te Papa on 6 October to mark start of Niue Language week. Celebration of Niue Language on the 7th October with a Church service at St Martins Church, Porirua 3pm</li> <li>• Tongan Language week was very successful with all ages and including NZ born kids participating, noticed it was posted on PAG Facebook.</li> <li>• Tongan Careers and Cultural Day delayed until 13 October</li> <li>• Tuvalu – Independence Day celebrated weekend of 6/7 October</li> </ul>
<b>Next meeting</b>	<p><b>Next PAG Meeting, Venue: Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Wakefield Street, Wednesday 10 October, 2012</b></p> <p><b>Reminder Pacific Forum, on Thursday 8 November replaces November PAG Meeting</b></p>
<b>Closing</b>	Tina McNicholas invited a PAG member to close the meeting in prayer
<b>Closing prayer</b>	Malakai Jiko gave the closing prayer
<b>Action Points:</b>	<p><b>PAG Members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gather action points from community regarding Open Spaces</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Janette:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To send out ideas and comments generated in Open spaces workshop and list of questions for PAG Members to get feedback from their communities</b></li> <li>• <b>Compile report on Homework Centres</b></li> <li>• <b>Compile list of radio programmes for Pacific Communities</b></li> <li>• <b>To send out minutes and agenda to all members and then post onto web site at least 10 days before next meeting.</b></li> </ul>