

Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group meeting, 13 February, 2013

Time & Venue	6.00 to 8.00 pm, Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Wakefield St.
Present	PAG - Tina McNicholas (Chair), Siofilisi Taupo'u, Sainimili Pouvalu, Violet Ekenasio, Manuila Tausi, Mailigi Hetutu, Dan Kauraka, Teloma Munro, Maria Solouota, Anthony Leaupepe Council Officers – Martin Rodgers, Marisa Pene, Janette Wallace Gedge, Rekha Jatav Councillors: Cllr Ian McKinnon
Apologies	Cllr Leonie Gill, Cllr Eagle, Stacey Kokaua-Balfour, Martha Samasoni

Welcome	Tina McNicholas opened the meeting and welcomed everyone
Opening Prayer	Sainimili Pouvalu gave the opening prayer
Pacific Fale	<p>Update from Martin Rodgers, Manager: Research, Consultation and Planning</p> <p>Martin introduced himself as the new senior manager responsible for Consultation and Engagement and gave a brief background on his involvement with Council and his new role.</p> <p>Pacific Fale: following the Mayor's recognition of the requests from the community for the Council to provide a Pacific Fale a group of officers from City Communities, Property and Consultation have met to look into the request.</p> <p>The Council's Community Facilities Policy that was adopted in 2009 says that community facilities are to be provided by the Council on a locality basis. A population based facility would be inconsistent with the policy. Council therefore cannot adopt the role requested. However the Council has some other options to suggest:</p> <p>1st option: The Council is looking to redevelop the community centre in Newtown. This is part of the Long Term Plan. A needs analysis will be undertaken. This will take into account the needs of the Pacific community in the area The development will still need to meet the needs of everyone in the surrounding community. Planning for that will begin in 2016/17 and investment is targeted for the following two years. The new centre will still have to be multi-use but may be able to address some of the needs associated with the Fale.</p> <p>2nd option: is to explore an initiative coming from within the Pacific Community and how the Council could support that with expertise and advice. If a group got together we could look at how to develop financial and operational models. Further development and scoping should come from within the community. The Council could offer technical support and assist with analysis. First discussion would need to cover scope, what needs it is trying to meet, purpose, how it would be run or function.</p> <p>Comments from PAG Members:</p> <p>Sofi – The Tongan Community have put forward a submission in the past. The Newtown Community Centre hall is fully booked from Monday through Sunday. We believe that the Council wants to fulfil Pacific needs. We want to be able to go to a building and</p>

	<p>feel at home. Could the Council perhaps provide a piece of land that the community could build on? Mailigi – would like to support Sofi’s comments. When you (the Council) come to us and ask what you need we ask only for a Fale. Maybe Newtown is a possibility. There are not enough facilities available. Anthony – We need to do some research, possibility of working in partnership with other organisations, other stakeholders. The building in Newtown is too small. This is an election year.</p> <p>Comments from Councillor McKinnon: The complication is always the resourcing and the demands that makes on ratepayers. As to the question – would the council have some land? – We do not have a lot of unused land but we could consider this. But I but do not want to raise expectations. Finding other stakeholders will be important. The Pacific community is a contributing community who have come to NZ to contribute. The Indian Centre, the Chinese Centre paid for by themselves. These are communities who are well established – migration from the Pacific to NZ is relatively recent. Pacific Community is a growing community. Corporations may well want to be involved. Council is always more receptive if the community is making a contribution. Cllr McKinnon would be happy to help and work alongside the community in an initiative. Accompany people to organisations and corporations when making proposals. Let’s see if there are other ways and keep thinking laterally. If we had a piece of land it might not be in the central city. Look at Fale at Auckland University and see is it being used effectively? How is it going to work? What would be the priorities? PAG would need to tease out the details with the community. At next meeting we could look at what we would want in a Fale. Recognise we’d be looking at raising \$600,000 to \$750,000 to build. Time for the Advisory Group to sit together and work out how it would work, who would be responsible for it, need to be very clear what you are asking for, purpose, usage and so on.</p> <p>PAG members agreed to have a meeting off line and get clarity on key items and to get feedback from the community.</p>
Councillor update	<p>Cllr Ian McKinnon – congratulations on the Pacific Festival. The festival makes a great contribution to Wellington. Since the events team have been involved it has run very smoothly. Marisa’s role has been crucial. Was there a Health Stall for blood checks etc? And a Police Stall. The festival seems to flow along very well.</p> <p>Do send Cllr. McKinnon an email with any concerns. Response to email from Sofi about tour of King of Tonga – the Royal Tour will have been locked down months ago. The King is coming to Wesley Church on 24 Feb from 12 until 2pm</p>
Pasifika Festival final report from event organiser	<p>Marisa Pene gave her final report to PAG on the Festival with a report on what had worked and should be developed further for next year, recognition of return of the Tuvalu community and participation from Melanesia and Kiribati. Recognition of development of partnerships as grounding for the future. Youth were well represented. The Kaumatua VIP tent was well attended and</p>

	<p>appreciated. Lots of good feedback. Learning included: reviewing site layout, move draw card act to end of day to keep audience, competitions need substantial prizes. Temperature issues at food stalls and maybe too many people selling similar kinds of food. Feedback from PAG members: Anthony –marketing to community –was not marketed properly. Tina: Cost of community food stalls too high, Commercial operators should pay substantially more Maria: Communication from Niue community was very positive. Tina: thanked Marisa for all her hard work and acknowledged the way she had developed the festival and laid the groundwork for further development. And presented her with some flowers in appreciation. Cllr Gill, although unable to attend this meeting, had asked that the work Violet and her sister had put in to makes sure the VIP tent was well looked after was recorded and made the point it was very much appreciated.</p>
Community updates	<p>Mailigi: Good coming out of the Niue Language programme, reviewed the unit standard and the new one will be out for consultation in 2 weeks time. Niue Language classes start again this week. Maria: Started Youth group in church for boys. Miramar and Strathmore Community group is going to split into two groups to look after each community more effectively. Sofi: Homework Centre has recognised students' achievements with certificates. Have more volunteer teachers this year and held a workshop last week for teachers. Sofi and Sainimili both were given tickets for the Sevens as no Tongan consulate in Wellington now. The King of Tonga has invited Tongans from Wellington to visit with him and has asked that they do not bring any gifts. Would be good for the King to know there is a PAG in Wellington and that Council had helped the community to commemorate the passing of the last king. Anthony – is making an oral submission at 12 on Monday on the Town Belt, important to know that the piece next to one of the schools is being rezoned.</p>
Pacific Forum	<p>Next Pacific Forum is due in May. It has been suggested that the Alcohol Management Strategy is such an important topic for the community that it should be the subject of the next Forum. Is this the best topic for the Forum? Request that City Council Grants team be invited to attend with information to give to people. Suggestions for Venue: Wesley Church, Ioane Vito Centre – both to be investigated. Date: end of April or early May, not 30 April.</p>
Minutes of last meeting	<p>Minutes of last meeting were proposed with one correction by Teloma and seconded by Violet. Approved by group.</p>
Actions from this meeting	<p>PAG members to ask the communities about the use of a Fale and how it might be run what the priorities would be. PAG members to</p>
Next meeting	<p>Venue: Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Wakefield Street, Wednesday 13 March 2013 Agenda items: Pacific Fale, Pacific Forum, PAG forward programme</p>
Closing prayer	<p>Anthony Leaupepe gave the closing prayer</p>