

Pacific Advisory Group Minutes

Tuesday 12 January 2016

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield Street, Committee Room 2

Chairperson: Sai Lealea (Chair)

Present: Sai Lealea, Ledua Taucilagi, Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako, Alvin Mitikulena, Nicole Rex, Cr Free, Cr Eagle

Members: Leina Isno, Anthony Leaupepe, Meremine Auelua, Sharon Samasoni, Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako, Alvin Mitikulena, Nicole Rex, Herbert Bartley, Siofilisi Tafo'ou, Alapeta Faletau, Merio Marsters, Kimi Higginson, Sai Lealea

Staff: James Mather, Crispian Franklin, Clare Sullivan

No.	Item	Action
1A	Quorum It was noted that a quorum could not be reached (requires at least 7 members, consisting of at least 4 differing Pacific nation groups). It was proposed that the meeting continue informally, with the discussions to be tabled at the next meeting. Nothing was carried due to there being no quorum.	
1.	Welcome and opening prayer The meeting was opened with a prayer and the Chair welcomed members and staff to the meeting.	
2	Apologies Leina Isno, Merio Masters, Siofisili Tafo'ou and Herbert Bartley, Sharon Samasoni and Meremine Auelua gave their apologies. The low meeting numbers were thought to be due to confusion over the change in meeting time. James will send out a reminder to all members that PAG meetings are to be held on Tuesday as agreed to by PAG in 2015.	James Mather
3	Minutes of the last meeting The minutes from 9/12/2015 were talked through informally, no issues were noted. The Chair discussed how the minutes were looked at by the community and for members to ensure they include their updates.	

4	<p>NZ Red Cross</p> <p>No member from the Red Cross was present; however Cr Eagle agreed to make contact to bring someone in. Community engagement with the Red Cross will be discussed – given it is the cyclone season in the Pacific and there is always a large interest and concern from the community. An update on refugee settlement is also sought</p>	Cr Eagle
5	<p>Councillors Update</p> <p>Cr Free:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are a lot of roadworks currently – noted that tar seal has to be laid in the warmer weather. - Island Bay cycleway is having some teething issues - Annual Plan: Questions are due early February. - Translation of some documents for the community was discussed, if a specific piece could be nominated that would be helpful for getting something actioned. - The budget is quite tight, if new expenditure is to take place it must be in alignment with council's goals (it was noted that this relates closely to the translation proposal). - There was discussion around offering translations for free from within PAG, but the preference was for paid professionals. <p>Cr Eagle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was a discussion of the Pacific members on the Honours list - The council has honours to be awarded, important to nominate members of the community where appropriate and possible. - Election year is here - The Salvation Army will be having a new Niuean minister in place of Captain Joe Serevi who has moved to Manurewa in Auckland. 	
6	<p>Elections for PAG vacancies</p> <p>Clare Sullivan (Principal Governance Advisor) gave an update on the PAG elections.</p> <p>There are 3 vacancies – 1 for Micronesia and 2 for Tuvalu Separate nomination forms for each nation A public notice is proposed, with nominations running from the 18th – 26th January 2016, closing at 5pm. The forms can be brought into the WCC service centre</p> <p>Nominees must live in the Wellington City area and be on the electoral roll.</p> <p>If the vacancies can't be covered, those selected will be elected. PAG could appoint directly after the election process if the positions are not filled – would be done in March.</p> <p>Election will take place if there are sufficient numbers, the election</p>	

	<p>is likely to be run for a day (4th February) in the WCC service centre – 2 separate voting booths will be used.</p> <p>Forms will be hosted on the council website. Chair encourages PAG members to spread the word in their communities.</p>	
7	<p>Wellington Pasifika Festival</p> <p>Alvin and Cr Free noted that they will be absent from the festival for personal reasons. Getting a list of who will be present is important.</p> <p>Members discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity around communication between the Events Team and PAG. • The role of PAG in relation to Pasifika • The objective of the event – who is the event for? • Branding <p>Cr Eagle and Cr Free suggested they will take PAG's concerns to senior staff</p> <p>Councillors with Sai and Ida as PAG Chair and Deputy to seek a meeting with WCC CEO to discuss PAG's concerns over the Pasifika Festival (Cr Free has emailed CEO to seek date already)</p>	
	<p>Community update</p> <p>Community updates are to be provided prior to the meeting in email to James.</p> <p>Fijian Community (Sai Lealea & Ledua Taucilagi)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community is mourning the loss of the wife of the AOG Church Pastor who will be laid to rest tomorrow. Church and community members from around the country have been gathering in Porirua for the sad event. - Fiji's new High Commissioner to Aotearoa has arrived and the community are looking forward to formally welcome him. - Words of advice and warning during the summer period of water safety and abiding by the quota rules while using the beaches for swimming and collecting seafood. 	
	<p>Closing and final prayer</p>	

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.