

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group Meeting on 15 July 2009

Present:

1. Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako (Chairperson - Samoa)
2. Pisa Alaifea (Deputy – Samoa)
3. Kolovula Murphy (Deputy – Tonga)
4. Danny Kauraka (Cook Islands)
5. Mailigi Hetutu (Niue)
6. Mafi Katoa (Tonga)
7. Avia Liai (Tuvalu)
8. Ana To'o (Samoa)

9. Councillor Leonie Gill
10. Marie Retimanu-Pule
11. Bessie Fepulea'i
12. Phoebe Velova'a
13. Trudy Jenkins

Welcome:

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

Opening Prayer:

- Danny Kauraka

Apologies:

- Brenda Cottingham; Titia Vaerua; Malakai Jiko; Tina McNicholas; Martha Ahmed; Deputy Mayor Ian McKinnon; Councillor Iona Pannett

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were moved as a correct record by Pisa Alaifea and seconded by Ana To'o.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- **Kilbirnie Town Centre Upgrade** – the information is now available for putting in submissions. Council would like to interview Pacific people that live in the area and Bessie Fepulea'i asked for volunteers and noted that Martha Ahmed has volunteered. Ana To'o and Pisa Alaifea volunteered. Bessie Fepulea'i will send an email out with the

times that are available. Interviews will be held at the Kilbirnie Community Centre on 30 July. Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako suggested that this would be a good time to mention the need for a Pacific centre.

- **Housing Upgrade** – Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako as the Chairperson for the PAG has been invited to attend this opening. Please let Bessie know if there is anyone else that would like to attend this opening. It was suggested that Titia Vaerua may be interested in attending.

PRESENTATION – Tiatia Ieti Tiatia, Statistics New Zealand

- Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako introduced Mr Tiatia and welcomed him to the meeting.
- Mr Tiatia thanked Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako for her warm introduction and for the invitation to present to the PAG. He noted that he was involved in the setting up of the PAG. Mr Tiatia handed out information folders with statistical information on the Pacific people living in the Wellington region. The information included statistics for the Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Porirua and Wellington on the number of Pacific people living in the Wellington region, their source of income, qualifications, whether they are smokers, how people are employed, religion, occupation and language spoken.
- Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako thanked Mr Tiatia for this information and said that PAG members should use this information out in their communities and to further their knowledge.
- Mr Tiatia said that the end count was only 3.2% of people who did not complete their forms. He noted that Statistics New Zealand is covered by law and no-one has access to information collected so people can be assured of their privacy.
- Marie Retimanu-Pule asked if this information could be broken down further into ward areas. Mr Tiatia said that this information may be difficult to find out for areas such as Island Bay and Kilbirnie as they are small and harder to identify. Marie Retimanu-Pule will email Mr Tiatia with what information she would like to receive.
- Marie Retimanu-Pule asked how often the statistics are gathered as this information was collected in 2006. Mr Tiatia said that the census data is collected every 5 years and the next one is due in 2011.
- Pisa Alaifea asked if the Statistics Department can tell who does not fill out the forms. Mr Tiatia said that they can find out this information and that it is an offence not to complete the form but no-one has ever been prosecuted. He noted that some people do not want to fill out the forms because they may be over stayers but all information collected is confidential.

- Kolovula Murphy asked whether the Department of Immigration got information on over stayers from the Statistics Department. Mr Tiatia said that no one can access information collected from the Department of Statistics.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako said that she did not have a report to present at this time as she has been busy with other commitments. She will email her report to Bessie Fepulea'i to forward onto the other members.

REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY GROUPS

- Mailigi Hetutu and Avia Liai had no community report to give. Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako asked whether Avia Liai was still available to be a member of the PAG. Avia Liai said that he did want to remain on the PAG but noted that as his job sometimes conflicted with the PAG meetings he would have to send in his apologies. Bessie Fepulea'i said that she had talked to Democratic Services and this was alright with them as long as apologies are received as this is in line with the ToR.
- Mafi Katoa said that the Tongan community held their corporate meeting on Monday. Kolovula Murphy tabled the written report for Tonga outlining the issues discussed. Issues discussed included a nomination for the social service provider; the Pacific Festival – the Tongan community are not happy that this ran to a deficit and they are also not happy with the band from Auckland and the number of stalls allocated. The main concern for their community is with regard to the two year working visa with people having to reapply and maybe not being approved again – is there some way we can help these people. Kolovula Murphy said that she wished to thank Wellington City Council for their grant for costumes for the Pacific Festival.

Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako asked whether any other communities had put forward any names for a social service provider. Bessie Fepulea'i said that no other names have been received and ideas are being discussed about how this will work to make this more sustainable. Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako asked if we can express that the PAG accept this nomination.

Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako suggested we get someone in from the Department of Immigration to talk to the PAG with regard to the visa issue. She also asked whether Bessie Fepulea'i could send out the grant application forms to the PAG for their communities.

The group agreed to accept the report from the Tongan community.

- Danny Kauraka noted that his son was selected to play for the Cook Islands Rugby Team. The Cook Island community will be holding a fundraiser in a fortnight's time to pay for their radio station. This

fundraiser will be held from Monday to Saturday and if anyone from the PAG is interested in being part of this fundraiser please get in touch with him. He noted that it costs about \$20,000 per year to run their radio station. Danny Kauraka will send out an email with more information.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Social Service Provider** – Marie Retimanu-Pule said that there is still a lot of work to be done around the Pacific service provider. The name submitted from the Tongan community will be put forward for the Care and Protection Committee. Mailigi Hetutu will get back to Marie Retimanu-Pule with another nomination.
- **Pasifika Festival** – Bessie Fepulea'i gave an update on the festival. She has met with the Marketing and Communications team at Council. It needs to be made clear where the Pasifika Festival sits with regard to the communications plan, ie, we will have our own communications plan and not be coming under the Summer City banner but will still be part of the Summer City programme. Money will be put aside for advertising on the Pacific radio stations. We also need to look at advertising and whether or not the fliers and posters are working and whether this money could be put back into radio advertising instead.

Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako noted that it is a good idea to invest money for advertising into the radio and asked whether we can use local presenters. Bessie Fepulea'i said that we will be doing properly recorded advertisements that will be on-going. Kolovula Murphy suggested that we use PAG members as their communities know their voices. Bessie Fepulea'i said that she has put the PAG member's names forward and will be having a meeting with Access Radio to find out the costings for this advertising. Danny Kauraka suggested that the money not be given directly to Access Radio as each Island Nation pays for their own radio time. Bessie Fepulea'i said that at the meeting with Access Radio they will say who they want to record the advertisement and state that the money should go to the different community groups. Danny Kauraka said that it may be cheaper to go straight to the community groups. Kolovula Murphy noted that Access Radio will charge for translating. Bessie Fepulea'i said that she will talk to the Communications Team and work through these issues.

- **APW Paper** – Councillor Gill noted that Councillors have received an email about the stoppage of the APW paper in favour of advertising in the DomPost. She said that the Councillors would like to know how many Pacific people read this paper as Councillors are concerned about the stoppage of this paper. Pisa Alaifea noted that he has not seen this paper before.
- Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako noted the death of the CEO of Te Papa and said that she would like condolences to be sent on behalf of the PAG.

- **Kilbirnie Town Project** – Pisa Alaifea, Ana To’o, Danny Kauraka, Mafi Katoa, Martha Ahmed and Ida Faiumu-Isa’ako put their names forward for interviews. Bessie Fepulea’i will email out the details. Ida Faiumu-Isa’ako suggested that it would be good to get feedback from the community to take to these interviews.
- Kolovula Murphy noted that the Tongan community are also applying for a Creative New Zealand grant.

Closing Prayer:

- Avia Liai

Next Meeting: 19 August 2009

Meeting Closed: 8:00pm