

## **WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group Meeting on 16 December 2009**

#### **Present:**

1. Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako (Chairperson - Samoa)
2. Kolovula Murphy (Deputy – Tonga)
3. Pisa Alaifea (Deputy – Samoa)
4. Mailigi Hetutu (Niue)
5. Malakai Jiko (Fiji)
6. Danny Kauraka (Cook Islands)
7. Avia Liai (Tuvalu)
8. Mafi Katoa (Tonga)
9. Lopati Tefoto (Tuvalu)
10. Ana To'o (Samoa)
  
11. Marie Retimanu-Pule
12. Bessie Fepulea'i
13. Phoebe Velova'a
14. Trudy Jenkins

#### **Welcome:**

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

#### **Opening Prayer:**

- Kolovula Murphy

#### **Apologies:**

- Martha Ahmed; Deputy Mayor Ian McKinnon (who was unavailable to attend due to other commitments but sent his best wishes to everyone for a happy Christmas and a safe New Year).

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were moved as a correct record by Malakai Jiko and seconded by Kolovula Murphy.

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## PASIFIKA FESTIVAL

- **Food Stalls** - Bessie Fepulea'i reported that approximately 11 applications have been received for food stalls. There is a meeting for stall holders set for Thursday, 17 December.
- Other points to note include:
  - After having a meeting with the Council Food Health & Safety officers it was agreed that the food warmers and fridges (prices quoted on application forms) will not be large enough for food items. Stall holders will now need to look at hiring gas burners as this will be the best way to keep food warm. Hiremaster are the cheapest company to hire the gas burners from. Council will also look at hiring trailer fridges and freezers for ice at a small cost to stall holders.
  - Applications received this year are very good containing better details about what will be cooked on the day.
  - Hot food needs to be prepared on the morning of the festival and then put onto the burners straight away.
- **Questions & Comments:**
  - Does this mean that stall holders will not be allowed to bring barbeques to heat food? *Yes. The reason for this is to stop stall holders cooking sausages after their food has run out because these food items are not on their application forms.*
  - It was thought that people should still be able to bring their barbeques because the flames on the gas burners tend to go out.
  - People who sell sausages should be shut down and therefore this will enable people to bring along their barbeques.
  - Food stall holders will need to go out and organise their own burners.
  - There will have to be room provided on the tables for these burners.

**Action:** Bessie will talk to Metro about this.

- Stall holders should be allowed to bring along their barbeques and told that they are not allowed to cook after their food has run out. PAG members should be responsible for making sure people do not cook afterwards.

**Action:** Bessie Fepulea'i will talk to the Council Inspectors and get a final decision on whether or not people will be allowed to bring their barbeques along.

- **Craft Stalls** – There is still a lot of work that needs to be completed on the craft stalls. Only four application forms have been received so far. It was noted that the Cook Island group from overseas would like to have a stall again. Application forms still need to be received from Tuvalu and Fiji.

It was noted that we need to make sure there is plenty of room for people to move around in the marquees so they are able to look at all the items for sale.

- **Corporate Stalls** – Corporates that have been confirmed so far include the Police, Statistics New Zealand, Victoria and Otago Universities, Family Planning and Pasifika Pulse. Stalls that were looked at were ones that covered the needs of Pacific people. There is a cost of \$500 for these stalls.

**Action:** Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako will ask Pacific Health to come along and do blood and diabetes checks.

Members noted that they would like to see Pacific Health Service Providers represented at the festival.

**Action:** Bessie Fepulea'i and Marie Retimanu-Pule will look into whether room can be found for the Health Providers.

- **Performance Items:** So far only application forms have been received from Tokelau and Tonga. The deadline for these forms is on 18 December. We need to make sure there are a variety of performances for this festival.

#### **Questions & Comments:**

- It was queried why there were only going to be seven performances from community groups for this festival. *The reason for this is because there will be one traditional item followed by a contemporary item performed by youth. This change was made because of feedback received that the youth stage items should not be started before the formalities. This year the formalities will start at 10.30 and performances will begin around 12.00.*
- The draft programme will be ready for the next PAG meeting in January.
- The question was asked whether payments for the youth performances would be coming out of the festival funds. *The Youth Team in City Communities will be paying for these performances out of their budget.*

- **Headline Act** – It was noted that we need to cater for everyone's tastes. Acts that are being looked at include Neisenmistic, the Yandall Sisters, the original Jamo Jam Group and Cindy from Samoa will also perform.

#### **Questions & Comments:**

- The question was asked whether we can afford to pay for these people to perform. *This is still being looked into and NiuFM are still in negotiations. Marie Retimanu-Pule will be talking to the Yandall Sisters.*
- What time will the headline act be performing? *They will be performing close to 1.30-2.00 where there will be a break from the traditional items. After the headline act has finished the traditional performances will continue.*
- Have you looked into asking the Musical Island Boys? *Yes we have but there is a very high cost for them to perform.*
- We would like to see local acts performing like Ben Malki.

- **General Business**

- Members asked to see a draft budget at the next meeting.

**Action:** Bessie Fepulea'i will look into this.

- Who will be providing entertainment between when the festival opens and the formalities start? *NiuFM will be covering this and providing music.*
- The Reverends for the opening and closing of the festival need to be decided on.
- Who will be the MC for the festival? *NiuFM presenters Nate and Jandals will be the MCs for the festival. We will not be paying for their time only their airfares and accommodation. This is part of the package with NiuFM.*
- We would like to use local people for the festival. *Bessie Fepulea'i replied that NiuFm are a drawcard for the festival.*
- NiuFM will be conducting interviews with corporate stall holders, PAG members and food stall holders to promote the festival two weeks before the festival date. They will also be conducting live feeds from the festival.
- It was suggested that the local stations be invited to come along and also conduct a live feed on the day as this would be a good opportunity for people to put a name to a face of the PAG members.
- It was noted that it will depend on what is on during the day for the stations as to whether they will be able to attend.
- It was suggested that a stall/gazebo be set up for the local stations. The meeting agreed that an invitation to attend should be extended to Access Radio.
- VIP invitations – 35 invitations have been sent out to various VIPs. The PAG members asked to see the list of VIPs that invitations have been sent to. **Action:** Bessie Fepulea'i to send this out to PAG members.
- The question was raised about what is happening with the flag idea for the marquees. *There has been no update on this as yet.* **Action:** Bessie will follow up with Kit on this.
- It was noted that Kiwi Green Pac will be attending the meeting with the food stall holders on Thursday. They will bring samples and prices with them.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako presented her report to the meeting. This report is a reflection on the year past for the PAG committee.
- Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako made special mention of the recent visit from the Tongan Brass Band. Bessie Fepulea'i noted that the Tapa cloth will be put on display in the City Gallery and there will be a formal presentation from the Tongan Community to Council in the New Year.

## **COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**

- **Tuvalu** – will be holding their next meeting in January.

- **Samoa** – the community raised around \$10,000 from the recent fundraiser held at St Patricks. The community have been holding monthly meetings but need to find another venue and a different day. **Action:** Bessie to look into finding another venue.
- **Fiji** – there has been a recent cyclone in Fiji but no assessment of damage has been carried out as yet.
- **Tonga** – Mafi Katoa gave a quick report on his recent trip to China.
- **Cook Islands** – are sponsoring a volunteer to go over to Samoa to help with the rebuilding effort. The volunteer is being sponsored through Radio Ivanui. The volunteer will be part of Red Cross or a similar organisation through a formal agreement process.
- **Tonga** – Kolovula Murphy presented their written report. Their last meeting for the year was held on 7 December. They had Phil Railton-Jacks attend this meeting to talk about the WCC Grants process. The community asked for an update on their proposed bus tour. Bessie Fepulea’i said that Gabor Toth would be unavailable for this tour and we need to find someone else to conduct the tour so this will not happen until the New Year now.
- **Niue** – have recently held a Christmas lunch for their senior community with their other projects going on hold until January so that they can concentrate on getting ready for the Pasifika Festival.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Acknowledgement was made of the cheque received from the National Organisation for Kohanga Reo at a recent formal event for rebuilding Samoa.
- Phoebe Velova’a mentioned the rates rebate that people can apply for. She also said that if people are finding it hard to pay their rates then they should ring Council and get on a payment plan so that they do not get behind on their payments.

### **Closing Prayer:**

- Ida Faiumu-Isa’ako

**Next Meeting:** 20 January 2010

**Meeting Closed:** 7:55pm