

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group Meeting on 21 July 2010

Present:

1. Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako (Chairperson - Samoa)
2. Kolovula Murphy (Deputy – Tonga)
3. Pisa Alaifea (Deputy – Samoa)
4. Danny Kauraka (Cook Islands)
5. Manea Allan-Moetaua (Cook Islands)
6. Tina McNicholas (Fiji)
7. Ana To'o (Samoa)
8. Mafi Katoa (Tonga)

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

Welcome:

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

Opening Prayer:

- Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako

Apologies:

- Malakai Jiko; Brenda Cottingham; Martha Ahmed; Mailigi Hetutu; Deputy Mayor Ian McKinnon

PRESENTATION – Andy Scotland, General Manager, Strategic Events

- Andy Scotland gave an update presentation on the Rugby World Cup. This presentation covered the regional partners; the programme of work; what matches will be held in the Wellington Region and what teams will be hosted here and for how long the teams will be hosted; an update on the statue that will possibly be located at the waterfront; the Wharewaka that is currently under construction; the volunteer programme (website www.volunteer.rugbyworldcup.com); the overall master plan; the closure of Courtenay Place as “party central” for the quarter finals; TNZ Rugby Ball that was in Paris that could possibly be in Wellington; big screens will be located in Courtenay Place and the waterfront and the entertainment before the games at these locations. Plans going forward included the festival layout launch; on

going community engagement; the volunteer programme; tournament planning; CBD management; communications; transport planning and hosting.

Questions & Comments:

- How do we find out about hosting teams? *We are still waiting for the ruling around this from the Rugby Board. Are all the hotels in Wellington booked out? All the teams and officials have booked their accommodation but more accommodation will be released.*
- Andy Scotland said that she is happy to keep the PAG updated on the RWC on a regular basis. It was suggested that there is an update given at the next Pacific Forum in September. **Action:** Marie to follow this up.
- How far away is the Council from confirming community venues? *These will be decided around September and Andy Scotland asked for groups to come to the table with ideas. It was suggested that it would be a good idea for Council to let the Pacific Island communities know what to be prepared for. Andy Scotland said that the work plan would be confirmed by September.*
- What is planned for the opening game in Wellington? *We will have an official opening and for the first game between Fiji and South Africa on the 17th there will be a Fiji element in the opening.*
- Will mini busses be used instead of the large busses to help with congestion? *Shuttles will be used that will be free on the quarter final weekend.*

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- The Minutes of the previous meeting were moved as a correct record by Pisa Alaifea and seconded by Kolovula Murphy.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- What is happening about the Climate Change Workshop? *Marie Retimanu-Pule said that Sarah Meads from Oxfam has been contacted and arranged for Fei Tevi to be the key note speaker at this workshop. The workshop will be held on Saturday, 28 August from 10.00am to 1.00pm at Te Papa. The reason this workshop will be held at Te Papa is to give the community an opportunity to view the Paperskins exhibition. The agenda has not been confirmed yet but we would like to see youth input. Marie will send out the details to PAG members. Marie also said that there would need to be a follow up session looking at “where to from here”.*
- Suggestions for the workshop included:
 - Awareness of what people can do, eg, rubbish/recycling, conserving water, etc.

- Good to target the youth
- Emission rates – people do not know what this is about.
- The best way to present information at the workshop would be to look at what are the practical approaches. The practical ways to respond and not necessarily to look at the science of climate change. Visual documents or films will make this more interesting for people to learn from. **Action:** Tina McNicholas to send information to Marie on sources of visual information.

Send any other ideas through to Marie Retimanu-Pule.

- Marie Retimanu-Pule also noted that Fei Tevi will be available to come out to a church group on the Sunday. Please let Marie know if you would like him to visit your church.
- What is happening about the payment for the church hall? *Marie Retimanu-Pule said that \$500 can come from the City Communities budget and she is still waiting to hear back from Deputy Mayor Ian McKinnon. Councillor Leonie Gill said that she would follow this up with Deputy Mayor Ian McKinnon.*
- What is happening about the community garden – any progress? *Marie Retimanu-Pule said that she was waiting to hear back from Mafi Katoa and Malakai Jiko. Mafi Katoa said that they have not had their community meeting yet.*

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Marie Retimanu-Pule talked about the timing of the PAG elections. Currently the ToR for the PAG are under review and the PAG elections may be pushed out because of this. The ToR need to be sorted before the incoming PAG members are elected. Ezra Pedro-Jennings will attend the next PAG meeting to give feedback on the ToR.

Questions & Comments

- In the new ToR will there be more money for sitting fees?
- Could there be a change in term as it would be good to see continuity in PAG members. It was noted that this could not happen because PAG members are community selected. It was suggested that maybe this part of the ToR could be looked at as well.
- Marie Retimanu-Pule asked members if they would like to have a presentation from the Grants Team to explain the funding rounds so that communities are able to apply for funding for events, especially with the RWC in mind. PAG members all agreed on this. **Action:** Marie to set this up.

- PAG members said they would like an update on the upgrading of the Council flats. **Action:** Marie/Bessie to follow this up with City Housing and send through the information to PAG members.
- Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako said that Ana To'o and she had attended the launch of the Sustainability Trust Curtain Bank. This Trust makes curtains out of old donated curtains to give to people who have cold homes. This programme is supported by Genesis Energy. Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako asked PAG members to let people in their communities know about this programme.
- Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako also attended a meeting with City Housing to talk about issues faced by people who are in rent arrears, dealing with rent increases, house maintenance issues and the income threshold. PAG members and Budgeting Services should be consulted for help before it comes to the eviction of the tenant. It was suggested that when people get a rent arrears letter a copy goes to PAG or Budget Services (with the permission of the tenant) to help this tenant through their networks before it comes to the tenant being evicted.
- Councillor Leonie Gill said that South Eastern branch of Rotary are starting a "Toys for Tonga" collection. Councillor Leonie Gill will send out further information to PAG members.
- Wellington Airport Community Awards – these close at the end of July. PAG members were asked to encourage people to nominate their groups for this award.
- Danny Kauraka asked members to support Paul Tiaiti by voting on the internet in his bid for a scholarship from AMP to buy a hand cycle so he can compete in a triathlon. The person who gets the most votes will get the scholarship.
- Pacific Forum – members asked about the date and programme for the forum and whether there would be a PAG meeting held that month as well and whether members would be paid for attending the meeting and the forum. **Action:** Bessie Fepulea'i to follow this up.
- Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako informed members that she will be running for Council in the upcoming elections in the Southern Ward.

Closing Prayer:

- Manea Allan-Moetaua

Next Meeting: 25 August 2010

Meeting Closed: 7:30pm