

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group Meeting on 20 October 2010

Present:

1. Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako (Chairperson - Samoa)
2. Kolovula Murphy (Deputy – Tonga)
3. Pisa Alafaifea (Deputy – Samoa)
4. Danny Kauraka (Cook Islands)
5. Mailigi Hetutu (Niue)
6. Brenda Cottingham (Niue)
7. Ana To'o (Samoa)
8. Mafi Katoa (Tonga)
9. Malakai Jiko (Fiji)

10. Councillor Elect Ian McKinnon
11. Councillor Elect Paul Eagle
12. Inspector Willie Fanene
12. Bessie Fepulea'i
13. Marie Retimanu-Pule
14. Trudy Smith

Welcome:

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

Opening Prayer:

- Malakai Jiko

Apologies:

- Manea Allan-Moetaua, Tina McNicholas, Martha Ahmed, Councillor Elect Leonie Gill

ADDRESS – Councillor Elect Ian McKinnon

- Councillor Elect Ian McKinnon firstly apologised for having to leave the meeting early. He noted that this is the beginning of a new three year period for the newly elected Councillors and he acknowledged Councillor Elect Paul Eagle. He said that it has been a great honour and privilege to be the Councillor liaison with the PAG and it is wonderful to see the energy and commitment to the work that the PAG do for Pacific people and Wellington especially with the Pasifika Festival. He said that he has valued his association with PAG and noted that Councillors will decide who will be the

liaison for the next triennium by vote and he could not say whether he will be part of the PAG again. He then thanked members for their energy and for representing the voice of the Pacific people for Council and Wellington.

- Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako queried whether the PAG had the mandate to write a letter to Council to endorse the Councillor representative on the PAG. She noted that PAG advise Council on Pacific matters and they would like to have a say on who will be the Councillor representative.

ADDRESS – Councillor Elect Paul Eagle

- Councillor Elect Paul Eagle introduced himself and said that he is a new Councillor for the Southern Ward. He said that it was great to be elected as a Councillor and felt that it is important to hear Pacific views and noted that he would like to help in any way he can as the Southern Ward is the Pacific region for the city. He said that as a Councillor Elect he was currently on week two of his induction. He also noted that he has worked with the Police in the Maori and Pacific Island team.

ADDRESS – Willie Fa'anene

- Mr Fanene introduced himself and noted that part of his role with the Police was to travel up and down the country meeting with Pacific communities. His role also includes making the Police more aware of Pacific needs in the country. He is currently in the process of setting up a Pacific board to advise the Police.
- Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako said that it would be good if Mr Fanene could attend a PAG meeting and give a presentation on how PAG can help take the stigma that people regarding Police away.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- The Minutes from the previous meeting held in August were moved as a correct record by Malakai Jiko and seconded by Kolovula Murphy. There was no meeting held in September because of the Pacific Forum.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako asked whether there had been any progress regarding the ToR. *Bessie Fepulea'i said that these were still being worked on.* Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako noted her concern at the non attendance at meetings of the Tuvalu representatives.
- **Forum Arts Workshops** – Marie Retimanu-Pule said that these workshops were well attended by different groups of the community. She said that she

was impressed by the projects that included community gardens, dance groups, etc and noted that there is one more workshop for the Pacific Artists Networking Team to be held at Toi Poneke on 26 October 2010. Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako apologised for her non attendance at these workshops. Marie Retimanu-Pule there was good collaboration between DIA, Creative New Zealand and the Council and emphasised the importance of getting people along to the next meeting. She noted that Auckland and Christchurch have well connected groups but there is nothing in Wellington. There is also a lack of Pacific and Maori art visible in the city.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Rugby World Cup** – The City Arts team will have funding for projects for the beautification of the city for the RWC, ie, Opera House Lane. Speak to the Grants Team about this with applications closing on 29 October. Kolovula Murphy noted that the Tongan community have put in an application for funding. Bessie Fepulea'i noted that groups should talk to Tracey Monastra at Council for help in filling out funding applications. Groups need to be registered but if not then they need to come under an umbrella organisation, eg, a Church. The RWC team are looking for groups to perform in the Fan Zone, Street Zone and the pathway leading towards the Stadium. They are also looking for groups to perform in the family zone area between the Civic Square and the Town Hall. These are the areas where most community groups will be performing. Performances will be on the Friday, Saturday and for the Quarter Final Games. Groups applying for funding need to have a budget and can also apply for funding to up skill their group, ie, employing tutors.

Action: PAG would like to be given updates on the RWC at all their meetings. Bessie Fepulea'i to send contact details out for Tracey Monastra.

- **Pasifika Festival Update** – Bessie Fepulea'i noted that a tentative date has been set for 29 January 2011. Funding will not be shared with Waitangi Day next year. Rebecca Hardie from the Events Team will be in charge of organising the Pasifika Festival. *Action:* Bessie will arrange for Rebecca Hardie to attend the next PAG meeting.

Questions & Comments:

- PAG would like to know when the date will be confirmed.
- It was agreed that Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako would send an email/letter to Rebecca Hardie to ask for confirmation of the date; forms should be sent out now, things that worked well. Other things to note included issues with the band, radio promotion and sponsorship.
- PAG members are to talk to their own local radio stations regarding promotion of the festival.
- PAG members would like to see local acts instead of bands coming from Auckland.
- Have a Plan B, ie, an indoor centre like the TSB Arena. This plan must be realistic. Another suggestion was PIPC or Wesley. It was suggested that

the event be held in the TSB Arena instead of Waitangi Park. This could cause problems with cooking and this issue would need to be looked into first.

- Will Wellington Rugby be promoting the RWC at the festival? *They will possibly have a Rugby Mania tent.*
- PAG members agreed that they did not want to use NiuFM for sponsorship again and would prefer to use their local radio stations for advertising. It was noted that NiuFM will give free air time for communities. Mailigi Hetutu, Danny Karaka and Kolovula Murphy will approach NiuFM and the local radio stations.
- An approach should also be made to Tangata Pasifika for advertising.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **PAG Elections** – Due to the Local Body Elections being held close to the PAG elections Ross Bly is unable to hold PAG elections until November. This does not give enough time to promote the elections to the community. PAG members suggested that the elections be held in March 2011 when one large meeting would be held with the different Island Nations who would then break up into groups and vote for their representatives. Bessie Fepulea'i suggested that this meeting be held at the Council Offices or the Town Hall. The Tuvalu community need to ratify this agreement to hold the elections over till next year.
- **Project Tangaroa** – PIPC was set up as a welfare centre during this emergency simulation project. Rose Swindells sent her thanks to PAG for their help. **Action:** It was agreed that WEMO be invited to attend a PAG meeting. PAG members should be promoting the importance of having emergency kits to their communities.
- **Letter of Endorsement** – Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako will write a letter to the Mayor on behalf of PAG endorsing Councillors Elect Ian McKinnon, Paul Eagle and Leonie Gill. It was agreed that this letter should acknowledge and thank Councillors Elect Ian McKinnon and Leonie Gill for their time on PAG.
- PAG members would like Ross Bly to attend a PAG meeting next year to explain how the STV system of voting works as many people found this system confusing.
- **Community Reports**
 - The Fijian community HEHA church programme is up and running with the nutritional and physical instructor training to commence soon.
 - The Tongan community are still holding their monthly meetings. They have discussed the PAG elections. The community will be doing two performances at Te Papa and three performances at Capital E during the holidays. They have applied for a grant for the RWC and have had an interview with the Tongan specialist who is looking after the Tongan RWC

team. The Tongan High Commissioner acknowledged the Climate Change Workshop and Pacific Forum.

Closing Prayer:

- Pisa Alafaifea

Next Meeting: 17 November 2010

Meeting Closed: 7:50pm

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