

Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group meeting, 11 May 2011

Venue & Time	5.30 to 8.00 pm, Committee Room 1, 101 Wakefield Street
Present	<p>PAG Members: Tina McNicholas, Danny Kauraka, Rev. Teaumetua Poua'o, Malakai Jiko, Maria Solouota, Mailigi Hetutu, Violet Ekenaiso, Anthony Leaupepe, Fetu ole Moana Tamapeau, Martha Samasoni, Sainimili Pouvalu, Siofillisi Taufou'u, Florence Palakua and Silika Kofe.</p> <p>Council Officers: Bessie Fepulea'i, Marie Retimanu-Pule</p> <p>Councillors: Ian McKinnon, Paul Eagle.</p> <p>Guests: Wendy Walker.</p>
Apologies	Councillor Leonie Gill.

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Agenda Item	
	The Chair welcomed the new group.
Adoption of Minutes	Minutes of the 9 March 2011 meeting were adopted.
Matters arising	<p>Discussion regarding the Pacific Festival:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that planning for the festival (2012) start earlier than in the previous year. • It was suggested that there should be a Pacific advisor on the events team especially for the Pacific Festival.

	Pacific Advisory Elections	<p>Election of the Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tina McNicholas was confirmed as the Chair. <p>Election of the Deputy Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that an election process would be held at the meeting and facilitated by the Council's Electoral Officer. <p>Nominations received:</p> <p>Danny Kauraka Anthony Leaupepe</p> <p>Voting was tied and it was agreed that Danny and Anthony would share the role of deputy chair.</p>
	Update on the Restructure of City Communities	<p>Wendy Walker, Director, Citizen Engagement gave the group an update on the changes in her directorate, specifically with the City Communities and Consultation and Engagement Business units. Wendy acknowledged that the community had expressed concern at the changes.</p> <p>Councillor McKinnon also acknowledged the concerns of the group and their respective communities, but asked for the group's cooperation and assured them that it is Council's practice to review changes of this nature.</p> <p>Wendy confirmed that support for the advisory groups and forums would move to the Consultation and Engagement Team. Wendy emphasised that by moving the management/administration of the advisory groups and forums would allow the City Communities team to undertake more focussed work around building community resilience. This will ensure appropriate services are delivered and are able to be accessed by the local Pacific communities. The Council will continue to deliver initiatives across Wellington's diverse communities.</p> <p>The Council will continue to maintain a diverse workforce. To this end current vacancies at Council could be sent to PAG.</p> <p>Wendy also noted that it was normal practice to review change in the Council. Therefore, the changes will be reviewed and she would be happy to come along and check into the group on a more regular basis.</p> <p>Action: Invite Wendy back in 6 months time.</p>

4	Induction Programme	<p>The induction process for the new group will begin at the next meeting. Included in that is PAG's work plan for the year.</p> <p>The group was encouraged to think about a forward programme and what they would like to be part of the programme over the next year using the opportunity to broaden the scope of the PAG discussions.</p> <p>As part of the forward programme Council officers will work with the Chair to draft an induction package for the group.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members have been asked to come to the next meeting prepared to provide input into the planning. • Officers and the Chair to develop a draft induction plan
5	General Business / Community Reports	<p>Each PAG Member reported back from their respective communities.</p> <p>It was noted that radio is seen as an important tool for engaging with Pacific communities and consideration should be given to discussing this further.</p> <p>Noted as a future agenda item.</p> <p>The group thanked Bessie for all her work over the last few years and wished her family well.</p> <p>Closed at 8. 02pm</p>
6	Date for next meeting	8 June 2011