

Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group meeting, 8th June 2011.

Time & Venue	5.30 to 8.00 pm, Committee Room 1, 101 Wakefield Street
Present	PAG - Tina McNicholas (Chairperson), Dan Kauraka (Deputy), Anthony Leaupepe (Deputy), Rev. Teaumetua Poua'o, Malakai Jiko, Maria Solouota, Mailigi Hetutu, Violet Ekenaiso, Fetu ole Moana Tamapeau, Sainimili Pouvalu, Siofilisi Taufou'ou and Florence Palakua. Council Officers - Marie Retimanu-Pule, Lisa Matthews and Vasi Siohane Councillors - Ian McKinnon and Leonie Gill
Apologies	Cr. Paul Eagle, Martha Samasoni and Silika Kofe

Welcome	Tina McNicholas – Warm Pacific greetings – welcome everyone.
Opening Prayer	Rev. Teaumetua Poua'o
Confirmation of Minutes	The Minutes of the last meeting were amended to include Tina McNicholas as present at the meeting. The Minutes were adopted - Dan/Malakai
Councillors' Report	<p>Ian McKinnon (also speaking on behalf of Leonie Gill).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of the Annual Plan process to be completed by the end of June 2011. • Update of the road from Ngauranga Gorge to the Airport. Council do not make the decision but it can have an opinion. The decision is made by central government and the Land Transport Agency. • Update of the Earthquake Preparedness & Strengthening of the Buildings Act. • Apologised for their early departure. • Acknowledged Marie Retimanu-Pule's hard work to PAG and wished her well.
Matters Arising from the Minute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget for the Pasifika festival is with the Events Team as was for the last 2011 Festival.

Agenda Items	
	<p>Induction for PAG members – Lisa/Marie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction folders containing relevant information about PAG and the Council – were distributed. <p>Presentation on the Terms of Reference (TOR) Marie explained that there will be a larger review of the TOR later in the year. The October 2010 report recorded the two outstanding issues from the discussions were: (a) representation of the Samoan Community and (b) revolving membership.</p> <p>Presentation on How the Council Works - Lisa/Marie</p> <p>Presentation on the Forward Programme - Lisa/Marie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the current SPC Forward Programme was provided. • PAG should now use the Forward Programme to identify issues for its own Work Plan in 2012. • PAG can make its own submissions on any issues of interest. • SPC meetings are open to the public and also to PAG members. <p>Note: The Chairperson stressed that any information on Annual Plan, Long Term Plan or SPC Forward Programme is brought to PAG in advance – i.e. 3-4 months to ensure PAG and the Pacific community do have an early input.</p> <p>Next meeting – Induction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision-making at Council. Aroha Rangi will be present at the next PAG Meeting in July to clarify any points and answer any questions on the Induction Process. • Aroha will also speak on the Arts Policy (and The Older Peoples' Policy) <p>Action – PAG Members should now start to identify issues of interest for the forward programme.</p>
<p>Other Business & Community Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiji - Malakai & Tina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HEHA Project funded by CCDHB has a workshop at Johnsonville Community Centre this weekend. - Fiji Youth Forum on 20 June at Wesley Church, - Free Zumba classes (part of HEHA project) at Tawa on Friday evenings at 6.00 pm and on Saturday mornings at Linden Community Centre. • Samoa – Anthony, Violet and Fetu ole Moana

- Invitation to Greg Orchards to meet with the Community at PIPC Church Hall re Strengthening Buildings – particularly Church Halls. A submission will be made by August.
- Civil Defence (WEMO) presentation at PIPC Church Hall next Wednesday at 6 – 8 pm.
- Sarah Fee of Sustainability Trust has been invited to a meet with the community about the Warm up Project.
- Conference on Violence Prevention on 24-25 June at PIPC Church Hall, Newtown. Prior registration is required.
- Awaiting confirmation of available ‘air time’ from Capital Samoa Radio.
- Funds for Tu Tangata have been reinstated (through the Discretionary fund).
- Youth volunteers required for the Rugby World Cup – contact Fetu and Janice Ikiua.

- **Cook Islands – Dan and Rev. Teaumetua**

- Invitation to Sarah Fee of the Sustainability Trust to meet the community.
- Waiting quotes on the ceiling and under floor of the Cook Islands Society Hall.
- A National Church Conference at Porirua in the weekend.
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- **Tonga – Siofilisi and Sainimili**

- Report from the Monthly meeting of the Tonga Core Group :
 - * Tongan community groups work under the umbrella of the Core Group. The PAG representatives will then bring any issues to PAG meetings.
 - * Proposing a ‘Thank you’ evening for past PAG members (Vula and Mafi).
 - * Planning cultural activities during the Rugby World Cup (RWC).
 - * Funding applications. Acknowledged \$3,000 from Council.
 - * Meeting with Te Papa and Wharewaka – re venue for their proposed activities during RWC.
 - * Home Work Class – continued to be well attended by the children.
 - * Emergency Preparedness & Climate Change classes with the children.
 - * Noted the sad passing away of the President of the Core Group.

- **Niue – Mailigi and Maria**

- Report on the Niue Church annual ‘Fono Motu’ held in Auckland.
- Niue Language Programme Workshops held at Toru Fetu in Porirua and NKWR.
- Niue Arts & Crafts display stall at Te Papa 10-11th June 2011.
- Have invited Civil Defence (WEMO) to NKWR’s next meeting.
- NIUFM staff meeting with the Wellington Niue Community in Porirua on Friday.
- Funding applications for the Rugby World Cup activities, contact is Janice Ikiua.
 [Fetu ole Moana Tamapeau and Marie Retimanu-Pule contributed to this conversation.
 Pacific Village activities during the RWC and process about the Pacific Arts Group. Marie informed that the Tongan High Commissioner is already involved with this Group].

	<p>Tuvalu – Florence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community support for the woman who is providing island massage - island fofo.
Final Comments	<p>i) Clarification of Protocols for PAG Meetings. The Chairperson noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAG meetings are open to the public but they have no automatic speaking or voting rights, and any issues cannot be recorded in the Minutes. • It is at the discretion of the Chairperson to invite (polite and Pacific way depending on status of) anyone to speak at the end of PAG meeting and only if time is available. • PAG members are reminded of the correct procedures for the community channel their issues of concern through their ethnic representatives. <p>ii) PAG can invite guest speakers provided this is done early and can be fitted into the Agenda.</p> <p>iii) A request is received from the Director of Planning, CCDHB – Taima Fagaloa to be a guest speaker at any future PAG meetings.</p> <p>Action: It was agreed to invite Taima Fagaloa within the next 2-3 months time.</p> <p>iv) Administrative matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new PAG members are reminded to complete the required paper work before any meeting fees can be paid. • Photographs of previous PAG meeting and events may be ordered at a cost to the members. • PAG Contact List. PAG members must provide information for updating of any changes/amendments/errors? <p>The Chairperson acknowledged on behalf of PAG Marie Retimanu-Pule’s hard work and dedication to PAG over the past years. Vasi Siohane’s services were also acknowledged.</p>
Date for next meeting	13 th July 2011 at the Mayoral Chambers.
Closing Prayer	Anthony Leaupepe

