

Draft Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group meeting, 12 October 2011.

Time & Venue	6.00 to 8.00 pm, Council Chambers, 101 Wakefield Street
Present	PAG - Tina McNicholas (Chair), Anthony Leaupepe, Maria Solouota, Fetu ole Moana Tamapeau, Siofilisi Taufo'ou, Sainimili Pouvalu, Dan Kauraka, Violet Ekenasio, Malakai Jiko Council Officers - Janette Wallace Gedge, Michael Okkerse Councillors - Ian McKinnon, Leonie Gill, Paul Eagle
Apologies	Mailigi Hetutu, Rev Teaumetua Pou'ao

Welcome	Tina McNicholas
Opening Prayer	Siofilisi Taufo'ou
Confirmation of Minutes	Minutes: Dan Kauraka moved the minutes as an accurate record, Anthony Leaupepe seconded
Agenda Items WCC Long Term Plan	Long Term Plan – engagement Michael Okkerse from WCC Strategy Unit gave a short presentation on the relationship of the Long Term Plan to the new strategy Wellington Towards 2040: Smart Capital . There was some discussion around the table about the presentation and about the input that PAG could have. It was agreed that what was wanted and opportunities for input were not clear. This will be worked on for the Pacific Forum as the agenda for that is the Next 10 Years. Initial feedback on the LTP was provided to the Strategy team with more to follow after the Pacific Forum takes place. Actions: Information to be made clearer and less jargon for the Pacific Forum. Feedback to be provided to Strategy Team.
Councillor Report	Councillor McKinnon began his report by noting the comment in the last minutes about Councillor representation at the PAG Meetings. He reiterated that the group is seen as very valuable to Council. He encouraged members of the group to take a copy of the Annual Report Summary that gives an insight into what council has done in last 12 months. The Councillor then gave an update on recent Council business: Roading – main access road to airport has to be upgraded, congestion undermines economic viability and frustrates socially. WCC can only advise government as is a State Highway. Submission will go to Government, reflecting vote to have a tunnel under basin reserve. RWC – has attracted considerable number of visitors to the city and generated considerable spending (estimated \$45M)

	<p>from outside of city. Word will get around that Wellington is a place worth coming too.</p> <p>Aware Pacific Forum is coming up and encourage PAG members to encourage their community to come along. Long Term Plan: 2 major cost items WCC faces Earthquake Prone Buildings and Leaky Buildings. Doing the budgets will be challenging. Auckland has become a super city and has strong economic clout. Christchurch will require a lot of support and spending WCC must monitor challenges and take opportunities.</p> <p>Question from Anthony Leaupepe: Will the council consider assisting to fund strengthening of church and community halls which are facing major costs to strengthen as well. Response: There is a small fund to help with Earthquake Strengthening. Policy is to preserve safety of people whilst retaining buildings that add character to the city. WCC is aware of importance and value of heritage. If the building is important to the community they should contact the Council. This is a big ticket item for the city. Could be the basis for a submission to the Annual Plan. Councillor Gill reported she had spend a great deal of time listening to extensive submissions on the Town Belt. Councillor Eagle: great to see al the Pacific Nations represented at the RWC. Arts and culture strategy being consulted on currently – would be useful to get views form PAG members.</p> <p>Actions: Consultation links to be sent to all PAG members</p>
Communications Plan for PAG	<p>Fetu ole Moana Tamapeau gave some background and presented a proposed Communications Plan to the Group. It was noted that WCC communications did not include many items related to Pacific and a request was made for someone form the Comms team to attend</p>
Matters Arising from the Minutes	<p>Pacific Festival Subcommittee to be set up as soon as possible : Mailigi, Dan, Sofi and Violet will form the subcommittee. The subcommittee will work with the events team and feedback to PAG. Action: Janette to set up date for subcommittee meeting with Events team. Pacific Forum</p>
Date for next meeting	<p>17 November briefing for facilitators for Pacific Forum Venue: Committee Room 2 24 November - Pacific Forum 14 December – Final Advisory Group Meeting for 2011 Committee Room one</p>
Closing Prayer	<p>Maria</p>