

Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group meeting, 13 June, 2012.

Time & Venue	6.00 to 8.00 pm, Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Wakefield St.
Present	PAG - Tina McNicholas (Chair), Anthony Leaupepe, Siofilisi Taupo'u, Violet Ekenasio, Martha Samasoni, Fetu Ole Moana Tamapeau, Dan Kauraka, Maria Solouota, Manuila Tausi, Teloma Munro, Stacey Kokaua- Balfour Council Officers - Janette Wallace Gedge, Rekha Jatav Councillors –Cllr Leonie Gill, Visitors – Bridget Duley,,
Apologies	Cllr Ian McKinnon, Cllr Paul Eagle, Malakai Jiko, Sainimili Pouvalu

Farewell	The first part of the meeting was an opportunity to farewell and acknowledge Bessie Fepulea'I in appreciation for her work on behalf of PAG over several years. Dan Kauraka, Tina McNicholas and Fetu ole Moana Tamapeau each acknowledged Bessie's commitment as Pacific Advisor and Tina presented her with a certificate on behalf of PAG.
Welcome	Tina Mc Nicholas welcomed everyone and in particular three new PAG members, Teloma Munro and Manuila Tausi representing Tuvalu and Stacey Kokaua-Balfour representing Cook Islands. The new members each introduced themselves and the existing members then introduced themselves.
Opening Prayer	Dan Kauraka
Councillor update	Councillor Leonie Gill gave an update on the LTP. Councillors have received over 2000 submissions and have heard a record number of oral submissions over the last few weeks. Deliberations started that day. Zealandia will now become a partnership. Councillor Gill also asked PAG to make sure they let people know about the Local Government Reform consultation as it is very important tissue and it's important that councillors hear what you think. Anthony made a request of Councillor Gill to catch up with her regarding some church issues.
Update from Community Events Manager on Positively Pasifika Festival	Rebecca Hardie, Community Events Manager gave a presentaiton on the plans for the next Positively Pasifika Festival and included reference to the report PAG had produced with recommendations for the future. She also handed out copies of the budget and expenditure for the 2012 Festival. Anthony commended the presentation and noted that the Events team had listened to the PAG group feedback and responded to the recommendations in the report. Maria extended congratulations for a successful festival and noted the presentation had taken the feedback positively and commended the transparency. Rebecca suggested that we confirm the date for the 2013 Festival as the Saturday of Wellington Anniversary

	<p>weekend with the Monday as a “rain day’ if necessary. Maria moved the motion to adopt the date of 19 January for the 2013 Festival, seconded by Anthony. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>A question was raised about the cost of the marquees. Could we do away with marquees and ask people to bring their own? Rebecca explained that due to the wind in Wellington gazebos can be dangerous and have been blown over in the past. The budget takes investment in infrastructure into account.</p> <p>Need to factor in planning for festival and Rebecca proposed we hold a workshop in August to begin planning.</p>
Presentation: Bridget Duley	<p>What we do and how we do it – Council overview. Bridget Duley on behalf of Strategy, Planning and Urban Design gave an overview of the way Council works, what Council does and how PAG fits with Council. This was part of the induction for our new members and preparation for our next session planning the work plan for the next year.</p> <p>Question from Anthony about trying to get what the community needs and that the call centre asked him to lodge a request rather than putting him through to the Parking Manager to deal with the issue that he was calling about. He felt that The call centre should be told that the PAG members should be put thought to managers dealing with the operations.</p> <p>Cllr Gill said that for any Pacific issues the PAG members should ring her in the first instance. For individual issues use the Contact Centre.</p>
Minutes of last meeting	<p>Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read. Fetu Ole Moana moved the minutes, seconded by Dan.</p> <p>Dan asked for a copy of the folder provided by Statistics NZ when they presented a couple of meetings ago.</p>
Matters Arising from the Minutes	<p>Janette reminded everyone about the Annual Report to Council from PAG. A rough draft was circulated but it has a lot of gaps that need to be completed. Janette requested that everyone send information about their activity over the last year and comments and items to be included in the report to her by Friday 29 June. The report will then be circulated by 5 July and commented on for finalisation and adoption at the next PAG Meeting on 11 July.</p>
Community updates	<p>Sofi: Tongan community has started a Council of Leaders for the wider Wellington Region in response to possible amalgamation. Sofi has been appointed deputy chair in recognition of his PAG Membership. The Wellington Tongan group applied for funding and have been granted \$46,000 for Tongan language development for years 1-4. They have also gained Lottery funding of \$15,000 to help secondary and tertiary students.</p> <p>Maria: within her work at NZ Police starting and internal support group to engage with Pacific Communities. Lack of Police Officers to help translate. Having a Fia Fia night at Wellington Police Station. Maria noted that Dr. Colin Tukuitonga Chief Executive of the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs was coming to the end of his tenure.</p> <p>In planning for 2013 the community are looking at church premises and at grants for remedial work.</p> <p>Fetu: Met with the Pacific Woman’s group and made a submission to Council on the draft LONG TERM PLAN for 2012-2022. Submission is attached to these minutes) Feels that one of the core parts of being an advisory group is to make sure</p>

	<p>Pacific thought is represented. The submission resonated well at the hearings. Asked the question how would Local Government Reform affect our community? And encouraged everyone to engage with this question and to encourage submissions.</p> <p>Anthony made the point that submissions can be made online.</p> <p>Tina Acknowledged Fetu's submission to the draft LTP.</p> <p>Manuila: Noted that he could pass on a copy of a recent Immigration report that Pacific Community may find of interest. Acknowledged that Tuvalu community representation has been missing in action from the Festival and would certainly like to be represented at the next one.</p> <p>Noted Tuvalu Independence celebrations in October – details to be announced.</p> <p>Violet: Samoan Language and Independence celebrations have just been happening. A senior exercise group continues. Organising Prevention of family violence conference on Friday 29 June.</p> <p>Mailigi: New language class started at Porirua College on 8 May. Students will be recognised for NCEA. Now 17 attending class.</p> <p>IN October Niue will be celebrating Language week for the first time.</p> <p>National Language trust Having meeting with Niue Language Commission in Niue.</p> <p>Niue language education awarded \$15,000 which has gone to Auckland to help set up.</p> <p>PMIA has given Tokelauan, Cook Islands and Niue Language funding.</p> <p>Anthony: Has been having discussions with Building and Licensing group. Has completed emergency evacuation plan for church. Has been seeking funding. Strengthening for church is estimated to cost \$300,000.</p> <p>Dan: Welcome to Stacey. Asked about the repercussions of earthquake inspections. What happens if Council arrives and says this building is not ok?</p> <p>Since the Pacific Forum has been discussing Amalgamation on Radio – most callers not in favour.</p> <p>In Porirua 120 students learning Te Reo.</p> <p>Cook Islands workshop in Kilburnie about Pacific Health and communicating with your doctor with language and cultural barriers.</p> <p>Cook Islands independence celebration on 4 August with big feed, big dance and fashion show.</p> <p>Tina: Major milestone reached with opening of First Bula centre – First early Childhood centre in Mangere. Pushing for similar in Wellington now.</p> <p>Language: 10 day holiday programme being run for primary and intermediate children. Holiday programme runs three times per year. Zumba classes in Tawa community centre on Friday night. Everyone is welcome 5.30-6.30 at Tawa Community Centre.</p>
Next meeting	Next PAG Meeting 11 July, Venue: Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Wakefield Street

Closing Prayer	Tina McNicholas closed the meeting and Siofilisi Taufo'ou gave the closing prayer
Action Points:	<p>PAG Members: Send PAG member activity, achievements and progress for annual report to Janette for inclusion by 29 June.</p> <p>Janette:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report. • Organise Speaker from Council about Earthquake Resilience

Appendix: Oral Submission to Draft LONG TERM PLAN from Pacifica Wellington Central Branch