

## Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group meeting, 13 March, 2013

<b>Time &amp; Venue</b>	6.00 to 8.00 pm, Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Wakefield St.
<b>Present</b>	<b>PAG</b> - Dan Kauraka (Deputy Chair) Tina McNicholas (Chair), Siofilisi Taifo'ou, Sainimili Pouvalu, Violet Ekenasio, Mailigi Hetutu, Teloma Munro, Maria Solouota, Anthony Leaupepe, Martha Samasoni <b>Councillors:</b> Cllr Ian McKinnon, Cllr Leonie Gill, <b>Council Officers</b> –Janette Wallace Gedge, Rekha Jatav
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Eagle, Stacey Kokaua-Balfour, Manuila Tausi
<b>Welcome</b>	Deputy Chair Dan Kauraka opened the meeting and welcomed everyone
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Sofi</b> gave the opening prayer
<b>Councillor update</b>	<b>Councillor McKinnon</b> gave an update on council business. The council has been considering the Annual Plan for 2013/14 including reviewing expenditure, user charges, and making investments in such areas as energy efficiency guidance and looking at an intern style programme for young people who have trouble finding jobs because of lack of experience, e.g. recent migrants, refugees. Would give them a leg up to get into the job market and may help persuade other organisations to join. Working party on amalgamation – decision by Councillors due tomorrow (14 March). Do keep aware of the consultation that will follow. This is an election year – the election will be based on current boundaries. Councillor McKinnon offered to meet with anyone who is interested in standing for election. <b>Councillor Gill</b> – noted that Wellington may end up with parallel consultations or a possible joint consultation on Local Government Reform. The particulars to watch out for are the boundaries and governance structure. Some councillors are suggesting a multi unitary authority but officers do not believe the multi unitary authority would fit the criteria for the Local Government Commission. Effect on rates is that they would likely go up in the short term for a long term gain. We could ask: can Wellington city remain tremendous? Question from Martha: she is interested in internship from a Pasifika view.
<b>Forward programme discussion</b>	Chair, Tina McNicholas joined the meeting. Tina raised the point that PAG has 12 months left of the term and we need to plan what we can accomplish in that 12 months. She invited suggestions from the group for the work programme. Suggestions included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal submission as PAG to Local Government Commission when called for. (likely in June/July)</li> <li>• Next Pacific Forum in November could be a Regional Fono with Pasifika People invited from throughout the region</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing: How are we helping our old people in housing? People age 65 plus rebate – how do we get people to take up the rebate?</li> <li>• Pensions – WINZ</li> <li>• Total Mobility Service</li> <li>• Could have a walk-in for Pasifika people every week from 12-1pm – need to identify a room</li> <li>• Focus on young people – e.g. how to access grants</li> </ul> <p>Forward programme topics were agreed as:</p> <p>April – Annual Plan, Forum planning  May - Forum  June – Planning activities to connect older people to youth  July – PAG Annual Report  August – planning for regional fono/Local Government commission submission  September- Subcommittee to bring proposal for Fale back to PAG  October – PP14 discussions begin/regional fono/elections report  November – Regional fono  Dec and Jan – PP14  Feb – debrief and final report on term  March – elections for PAG new term</p> <p>Maria and Martha – volunteered to staff Walk-in</p>
<b>Community updates</b>	<p>Defer discussion on Fale and request for all PAG members to start finding out from the community what the needs are and what is currently used. Suggestion from Tina to set up a working group to move the programme forward and for everyone to bring their ideas, find a working model that generates income and potential sponsors.</p> <p>Violet submitted notes on community needs from her community investigations.</p> <p>Mailingi noted community disappointed and problem is they cannot get bookings in halls.</p> <p>Working group volunteers: Dan, Maria, Martha, Sofi, Tina, first meeting will be in June.</p>
<b>Pacific Forum</b>	<p>Discussion on venue- Ioane Vito centre approved,</p> <p>Programme outline: Open hall at 5pm for mini exhibition of service providers, - All PAG members to invite service providers to attend, i.e. Police, Health services, Grants, Rates rebates, Housing,</p> <p>Food served at 5.30pm</p> <p>Performances by: Samoa plus priest will bless food and open meeting</p> <p>Second performance _ Tonga plus minister to close</p> <p>Formalities start 6pm – finish by 8pm</p> <p>Include dedication to Malakai.</p> <p>Invitation and posters to be produced plus radio advertising on programmes hosted by PAG Members</p>
<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>	<p>Minutes of last meeting were proposed as correct by Mailigi and seconded by Violet. Approved by group.</p>

<b>Actions from this meeting</b>	PAG members to ask the communities about the use of a Fale and how it might be run what the priorities would be. Janette to identify room for Walk-in
<b>Next meeting</b>	Venue: Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Wakefield Street, Wednesday 10 April 2013 Agenda items: Pacific Forum, Local Government Reform
<b>Closing prayer</b>	Maria gave the closing prayer

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