

Pacific Advisory Group Minutes

Wednesday 9 December 2015 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield Street, Committee Room 2

Chairperson: Sai Lealea (Chair)

Present:

Members: Leina Isno, Anthony Leaupepe, Meremine Auelua, Sharon Samasoni, Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako, Alvin Mitikulena, Nicole Rex, Herbert Bartley, Siofilisi Taifo'ou, Alapeta Faletau.

Staff: Gunther Wild, Natasha Petkovic-Jeremic, Suzanne Tamaki, David Daniela, Crispian Franklin

No.	Item	Action
1.	<p>Welcome and opening prayer The meeting was opened with a prayer and the Chair welcomed members and staff to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies That the Pacific Advisory Group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. accept the apologies from Cr Paul Eagle, Cr Sarah Free, Merio Marsters, Ledua Taucilagi, Kimi Higginson and Alapeta Faletau for early departure, be received. <p style="text-align: right;"><u>CARRIED</u></p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting That the Pacific Advisory Group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. accept the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting. <p style="text-align: right;"><u>CARRIED</u></p> <p>Crispian updated the group on the election process. This will be scheduled for mid-January and early February next year. The proposed dates are as follows:</p> <p>Thursday, 4 February - 1 day booth voting 10am-6pm (if needed) Friday 29 January - Public Notice of election announcement</p>	Crispian Franklin

	<p>Tuesday, 26 January Nominations close Monday 18 January Nominations open Friday 15 January Public Notice calling for nominations</p> <p>Members are encouraged to get the message across to their communities.</p>	
4.	<p>Confirmation of joint letter of agreement The group confirmed the joint letter of agreement. Further discussion is required on the church service.</p>	
5.	<p>Wellington Pasifika Festival Council Staff and PAG. Moved: Sai Lealea Seconded: Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako</p> <p>That the Pacific Advisory Group: 1. Agree to work with the events team to formulate a working relationship document and table at the next meeting for further discussion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>CARRIED</u></p> <p>Discussion ensued around working together and finding a way forward for PAG to work with the events team and general discussion on the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement in the translation of the form • format of the form • what advice was considered and relay back feedback • promoting the festival • budget expenditure 	Chair
6.	<p>Community update The following member updated the group on the following:</p> <p>Sai Lealea (Fijian Community)</p> <p>A key community leader, Captain Jo Serevi of the Salvation Army, will be relocating with his family up to Manurewa in Auckland in the New Year. The Fijian community had a farewell for him at its last community combined church service on Saturday, 05th December. Captain Jo has been active in the wider Pacific community as well including involvement in the Pacific Patrol initiative under the City Council.</p> <p>On Tuesday evening at Parliament, 5 Pasifika youths received their awards in the Prime Minister's Pacific Youth Awards 2015. A proud moment and achievement for 2 recipients with Fijian heritage – Antony Vavia and Grace Ligairi. The awards will enable the recipients to complete their chosen areas of study and mentoring support from organisations such as Leadership New Zealand and Pacific</p>	

	<p>Business Trust. Both Fijian recipients are to be interviewed on the Fijian Language Programme on Niu FM and Radio 531PI over the weekend.</p> <p>The Fijian community are also about to welcome the new Fiji High Commissioner to New Zealand. He has recently been received by the Governor General of New Zealand at Government House and a meeting with the community is being planned.</p> <p>Leina Isno (Melanesian Community)</p> <p>Vanuatu-Dr Pala Molisa, an academic at Victoria University was one of the main speakers on the 28th November 2015 at the Climate Change March in Wellington- Vanuatu has been very passionate about this issue especially after Cyclone Pam (Category 5) devastated the country earlier this year. Vanuatu Wellington Community hosted a special event last weekend (5th Dec) in support of Free West Papua Campaign-it was well attended by our members! The community is now preparing for the Pasifika Festival next year with the food stall planning.</p> <p>Solomon Islands-Full preparation and planning for their dancing performances for the Pasifika Festival next year.</p>	
7.	Closing and final prayer	

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.