

Pacific Advisory Group Minutes

Tuesday, 12th April 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield St, Committee Room 2

Chairperson: Sai Lealea

Members: Leina Isno, Ledua Taucilagi, Anthony Leaupepe, Meremine Auelua, Merio Marsters, Sharon Samasoni, Kimi Higginson, Ida Faiumu-Isa’ako, Alvin Mitikulena, Nicole Rex, Alapeta Faletau, Herbert Bartley, Siofilisi Taifo’ou and Alisa Logo

Councillor: Cr Free, Cr Eagle

Staff: James Mather, Adam Nicholls, Jane Black

1.	<p>Welcome , Opening prayer & Introduction of Alisa</p> <p>Sai welcomed the PAG members and guests Sofi gave an opening prayer Sai welcomed Alisa to PAG, the members introduced themselves to her</p>	6.03pm
2.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Ledua Taucilagi Meremine Auelua Sharon Samasoni Alvin apologised for being late Ida Faiumu-Isa’ako Cr Eagle</p>	6.05pm
3.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes</p> <p>Sai moves to carry the minutes</p>	6.05pm
4.	<p>Annual Plan Forum Savaia</p> <p>Savaia gave an update to PAG on the annual plan Pacific Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highlighting the annual plan, and its process - Leadership will be a central theme - Justin Lester (Deputy mayor) will be speaking - Leaders from the Pacific community will be speaking - Group work will focus around leadership, PAG asked to lead this - 35 Sign ups on the Eventbrite form so far - Savaia reiterated that PAG were being looked toward to show leadership 	6.06pm

	<p>within the forum</p> <p>PAG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PAG members advised to arrive at 5pm - Organising committee coming earlier would be good - PAG can enter the venue from 4.30pm - 8 people per PAG member for the group work at the forum - Herbert raised that he thought it would have been good to have an external facilitator to allow PAG members to facilitate the groups - Cr Free spoke to how PAG are leaders, as they were elected by their community - 6 initiatives within the annual plan, 1 of those outlines 11 differing funding proposals. On the night the forum will be asked to vote on their preferences among those initiatives. 	
5.	<p>NDRF Darren Brunk</p> <p>Darren introduced himself, and the council for international development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NDRF represents 50 agencies around the Pacific - Representing 17 Humanitarian agencies around the Pacific - Looking to engage with Pacific communities within NZ - Also have been talking to Auckland Council and Local Government NZ - Important to build contacts so that when there are issues networks are in place to respond - NDRF looking to support Pacific communities with their initiatives with the resources available - Prepositioned resources set out in the Pacific; could respond materially to Cyclone Winston within 24 hours due to these placements - NDRF key role is the coordination of the agencies within the Pacific, advocating on behalf of agencies when dealing with government - Right now conducting a review of the response to Cyclone Winston - Would like to present the findings to PAG, and hear their response - Darren asked that communities provide information, while they have people on the ground they don't hear everything (example of Cyclone Winston). Creating a clear picture of what is required is very important when a crisis arises. - Being able to provide information from on the ground agencies can also directly help the Pacific community in return, a '2 way street' communication channel <p>PAG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cr Free advised Darren that currently trying to organise a concert for Fiji - Sai advised that he appreciated the coordination effort, as information overload and communication can be a challenge when crisis occur - Anthony asked what support was being requested from the community 	6.23pm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PAG interested to see what kind of support can be provided - Sai raised that the PAG members can provide access to Pacific media and communicate within the native language. Can also disseminate information in a way that they know the community can quickly utilise 	
6.	<p>Let's Get Wellington Moving Jane Black & Adam Nicholls</p> <p>Presentation made available to members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organisational response to how transport is looked at within the city - Part of a wide engagement process, talking to councils, groups etc - Beginning of an engagement process, so open to come back to talk to people based on responses to the initial proposal - Currently want to talk about principles - Website is www.getwellymoving.com - Responses update and show users the current polling opinion in real time - Option to take a longer survey also included within the website - Jane asked PAG to pass the message about the website along to their communities to facilitate engagement - Sarah Free reiterated she is passionate about getting real transport solutions - LGWM are going out to the region to ask what is required and needed - Aim of the project is to inform the best way to plan transport. Relates to how Wellington 'feels' about their city and how they want to move about it - Website open until July/August - Taking the principles from this work and the voice of wellington will help identify possible solutions - Transport operations are ongoing, some contracts are being decided (for example with busses) - Nothing stands still, consultation has begun for the Hutt Road for example - The audience isn't broken down into demographics on the shorter survey - Survey does work on mobile devices - The popup workshops haven't yet had dates or venues confirmed, but the timeframe is the last week of April till the first two weeks of May - PAG raised the concern that consultation takes place already, costing large sums of money – flyover didn't take place - Jane reiterated that this may not inform specific projects, rather to form strategy - PAG concern that consultation is pointless if nothing arises from it (flyover) - LGWM raised that having another issue like the Flyover could put Wellington back a generation in terms of transport solutions. - LGWM gave an example of a principle "solutions must be multi-modal" - Cr Free asked why the current public transport approach hasn't been halted if a review is underway - PAG asked that the group advocate and lobby those opposed to transport progress to convince them of 	6.35pm

7.	Smoke Free Expansion James Mather <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Smoking cessation services made available to the Pacific community - Ban on smoking in public places, more information on where you can go that smoking is banned. Outside smoking free areas being advertised. - Public spaces where people congregate shouldn't have smokers - More awareness of the effects of second hand smoke - Smokers should still have spaces to smoke, designated areas - Lack of policing within areas, areas can have bans but consequences aren't there - Cutting out smoking needs to be a gradual process - PAG asked if council spaces are smoke free (libraries, civic, bus stops, sports fields, swimming pools) - Just as there are alcohol ban areas, there could be smoking free areas - PAG gave the example how people have to go far away from areas to smoke, or that centre - E-Cigarettes to be looked into - Is chewing tobacco seen as smoking, is it part of the review - PAG supported the cultural change toward cutting out smoking through a gradual progressive shift 	7.00pm
8.	Annual Report All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual Report due by the 30th June 2016 - Opportunity for PAG to propose its needs to WCC - Format in place, Pacific Plan exists 	7.15pm
9.	Long Strategy for Pasifika Languages and Cultural Education Sai <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sai gave a presentation, emailed to members 	7.15pm
10.	Councillors update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cr Free asked the group to look at the submission material out for the Annual Plan (Animal Bylaw, Annual plan as a whole) - Ida, Merio, Meremine to work with James on a submission toward Pacific Translation services - Chamber of Commerce threatened to take WCC to court over paying security living wage. Cannot pay those staff a living wage currently, working toward paying them a living wage in future. Exploring idea of taking staff in house to avoid situation 	7.50pm
11.	Community Updates Vanuatu	7.50pm

The Wellington Vanuatu Community held a Remembrance & Acknowledgement Meeting on the 13th March 2016 to mark one year since Cyclone Pam struck Vanuatu.

Here is the news report about it from RadioNZ:

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/morningreport/audio/201793056/one-year-on-from-cyclone-pam,-challenges-remain-in-vanuatu>

Two films from Vanuatu featured in the Maori Film Festival in Otaki in March 2016- They were "Waiting for John" (A story of the last cargo cult) and "Vanuatu Womens Music" The Melanesians went to support the festival which was highly popular during the Easter Celebrations. Check out the previews here on: <http://maorilandfilm.co.nz>

The Community continues to actively support The Free West Papua Campaign through the Film "Run it Straight"-Find it online and support it!

The community has fundraised for Cyclone Winston (Fiji) and has raised \$850.00 through an art print from Sheyne Tuffery-Renee Gerlich has been instrumental in coordinating all the proceeds.

Solomon Islands

New Executive recently voted to lead their community

Organised the Melanesians to attend the MaoriLand Film Festival in Otaki

PNG

Organised a Melanesian Sports day at Petone during the Easter holidays

Niue

Alvin: recently met with a few community leaders to start a conversation on how we can reach out better to our Niue youth in Wellington especially those who don't conform to our traditional community group structures like church, sports organisations.

Standing agenda item on upcoming council items that relate to Pacific communities

Anthony

- Asked PAG to look out for council activities, has put through a submission on the Rent Review at CSR. Asking WCC to support Pacific communities

Cook Islands

- 9th of April, the E.K.K.A Christian Church of Porirua had their Sunday school dedicated. Invited guests from near and far were present for the dedication.

12.	Closing and final prayer	8.05pm
13.	Next PAG Meeting: 10 th May 2016	

The meeting adjourned at 8.05pm