

Pacific Advisory Group Minutes

Tuesday, 10th May 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield St, Committee Room 2

Chairperson: Sai Lealea

Members in Attendance: Leina Isno, Ledua Taucilagi, Anthony Leaupepe, Meremine Auelua, Merio Marsters, Kimi Higginson, Alvin Mitikulena, Nicole Rex, Alapeta Faletau, Herbert Bartley , Alisa Logo and Sai Lealea (Chair)

Councillors: Cr Free, Cr Eagle

Staff: James Mather, Clare Sullivan

1.	Welcome & Opening prayer Sai welcomed the group, as well as invited guests to the meeting	6.03pm
2.	Apologies Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako Sharon Samasoni Siofilisi Taifo'ou Cr Free Anthony Leaupepe apologised for being late	6.04pm
3.	Confirmation of Minutes Sai reminded the group to send through their community updates James to add Kimi's updates Sai moved to carry the previous minutes pending the addition of Kimi's updates, no objections were raised	6.05pm
4.	Matters Arising Sai thanked Nicole for sending through long term thoughts on the language strategy discussed last meeting	6.08pm

5.	<p>Elections Clare Sullivan (Deputy Electoral Officer)</p> <p>Clare provided PAG with dates relating to the election</p> <p>PAG as a group can't support a candidate due to their position with the council Individually members are welcome to support candidates in the election, in their capacity as members of the public Important to think about their position as PAG members in election matters</p> <p>Clare reminded the group of the enrolment requirements, and provided the group with enrolment packs and some general information</p> <p>It was clarified to the group that there is 1 electoral roll, from which WCC splits into electoral wards</p> <p>Electronic voting trial will not be going ahead</p> <p>Votes can be placed at council, or mailed in</p> <p>Votes ideally to be in by the 1st of October, to allow for postal times. Votes must be in by 12pm 8th October to be counted.</p> <p>PAG –</p> <p>Q – Candidate papers are available where? A – online, nomination forms are also available at the WCC Wakefield office</p> <p>Q - Is a possible list of candidates available? A - Some people have indicated they are standing, but we don't have a finalised list until nominations close.</p> <p>Q- Is there protocol around candidates coming to talk about their campaign? A – Groups can organise for candidates to meet them, residents groups do this quite often. No protocol around them coming to PAG for example.</p> <p>Paul Eagle advised that candidates should be welcomed, allowing them 5mins to introduce themselves. Paul encouraged a Pasifika person to run, as there hasn't been a councillor in a long time from the Pacific.</p> <p>Clare invited PAG to ask her any follow up questions and provided her details</p>	6.09pm
6.	<p>Active Families Hoani Siveva</p> <p>Hoani introduced himself, working through Sport Wellington</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Works supporting patients in the Green Prescription programme 	6.27pm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patients can be referred to the programme through GP's - Resources and education are provided to participants in relation to their needs - Active Families is a programme run through Green Prescription - Aimed at supporting children - Advisors in this programme are region based - Active Families are looking at linking into WCC - Hoanis's Sessions are run with children through programmes, one currently in Johnsonville & about to begin a programme in Strathmore - Active Families is government funded, with the funding coming through the 3 DHB's - Cooking sessions are run to educate and upskill children <p>The floor is opened up to PAG to ask questions;</p> <p>Q- So you're starting a programme at Strathmore, is it limited to people residing there?</p> <p>A- No but a large number of our kids are based there so it made sense to run the programme from there. It's not to say people from outside that area can't attend. We are open to working with other groups and organisations, including churches.</p> <p>Q- How often do the sessions run?</p> <p>A- Once a week, in the after school slot (3.45pm). We try to work in with the venues and the families involved. Since we run the programme for a year it does make booking slightly easier and more consistent.</p> <p>Alvin advised that he often refers his patients to the Green Prescription, and encourages PAG members to spread the word.</p> <p>Q- How popular is the group in Porirua?</p> <p>A- Quite popular! In round the bays we had 144 participants from our programme. Out there they also have a walking group of about 30-40 people. There is also a link from the Green Prescription to Active families when members have children.</p> <p>Sai encouraged PAG to invite Hoani to their networks and groups to spread the word. Health promotion in the community is encouraged and commended.</p>	
7.	<p>Pacific Forum All</p> <p>James asked PAG about their experience with the previous forum;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last forum lacked control. Some members were in different groups, no co-ordination. Were expected to push council objectives. Lacked direction, the role of PAG wasn't made clear. - Housing group should have had more time allocated to discussing Pacific 	7:00pm

issues in this context. PAG to advocate for this strongly.

- Venue was adequate, big enough to cater for the numbers. Advertising could have been done more widely. Advertising early is also important. Programme structure was good. Less time at the front talking and more group discussion (should be bulk of the forum). Need to be clear what the objective of the forum is, what do we hope to achieve from it. Needs to link back to community. Ioane Centre in Newtown.
- Food was good, value for money was achieved. Opportunity to discuss housing issues was provided, good chance to challenge structures. Good conversations were had, networking was done. Submissions were worked on. Happy with the forum as a whole. Council was keen to discuss housing issues after the forum.
- Forum was a bit rushed, pushed for time to fit everything in – 3 hours.
- More events could allow for things to be more easily discussed, single topics per event
- Last forum was held on a Wednesday after work, so the timing was a challenge. Having the forum in the weekend was an idea looked into.
- Picking 4 main issues to tackle would be a good idea. Keeping things simple and coherent
- Main issue is housing, biggest issue for Pacific people
- Translations needed for some people
- Having the CEO there was good, had discussions on economic development. Good quality discussion was had, good ideas drawn out.
- Deciding who the forum is for is important, linking it to the Pacific Action plan
- Some things that are relevant to PAG or WCC might not be relevant to the wider community
- Having council staff there is important to answer questions
- When groups split to discuss there was too much to go over
- PAG were tasked with engaging with Pasifika for council to bridge the gaps
- Time for engagement was a bit stretched, public left feeling unsure about what was done
- WCC made some positive changes since the forum
- Having a series of events would be beneficial
- Keeping the forum from getting boring is important, helps with engagement if it's not too 'heavy'
- Time management is key
- Having rooms for the groups when split for discussion, hard to hear at the event
- Having a comms strategy is important
- Contacting Pacific language radio stations is important
- Input into the comms strategy is important
- Process maps would assist with keeping the event on target
- After the forum there needs to be follow up
- Having a close out document or 1 pager for the issues raised at the forum
- Venue that is Pacific related is important
- Community organised
- Set up is based around what council wants, not what Pasifika needs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not using the forum as a feedback session for WCC - Used to be 2 forums 	
8.	<p>Pacific Action Plan All</p> <p>Translation of council documents for the Pacific community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any information about housing (was brought up at the forum previously) - Funding, economic opportunities, who can apply, the criteria around these - Passport to Leisure - Rates information - Civil Defence - Election of PAG members, coming up next year - Submission form/having your say 	7.22pm
9.	<p>Annual Report All</p> <p>James tabled some further reporting documents and reminded members of their responsibilities and due dates for the reports.</p> <p>Nicole and Sai to lead Festivals/Events Economic Development to be led by Leina, Alvin Youth Services – Sharon, City Council Services – Merio, Herbert, Kimi Housing to be led by Anthony, Ledua Cr Eagle also to provide an update?></p> <p>Meremine to edit the report</p> <p>Community Patrol, Submissions etc. should also be identified Crispian had a table that should be utilised</p> <p>The group discussed the format and ideas for the report Pacific Action Plans link to the report was also considered</p>	7.36pm
10.	<p>Councillors update</p> <p>Cr Eagle apologised for his recent absences Annual plan process has been taken up a lot of time Social policy around begging and smoking have been discussed</p>	8.00pm

	<p>Proposals for some social housing tenants paying more have been scrapped – no point targeting the poor. Affordability proposal has been asked for Cr Eagle congratulated Anthony for his work on a social housing submission Cr Eagle encouraged PAG to enrol and vote</p>	
11.	<p>Community Updates</p> <p>Vanuatu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dr Pala Molisa was a speaker at the last PAG meeting "Inspiring Pacific Leaders" as organised by PAG and WCC. -The community continues to actively support our West Papua Campaign for Independence for our Melanesian brothers and sisters. -Preparations are underway for our biggest fundraiser campaign "The Tanna Movie" to raise funds for the women of Tanna Vanuatu. -The community is teaming up with the Victoria University's Anthropology Society to screen the documentary "Waiting for John" to raise funds for the Women of Vanuatu. <p>Solomon Islands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A combined Wellington & Wairarapa community meeting was held in Wairarapa to strengthen the community's relationships. -Preparations are underway for the upcoming Independence Celebrations later on this year. -A Melanesian evening along with Oral Short Stories in our Dialects are being planned for the three countries to participate (Vanuatu, Solomon's & PNG) <p>PNG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No news! <p>Response on the social housing strategy is about to be communicated to the community.</p> <p>Living wage is being debated around the council table</p> <p>Fiji</p> <p>Thanks to the community for the 2 containers sent to Fiji last month Concert on the 21st of May – "I love Fiji" concert at the Michael Fowler Tickets are \$30 for individuals or \$70 for families</p>	7.50pm

	<p>Cook Islands Mrs Teremoana Yala has now been confirmed as the new High Commissioner for the Cook Islands in Wellington. She will be sworn in by the Governor General in July 2016.</p> <p>The Cook Islands (NZ) Society of Wellington will have their AGM on Tuesday 31st May 2016 at 6pm at the Society Hall in Hanson St, Newtown.</p>	
12.	Closing and final prayer	8.15pm

The meeting adjourned at 8.17pm