

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 10 June 2020

Time 6:10 pm – 8:29 pm

Venue Zoom

Members present

Chair Jocelyn Kua

Members Natalia Fareti, Kira Hundleby, Ofania Ikiua, Aseri Kua, Merio Marsters, Alvin Mitikulena

Councillors Councillor Teri O'Neill

Staff Sean Johnson (Democracy Advisor), Paul Davies (City Housing)

Minutes

1. Meeting Procedures 6:10 pm

1.1. Merio lead the group in the opening prayer.

2. Discussion 6:12 pm

2.1. Fairer Rents for Council Tenants, *presented by Paul Davies*

Paul Davies from City Housing spoke to the group about the role of City housing and the ongoing consultation on the Council's Rent Setting Policy.

Currently the Council sets its rents at 70% of market rate for the property and does not take in to account the financial position of tenants in its rent setting. The financial position is considered when determining whether prospective tenants are eligible for City Housing.

WCC is currently consulting on a proposal to set rents in a way that reflects tenants' incomes as opposed to the flat 70% of market rate.

Paul discussed the proposal with the group and answered questions from the group regarding the proposal and city housing. Topics of discussion included:

- The other discussions that City Housing are having with their tenant communities regarding this proposal. Paul noted that tenants seem to prefer to have small group discussions with staff about the proposal.
- Data that City Housing has regarding Pasifika tenants. Sean will circulate this data.
- The best method of engaging with Pasifika tenants noting that they will likely respond better to fono and discussion rather than forms on the WCC website. Paul noted that City Housing is doing their best to ensure all tenants have information about the proposal and that they are happy to facilitate any groups that want to have a discussion on the proposal.

- How we can reach the people who fall through the cracks with regards to housing. Paul noted that this was outside the scope of this particular proposal but that WCC does do work in this area.

1. Meeting Procedures (Continued)

6:52 pm

1.2. Apologies were received from the following members:

- Natalia, Alvin – for lateness;
- Anthony, Sai, Mino, Lisa – for absence;

Resolved That the Pacific Advisory Group accepts the given apologies.

Jocelyn Kua (Chair) / Kira Hundleby

CARRIED

1.3. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented for confirmation.

Resolved That the Pacific Advisory Group accepts the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and correct record.

Jocelyn Kua (Chair) / Merio Marsters

CARRIED

1.4. Members made the following announcements:

- Natalia thanked Cr O'Neill for her work on promoting Samoan Language Week within WCC.
- Jocelyn and Kira noted that they were part of a media release about the Fale Malae with the Honourable Luamanuvao Dame Winnie Laban DNZM QSO, Adrian Orr, and His Worship Mayor Andy Foster.
- Natalia noted that she sits on the funding panel for the Fale Malae.
- Jocelyn thanked Merio for her work with the PAG Facebook page.
- Merio thanked Natalia and Kira for their help as administrators of the Facebook page. In particular it was noted that their recent posts of the Women's Suffrage Video Series had been well received.

3. Councillors Update

7:09 pm

3.1. Cr O'Neill provided an update to the group regarding her recent work with the Council. She noted that every week had seen a big issue come before Council and noted Innovating Streets, the future of the Library, Omororo Reservoir, and the Annual Plan as particular issues of interest.

Cr O'Neill thanked the WCC media team for their work in promoting Samoan Language Week and also thanked PAG for pushing it as an important issue.

2. Discussion (Continued)

7:15 pm

2.2. PAG Annual Report 2019, *presented by Sean Johnson*

The group went through the Draft PAG Annual Report 2019 and reviewed the document.

Resolved That the Pacific Advisory Group agree in principle to approve the PAG Annual Report 2019.

Delegate to Jocelyn, Ofania, and Natalia the power to make final changes to the report.

Jocelyn Kua (Chair) / Alvin Mitikulena

CARRIED

Actions

- Jocelyn, Ofania, and Natalia to make final changes to the report.
- Jocelyn and Anthony to present the report at the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting on 18 June.

3. Closing Prayer

3.1. Aseri lead the group in a closing prayer.

(The meeting closed at 8:29 pm)