

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 10 March 2021

Time	6:05pm – 8:04pm
Venue	Ngake – Room 16.09, Tahiwī, 113 The Terrace, Wellington

Members present

Chair	Jocelyn Kua
Members	Natalia Fareti, Sunia Foliaki, Kira Hundleby, Aseri Kua, Sai Lealea, Alvin Mitikulena
Councillors	Councillor Teri O’Neill, Councillor Jenny Condie
Staff	Liam Hodgetts (Chief Planning Officer), Clare Lundon (Senior Engagement Specialist), Sean Johnson (Democracy Advisor), Amy Brannigan (Planning and Reporting Advisor)

Minutes

1. Meeting Procedures

6:05pm

Sai formally welcomed all guests to the meeting.

- 1.1. Alvin led the group in the opening prayer.

2. Discussion

6:15pm

- 2.1. Fale Malae Trust, presented by Luamanuvao Dame Winnie Laban, Adrian Orr, Grace Brennan, and Priscilla Va’a-Agius as representatives of the Fale Malae Trust.

The representatives of the Fale Malae Trust presented on the vision for the proposed Fale Malae and the work that has been undertaken on the project so far. They noted:

Our vision is to build a Fale Malae in the heart of our capital city. The Pasifika Fale Malae will be an internationally significant and unique space for community interaction to celebrate Aotearoa New Zealand’s Pacific identity through arts, culture, economic development and education.

They also noted that the new proposed site for the Fale is at Frank Kitts Park, opposite Whairepo Lagoon. Key benefits of this site include:

- The potential to attract and provide a meeting place for corporate, civic and cultural events in the heart of Wellington.
- The fact that simultaneous work can be done to strengthen the underground carpark on the site.
- Adding to a precinct of cultural diversity with the Wharewaka, Te Papa and the Chinese Gardens.
- Providing a place of belonging for Pasifika communities in Wellington city.

A key ongoing piece of work is working on getting agreement on the site with Council. The Fale Malae proposal will be presented to WCC on 8 April (secretarial note: the proposal was delayed and not presented to WCC on 8 April).

PAG members engaged on discussion and questions about the Fale Malae. Topics of discussion included:

- The importance of community involvement in the project.
- Ownership of the land (currently the proposal is for Council to retain ownership of the land).
- Accessibility of the Fale to Pasifika people who live in other parts of the city.
- The safety of the reclaimed land at Frank Kitts Park.
- Other locations that have been looked at.
- The fact that all the Pacific diplomatic corps had signed a letter of support for the proposal.
- The upcoming community funding of part of the Fale costs.

(the meeting adjourned from 7:06pm to 7:20pm)

1. Meeting Procedures

7:21pm

1.2. Apologies were received from the following members:

- Anthony, Lisa, Merio, and Mino – for absence.

No substantive issues were raised with the previous minutes. Some minor typographical errors were noted.

Regarding the PAG workplan until June 2021, members noted a desire to add the two priority strategies, an update on climate change work, and a decolonisation process. This will be taken under advisement by the PAG leadership team. Sean noted that the PAG workplan is quite full and some items may need to be deferred to the term of the new PAG which starts in July 2021.

1.3. Councillor update

Councillor O'Neill updated the group on the following activities:

- LTP consultation – including amendments regarding the Central Library, Jobs for Nature, and the Climate Change Action Plan. This will go out for consultation on 6 April 2021.
- She thanked the group for their involvement in the Pasifika Festival and Kira in particular for her role.
- Pride month starting with the Pride Parade on 27 March.
- A full upcoming arts calendar with the Fringe Festival and City is a Theatre events.
- The WCC submission on the Climate Change Commission's report on its advice to Government on the actions it must take to reach net-zero by 2050.

- The Council's consideration of establishing a Māori ward.
- The priority strategies (Children and Young People Strategy, and Aho-Tini 2030 (Arts, Culture and Creativity Strategy). Both of these will go out for consultation alongside the LTP on 6 April 2021.

1.4. Liaison officer updates

Clare noted that the engagement channels provided by PAG at the last meeting will be used to assist Council officers in engaging with Pacific communities. The WCC engagement team can also provide information to PAG which PAG members can then pass on to their communities.

Clare also thanked PAG for their feedback on the use of translators for WCC engagement material. The group had previously commented that the translations were too formal. Officers will check with the relevant PAG members in future to check for formality.

2. Discussion

7:55pm

2.2. Long-term Plan, *presented by Clare Landon and Amy Jackman*

This item was deferred until the next PAG meeting.

Amy noted that the consultation on the LTP will begin on 6 April.

3. Closing Prayer

Jocelyn noted that Ofania had formally resigned from the group and thanked her for the service she had provided to the city and to PAG.

3.1. Natalia led the group in a closing prayer.

(The meeting closed at 8:04pm)