

Pacific Advisory Group

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 10 August 2022
Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Venue: 113 The Terrace and MS Teams

Purpose

- Advise Council on how to help grow a great City, where Pasifika peoples thrive and contribute to Council's priorities.
- Bring knowledge and extra insight into Council about how the different needs of Wellington's Pasifika communities can be addressed in the context of Council's roles and priorities.
- It is recognised that members come from and remain connected to their communities, it is from this foundation members share their expertise and lived experience in this advisory role, and engage with their communities and others as part of the wider council consultation processes. The expectations around this connection are set out in the Communication and Involvement of communities points below'.

Membership

Co-chairs:	Natalia Fareti
Members:	Mino Cleverley, Kira Hundleby, Maikali Kilione, Sandra Tisam, Tino Vaireka, Senia Bartley
Liaison Councillors:	Cr Teri O'Neill
WCC Staff:	Liam Hodgetts (Chief Planning Officer), Leteicha Lowry (Democracy Advisor), Lexy Seedhouse (Engagement Manager), Anna Stevens (Team Leader District Plan 1), Kristine Ford (Principal Advisor Policy), Rosie Lavea (Assistant Facilities Coordinator), Georgina Lamb (Senior Engagement Specialist), Jonnie Tiaki (Operations Analyst)

Meeting Procedures

The meeting opened at 6:06pm.

1. Apologies were received from the following members:
 - Anthony Carter, Gerron Ale, Jocelyn Kua – for absence;
 - Sandra Tisam – for lateness.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting will be approved at the September meeting of PAG, along with the minutes of this meeting.
3. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Items

4. District Plan, *Presented by Anna Stevens.*

Anna presented to the group on the Proposed District Plan, outlining the purpose of the plan, the processes that have been followed to this date, and the processes that will be followed moving forward. The plan will shape how Wellington grows over the next 30 years with continued densification.

Submissions on the Proposed District Plan are open until the 12th of September 2022, and hearings to commissioners will take place in March 2023.

Officers are keen to receive a formal submission from PAG on the Proposed District Plan, and discussed setting up a workshop with PAG and the District Plan team to offer support on this. Through a submission, officers would like to hear from PAG how a modern city can service Pacifica people. Members were interested in the idea of a workshop for this purpose.

Members' comments included:

- Asked whether Pacifica engagement had occurred regarding the design guides. Officers responded that Matauranga Māori was considered to weave in a cultural narrative. Liam was open to members sharing details of Pacifica design experts with officers.
- Important themes to the group were green cover, community facilities, safety, developing a sense of community, view shafts (being able to see the harbour down streets, spirituality, recreation, and employment access.
- Asked whether the deadline may be extended for submissions. Officers responded that this was not possible.

Officers were happy to take further questions regarding the Proposed District Plan offline due to time constraints at the meeting.

5. Community Facilities Review, *Presented by Kristine Ford.*

Kristine presented to the group on the Community Facilities Plan which will encompass approximately 300 Council-owned and Council-managed facilities. City-wide surveys will be carried out to identify who does/doesn't use the facilities and why/why not. This will inform the plan which intends to make community facilities more welcoming, accessible, and equitable. A focus will be on pools, community centres and recreation centres. The goal is to have the right facility in the right place at the right time.

Public engagement will begin at the end of August. The following questions were asked of PAG:

- What are important considerations for Pacifica people?
- How can facilities support Pacifica people to be happy, healthy and active?
- How do we reach Pacifica people?

Members' comments included:

- These are the same questions frequently asked.
- Thought this data should already be at hand.
- Importance should be placed on affordability, accessibility, and learning to swim. Pools were identified as a location where cost is a barrier to services. So are demographics of the different pools (eg. family-friendly facilities), and their locations are linked to transportation and accessibility.
- Noted that, in moving to more active transport, there are greater logistical planning requirements for people. Regarding parking at facilities, suggested loyalty cards for long-term users.
- Theme nights or women-only nights may encourage use of facilities.
- Supported the idea of kitchens as an important element of community facilities. Suggested facilities include options for traditional cooking methods as there is a current gap.
- Sometimes design elements can be tokenistic. A focus should be on working facilities eg. Working lightbulbs, energy efficiency.

Kristine will report back to the group what has been learnt and workshop a way forward in December.

6. Comms and Engagement, *Presented by Lexi Seedhouse and George Lamb.*

Lexi and George addressed the group regarding engagement and how this can be improved with PAG. Members' comments included:

- There is a loss of institutional knowledge and understanding of community knowledge with changes in staff.
- Requested such knowledge be recorded and maintained to allow for handover with changing staff.

7. Councillor update.

Councillor O'Neill shared the following updates with the group:

- WCC has announced 4 additional special voting locations at the following libraries: Kilbirnie, Newtown, Karori and Johnsonville.
- It was decided by the Pūroro Rangaranga | Social, Cultural and Economic Committee last week that a Community Housing Provider would be established.
- Reminder to enrol to vote and engage in upcoming local elections.

8. General Business

- PAG's annual workplan will need to be completed by the 22nd of August ahead of the Pūroro Rangaranga | Social, Cultural and Economic Committee meeting on the 1st of September, where the workplan will be presented to the Committee. The co-chairs will speak to this at the meeting on the 1st of September. Members are welcome to attend on the day.

The meeting concluded at 7:57pm.

Information

Next meeting date: 14/09/22

Actions from this meeting:

Democracy Advisor to:

- Reschedule leaders of the Pacifica Network to be introduced to PAG at a future meeting.
- Investigate a workshop for PAG on the Proposed District Plan before submissions close on the 12th of September.
- Follow up with Comms and Engagement re: Engagement Review.
- Schedule Kristine Ford to return to PAG with an update on the Community Facilities Plan in December 2022.