

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group Meeting on 26 May 2010

Present:

1. Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako (Chairperson - Samoa)
2. Kolovula Murphy (Deputy – Tonga)
3. Malakai Jiko (Fiji)
4. Danny Kauraka (Cook Islands)
5. Mafi Katoa (Tonga)
6. Manea Allan-Moetaua (Cook Islands)
7. Avia Liai (Tuvalu)

8. Marie Retimanu-Pule
9. Trudy Jenkins

Welcome:

- Warm pacific greetings and welcome from the Chairperson who thanked everyone for attending the meeting and welcomed the new Cook Island representative to the Pacific Advisory Group.

Opening Prayer:

- Malakai Jiko

Apologies:

- Deputy Mayor Ian McKinnon, Councillor Leonie Gill, Ana To'o, Pisa Alaifea, Tina McNicholas, Martha Ahmed, Brenda Cottingham

PRESENTATION – Juanita Kil, Career Services

- Juanita Kil gave a quick introduction on how Career Services works with Pasifika people, their resources, how they work the Pacific communities and their new website.
- Their overall aim is to extend their services to more Pasifika people, work more effectively with Pasifika communities and agencies and build stronger evidence of and analyse the effectiveness of their services for Pacific people. The key focus areas are youth and adults in semi to low skilled jobs and those at risk industries. They have measurements of success indicators including engaging and achieving in education and the workplace, gaining formal qualifications, adding to skills in the workplace, getting high quality information about at risk jobs and industries and using technology to make career decisions. They have a Pasifika page on their website that includes

peoples' stories (this is a powerful tool when relating to youth), study support and scholarships, workshops and services and resources and links. They also have paper based resources that they take out to workshops at schools and youth groups including how to plan the transition from school for secondary students and looking at subject choices at schools for Year 10 students. Juanita said that she is happy to receive any feedback and also to go out into the community to conduct workshops.

Questions & Comments:

- What is the Pasifika Careers Fono? *This is a school related delivery where Career Services work in collaboration with schools and have a day with the students. Currently Career Services are rethinking how to deliver this information to secondary schools possibly opting to have workshops on a school by school basis or a cluster of schools in an area to get better follow up.*
- It was suggested that Career Services could come out to church groups to present workshops. *Career Services are starting to do a little of this as this is all about building capability within our own communities and being able to carry on the work after these workshops.*
- The Fiji community will be holding a Fiji Youth Forum on 1 July that Career Services could attend. **Action: Malakai Jiko to email the details to Juanita Kil.**
- Juanita Kil noted that their workshops vary in length and can fit in with the requirements of the group being presented to. They would look at what information would be beneficial, what point are you in your career journey, the steps required to make good career decisions, where to go for career opportunities, what is required when making career decisions, skills knowledge, developing action plans. They would also provide follow up to make sure actions plans are followed through.

PRESENTATION – Toni Weir & Raewynne Uren, Wellington Central Electorate Office

- The role of the Electorate Office is to compile and maintain the electoral role. They are part of New Zealand Post. They collect names from schools and community groups of youth who are almost eligible to vote to get them on the register early as not many young people are enrolling to vote. The Electorate Office said that they were happy to come out and talk to groups to explain about the voting process and getting on the electoral role. The Electorate Office will be carrying out an extensive advertising promotion with the aim to get as many people enrolled as possible.

Questions & Comments

- Maybe the reason for youth not voting is because of the age group of the candidates. Youth will also ask the question “why should I vote”. There needs to be more education about candidates.
- Are there penalties if you do not vote? *It is a legal requirement to enrol and there are penalties if you do not enrol but not if you do not vote. There is the possibility of making it compulsory to vote the same as they have in Australia.*
- Do you check every voter’s name on the role after they vote? *This is not the job of the Electorate Office as this office does not have anything to do with voting this office only looks after maintaining the electoral role. The Chief Electoral Office has the responsibility of checking off voter’s names.*
- Do you have any resources? *There is information on general enrolment on the website in different languages.*
- It was agreed that the Electorate Office come back to the PAG meeting in July with voter enrolment statistics.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- The Minutes of the previous meeting were moved as a correct record by Malakai Jiko and seconded by Danny Kauraka.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Deputy Mayor Ian McKinnon asked (via email) for his following comments to be acknowledged from the March meeting regarding the Pasifika Festival:
 - *Deputy Mayor Ian McKinnon stated his support for the decision cancelling this year’s Festival, explaining that Mr McKinnon and his wife witnessed personally the atrocious weather conditions and the challenges being faced by staff and stallholders. In addition to officers having to make this difficult decision, they did have the benefit of the presence for advice of staff from the Met Office.*
 - *Deputy Mayor Ian McKinnon also commended the initiative (of the Chair with others) to re-establish at least some aspects of the Festival at the Newtown Church, particularly as so many stallholders had gone to such a great deal of work.*
- Where are the Council at with regard to refunds for stallholders? *All stallholders that paid for their stalls have been reimbursed. The performance groups have all been paid 75% of their performance fee.*

- PAG would like clarification of what has been paid so they can take this information back to their communities. **Action: Marie Retimanu-Pule to follow this up.**
- What is the update on the payment for the church hall? **Action: Marie Retimanu-Pule to talk to Deputy Mayor Ian McKinnon and follow this up.**
- Action point from last meeting – Marie Retimanu-Pule confirmed that NiuFM have been paid.
- Has the date been set for next year's Festival? *A tentative date has been booked for the week before Waitangi Day.*
- PAG members felt that there must be an alternative Plan B arranged.

PACIFIC FORUM

- The Minutes from the Pacific Forum were tabled. The Forum was very successful and there has been very good feedback. There will be another Forum held this year before the Local Body Elections around September. The possible theme for this Forum will be Pacific Arts.
- PAG members would like Derek Fry to attend a PAG meeting to give an update on the Rugby World Cup.
- PAG members would also like to have someone from the Council Grants Team attend a meeting to discuss obtaining a grant for performance groups for the Rugby World Cup and other events.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Next week is Samoan Language Week. Council will have groups performing in the foyer area, the Contact Centre will be answering the phone with a Samoan greeting and a competition will be held on the Council Staff Site asking general questions about the Samoan language.
- There is a Human Rights Commission event to be held on 2 June 2010 – Marie Retimanu-Pule to email the information out to PAG members.
- **The Fijian community have a HEHA programme and have funding for a community garden. Malakai Jiko suggested that PAG ask Council for a piece of land for a community garden to feed about 40 families. He suggested land around the church on Taranaki Street as an option. Marie Retimanu-Pule said that the Parks & Gardens Unit in Council are currently discussing this option with the Tongan community. Action – Marie to follow this up.**
- Marie Retimanu-Pule noted that the church she attends has taken part in a church vaccination programme and she encouraged other churches to take up

this offer. **Action** – Marie to email Danny Kauraka with further information on this programme.

- Tapa cloth presented to Council by the Tongan community – when will the official presentation be held? **Action** – Marie Retimanu-Pule to follow this up.
- Meeting schedule – it was agreed to keep to the original schedule of dates that has already been sent out for the PAG meetings.

Closing Prayer:

- Danny Kauraka

Next Meeting: 23 June 2010

Meeting Closed: 7:35pm