

Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group meeting, 8 August, 2012.

Time & Venue	6.00 to 8.00 pm, Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Wakefield St.
Present	PAG - Anthony Leaupepe (Acting Chair), Siofilisi Tafo'ou, Sainimili Pouvalu, Violet Ekenasio, Martha Samasoni, Fetu Ole Moana Tamapeau, Dan Kauraka, Maria Solouota, Malakai Jiko, Manuila Tausi, Teloma Munro, Mailingi Hetutu Council Officers - Janette Wallace Gedge Councillors: Cllr Leonie Gill, Cllr Ian McKinnon, Cllr Paul Eagle Visitors – Ana Tapiata and students from the Whitirea School of Journalism were in attendance in the public gallery
Apologies	Tina McNicholas, Stacey Kokaua-Balfour

Welcome	Anthony Leaupepe welcomed everyone and acknowledged the passing of Litia Naigato Herd, mother of Tina McNicholas, and asked the group to remember Tina and family in prayer
Opening Prayer	Siofilisi Tafo'ou
Councillor update	<p>Councillor McKinnon reported that the Council is monitoring closely the information coming from the Royal Commission in Christchurch. He commented that Wellington is well prepared for a potential event, having been preparing for some years. He emphasised that individuals also must be prepared as we learnt from Christchurch that people may be isolated for 3 to 4 days. He encouraged people to have emergency kits in the home and particularly to store water.</p> <p>Cllr McKinnon acknowledged the presentation to the hearings on Local Government Reform and the effort taken to do that submission.</p> <p>He also mentioned the current discussion on road safety. Wellington is compact and walkable and Road safety is important – we must keep aware as we walk around.</p> <p>Councillor Gill highlighted the meetings in suburbs on earthquake resilience and preparedness. Requested everyone takes postcards and distributes them.</p> <p>She also acknowledged the presentation to the hearings and thanked the Samoan community group for attending. Cllr Gill expressed her shock at jaywalking in Manners Mall and told the meeting she is advocating for clearer marking of the edge of the footpath.</p> <p>Councillor Eagle also thanked the group for the submission to the Local Government Reform consultation and suggested the group continue to look at the Auckland experience to identify the changes and any benefits from that example. The PAG could also look at the Pacific people and the voice they have in Auckland.</p> <p>Cllr Eagle also explained Council's report processes.</p> <p>Questions for the Councillors: Anthony asked if the Emergency team could come to radio stations to promote Emergency Management as that is best way</p>

	<p>to reach Pasifika people. Cllr McKinnon asked for this information to be passed to the Communications Team. Malakai has attended WEMO Emergency volunteer training with the intention of passing information to his community. Violet asked about the cost of an emergency kit.</p> <p>Cllr McKinnon responded that most items are in our homes already. He also suggested that anyone living in an apartment block should have their kit in a back pack for ease of exit (i.e. having both hands free).</p> <p>Cllr McKinnon asked for views about road safety and barriers around the edge of the street, especially on narrow roads.</p> <p>ACTION: Anthony suggested that PAG could put together an action report on this subject by asking the community for their views before the next meeting.</p>
<p>Public Health Conference Gateway request Ramona Tiatia</p>	<p>Ramona Tiatia, president of the Pacific committee of PHA made a presentation to PAG about the Gateway event of the PHA Conference that is planned for 3 Sept. She wants to invite PAG members to attend and to be part of the welcome for the guests: the Samoan Minister of Health and entourage, and Dr Cindy Blackstock, Assoc Professor and advocate of Children's indigenous rights. The seminar is an opportunity to make links with the people of Wellington and therefore the seminar is free to attend. Ramona wishes to introduce the Advisory Group to the Minister of Health. The Mayor has agreed to be part of the opening and to allow the Mayoral Chambers to be used for the seminar. The format will be a welcome followed by a presentation from the keynote speakers and a forum – the theme is children in Aotearoa, highlighting changes from the ground up from the village right through the Health system. Councillors are also invited to attend.</p> <p>PHA are inviting PAG the opportunity to host the seminar and showcase to people back home and to give a brief presentation – one slide.</p> <p>PHA are looking at maybe 70 people attending including Tagata Pasifika, Child Poverty Action Group,</p> <p>It was suggested that the Mayor would be the most appropriate person to invite to host and PAG could then be part of the welcome.</p> <p>ACTION: Acting Chair and Ramona Tiatia to seek a meeting with Mayor at earliest opportunity and report back to other PAG members on the outcome.</p>
<p>Minutes of last meeting</p>	<p>Minutes of last meeting had two corrections made and it was requested that the minutes be checked before going on the web site. Fetu ole Moana Tamapeau requested that all PAG members feedback on the minutes and on items for the agenda so that the web site can be kept up to date. It was agreed the all PAG members feedback within 48 hours of receiving agenda requests.</p> <p>Fetu ole Moana Tamapeau proposed the minutes with corrections and Maria Solouota seconded.</p>
<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p>	<p>Annual Report: will be presented at the pre-SPC meeting on Tuesday 14 August. Anthony will attend and present the report and all PAG members are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Pacific Forum: PIPC has been booked for Pacific Forum on 8 November</p> <p>Pasifika Festival Workshop reminder this workshop is on 22 August to look at the theme and planning for next festival. All PAG members are invited to attend. This workshop is not eligible for the Meeting attendance allowance but refreshments will</p>

	<p>be provided. Fetu Ole Moana, Martha, Maria, Tina, Stacey, Sainimili, Anthony and Sofi have all indicated they will attend all PAG Members are welcome – this meeting is not open to the public to attend.</p>
Community updates	<p>Tongan Community: Very busy with the Council of leaders for the wider community in the region. Tongan Leaders Group are organising an Expo day to celebrate culture and to have a youth expo on 8 Sept – format like the Pasifika Festival. Encouraging youth to look at career paths. Still looking for funding to help with this expo. The Tongan community are going to ask Council for land for a community hall. Condolences to the Fijian Community and Tina and her family.</p> <p>Fijian Community: Fijian Language nest running in Tawa every Saturday afternoon. Zumba classes in Tawa 6-7pm on Fridays, everyone is welcome to join. Visits are happening to Tina's family home for Mum's passing.</p> <p>Samoan Community: Fetu Ole Moana - Annual Report is awesome, looking forward to see how Council responds. Health Days coming up and the organisers are looking for women to take part in the health checks. There will be Pacific Friendly breast screening for women over 45. If PAG Members know anyone in that age group please remind them to get in touch. We want better Health Outcomes for our women. Violet – came to make submission and appreciated the support of the church ministers who also attended. The goal for each family in the church is to get a survival kit. Held a fire drill and an evacuation drill at church. Now evaluating plans.</p> <p>Niue Community: Maria- Niue crafts and weaving classes have begun on Saturdays from 10-12pm. Maria has joined the Strathmore Park Community Committee to help them be more in touch with the Pacific Community. Greg O'Connor has agreed to facilitate our meetings if he is available. Mailingi – organising trip to Niue to have partnership with the Niuean Language Commission. Niue celebrates Constitution Day over Labour Weekend, October 13 has been declared a day of celebration in NZ. Niue Constitution celebration is 15-21 October. Planning White Sunday with children participating.</p> <p>Tuvalu Community: Manuila reported the Church group are celebrating 10 years in NZ. Focus is on health. Early childhood school in Porirua has specialists in Pacific Languages who are helping to maintain the language and now has quite a few registrations.</p> <p>Cook Islands Community: Dan – this is a big week for the Cook Islands. Celebrated Independence Day on Saturday, this week is Cook Islands Language week. Went to Auckland for NZ on Air forum, they are looking at how to support Pacific Islands future needs. Forming a Pacific Synod for the Churches. All Pacific Presbyterian churches will come under their own synod and will be able to make decisions for themselves.</p>
Next meeting	<p>Next PAG Meeting, Venue: Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Wakefield Street, Wednesday 12 September, 2012</p> <p>Reminder Festival sub committee meeting 22 August 5.30pm at the Council offices, Committee Room 2.</p>

Closing	<p>Anthony Leaupepe thanked the Whitirea journalism student for attending and Ana Tapiata addressed the meeting thanking the PAG members for allowing the students to attend and letting PAG members know that the students will be in touch about writing stories.</p> <p>Anthony let all PAG Members know that the memorial service for Tina's mother will be held at New Life Church Tawa at 11am on tomorrow and that he would be attending. He invited PAG members to sign the remembrance card that was circulating. The card was circulated and PAG members contributed monetary gifts to be given with the card to Tina at the Memorial service. Anthony then asked for a volunteer to give the closing prayer.</p>
Closing prayer	<p>Violet gave the closing prayer remembering Tina's family.</p>
Action Points:	<p>PAG Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather action points from community regarding road safety on Willis Street/Manners St/Lambton Quay for next meeting. • To let Janette know if attending Annual Report presentation to Councillors. • To get community feedback on council services identified in workshop • To RSVP if attending Festival Workshop on 22 August (for catering) <p>Janette:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To send out lists of priorities generated in workshop • To attend pre-SPC meeting with Anthony • To send out minutes and agenda to all members and then post onto web site at least 10 days before next meeting.