

DRAFT Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group meeting, 12 December, 2012.

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| Time & Venue | 6.00 to 8.00 pm, Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Wakefield St. |
| Present | PAG - Tina McNicholas (Chair), Siofilisi Taufo'ou, Sainimili Pouvalu, Violet Ekenasio, Martha Samasoni, Fetu Ole Moana Tamapeau, Maria Solouota, Malakai Jiko, Manuila Tausi, Stacey Kokaua-Balfour, Anthony Leaupepe, Cllr Paul Eagle, Mailingi Hetutu, Council Officers - Janette Wallace Gedge, Rekha Jatav Councillors: Cllr Leonie Gill, Cllr Paul Eagle |
| Apologies | Dan Kauraka |

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| Welcome | Martha Samasoni opened the meeting and welcomed everyone |
| Opening Prayer | Violet Ekenasio gave the opening prayer |
| Councillor update | <p>Cllr Paul Eagle – Councillors are very involved in getting GWR to take on where to go next in the arena of Local Government Reform. Suggested it is vital Pacific Communities across the region get together and discuss their needs in relation to LG Reform programme and consider a response. A regional Pasifika Fono could be organised to start getting ideas on how Pasifika want to be part of a super city.</p> <p>Councillor Gill – acknowledge that the group has come a long way. Cllr Gill is on the Working Party for LG Reform – starts mid –February. It's a tight time frame to get something together. The working party members have noted they have no mandate from the community so need to get out and consult. Under the new Act if one proposal is put forward it triggers other proposals. It was thought Wairarapa would go first but they have said they will wait.</p> <p>Cllr Gill has been involved with a discussion on fruit trees and had received an offer of trees for the playground. Community Garden will not happen in the short term but could happen in the future.</p> <p>Comment from Maria: Could we hear about the Councillor's visit to Brisbane?</p> <p>Cllr Gill – Conference was about Place Making Looked at how Brisbane does multicultural affairs. They have quite a big staff. Brisbane is very party oriented. Visited ward Councillor's office which is placed in a ward. Noticed loads of Maori and Pacific people</p> <p>Tina: On behalf of PAG wished our Councillors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.</p> |
| Community updates | Violet: winding down now for churches was able to distribute 70 water bottles through Sunday School provided at a discounted price through Wellington City Council. Newtown Community Choir took part in Governor General's Carol Service. |

Fetu Ole Moana: representing community on Festival Subcommittee. Pacific Women organised events to raise money for Rape Crisis and Maori Women's refuge. Article appeared in newspaper as a result of work with the Whitirea Journalism school. Nice to be working with Councillor Gill. Article positioned PAG member as working alongside. Also presented at National Marriage Equality Conference from a Pacific Perspective and talked about lending support for some who may feel alienated.

Really looking forward to Pasifika Festival.

Anthony: A Samoan family has been helped into special housing. Has made a submission on the Ton Belt as some changes could affect schools.

Martha: Tokelau community has lost a lot of elderly recently and are working together to capture stories from the elders. Have done some audio capture of stories. Helping a young Samoan woman who is performing. Martha has been recognised as a High Achiever at work. Reminder that both Martha and Maria can help approach Police on the behalf of the Pacific Community if needed.

Keep safe over Christmas and a reminder the tolerance on speeding limit has been lowered.

Teloma: working with Cook Islands, Niuean and Tokelau community. They would like to be kept informed about what is going on.

Manuila: Community are looking forward to Christmas. Quite a few people are going back to their home islands. Manuila has completed a piece of research on onward mobility of migrants; many Pacific people go on to Australia. The research is available on Immigration's web site.

Mailigi: celebrated end of language classes at Porirua college, started late so no assessment for this session. But it is good the programmes have started. Held Matua Christmas Lunch to acknowledge Father's Day with a BBQ at St Giles last weekend.

Maria: Further discussions to identify next steps following decisions at General Assembly.
Migration issues: Approaching Tangata Whenua to support Pacific people in migration.

Stacey: Tivaevae exhibition at Toi Poneke displayed some valued artefacts as well as running workshops. The exhibition was a rare opportunity to see these.

Sainimili: Celebrated 110 years of Wesley Church last month

Sofi: Tongan Language Class held end of year party. Council is looking at a possible venue for Language classes. Wellington Tongan Leaders' Council has made a submission on Education and had a meeting with the Ministry of Education and MPIA.

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| | <p>Malakai: Zumba class continues to run at Tawa. Been chasing up people to perform at Festival and has helped two applications for food stalls and performers.</p> <p>Tina: Regional Public Health is working with Porirua Pacific Health and ECC on national issue of Pacific community accessing Early childhood care and healthy food. Supporting centres to have own community gardens with equipment, seedlings and maintenance. Training staff and parents in Porirua to pass knowledge onto kids. Been developing tool around encouraging communities to put submissions to Local Government and central Government using community profiles based around census area units. Can see by mapping how many alcohol and tobacco outlets, number of fringe lenders, looking to add information such as fast food outlets. The community can contact Tina if they would like access.</p> |
| | <p>Cllrs Gill and Eagle gave everyone Christmas wishes and excused themselves to attend their next meeting.</p> |
| City Housing | <p>Vicki McLaren gave an update on City Housing developments including the progress on the upgrade project. Noted that there is a Community Action Fund available for small grants for projects lead by tenants for tenants. It was suggested using Radio to reach the Pacific community. Pacific Forum can be advertised in their newsletters. Vicki explained the current Housing project focus on customers and the research being undertaken. Vicki to be invited back in early 2013 to discuss the project.</p> <p>Note: Invitation to be sent to Vicki to attend March 2013 meeting</p> |
| Pacific Festival Planning | <p>Marisa gave update on latest numbers of applications for performers and food stalls. Discussion on numbers of performers it is possible to fit into programme. Suggestion from Marisa to take a two year approach and invite some performers to attend the 2014 festival. Discussions to continue at the next subcommittee meeting. Anthony gave a vote of thanks to Marisa for the great job she is doing. Request to Marisa that she included ideas for future development in her Final report on the festival.</p> |
| Minutes of last meeting | <p>Minutes of last meeting moved with two corrections, Malakai moved and Maria seconded Violet noted that she has resigned from Festival subcommittee due to other commitments.</p> |
| Other business | <p>Tina requested the discussion on the work plan be deferred to February meeting</p> |
| Next meeting | <p>Next PAG Meeting, Venue: Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Wakefield Street, Wednesday 16 January 2013</p> |
| Closing prayer | <p>Maria gave the closing prayer</p> |