

Pacific Advisory Group Minutes

Tuesday, 8th March 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield St, Committee Room 2

Chairperson: Sai Lealea

Members: Leina Isno, Ledua Taucilagi, Anthony Leaupepe, Meremine Auelua, Merio Marsters, Sharon Samasoni, Kimi Higginson, Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako, Alvin Mitikulena, Nicole Rex, Alapeta Faletau, Herbert Bartley and Siofilisi Taufo'ou, Sai Lealea

Councillor: Cr Free, Cr Eagle

Staff: James Mather, Suzanne Tamaki

1.	Welcome and opening prayer	6.00pm
2.	Apologies Siofilisi Taufo'ou	6.05pm
3.	NZ Red Cross Shane La'ulu – Pacific Advisor Cyclone Winston <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Response has moved largely to recovery phase- 27,000 people still evacuated- Clean water and medical services being prioritised- Fijian Red Cross sourced and positioned supplies prior to the storm hitting- NZ Red Cross supplied shelter kits, tarpaulins, rope and other supplies- Number of organisations will be providing assistance- NZ Red Cross main role is assisting Fijian Red Cross in this instance- NZ Red Cross have deployed delegates who are able to assist in the move from emergency to recovery- NZ Red Cross has an advisory group, all 5 members Auckland based and they meet 4 monthly.- Advisory group to assist with domestic communication in NZ among Pacific communities- Community worker has also been appointed in Auckland- Red Cross work through Pacific media is improving	6.10pm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pacific Auckland mayoral fund has also been approached - Cash is important, being able to buy goods directly is essential, also gets money into the local economy in the recovery phase - Unsolicited goods: some containers have had to be dumped. Some containers have blocked channels. This is why cash donations have been asked for - There is a Pacific disaster fund (as opposed to a Fijian specific one) - Issues around getting goods through customs and other government organisations - Not clogging up essential emergency services is important - Organising containers is discouraged by Red Cross – but with the view that community will organise anyway - PAG to look at putting forward a case for a Mayoral relief fund modelled on what Auckland currently has - PAG and Red Cross to work on community engagement in Wellington to better assist in ongoing issues 	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Pasifika Festival Update Suzanne Tamaki</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance 10,000 - Used same infrastructure as Trentham Cup, so having on Monday saves money - 16 community groups, 3 caravans and 8 corporate stalls - No representatives for Cook Islands, pulled all things 3 weeks before festival - Tokelau didn't turn up - Replacement didn't turn up either - Pacific food cook off was a huge success - Food and wine editor from Metro was a success, reached wide audience - Best dish was Niue - Certificates given out - Issues from Stall Holders: good at paying fees, Environmental health officer was on hand – some stalls were held up but eventually complied. All equipment was tagged. Issues with invoices, largely form issues (IR330 etc) - Paperwork and compliance highlighted as main issues - Some payments held up due to new accounts person, backlog due to summer city - Suzanne: Festival felt like it had shifted, easier on an operational level. Bit disappointed with lack of applications for food and performance - PAG: wishes to clarify what their role is in Pasifika 	<p>6.45pm</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suzanne: Objectives of Pasifika is to promote pacific food, culture, performance and also to fulfil obligations - Ida: I don't think this festival is better. Cant have control of media and the issues we have, also don't have community input. PAG should plan the festival; we haven't gotten to where we should be. I want to recommend that PAG runs and owns the festival planning. - Anthony: some of the performance wasn't up to scratch, so blame sits with us also. I had a good day at the festival personally - Ida: PAG's ability to input into Pasifika is becoming limited. Used to be better. - Ledua: Can we have a trial customisation of the festival? - Herbert – I thought festival went well, I want to talk about new issues other than Pasifika. 	
5.	Growing Neighbourhoods James Mather <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - James' discussed the role that PAG can play in community projects being delivered by council. - Important to begin the conversation with council now, not next year. - Next year's programmes are being developed currently, scope and depth are all up for consideration - Important to build on relationships between PAG and WCC 	7.25pm
6.	Confirmation of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes are carried 	7.45pm
7.	Councillors update Cr Free: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget debates have started - Sticking to BAU - Work being done in Strathmore, looking into having a second community centre - Looking into a new library - Meeting with Mayor 9/3/2016 regarding Fiji - Cr Free to timetable consultation regarding budgeting - Any possible Amalgamation between councils is up to Local 	7.50pm

	<p>Government Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PAG highlighted that Pasifika festival needs to remain annual, very important to Pacific community - PAG to work on submission to allocate funding to Pacific translation services (passport to leisure etc.) - Ida, Merio and Meremine to work with James on this 	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Community Updates</p> <p>Fiji –</p> <p>Flyer handed out relating to Cyclone Winston, detailing how the community can be assisted</p> <p>Fijian delegates, Cr Free and Cr Eagle to meet with Mayor</p> <p>Vanuatu</p> <p><i>The Climate Change Conference (In the Eye of the Storm) hosted by Victoria University of Wellington last month of February 2016 was a success and it provided a platform for engagement, dialogues, discussions, arguments, statements about this current Climate Change Crisis. A moving welcome ceremony was performed by The Conch which was directed by the Fijian Nina Nawalowalo. There were many positive outcomes from the conference:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -a book (materials from the presentations at the conference) is being developed and to be published later -a conference statement draft is being formulated so there is a shared understanding of the current climate crisis -the indigenous Pacific people are encouraged to form a caucus to build the Pan-Pacific Climate Change Movement and to provide stronger links between our communities. <p><i>Dr Pala Molisa from Vanuatu concluded that " We are going to lose islands.....whole countries"! Check out this website for more information: http://asiapacificreport.nz/2016/02/15/were-going-to-lose-islands-whole-countries-says-pacific-climate-advocate</i></p> <p><i>The Vanuatu Community are currently part of the fundraising campaign for Fiji after it was struck by a Category 5 Cyclone called Winston!</i></p> <p><i>The Vanuatu Community will host an "Art of Recovery Reflection Meeting-One Year Anniversary of Category 5 Cyclone Pam" on the 13th March 2016. NZ Red Cross Staff will be part of this meeting to</i></p>	<p>7.55pm</p>

	<p><i>help the community reflect.</i></p> <p><i>Leina Isno (Wellington Vanuatu Community Secretary) will be the main guest speaker at the Zonta International District 16 (Zonta Club of Mana, Porirua City) on the 7th March 2016 to talk about "The Role of Melanesian Women in Natural Disasters (Vanuatu & Cyclone Pam with links to Fiji & Cyclone Winston)." This is part of the Zonta Rose Day and International Womens Day on the 8th March 2016 with all proceeds to the Women of Fiji after Cyclone Winston.</i></p> <p>Solomon Islands</p> <p><i>The Solomons Community held a welcome food gathering with 3 Actresses (Local Solomon Island Women) who were part of The Play "Marama" performed by The Conch-directed by Nina Nawalowalo. Marama is currently being performed as part of the Auckland Arts Festival.</i></p> <p><i>A delay in electing new Office bearers for 2016-still in progress.</i></p> <p>Papua New Guinea</p> <p><i>No News!</i></p>	
9.	Closing and final prayer	8.00pm
10.	<p>Pacific Forum update</p> <p>Date is 19th April, at the ASB sports centre. 6pm-7.30pm</p> <p>Project team to meet separately, quite urgent Consultation document launches 29th March at lunch time</p>	
11.	<p>James actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pacific engagement – James to talk with Nicole 	
12.	Next PAG Meeting: 12th April 2016	