

Pacific Advisory Group Minutes

Tuesday, 13th September 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield St, Committee Room 2

Chairperson: Sai Lealea

Members in attendance: Leina Isno, Anthony Leaupepe, Meremine Auelua, Merio Marsters, Sharon Samasoni, Nicole Rex, Alapeta Faletau, Siofilisi Taifo'ou, and Sai Lealea (Chair)

Councillors: Cr Free, Cr Eagle

Staff: James Mather

1.	<p>Welcome & Opening prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sai advised about the previous meetings cancellation.- It was noted that PAG can meet up to 12 times a year, but 12 meetings are not mandatory- Sai advised that PAG terms are coming up for renewal at the end of year, with vacancies to be filled- 1 Tuvaluan member has still to be filled, as well as a Samoan member following from Ida's resignation- Anthony advised that the 4th position from the Samoan election would still be keen, Council to confirm if this can be carried through- Anthony advised that if members are missing from meetings then community issues cannot be discussed <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- James to advise on how vacancies can be best filled, may not necessarily be an election	6.00pm
2.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies received from:</p> <p>Alisa Logo Alvin Mitikulena Ledua Taucilagi Kimi Higginson Herbert Bartley Cr Free Cr Eagle</p>	6.15pm

3.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sai moved to carry the previous minutes, <p>Previous minutes to be changed to state: Cr Free to investigate Council asset list to see if a Fale can be arranged. Meremine to follow this up with Cr Free</p> <p>Sai advised members to send in their community updates via email</p>	6.17pm
4.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ida's gift follow up (\$5.00 collection) <p>Members to square up with Leina as soon as possible.</p>	6.35pm
5.	<p>Pasifika Stall Feedback All</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion of Pasifika documents 2. Feedback on improvements 3. Memo to be tabled <p>PAG Comments in meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PAG noted the date is on Monday 23rd January 2017 - "Why is the event held this day?" – Previously this was advised to be a temporary fixture to not clash with the Trentham Races. PAG noted that the Saturday date was regarded as tradition. Saturday was historically better received by the PI community. - PAG queried why feedback on the forms is being sought when they are live, noted it would be more productive to be asked in the design/scoping phase - There was a consensus that PAG is not keen to support the festival, as it is now a Council festival without PAG input - PAG noted their unhappiness with the communication between Council & PAG on this matter. - No rain date is advised, this poses a risk for stall holders and may act as a disincentive - PAG generally happy with the fee structure for community groups <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - James to collate feedback and pass to Suzanne - Sai to communicate with CEO regarding the issues discussed by PAG, further comments to be discussed and collated over Loomio. 	6.20pm

6.	<p>Annual Report James</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. James to advise on annual report 2. PAG to detail their views on reporting structure <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - January to December would be the preferred reporting period for some members, but consensus not clear <p>Actions:</p> <p>PAG to debate pros & cons of the current process on Loomio, this will held inform any new process that Council undertakes</p>	6.50pm
7.	<p>2017 letter of agreement All</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PAG to advise on highs and lows of current letter process 2. Feedback to be incorporated into 2017 letter 3. Thoughts on current policy forward programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - James tabled the WIP policy programme for PAG to look at - PAG to nominate the areas they are interested in going forward, this will inform the 2017 work they receive - James advised he is also keen to get the Community Services team involved more heavily, as their work is very relevant - PAG to think about how to work the Pacific Action Plan into their letter of agreement to show achievements and measurements of success - It was noted the Pacific Action Plan is PAG's personal document, and not Councils – it is aspirational. - Pacific Action Plan to be checked off and updated at PAG meetings when ready <p>Pacific Action Plan Groups:</p> <p>Governance: Sofi, Sai, Alisa</p> <p>Communications: Herbert, Merio, Kimi</p> <p>Workforce: Sai, Alapeta, Ledua</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing + Education: Alvin, Mine, Merio, Anthony</p>	7:00pm

	<p>Arts & Culture:</p> <p>Nicole, Sharon, Leina</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>PAG members to advise James what aspects of the policy programme they are interested in going forward with</p>	
8.	<p>Forum Update All</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loomio Group established 2. Timeline to be tabled and discussed <p>Actions:</p> <p>PAG to discuss content, date & groups to invite so that planning can begin Initial November date discussed</p> <p>Inviting PI members from Council talk about what they do Seeking 2 PI Forums as there used to be earlier in PAG's history Celebration of Achievement of PI people in the community Pacific Community awards (programmes)</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>PAG to plan the above and get back to James Merio, Leina, Nicole & Meremine to form working group and contact James Tentative date of 3rd week of November</p>	7.20pm
9.	<p>Community Updates</p> <p><u>Vanuatu</u></p> <p>-The Prime Minister of Vanuatu and his delegation visited New Zealand after an invitation from the NZ Prime Minister in early August 2016. The Wellington Vanuatu Community gathered together in the evening and welcomed the Prime with his delegation and discussed a lot of political issues-one of them the West Papua to be independent from Indonesia.</p> <p>-The 29th July 2016 saw the successful fundraiser of the "Tanna Movie" a multi-international award winning film that sold out the 430 seater cinema at Paramount Theatres in Wellington as organised by Leina Isno and a team of expats. The Co-Director of the Film Martin and the Vanuatu Cultural Director JJ were present as part of the showing. All proceeds went to UNICEF NZ for the Children of Vanuatu.</p> <p>-The 30th of July 2016 saw our whole NZ wide congregated with our Season Workers</p>	7.50pm

in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty at the local Marae with the Tangata Whenua to celebrate the 36th Vanuatu Independence Celebrations. It saw the strengthening of our relationships with the people of the land.

-The 7th of September 2016 saw our Dr Pala Molisa presented to the NZ Parliament our petition calling on the Government to address the ongoing human rights of situation in West Papua. He was supported by the MP Catherine Delahunty, Marama Davidson, Louisa Wall and Su'a William Sio. More news on:

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/312691/west-papua-petition-tabled-in-nz-parliament>

Solomon Islands

No news.

PNG

-The PNG Wellington team organised a successful quiz night fundraiser to help celebrate the upcoming 39th Independence Celebrations to be held on the 16th September 2016 in Auckland. The Melanesians gathered and had a fun evening.

Fijian Community updates:

I'm selling tickets for the Fiji Day function (dinner and entertainment) that will be held at the Walter Nash in Lower Hutt on Sat 15 October 2016.

Ticket price is \$20/adult and \$50 (family- 2 adults and 2 kids).

Fijian Community church service will be held at 4pm on Saturday 24 September at Wesley Church, 75 Taranaki Street followed by our community meeting.

Sai will update you on the Fiji Language Week program that will be held on the first week of October.

Application for funding to adopt a school in Fiji following on from the I love Fiji concert held at MF centre

Samoa:

- 1st September living wage pledge and discussion with Mayoral candidates & housing discussion
- Homelessness and Housing issues discussion at Parliament
- PI is running for CCDHB
- 1st week of September had a So'ó Ta Ga conference, competition was held with Vic doing very well – Won the cultural category by Victoria and hosted by Waikato Uni
- Academic workshops also held at the conference, links to be sent out

	<p><u>Cook Islands:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be emailed in and updated <p><u>Tonga:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Tongan leaders Council are discussing how to use their funding. - Have 4 navigators on 3 projects to better utilise the funds - Focusing on Health, employment and home ownership - Tongan language week was the most successful so far in Sofi's opinion - Small playgroups focused on teaching Tongan to the young - Homework centre has a venue at St Patts <p><u>Niue:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with Principal to talk about language weeks - Starting a Pacific Parents Network - Karori now using PI phrases in comms 	
10.	<p>Closing and final prayer</p> <p>Sofi gave closing prayer</p>	8.00pm

Meeting adjourned 8:16pm