Pacific Advisory Group Minutes

Tuesday, 11th October 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, Alvin Mitikulena, Nicole Rex, Alapeta Faletau, Herbert Bartley, Siofilisi Taufo'ou, Alisa Logo and Sai Lealea (Chair)

Councillors: Cr Free, Cr Eagle

Staff: James Mather, David Daniela, Suzanne Tamaki, Bec Ramsay

1.	Welcome & Opening prayer	6.00pm
	Sofi opened the meeting with a prayer	
	Congratulations were noted for Cr Free & Cr Eagle on their re-election	
2.	Apologies	6.05pm
	Apologies received from:	
	Meremine Auelua	
	Cr Eagle	
	Apologies for leaving early/arriving late from:	
	N/A	
	Absent without apology:	
	Alisa Logo	
3.	Confirmation of Minutes	6.10pm
	Minutes were noted as a true and correct record of the previous meeting	
	Sai moved to carry the minutes	
4.	Matters Arising	6.15pm
	Any matters arising to be tabled	

Action:

Clare Sullivan to come to discuss Samoan vacancy and how to progress

5. Pasifika | David Daniela, Suzanne Tamaki

6.20pm

- 1. Previous & Future advice between PAG & City Events
- 2. Summer City Contract how structure is informed
- 3. 2018 Refresh & Plans
- 4. Marketing explanation
- 5. PAG to feedback
- Sai clarified that the aim for PAG is to contribute to Pasifika, to add value and authenticity in collaboration with the Council.
- It was recognised that Pasifika is part of the Summer City programme, which entails a certain set of parameters pertaining to contracts, timing, budget and content.
- David advised that this is second year in the role
- Summer City is the main programme of events for Suzanne & David's team
- View is to "lift" the programme to reflect Wellingtons position as the Capital
- Several events are being reviewed, Christmas event is the first to be reviewed as part of the programme
- Pasifika is the next to being reviewed; it is not being reviewed now as there is an existing contract that was signed by previous management that City Events is locked into. This contract will end 2017.
- Pasifika will then be reviewed, and feedback and advice can be taken on board from a variety of stakeholders (incl. PAG)
- The target audience for all Summer City events is "for anyone who is in Wellington"
- Factors such as date, timing can be discussed
- 2018 will be the 10th year of PAG

Floor opened to PAG members for queries:

Q – Have you considered shifting the format from a festival to something more openended?

A – We are open to all things. There are budgets, but these can be discussed should there be an excellent business case.

Q – Discussions around the ethos of the event would be good. But I do want a partnership.

A – Partnerships are important. There isn't meaning to just throwing up a stage. We want to explore something that is meaningful.

Q – In 2007 it was noted that Pasifika is a PAG event. Somewhere this has changed.

A – I have asked for an explanation for this, because it is now a Summer City Event so it would be good to see where that change occurred.

Q – There was \$60,000.00 put aside for the event. We collaborated on the development of Pasifika and it was the most packed event ever (citation queried).

Q – The advertising/marketing was an issue; if you want more Pacific people coming it would need to be more 'targeted and aligned'.

A – our advertising goes through marketing and comms. Because Pasifika is part of Summer City it has to go through our media partners.

Q – We have our media time within our communities (radio etc.) and we can reach out through those channels.

Q – I can't go through the Cook Island programme due to costs, but we can go through the Church.

Q – What are the benefits of having Pasifika in the Summer City programme? A – it's a package, we get massive reach and our costs are reduced so we can deliver more.

Q – What input do you want from us (PAG) other than us sitting on the stage?
A – Information on the communities, what can we showcase? We want Wellington stall holders not those in Hamilton. Shared services are difficult for us, anyone being able to come and participate – we can get some pushback.

Q – We suggested a weeklong event full of activities. I don't want to wait for a review, how are we able to give input into Pasifika?

A – We have a budget; everything needs to fit into that. So improvements need to fit into that and link to the resources available. We may look at partnerships, with say Massey?

Q – What do you want from PAG coming up for this festival?

A – We have good responses on all the factors so far, from performers to stallholders.

Q – What about communicating requirements?

A - That is done in a specific meeting for those who have indicated they will be at the festival. Everyone comes to this meeting, and if they can't make it we talk to them 1 on 1.

Q – So the role is to publicise?

A – You can reach people we can't reach. We have enough performers and stalls, including new members which will be excellent.

Q – What about Che-Fu?

A – We had him last year.

Q – The event we had last time on Taranaki was successful and allowed us to get out

to our community, will this happen again?

A – That was due to a partnership we had previously, that was a great opportunity. We will look at trying something like that again depending on our budget.

Q – I am happy to volunteer our space at Massey if needed; we are looking at growing our Pacific presence.

A – Thank you!

Q – An event involving all the ambassadors/Councillors in Wellington (our cities point of difference) would be excellent.

Q – Could we lead a Church event with a Council venue? Realising that you are a secular organisation of course.

A - we can explore, but we are within a tight budget and yes the secular aspect is something we would need to consider.

PAG thanked Suzanne and David for coming, noting that they look forward to working with them and WCC in future.

6. | Playground Policy | Bec Ramsay

6.55pm

- 1. Bec to update on policy development
- 2. PAG to detail their views & provide feedback
- Bec advised that she has been looking at the draft playground policy over the last 18 months. It will be going out for public consultation this week.
- Work was done on demographics, identifying gaps and strategies to meet need
- Bec advised that the previous policy had a view to reduce the number of playgrounds over time

Q – I always see popup playgrounds around, is that in there as well, that room for innovation?

A – yes, that something we are exploring. We will be looking at pushing advocacy for play and want to hear ideas on everything. We're aware of a digital playspace.

Q-I know there are some interesting safety improvements in equipment; will you be looking at those?

A – that sort of thing will be informed by the policy.

A – we are looking at advertising in the paper, at pools, libraries and community centres. Will also contact primary schools and sports centres, as well as early childhood centres.

Q – Are you looking at changing the definition of who uses these spaces?

A – The focus for this is on children and traditional playgrounds, but we are also

looking at addressing more broad use in those "destination playgrounds".

Q – Are you also looking at Accessibility issues?

A – one of the proposals here is that we need to look at accessibility improvements in a much shorter space of time.

Q – What about toilets?

A – They are really expensive. The bigger playgrounds will have them, or nearby access. But the smaller ones, we aren't looking at that.

Q – I admire the playground attached to the Constable St flats, is there an opportunity to input into design?

A – When the 25 year period comes up, we notify the community and let them input and advice on the replacement. I would encourage you to input whenever you can, as community led design is important.

Q – Example of the nursery rhyme playground in Whanganui is excellent.

A – We would if you gave specific examples for us to look at.

A – Our playgrounds are free, and we are developing the nature play trail for the first time. Just off Alexandra Rd on Mt Vic beyond the SPCA

Q – Communities get attached to their playgrounds, and might like to mark them in a special or symbolic way. Is there a process for this? Say with memorial seats or plaques?

A - yes there is a process.

Q – Have you done research on how popular the parks are? I have two kids who don't use them so much, they largely want to do digital things or socialise at ASB.

A - Do you mean one off events?

Q – there isn't anything for kids.

A – we have talked to Youth Council & have done workshops. They seemed to need them, they want the space as its 'theirs'. The community playgrounds are really popular and are accessible with public transport. Council's role is to design spaces where kids don't feel uncomfortable.

PAG to go and talk to their communities and seek feedback. Consultation closes 18th November 2016.

7. Pacific Navigation Service | Alvin

7:25pm

1. Pacific Navigation Service for our Pasifika communities in Wellington

Barbara gave an overview of Pacific Navigation Services.

- Helping people navigate the health system
- Helping people explain what is being told to them within the Health System

- Important for PI people who don't have English as a first language
- Largely work with 10 GP's who have high Pacific enrolment

Q – What is the qualifier for the service?

A – You need to be Pacific. We won't see non Pacific people directly, but we may through a family connection.

Q – What about students?

A – Uni students get free healthcare. We don't have a "no we won't" policy, we will look to partner those looking with a provider who can help them. We work closely with mental health.

Q - What are the things you have done that are measurable to show improvement? A-33% decrease in ASH data, 22% decrease in ED (? Unclear??). We can demonstrate that having PNS will decrease ED visits.

Q – How much is housing a factor in your clients coming?

A – Housing is an issue, with people living in substandard places. Especially noticeable in Porirua. Getting people on the lists for housing is also an issue. The "Well Homes" programme in the Hutt is something we work with.

PAG were given information on how to refer to PNS.

8. | Forum Update | All

7.43pm

- 1. Working Group to update PAG
- 2. Timeline to be discussed

3 PAG members went to a Fono, at the Fono it became clear that there is a huge amount of services for Pacific (and by Pacific) peoples that there isn't enough awareness about.

Update:

PAG are looking at a Pacific Welcome for the Mayor and Councillors as well as getting in Pacific WCC workers from each department to tell us on what they do in council.

We are looking at doing this celebration **early 2017 due to Mayor/Councillor availability**.

We decided that we will do the celebration at the ZOO conference room if it is available during this time. Have to use Zoo catering if this is the case.

We also suggested that we get the same Caterers from Anthony's church. Could be a cheaper/better venue?

It will be a straight forward evening starting at 6pm where we put on a big Pacific welcome for the Mayor and Councillors. We will ask the Mayor to speak and then give each councillor present 2 mins to introduce themselves and what areas they are passionate about.

After this we will invite the WCC Pacific workers from:

- Rates and Property
- Parking and Roads
- Environment and Waste
- Community and Culture
- Consents and Licences

A Pacific person in each of these areas of council can come and talk to us about what they do and how their work relates to our Pacific communities (Something to that affect we can clarify it more)

Each of the Pacific people in these areas then have only 2mins to tell us in a nutshell what they do and possibly their aspirations for the role too.

Essentially we are also celebrating our Pacific people working behind the scenes at council pretty much. We will also extend an invitation to all Pacific workers at council to come to our celebration because they too are part of our Pacific communities.

After this we will eat and hopefully have some entertainment (a band playing budget dependant)

After the meal we will have a PAG story written by Leina. Here's where we need to organise a performance from our communities. It could be a song, dance or poetry reading but each PAG Island group will be represented. Please note we don't have a budget for this so if you do want a group to perform they will have to do it for love and a feed OR you can always do the item yourself.

After the story we wrap it up and its DONE!

Easy as right? So we are looking for some MC's to host the evening. Some nice Pacific decorations to decorate the venue....an item from your Island and your Pacific community!

9.	Community Updates	7.50pm
	Sai, Anthony, Nicole & Leina:	
	MSD Pacific Leaders Fono was held – still awaiting email on the details.	
	Vanuatu/Solomon Islands/PNG	
	Leina Isno will be the Melanesian Rep for the three countries (Vanuatu, Solomon Islands & PNG) providing advice from our NZ Melanesian Communities to New Zealand Red Cross Secretary General Pacific Advisory Group in light of our recent Pacific disasters and drastic climate changes.	
	Niue update:	
	Niue Language week is this Sunday 16 October – Saturday 22 October 2016. The Theme for this year's Niue Language Week 2016 is: Ponataki, Tukutaula ke Mauokafua e Vagahau Niue (Bind, Anchor to Firmly Uphold the Vagahau Niue)	
	WELLINGTON: Blessing/Tapu/Opening of Vagahau Niue Language Week (Combined youth service), Niue St James Presbyterian Church, 42 Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbernie, Time 1pm – 4pm 16th October.	
	The Wellington Niue Rugby league team are competed in the Pacific Cup on Sat 8th Oct.	
10.	Closing and final prayer	8.00pm

Upcoming Consultations and Work:

2002 Playground Policy Review

Consultation opens 15 October 2016

Makara Peak Master Plan

Consultation on the draft Makara Peak Master Plan opens 7 November 2016

Election Period

Nominations currently open until 12pm Friday 12th August Voting period 16th September – 12pm 8th October Final results to be announced 13th October – 23rd October

Wellington Sport and Active Recreation Plan

WCC has been assisting with the development of a Wellington Regional Sport and Active Recreation Strategy (WRSARS) being developed by Sport Wellington.

The WRSARS vision is "Sport and active recreation in the Wellington region: connected and thriving".

The WRSARS focuses on five outcomes:

- 1. Participation growth
- 2. Performance success
- 3. Operational excellence
- 4. Facilities, spaces and places
- 5. Sustainable Investment

Wellington City Council is developing a tactical plan to be called the Wellington City Council Sport and Active Recreation Plan. This plan will provide a local context for the WRSARS by recognising what's unique about the Council's role in supporting sport and active recreation in the city and region. It will be a tactical plan that will outline specific actions and priorities the Council will take to achieve the outcomes in both the Sport New Zealand Community Sport Strategy 2015 – 2020 and the WRSARS.

WCC wish to achieve the following from the research stage: Identify the key issues and opportunities for sport and active recreation clubs in Wellington city

- Identify groups or sectors of the community with low participation and the reasons for this
- Ensure consistency with the approach of Sport Wellington and adjacent local authorities