**Pacific Advisory Group Minutes**

**Wednesday 8 August, 6.00pm – 8.00pm**

**Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield St, Committee Room 1**

**Members:** Sai Lealea, Kira Hundleby, Aseri Kua, Ilisapeti Pouvalu, Jocelyn Kua (Deputy Chair), Anne Allen-Moetaua, Samson Samasoni (Chair), Natalia Fareti, Anthony Carter, Sunia Foliaki, Alvin Mitikulena

**Councillors:** Cr Dawson, Cr Free

**Staff:** Angela Sopp, David Stuart, Suzanne Tamaki, Samantha Mason, Kane Patena

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|  | **Opening Prayer**  The PAG Chair welcomed Councillor Free to her first meeting. Councillor Free introduced herself and explained her portfolio interests, public transport, cycling and walking and how she is keen to engage with PAG members on these things. | **6.00pm** |
|  | **Apologies**  Merio Marsters, Mino Cleverley, Ofania Ikiua – for absence  Lisa Pouvalu and Sunia Foliaki – for late arrival | **6.05pm** |
|  | **Confirmation of June 2018 Minutes**  Moved: Anthony  Seconded: Natalia  **Matters Arising**  Communications Committee will talk to Council about an October Pacific Language Month promotion (this will include the possibility of flying Pacific Island flags).  There will be a PAG-CAB meeting next week.  Generosity NZ has signalled an ongoing commitment to work with PAG.  Charities Sector meeting next week – Sai will be attending this. It will cover the review of the Charities Act.  Pacific Business Awards – The Chair would like to be able to send out some Communications about WCC sponsoring the Supreme Awards.  **Action:** Kane and Samson to discuss further how this might happen.  LTP Pacific response increase – Based on this outcome Fiona Lewis is very keen to start some early thinking about how to build on this success for the next LTP and how to work with PAG on this. | **6.10pm** |
|  | **Ministry of Pacific Peoples – Vision setting**  \*Chair changed the order of the agenda by leave of the meeting.  A group of officials from MPP talked to PAG about the work they are doing with Pacific communities across New Zealand about setting a new vision for Pacific Peoples. This was last done in 1991 and requires a refresh. They intend to launch the new vision by November 2018 and will be launching a app and completing a survey in between now and then.  There was a discussion amongst PAG members about their views of how the Vision was developing – with the emphasis of the discussion on youth voices and issues, aligning this with other voices in the community and how to go beyond vision setting and into implementation.  MPP were invited back to meet with PAG once the vision has been launched to talk about next steps and implementation. | **6.15pm** |
|  | **Liquor Control Bylaw – Jim Lewis**  A report will go to the City Strategy Committee next week recommending a consultation process to continue and expand the Wellington CBD liquor ban in public places. Officers are seeking PAG views on this. Concerns about certain groups being unfairly targeted (including young Pacific and Māori people) were expressed. Police had been talked to about ensuring this doesn’t happen unnecessarily. Officers were also keen to hear about other interventions to ensure public safety other than the liquor ban.  PAG members raised a number of points including: closing time for bars, number of liquor outlets, bar owner responsibility, the availability of community patrols, social services for alcohol and drug harm reduction, looking into the break-down of infringement statistics to see how many actually lead to prosecution, and how many infringements are for possession as opposed to consumption, the need for raising awareness about the liquor ban, unconscious bias of Police and the high threshold for alcohol related harm before a liquor ban can be considered. Consulting with the Wellington Pasifika Community Patrol was also raised.  Consultation on the liquor ban will operate from 30 August to 30 September. Oral hearings are scheduled for the end of October. | **7.00pm** |
|  | **Councillors Update**  Councillor Free provided an update about the nus network changes and issues. She also talked about cycling and walking and about the approach being driven by the desire to give the public more choice and making streets more accessible and safe for people to walk and cycle. She expressed concern at the lack of ethnic community, Māori and Pacific engagement and would like to work with PAG on how to involve the Pacific community of Wellington in this area.  Councillor Free also spoke about the Grants Sub-committee she chairs and encouraged PAG members to look at the WCC website and find out more about the grants that are available for community groups. She also congratulated PAG and its hard work to make progress, particularly over the course of 2018, she had been hearing very good things about PAG and the work being done. | **7.30pm** |
|  | **Action Plan Updates**  **Arts & Culture: Kira**  Is planning to meet with the WCC Events team (with Suzanne Tamaki to discuss next year’s Pasifika Festival). Is also meeting with Winnie Laban soon too. Will be attending the Pasifika Police Project dinner – led by the Melanesians Women’s Group in association with PAG.  **Youth: Anthony**  No formal update, as a new member he is keen to understand more of the context about how the Action Plan was developed.  **Economic Development: Sai**  Working with Democracy Services to arrange meetings with several units. Attending the Pacific Business Network breakfast next Wednesday.  **Health & Wellbeing: Anne/Sunia/Alvin**  Looking at housing workshops – sustainable housing, healthy homes, home-ownership and looking at how to be involved in groups around Wellington with an interest in this topic. Keen to know more about what WCC is doing in this area and discussing in more detail with Councillor Dawson.  **Governance: Samson/Jocelyn**  A plan for a home-ownership workshop has been drafted for the Health and Wellbeing Committee to look into and develop further.  They have also had a feedback session with MPP to talk about the Kapasa framework workshop held at WCC and how to ensure it is endorsed by Council.  Also met with the Wellington Pasifika Community Patrol and would like PAG to help find more volunteers and be on their steering group.  Also shared the good news that Youth Council has appointed a new Pacific representative and had received four applications from Pacific young people to join, 20% of total nominations. Youth Council had thanked PAG for helping to spread the word in Pacific youth circles.  **Action:** PAG members to consider if someone will volunteer to be the PAG representative on the Wellington Pasifika Community Patrol Group.  **Communications: Samson**  There have been 1500 ‘opens’ on the PAG e-newsletters and the Face Book stats were showing an upward trend in Likes and Follows. The next e-newsletter issue will be due in September. Have raised with Council the possibility of putting up some of PAG’s recent initiatives for various related awards to raise awareness of Council’s work with Pacific communities. | **7.40** |
|  | **Other Matters**  Alvin would like the new Pacific Youth Council representative to be invited to come along to a PAG meeting. He also wondered if a ‘day in the life of’ arrangement could be organised where a Pacific young person gets to shadow a Councillor for a day (and do ongoing mentoring). Councillor Free saw merit in exploring this. There are similar arrangements already in place with the Tuia Mentorship programme – the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are both involved.  Samson advised that in December it will be the 15th anniversary of PAG and that some thinking should be done about how to mark/recognise this occasion.  **Action:** PAG members to come along to the next meeting with ideas to discuss. | **7.55** |
|  | **Closing prayer** | **8.00pm** |