

## **WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group Meeting on 21 March 2007**

#### **Present:**

1. Valeti Finau (Chairperson)
2. Vula Murphy (Tonga)
3. Rev. Lagi Sipeli (Niue)
4. Tapuala Fagaloa (Samoa)
5. Mua'ausa Uili (Samoa)
6. Savenaca Daugunu (Fiji)
7. Titia Vaerua (Cook Islands)
8. Nick Toonen
9. Marie Retimanu-Pule
10. Vasi Siohane
11. Harry Tauafiafi
12. Ollie Seumanufagai
13. Bessie Fepuleai
14. Alice Cowan
15. Billie Tait-Jones

#### **Chairperson's Welcome:**

- Warm Pacific and personal greetings.

#### **Opening Prayer:**

- Rev. Lagi Sipeli

#### **Tributes and Remembrance our Colleague, Tafa M To'o:**

- Valeti Finau acknowledged the attendance and support of PAG members and Council staff at both the Family and Funeral Services.
- A moment of silence was followed by tributes and souvenir photograph.
- Acknowledgement of Council's gifts and also the monetary contributions.

#### **Apologies:**

- Cr Alick Shaw, Arby Mitikulena, Isoa Sele, Ellen Kier, Phoebe Velova'a
- Accepted by Tapuala Fagaloa and Savenaca Daugunu.

**Confirmation of Minutes of last Meeting:**

- Vula Murphy and Rev. Lagi Sipeli.

**Matters Arising:**

- ***Community Alert Report (FBIs) Update*** – Bessie Fepuleai
- ***Community Issues raised at the last Forum*** has been sent to everyone.
- ***Newtown Community Space Survey*** - **only** one response was received from the Tongan community. The Chairperson moved the matter be closed - accepted by all.
- ***Guest Speaker from the Porirua City Council*** to be invited to the next Pacific Forum.
- ***Pacific Festival 2008*** - Nick Toonen
  - (i) the Festival will definitely be held in early 2008.
  - (ii) the actual date is yet to be finalised (as per City Events Calendar)
  - (iii) indicative budget of \$40,000
  - (iv) information should be available at the next meeting.

**Harry Tauafiafi:**

- that the Festival should be planned to happen after the big Pacific Events in Auckland – i.e. Pasifika Festival, Secondary Schools Polyfest targeting the Pacific visitors who would already be in Auckland to move down to the Capital City.
- that Wellington has a huge number of home grown Pacific talents e.g. Rob Magasiva, Tana Umaga and many others.
- Kilbirnie Park would be an appropriate Venue.

**PAG Review:** Nick Toonen

- The Report is not yet ready to be released.

**Pacific Forum Update: 30 April 2007 - Vasi Siohane**

- Theme is 'Our City – Our Pacific People'
- Focus on the Annual Plan, Local Body Elections, PAG Review Report and City Housing's Future Development Plan.
- Hon. Luamanuvao Winnie Laban, Associate Minister of Pacific Island.

- Affairs were sent a courtesy invitation and she has accepted to attend Pacific Forum subject to confirmation by Council Management.
- PAG members to help promote the Forum to individual communities and distribute posters and flyers when these are ready.
- The Forum will be advertised on NiuFM, Samoa Capital Radio and Access Radio.

**Other Business:**

- The Chairperson will be on leave for the next two months – missing the Pacific Forum in April and the May meeting.
- Kolovula Murphy accepted the nomination to be Acting Chairperson.

**Closing Prayer:**

- Mua'ausa Uili

**Next Meeting:** 23 May 2007 - to be confirmed.

**Meeting Closed:** 7.30 pm

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