

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group Meeting on 26 November 2008

Present:

Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako (Chairperson - Samoa)
Martha Ahmed (Tokelau)
Ana To'o (Samoa)
Danny Kauraka (Cook Islands)
Titia Vaerua (Cook Islands)
Mailigi Hetutu (Niue)
Brenda Cottingham (Niue)
Avia Liai (Tuvalu)
Lopeti Tefoto (Tuvalu)
Keli Tapega Kelisiano (Tokelau)
Vasi Siohane
Marie Retimanu-Pule
Bessie Fepulea'i
Phoebe Velova'a
Craig Ireson

Welcome

Warm pacific greetings and welcome from the Chairperson who thanked everyone for attending this meeting.

Opening Prayer

Ida Faiumu-Isa'ako

Apologies

Councillor McKinnon, Councillor Gill, Councillor Pannett, Harry Tauafiafi, Alice Cowan, Trudy Jenkins, Malakai Jiko, Tina McNicholas; Pisa Alaifea; Kolovula Murphy.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed by Ana To'o and seconded by Brenda Cottingham.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was decided that matters arising would be deferred and to be discussed at the December meeting as this meeting was specifically to discuss the Festival.

PASIFIKA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented by Martha Ahmed.

See attached document that was handed out at the meeting

PASIFIKA FESTIVAL – UPDATES (Craig Ireson)

NIU FM have given \$35,000.00 for the Festival this means that NIU FM have naming rights and will be advertising the Festival for the month of January. This is seen as a strategic partnership between WCC and NIU FM which may have long term benefits. It was suggested we ensure all radio slots with Access Radio advertise the Festival so no one misses out hearing about the Festival.

The festival is going to be called __Niufm Positively Pasifika Festival 2009_____

Craig requested feedback on the poster as he would like the posters to be ready to start advertising by early December. He will bring the completed poster to to PAG members at their meeting on 17 December 2008.

Chairperson called for a vote:

7 members voted for the poster to be the same (Craig's draft)

2 members voted that the poster be changed

It was suggested the poster be discussed and changed for the 2010 festival

Members were given a plan of Waitangi Park and how it will be laid out.

This is a chance for PAG to decide if they wish to use the full layout same as for Waitangi Day, or take away elements which will be cost saving or add elements which will add cost.

Spaces 1 – 18 are food spaces but can fit up to 27 food applications.

Spaces 23 – 28 are craft spaces

Space 22 will not be there as this is a space specifically for the Waitangi Day festival only.

There was concern that the youth stage is separate from the main stage it has been decided that there is not going to be an amalgamation of the main stage and youth stage.

The Youth Stage is being provided by the WCC Youth Team at no cost to the Festival budget. The Youth Stage will help with changeover so there is no dead air (silence) during the Festival.

A 12 piece reggae band Three Doors Down will be playing at the Festival as the Hit Act.

DJs and music will be signed off by Bessie which will ensure inappropriate music doesn't get played.

Craig is concerned that agencies haven't been approached and if we are going to we need to do it now. Vasi said these were pending receiving the communities applications and space availability.

Agreed to charge \$500 to Government Depts to be consistent with Waitangi Day costs.

Vasi to contact the 8 Government agencies as soon as possible.

Craig, Vasi and Ida to decide on what to charge NGO agencies – if any.

PAG members to liaise with their own stall holders to ensure the food. Provided that day is 'traditional'. Vasi will provide copies to Festival Committee members.

A meeting will be held with PAG members and the food stall holders and the Public Health team in January. Catherine Dawson would rather come closer to the time.

It was agreed not to invite Pacific Island Business people to this Festival – deferred to next year. The exception will be Lagi's Island Styles and Silaumua who will do the Fashion show.

Craig thanked the group for their feedback and support.

Closing prayer by Lopeti Tefoto.

Meeting finished at 7.53pm