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TO: Councilmembers

FROM: Councilmember Donovan M. Dela Cruz 

RE: Hawaii State Association of Counties Annual Conference

Attached is a copy of the report and findings of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) Annual Conference attended in Lihu'e, Kaua'i, June 18-19, 2009.

If you have questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to call us.

Attachment

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Conference Registration, 8:00 a.m.

HSAC Executive Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

- HSAC President Garcia called the meeting to order
- Executive Committee approved the meeting minutes as well as the Treasurer's reports
- County Reports
 - Hawai'i County Report:
 - Secretary Onishi reported on the Council's adoption of the FY10 budget. Plus, gave update on new committee assignments
 - Kaua'i County Report:
 - VP Kawakami also reported on the Council's adoption of the FY10 budget – Operating budget of \$154 million and a CIP budget of \$58 million
 - Maui County Report:
 - Treasurer Pontanilla reported on the Council's adoption of the FY10 budget - \$550 million
 - Honolulu County Report:
 - President Garcia reported on the Council's adoption of the FY10 budget – Operating budget of \$1.6 billion and a \$1.7 billion CIP budget
 - President Garcia also noted that none of the HSAC measures passed at the State Legislature
 - He also noted that the Executive Committee will be meeting with the Governor regarding TAT revenues
- NACo's Report
 - Annual Conference, July 24-28, Nashville, TN
 - Committee approved Councilmember Mike Victorino for NACo Steering Committee membership
 - Treasurer Pontanilla stated that the FY10 budget is \$9,000. With expenses averaging \$1,200 per travel, and two members on Steering Committees.
- WIR Report
 - Treasurer Pontanilla attended the WIR conference
 - Reported that a change in governance to the structure of NACo was approved
 - NACo will also reduce the number of elected officials from five to four and also add four regional representatives to serve on the NACo Executive Committee
 - Reported that he was asked many times if Hawaii will host a WIR conference
 - President Garcia requested Councilmembers Kawakami and Chang of Kaua'i and Councilmember Onishi work together regarding bidding for the WIR conference with the first right of refusal given to Maui County.

- Unfinished Business
 - Executive Committee discussed the consideration of a State Director for HSAC
 - Position provides for a permanent single repository for all HSAC documents
 - This would be an implementing position. Executive Committee still retains policy and decision making function.
 - Members stated that taking any action today would be too soon. Need to conduct research and conferring with other Counties who have such a position, i.e. at NACo Conference.
- New Business
 - President Garcia spoke on the pursuit of representation on the NACo Board
 - Currently, members are
 - Councilmember Pontanilla
 - Former-Councilmember Shaylene Iseri-Carvalho, now being filled by Councilmember Kawakami
 - Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz, presidential appointment

HSAC General Membership Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

- Treasurer's Reports issued since the last HSAC General Membership meeting were approved
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for the year were also approved
- Reports of the Executive Committee were filed
 - Approval and transmittal of seven proposals to each County Council for consideration in the 2009 HSAC legislative package
 - Approved an amended resolution In Support of the Recovery of the Hawai'i State mammal, the Hawaiian Monk Seal
 - Approval and transmittal of final 2009 HSAC legislative package
- New Business
 - Approval of HSAC Budget for FY 10, noting that official notification of the passing HSAC budget should come from the Clerk from each County
 - New Officers for FY10
 - President – Councilmember Derek Kawakami
 - Vice President – Councilmember Nestor Garcia
 - Treasurer – Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla
 - Secretary – Councilmember Dennis “Fresh” Onishi
 - Nominees to NACo and WIR Board of Directors
 - NACo
 - Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla
 - Councilmember Derek Kawakami
 - Councilmember Donovan M. Dela Cruz

- WIR
 - Councilmember Dickie Chang
 - Councilmember Dennis “Fresh” Onishi

Friday, June 19, 2009

Conference Registration, 8:00 am to 8:30 am:

Welcoming and Opening Remarks, 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Welcoming remarks provided by Kaua'i County Councilmember Derek S.K. Kawakami; Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr., County of Kaua'I; Council Chair Bill “Kaipo” Asing, County of Kaua'I; Councilmember Nestor Garcia, HSAC President

Panel I: Affordable Housing:

- Panelist:
 - John Frazier – Executive Director, Kaua'i Housing Development Corporation
 - Kevin Showe – President, National Housing Corporation of Hawai'i, Inc.
 - Claudia Shay – Executive Director, Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawai'i
- Highlights of Discussion:
 - Discussed affordable housing developments that are being developed on Kaua'i, i.e. Courtyards at Waipouli as part of the Kaua'i Lagoons Resort Development
 - 15% of the development are affordable housing units
 - Discussed the mission of Self-Housing Corporation of Hawai'i
 - Improve the living conditions of lower income families living in Hawai'i
 - Provides services on O`ahu, Kaua`i, Maui and Molokai
 - Provides technical services such as financial and loan counseling to families.
 - Provides homeownership and building skills in self-help methods

Panel II: Innovations in Solid Waste/Energy

- Panelist:
 - Scott Shibata – Project Administrator, Hawai`i BioEnergy, LLC
 - Paul Burns – Senior Manager of Engineering Projects, Waste Management, LLC
 - Gideon Gradman – Vice President of Corporate Development Ze-gen, Inc.

- Highlights of Discussion:
 - Panelists discussed several different technology in the handling of solid waste management
 - Panelists discussed the use of biomass such as sugar and algae to create energy

Luncheon Speaker – Environmental Justice

- Keynote Speaker – Sue Briggum – Vice President of Federal Public Affairs, Waste Management, Inc.
 - Highlights of Discussion:
 - Defined environmental justice as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, culture, education, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies
 - EPA has a program for environmental justice
 - Requires meaningful involvement & fair treatment in the development, implementation & enforcement of environmental programs
 - New approach: community-based, collaborative
 - Consider cumulative environmental and public health impacts
 - New Developments:
 - Climate Justice
 - Emphasis on emissions reduction, alternative fuels, green energy
 - Promising New Developments: Industry focus on sustainability

Update on the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

- Speaker: W. Roger Gwinn – Kaua`i County Federal Lobbyist, The Ferguson Group, LLC
 - Highlights of Discussion:
 - Discussed the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act monies that are available to the counties in Hawaii
 - Oahu is one of the 10 largest counties in the United States, thus is entitled to a direct allocation of monies
 - Noted that O`ahu has applied for several types of ARRA funds

Conference Concludes – 12:00 p.m.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: July 7, 2009

Traveler: Donovan Dela Cruz

Event: 2009 HSAC Annual Conference

Location: Lihue, Kauai

Dates: From June 18, 2009 To June 19, 2009

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	\$190.00	Registration form & check attached
2. Airfare	\$98.20	DR: 6/18/09 7:00 am RT: 6/21/09 7:49 am
3. Hotel		
4. Meals		
5. Ground Transportation	\$168.21	car rental receipt & car rental protection statement attached
6. Tips	\$10.00	
7. Other	\$30.00	Airfare change fee RT: 6/20/09
Other	\$14.97	Gas for rental car receipt attached
Other	\$24.00	Parking at Honolulu International Airport receipt attached
8. Adjustment	\$34.89	Travel delay, baggage & flight insurance statement attached
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$570.27	

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:



Signature of Traveler

Date