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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2008 HAHAIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Knudsen at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Clark, Matt Dirks, Steve Geimer, Marian Grey, A.J. Halagao, Jeanette Hanson, Norma Kehrberg, Greg Knudsen, Wayne Levy, David Livingston, Carl Makino, Elizabeth Reilly, David Tanabe, Gary Weller.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Manuel Mejia.

MEMBERS' SEATS VACANT: None.

GUESTS: Nathan Kurosawa, Jim Grey, Robert Cowan, James K., Craig Schmidt, George Tanabe, Tai Hong, Tom M., Liz Matthews, Tom Yamabe, Francisco Figueiredo, Ronald Livingston, Suzanne Gordons, Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply), Judi Harrison, Rob Crawfords, M. Crawford, Gayle Carr (LHK Hui), Paula Bender, Christa Geise, Katrin O'Leart, Robert Miller, Makani, Linda L., Peter Schall, Jason Mitchell, Natalie Iwasa, Fred Alvarado, Therese Gondek, Bradie Cownie, Kristina Lawyer, Richard Fernandez, Kerry Kitteirngam, C. J. Young, Wendel Low, Jaynie Suzuki, Dennis Tanabe, Sandee Saito, Casey Honma, Ty Robinson, Wesley Grant, C. Grant, Anthony Mattson, Brian Isaacson, Kendall Imada, Robert Carvalho, Nyle Warinner, Lito Coloma, Jim Thompson (Boy Scouts Troop 101), Philip Rapoza (Koko Head Firing Range [KHFR] user), Shelton Tyau (KHFR user), Brian Ching (KHFR user), Mitch Kam (KHFR user), Donna Fitzgerald (KHFR user), Glen Tamayori (KHFR user), Andie Cooper (KHFR user), John Vanderdyk (KHFR user), Lemmuel Racimo (KHFR user), Ken Nakayawa (KHFR user), Sophie Curatilo (hiker), Christine Curatilo (hiker), Christopher Curatilo (hiker), Barry Fitzgerald (HMSSA, HHRA, HRA, NRA), Dennis Takasaka, Clinton (HMSSA, HHRA, HRA), Ryan Yamashiro, Pat T., Anabel Murray (hiker), Councilmember Charles Djou, Sen. Sam Slom, Rep. Gene Ward, Rep. Lyla Berg, Heather Bankston (Sen. Hemmings' Office), Bob Farrell and Ivonne Cardenas (makakilo.com), Capt. Roberts (HFD-Hawaii Kai Station), Capt. R. Green, Major Marie McCauley, Lt. Gary Lum Lee, Lt. Calvin Tong, Officer Jason Hendricks (HPD-District 7, East Honolulu), Major Susan Ballard, Sgt. Robert Jaeger (HPD-Training Division), Dawn Ching (Sandwich Isles Communications), Andrew Jamila, Bruce Chapman, Dawn Horn, Mike Goodman, Lester Chang (director, Department of Parks and Recreation), Alan Hong (Hanauma Bay manager, Department of Parks and Recreation), Tom Mendez (Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club), Jim Propotnick (Department of Public Safety), Andy Rolls, Sid Quintal (Mayor's Office), Russ Saito (Governor's Office), Noble Turner (Hawaii Kai Chamber of Commerce), Dean Chu (Neighborhood Commission Office staff). Many others were present, but did not sign-in.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Chair Knudsen recognized Neighborhood Assistant Dean Chu, who is retiring from the Neighborhood Commission after nearly 29 years of service. Chu was presented with lei and thanked for his service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2008 – The following corrections were made:

Page 6, under Trash Dumping at Maunalua Bay, the last sentence should read: "...that limit enforcement work, yet another State department appears to be over-staffed."

Page 8, under Governor's Office, item number 5 should read: "...about a guardrail on Kalaniana'ole Highway opposite First Hawaiian Bank..."

The minutes were approved as corrected.



CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF January 8, 2008 – The following corrections were made:

Page 2, fourth paragraph, should read: "...147 spaces are for the entire Queen's Rise project..."

Page 3, item number 4, should read: "...McCorriston replied Moanalua Associates and ZKS are subsidiaries of Zurich Insurance, QRM is not. In response..."

Page 3, item number 4, should read: "McCorriston said that ownership of the individual cabins has not been determined; time shares are not permitted under current zoning..."

Page 3, item 4, last sentence should read: "QRM has not listed or actually solicited the property for sale. QRM has received offers to buy these parcels."

The minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hanson reported for January, the Board's Operating Account previous balance was \$1,147.66, expenses were \$115.15, leaving a balance of \$1,032.51; the Publicity Account previous balance was \$1,871.44, expenses were \$209.52, leaving a balance of \$1,661.92; and the Refreshment Account had no expenses, leaving a balance of \$120.00.

STATUS REPORTS:

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT – Capt. Richards, Hawaii Kai Station, reported the following:

1. Last month the station responded to 3 fire, and 67 medical and search and rescue calls. There were no major or unusual incidents.
2. The safety tip of the month is: Fire, building and U.S. postal codes, and City ordinances state that property owners shall place their house numbers in such a manner so it is legible and readily visible from the street. This will assist the Honolulu Fire Department and other first responders in locating your house quickly in the event of an emergency.
3. In response to a question from January, statistics for past years are available on the department's web site.

There were no questions from the Board or guests. Capt. Richards was thanked for attending the meeting.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT – Major McCauley, Capt. Green, Lt. Lum Lee, and Sgt. Hendricks from District 7, East Honolulu, and Major Ballard and Sgt. Jaeger, from Training Division, were present. The written report was distributed and includes statistics and contact information.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. In response to numerous inquiries from Koko Villas residents: There was one theft from vehicles and one burglary in Koko Villas this year, there is no spike in the number of incidents. The area will be monitored. Everyone was reminded to lock their garages to prevent crimes of opportunity, such as thefts of valuables. The Crime Reduction Unit will be working in this area and regular patrols are made with the car's blue lights on to deter crime. An All Crimes Initiative could be used, which results in stops being made for any crime and everyone can be cited.
2. In response to expressed concerns about speeding and accidents on Kaluanui Road, the speed trailer could be stationed there, which helps call drivers' attention to their speed.
3. Weller noted a concern expressed last month about the homeless in a park across the street from Roy's restaurant. It was noted there are no signs indicating park closure hours, the park will be checked.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY – Lorna Heller, from the Board of Water Supply, distributed the monthly report and noted the following:

There was one water main break this month on Hahaione Street.

1. The written report also notes that work is being done to reduce the amount of breaks that happen each year and that there has been a continual decrease in the amount of breaks since the 1990's, and describes the process used to fix breaks.
2. The Water Conservation Poster Contest for K-6 students is in progress, the deadline to enter is March 13.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

Knudsen pointed out that there was another water main break in early February on Mariner's Ridge (Kamoi Place) and that there had been another break in the same place late last year. Follow up will be done.

Heller was thanked for attending the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

STATUS REPORT BY SANDWICH ISLES COMMUNICATIONS ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT SANDY BEACH RELATING TO OAHU LANDING OF THEIR UNDERSEA FIBER OPTIC CABLE – Dawn Ching, from Sandwich Isles Communications, reported that this project is part of a project to connect all Department of Hawaiian Homelands properties with telephone service. The fiber optic cables run undersea connecting the islands and underground on land using directional boring, old water mains, etc. when practical to minimize construction disruptions. Work is being done in Waimanalo on an underground cable. Cable landing sites from Neighbor Islands to Oahu are in Makaha and Sandy Beach. The Sandy Beach site will not involve any permanent structure, and take two months beginning this March or April. Work will be done in a parking lot area.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

The cable will use directional boring, no trenching, and when offshore will be deep to avoid contact with live coral reefs.

Ching was thanked for attending the meeting.

Chair Knudsen deferred the order of the agenda to skip to Public Generated Issues. There were no objections.

PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES:

PUBLIC REACTION TO EAST OAHU BUS ROUTE CHANGES THAT TOOK EFFECT DECEMBER 2, 2007 – None.

PUBLIC REACTION TO ROOSTER AND CHICKEN CONTROL EFFORTS AT THE HAWAII KAI PARK-AND-RIDE – Resident Bruce Chapman reported the problem with feral chickens has continued for the last six months.

KALUANUI ROAD ON MARINERS RIDGE – Resident Makani Christensen noted a friend was injured in a traffic accident at the bottom of Kaluanui Road and survived thanks to the intervention of by-standers, and requested a solution be found to improve safety.

REQUEST FOR BAN ON RECREATIONAL VEHICLES – Andrew Jamila suggested there be a ban on allowing recreational vehicles (RV) in Hawaii, noting there are three on Oahu and does not want to see the bus-sized vehicles proliferate. One has been seen in the Sandy Beach and Waimanalo areas. He noted existing law prohibits use of a vehicle for habitation only between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., and that the law should be amended.

Capt. Green noted they are aware of the RV noted above and that the owner is aware of the law. A resident noted this RV is being used as a mobile physical therapy facility.

MALAMA AINA ACT – Mike Goodman requested support of legislation for the Malama Aina Act, which would eliminate graffiti.

The agenda was deferred to take the New Business item on Koko Crater. There were no objections.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC ACCESS TO KOKO CRATER SUMMIT HIKING TRAILS – Chair Knudsen noted there will be a two-minute limit on speakers, and that the item was about keeping the Koko Crater trails open and not about closing the Koko Head Shooting Complex.

Nathan Kurasawa, a frequent trail user, provided comments on the closing and reopening of the trail on February 15, and acknowledged the presence of trail supporters, anti-gun supporters who want the shooting complex closed, and users of the shooting complex. He noted he does not support closing the shooting complex, and that if the trail were closed it would continue to be used due to lack of enforcement. He also noted that the area should be shared, and that maintenance of the trail is needed.

Paula Bender, whose family uses the trail, supported use of the trail, noted her belief there is no hazard from the shooting complex and that its users are responsible, and supports both the trail and complex being kept open.

Dawn Horn, Girl Scout leader and shooting coach, supported safety and noted the complex has been in this location for decades and should continue, is for the responsible use of the trail, and has volunteers willing to maintain it.

Tom Mendez, president of the Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club, supported shared responsible use of the area and opposed closing the trail. He provided the Board with a petition signed by 100 persons supporting keeping the trail open to hikers.

John Schmidt, noted he does not believe the trail is in a hazardous area.

Andy Rolls, who uses the shooting complex, noted the trail is not in line with the targets, that there needs to be proof, such as through a professional survey, that there is a hazard before the trail is closed, and that the he would like to see both the complex and trail kept open to users.

Jim Propotnick, deputy director, State Department of Public Safety, reported that his department uses the range to train and qualify his department's officers, and that when they use the range both his department and the range have safety officers present.

A resident, hiker, noted he sees no safety problem with the trail and range uses.

Lester Chang, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, reported the following: a) the dog park is about ready to open for use, b) Kamiloiki playground courts have been resurfaced, c) the Halona Blow Hole project is about to start, and d) Goeas Field is scheduled to open in March.

Chang then addressed the Koko Crater hiking trail matter noting that the department's number one priority is public safety, as part of its responsibility to provide recreational activities. He apologized for the decision to close the trail on February 15, which was rescinded. He noted the shooting complex has been in its current location since 1937 in what was then the country. The area has seen much growth since then, and with the departure of the Job Corps, there has been more access to the area. The trail to the top of the crater is a former railroad track, and was never officially opened as a trail. There have been safety incidents with hikers in the area entering an active shooting range, and the trail is down range of an active range. He noted the department does not want to remove a recreational opportunity. It was noted that .50 caliber rifles are not allowed at this range.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. In response to Tanabe, Chang noted: a) the department's Board of Parks and Recreation is an advisory body, and is not involved in decision-making, b) the department put up the sign to close the trail in error, and safety is a concern, c) he was not aware of specifics of a 2001 Koko Head District Park Environmental Impact Statement that recommended a \$2.5 million baffling system for the shooting complex, which was not implemented. He noted the cost today would be much higher.
2. Levy suggested, and Chang confirmed that warning signs are being considered, and that there is a liability concern that needs to be addressed. Chang noted the posting of warning signs at Sacred Falls did not absolve the State from liability when a rockfall killed and injured hikers.

3. Reilly noted the East Oahu Sustainable Communities Plan identifies the importance of recreational opportunities and also noted the Koko Head Regional Park Plan also addresses recreational opportunities.
4. Clark supported keeping the trail open for use and for the public to give Chang and the department the time to work out a solution.
5. Weller suggested warning signs and a fence to separate the range from the other recreational areas. He also noted the poor condition of the range facilities and suggested the trail be improved.
6. Chang welcomed, and Horn offered to coordinate volunteers to maintain the trail.

Chair Knudsen relinquished the chair to Vice Chair Reilly.

Knudsen moved and Weller seconded that the Board support continued public access to the Koko Crater trails and encourage the Department of Parks and Recreation to work with the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board and community members to determine a solution that addresses the safety and interests of hikers and the firing range. The motion carried unanimously.

Reilly relinquished the chair to Knudsen.

Everyone was thanked for their participation in this portion of the meeting.

FORMATION OF A PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO MEET, DISCUSS, GATHER INFORMATION, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FULL BOARD RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO KOKO CRATER SUMMIT HIKING TRAILS – Members appointed to the Permitted Interaction Group were Dirks, Grey, Hansen, Knudsen, Reilly, Tanabe, and Weller.

The chair called a recess at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

The order of the agenda resumed.

PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES, CONTINUED:

HAWAII KAI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MIXER – Noble Turner, president, Hawaii Kai Chamber of Commerce, reported a mixer will be held February 29, 5:30 p.m., at Hawaii Kai Golf Course Clubhouse. Cost is \$25.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVIRONMENT – Levy reported free mulch is available from the City at Kamiloiki Park, and noted that using mulch in your garden will reduce the need for watering.

TRANSPORTATION – Reilly reported the following:

1. At the February 11 meeting, committee members, representatives from the Department of Transportation Services, TheBus, Rep. Gene Ward, and approximately 30 residents were present. There was discussion on: a) the lack of notification of TheBus riders about changes in routes and schedules, b) how ridership was used to make the route changes, c) need for restoration of the routes for the safety of riders, especially St. Francis School students, d) maintaining express bus service to the University of Hawaii even on non-instructional days and restoring the route through campus, e) need for permanent drivers on this route, and the need for shelters at some stops.
2. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 10, 6:00 p.m.
3. Revisions to the bus schedule will take effect March 2 or 3; notification to riders will be made via flyers on the bus, and the web site: thebus.org.

PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUPS:

KA IWI COAST AND HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING STATUS OF RELATED LEGISLATIVE BILLS)

– Reilly reported she had no new information about plans for developing these lands, and Senate Bill 2248, relating to the purchase of the Ka Iwi lands, passed the Water and Land Committee and was referred to the Ways and Means (WAM) Committee. The Ka Iwi Coalition has a letter writing campaign to have the bill heard by WAM.

There were no other committee reports.

OTHER BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

BOARD CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chair Knudsen reported the following:

STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS RELATING TO SUNSHINE LAW AND NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS –

House Bill 1512, authorizes public input at noticed neighborhood board meetings and discussion but not decision-making on those issues, allows two or more neighborhood board members, but less than a quorum, to attend meetings relating to board business, and clarifies neighborhood board actions on unanticipated events; is in the Judiciary Committee, no hearing has been scheduled at this time.

STATUS OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 07-379 RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD TERM LIMITS

– He testified as an individual at the Council’s hearing on February 20 opposing the resolution. The Board has not taken a position on this matter. At this time no details were available about whether or not the resolution, if it were to take effect, would it be retroactive or not. It was also noted that the resolution does not address the problem with enough candidates seeking election to Neighborhood Boards.

REPORT ON OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION CITIZEN ADVISORY MEETING ON FEBRUARY 20, 2008 –

The main topic of discussion was transit-oriented development and making pedestrian-friendly transportation hubs.

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY (HECO) MAINTENANCE OF POWER LINES NEAR KALAMA VALLEY –

According to his communications with HECO, the helicopter and other activity behind the Hawaii Kai golf course are only related to regular maintenance, no upgrades are being done.

OTHER BOARD CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED:

Correspondence has been received from William McCorriston, attorney for QRM, developers of the project to build vacation cabins on the Ka Iwi coast, reporting that the company has withdrawn its offer to donate the 98-acre Queens Rise parcel so this area could be preserved.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

MAYOR’S OFFICE – Sid Quintal, representing the Mayor’s Office, reported the following:

- 1) Steps were taken at the Honolulu Zoo to prevent a repeat of the recent escape of a tiger from its enclosure.
- 2) Regarding questions from last month:
 - a) The Department of Transportation Services will conduct an investigation into requests for “no parking” signs on Hawaii Kai Drive at Kamehame Drive and Mauanani Street, and on Hawaii Kai Drive at Keahole Street.
 - b) The wheels on the 64-gallon blue recycling bins have 10-inch wheels and have not been damaged more frequently than those on the 96-gallon gray bins with 12-inch wheels.
 - c) Action Pest Control is working with the Humane Society on addressing problems with feral cats and chickens at the park-and-ride lot.
 - d) Regarding detouring of traffic during the Honolulu Marathon onto Ainakoa Street, vehicle traffic for that area of the Marathon has always been rerouted to Malia Street and down Ainakoa due to the

contra-flow on the mauka side of Kalaniana'ole Highway. The runners utilize the makai side of Kalaniana'ole Highway. This contra-flow goes from approximately 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

- e) A claim against the City for damages to Mariner's Village II due to a water line break in December 2005 is still being investigated by the City Corporation Counsel's Office.
- f) Trees at the park-and-ride lot were rechecked, two dead trees will be removed by the Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Urban Forestry, and the other trees appear to be healthy.
- g) Regarding concerns about street lighting at Hahaione Street and Hawaii Kai Drive, the wattage of the street light will be increased, and the abutting property owner must trim a tree that is blocking the street light from illuminating the sidewalk and property.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

- 1. Grey requested the status of the traffic light on Keahole Street by Safeway. Follow-up will be done.
- 2. Grey noted there is a water ponding condition at the dog park. Follow-up will be done.
- 3. Reilly noted an ongoing problem with dumping of bulky items, etc., near Lalea town houses and Anchorage subdivision on Hawaii Kai Drive.
- 4. Weller requested the City address the safety problem on Kaluanui Road. Follow-up will be done.
- 5. Levy requested information on the procedure to implement closure hours to address concerns about the homeless at a park across the street from Roy's restaurant. Tanabe, chair of the Board's Parks and Recreation Committee, will follow up.
- 6. Iwasa requested the status of the City complying with the City Charter amendment to make bicycle safety improvements on Hawaii Kai Drive. Follow-up will be done.
- 7. Follow-up will be done on a request for the Mayor's position on the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill.
- 8. Makino noted a hole in a wall along Kalaniana'ole Highway, near Paiko Drive and Holy Trinity Church and School. This matter was referred to Russ Saito, representative from the Governor's Office.

Quintal was thanked for attending the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES DJOU - Councilmember Djou highlighted/added the following from his monthly report which was distributed earlier in the meeting:

- 1. The first new laws passed by the City this year were from legislation he introduced, including: a) a ban on aggressive panhandling near ATMs and check cashing businesses, and b) the City waiving permit fees for the installation of solar energy systems.
- 2. In 2006 voters supported a City Charter amendment relating to ethics reform and giving the Ethics Commission more authority, but State law is preventing the Ethics Commission from taking enforcement measures, and the State legislature needs to, but has not taken action to fix the State law.
- 3. He introduced and supports Resolution 07-379, regarding Neighborhood Board member term limits.
- 4. He is willing to support whatever the community wants to address safety concerns on Kaluanui Road. Past proposals have not been supported.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

- 1. Resolution 07-379 has passed second reading and goes back to the Executive Matters Committee for further review. It will come up for third and final reading sometime in March. If passed by the Council, the Mayor can veto the resolution and the Council, by law, cannot override the veto. As proposed, the

resolution would not be retroactive, and if vacancies occur on a Board, former members could be appointed even if they had reached the term limits.

2. Reilly noted Neighborhood Board members are volunteers, and are not like members of other boards and commissions.
3. Reilly questioned, and Councilmember Djou confirmed that the transit panel of experts selecting the technology for the mass transit system voted 4-1 for steel wheels on steel rail technology, with the local expert Panos Prevedouros opposing.
4. In response to Reilly on Resolution 07-379, he introduced and supports the resolution based on a report from the Council's task force report on the audit of the Neighborhood Commission which notes that the lack of turnover causes a lack of diversity of membership with some persons serving for decades.
5. In response to Halago, past projects proposed for Kaluanui Road included: a) speed bumps or rumble strips, which was rejected due to the noise created by vehicles going over the bumps or strips, b) narrowing the roadway, which was favored by the Department of Transportation Services (DTS), but would eliminate space for bicycles, and c) re-banking the roadway, which was not favored as it would cause an increase in speeding. Quintal will follow up with the DTS.

Quintal was thanked for attending the meeting.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE – Russ Saito, representing the Governor's Office, reported the following:

1. The Governor will be attending a community meeting on March 4, Kahuku High School, to discuss her plan for the State to purchase Turtle Bay properties.
2. The Governor has set a goal for the State to be 70 percent energy independent by 2030.
3. Bids for the traffic signal improvement project along Kalaniana'ole Highway will open next month.
4. Construction of a left-turn lane from Kalaniana'ole Highway to Hanauma Bay will begin next month.

Saito was thanked for attending the meeting.

SENATOR SAM SLOM – Sen. Slom distributed his monthly report and highlighted/added the following:

1. The legislative session is now one-third complete.
2. At this time there is no new information to report on development of the Ka Iwi coastline lands.
3. There are currently two bills before the Judiciary Committee regarding reforms to the Sunshine Law as it relates to Neighborhood Boards.
4. There are no bills relating to campaign spending reform.
5. The deadline for first crossover of bills is this coming Tuesday.
6. He unsuccessfully tried to meet with Department of Parks and Recreation Director Lester Chang on the Koko Crater trail matter, noting what happened should not have happened as an emergency situation did not exist.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. In response to Weller, legislation relating to the State's purchase of the Ka Iwi coast lands will likely not pass due to budgetary limitations.
2. He does not support the Governor's proposal to purchase Turtle Bay.

Sen. Slom was thanked for attending the meeting.

SENATOR FRED HEMMINGS - Heather Bankston, from Sen. Hemmings' Office, was available for questions. Chair Knudsen read a letter from Sen. Hemmings on the Koko Crater trail matter, noting his support to keep the trail open for use.

REPRESENTATIVE GENE WARD – Rep. Ward distributed his monthly report and highlighted/added the following:

1. He and the rest of the Finance Committee have been busy in their meetings.
2. His report includes a chart showing the increase in the cost of living comparing 2002 to 2007's costs for a family's expenses on water, sewer, electricity, and gasoline.
3. Hawaii's first wave energy project is being developed off of Maui's Pauwela Point and will provide power for 2,000 homes.
4. The City Department of Planning and Permitting has, to date, not received any applications for projects on the Ka Iwi coastline.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. Thanks were extended for his work regarding legislation for the purchase of the Ka Iwi lands.
2. Weller suggested that there be a law that if a person is injured on public property due to their own negligence, they cannot sue the government.

Rep. Ward was thanked for attending the meeting.

REPRESENTATIVE LYLA BERG – Rep. Berg reported the following:

1. Research should be done on what is being done elsewhere to find alternatives to continuing use of the Waimanalo Gulch landfill.
2. Announcements: At a March 11 community forum at Kahala Elementary School, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Dr. Axel Timmerman, UH-Manoa School of Ocean and Earth Science, will present on "Global climate and how it effects Hawaii;" Human Rights Day is March 14; and "Taste of East Honolulu" will be at Calvary By The Sea Lutheran Church on April 19, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
3. Rezoning the Ka Iwi coastline lands to State conservation zoning could provide protection from development.
4. Bills of interest being pursued include: a) House Bill 3285, relating to public access to coastal areas, would require public access, with signage, to the shoreline every quarter mile; b) HB 2522, allows county land use decision-making authority to reclassify lands not more than 50 acres, and consolidation of the boundary amendment process with county proceedings to amend land use maps contained in county plans; and c) HB 2434, which she introduced, to ban grocery store plastic bags.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

Reilly thanked Rep. Berg for her work on Ka Iwi coastline matters.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Submitted by,

Dean Chu
Neighborhood Assistant