



WAIPAHU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 22

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009 FILCOM CENTER

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Yakowenko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of 17 members present. Note - this 19 member Board requires ten (10) votes to adopt a motion.

Introduction – Board members and guests introduced themselves.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Maureen Andrade, Marty Burke, Lorraine Duhaylonsod, Richard Oshiro, Darryl Macha, Chuck Wheatley, George Yakowenko, Rito Saniatan, Cory Chun, Connie Herolaga, Andrew Michaels, Ilalo Parayno, Edmund Alfonso, Thomas Maus, Ty Cullen, and Blaine Tsugawa.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT – Romeo Garcia

GUESTS – Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Senator Clarence Nishihara, Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Officer David Foumai and Lorrie Kanno (Honolulu Police Department Weed & Seed); Firefighter Tory Tamayosc (Honolulu Fire Department), Karen Scharfenstein (Councilmember Gary Okino's Office), Park Kaleiwahea (Senator Michelle Kidani's Office), Erika Tsuji (Senator Mike Gabbard's Office), Naomi Hanohano (Board of Water Supply), Pat Lee (Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project-HHCTCP), Marilyn Paguirigan (United States Census 2010), Linda Rosehill, Jeremy Koch, Lani Kee, Alan Takumoto, and Mary Chanel-Benjamin (Neighborhood Commission Office)

VACANCY – One vacancy was available in Sub-district (SD) Two (2) (Waikele, Seaview, Crestview, and Waipio). There was no interested resident to fill the vacancy at this time.

Proposed Agenda Items for Tonight's Meeting – Chair Yakowenko announced two scheduled presentations were left out of the agenda by mistake. The Board may wish to vote now to add the two items on tonight's agenda; Census 2010 and the Honouliuli Wapahu/Pearl City Wastewater Facilities Plan. **Burke moved and Saniatan seconded for the Waipahu Neighborhood Board to place the following on the agenda tonight: 1) Census 2010 and, 2) Honouliuli Wapahu/Pearl City Wastewater Facilities Plan.** The motion **WAS** adopted by unanimous consent; Alfonso, Andrade, Burke, Chun, Cullen, Duhaylonsod, Herolaga, Macha, Maus, Michaels, Oshiro, Parayno, Saniatan, Tsugawa, Wheatley, Wong, and Yakowenko.

CITY GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department – Firefighter Tamayosc reported the following information:

- 1) October 2009 Statistics – There were 14 fires, 260 miscellaneous calls and 166 medical emergencies in the district.
- 2) Safety Tips – a) Dried Christmas Trees – Natural, dried Christmas decorations are extremely flammable. Remove them from your home as soon as possible. Consider recycling your tree at a participating green waste center. b) Fireworks – Leave the fireworks to the pyrotechnic professionals and enjoy the fireworks displays offered on New Year's Eve. As a reminder, the law states children under the age of 18 shall not have access to fireworks, matches, and/or lighters, except under adult supervision. Residual fireworks are potential fire hazards. For safe disposal, call the Honolulu Police Department to collect your unused fireworks.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Fire Extinguishers – HFD suggests disposing or contacting the maker of the extinguisher for advice. HPD recommends buying a new replacement for one that has been used already.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) Circulated Report –

October Statistics – There were 6 abuse, 56 alarm calls, 82 arguments, 15 simple assaults, 9 burglaries, 14 criminal property damages, 10 robberies, 20 thefts and 9 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles.



Weed and Seed (W&S) Officer – Officer D. Fomai reported the following information:

- 1) Posting of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Drivers' Photos – HPD Traffic Division will begin a new program in an attempt to deter drunk driving. Starting November 25, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., the department will be posting photos of individuals arrested and charged for operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant during the previous week on the website (Honolulu.org) for a 24 hour period.
- 2) Public Safety – Victims of crimes can now check the status of the offender whether he or she was released from custody. A four digit pin will be issued to the victim only. The toll free number is 1-877-846-3444 and the website is www.vinelink.com.
- 3) W&S Committee – Currently, they are seeking members from the community. One of the conditions of Operation W&S is to form a steering committee to oversee matters pertaining to this strategy and collaborate with other communities updating each other of what is affecting the areas of concerns.
- 4) W&S Newsletter – The newsletter circulated contains a community calendar, crime statistics, announcements, W&S operations in the area, and will assist in identifying W&S programs and information such as law enforcement, community policing (CP), prevention, intervention, treatment and neighborhood restoration. Mahalo to the many community volunteers making a great difference in their communities and site coordinator Lorrie Kanno.
- 5) New HPD Chief – Louis Kealoha has been named the new Chief of Police; congratulations to the new chief and his family. HPD is excited for his nomination and looks forward to a new beginning for the department.
- 6) Crime Tip – Deterrence and prevention are vital tools against being victimized of a crime. Get to know neighbors and your neighborhood. Be vigilant and report any type of suspicious activity also consider starting a security watch. Be aware of your surroundings especially during the holiday season.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Safe Neighborhood – Currently, there are eight CP teams in Waipahu. One group has served their area for the past 17 years. The more eyes and ears in the community, the better rate for deterrence of crime.
- City Liability – The City could ultimately be responsible of defamation of character if those posted pictures of alleged DUI drivers are proven not guilty at a later date.
- Loud "Bomblike" Fireworks – Lately, the Pupu Area is experiencing "bomblike" fireworks, shaking buildings and vehicles not to mention the scare it gives residents. A solution was requested to crackdown on the illegal firework practice? HPD is aware of the serious fireworks violations and encourages residents to call 9-1-1 to report them immediately.

Mayor Hannemann's Report – There is no representative present; no report is available.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) Report – N. Hanohano reported the following information:

- 1) Water Main Breaks – There were no main breaks in the month of October.
- 2) Calendars 2010 – The calendars were distributed to members tonight featuring the winning artwork and poetry submitted from Oahu's school children in last year's contest. Coupons and helpful information from sponsors such as Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden, Hawaiian Electric Company, Times Supermarket, City Mill, Big City Diner, Aloha Pacific Federal Credit Union (FCU), BWS FCU and Whole Foods Market. Also included is the entry form for the 2010's WCC. Calendars are also available to the public at the BWS's main building on Beretania Street during normal business hours. You can reach BWS at 748-5041 or log onto the web at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

City Councilmember Garcia reported the following information:

- 1) Waipahu District Park (WDP) Pool – Re-opening ceremonies for the pool is November 20, 2009; the public is invited beginning at 11:30 a.m. After much leveraging, the City was able to reconstruct \$2.1 million dollars worth of repairs and upgrades. Residents are asked to continue being vigilant in keeping vandals from ruining this much needed community asset. Please call 9-1-1 and report descriptions of anyone hopping the fence and vandalizing public facilities.
- 2) Construction Training Center – The center opened November 18, 2009 at 94-487 Akoki Street will promote construction apprenticeship training, enhancing the quality of life for those having the opportunity of attending programs. The continuing education and certification programs will offer 160 hours for students entering the building industry. The multiple classrooms, a trade shop, computer lab, library, meeting rooms and conference center sits on 17,000 square foot facility at a cost of \$7,750,000 to complete.
- 3) Phase 1 Rail Contract and Agreement – The City formally signed the construction contract covering the rail route from East Kapolei to Pearl Highlands near Leeward Community College. Kiewit's proposal was determined by the City to be the best value at \$482, 924, 000 which represents a \$90 million savings from

the project estimate. The City also reached a risk management agreement with 12 of the major private sector labor unions that guarantees no work slowdowns or stoppages during construction of the rail.

- 4) Sister City Agreement with Cebu City – Several State and City officials including Mayor Hannemann along with members of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii are currently in the Philippines to complete the agreement and participate in some of the activities commemorating the Visayan Centennial in Hawaii. Honolulu now has sister City relationships with the Philippine cities of Baguio, Cebu, Laoag, Manila and Vigan.
- 5) Council Meeting Highlights (October & November 2009) – Resolution 09-292; the University Transit Pass (U-Pass) began in 2005 as an optional buy in fee for students to obtain a City bus pass at the cost of \$100 per semester that has been successful for the past four years. The bill was adopted. Bill 61; Relating to Meeting Facilities in Industrial Districts removes the 1,000-foot separation and 3-month vacancy restrictions for meeting facilities located in industrial districts. The bill passed third reading and was signed into law by Mayor Hannemann. Bill 51; Relating to Real Property Taxation replaces current residential class with homeowner class and creates a new non homeowner class for the upcoming budget year. The bill passed third reading, and signed into law by Mayor Hannemann.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- WDP Pool Budget – There was concern regarding the repairs costing over the \$1 million budget limit. The City had to replace the foundation and add access to comply with the American Disability Act which completed the project. The project is a good return on investment for the community.

Councilmember G. Okino's Report – K. Sharfenstein reported the following information:

- 1) Resolution 09-213 – This resolution urges State Legislature to oppose legalized gambling; resolution was adopted by City Council meeting on November 18, 2009.
- 2) Bill 73 – This bill relates to the maintenance of private roads; it will enable the City to maintain the shoulders of private roads. This bill passed second reading at the City Council meeting on November 18, 2009.

Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) – P. Lee reported the following information:

- 1) Contracts – As reported earlier by Councilmember Garcia, several contracts have been awarded. The City will be seeking proposals for the next phase two years earlier than expected so as to capitalize on favorable market conditions. The Kiewit Pacific contract was reported to be the lowest amongst the bidders. The rail project is expected to take about ten years to build.
- 2) September 2009 Island Wide Poll – The poll showed 60 percent of residents want rail. An even bigger percentage of 69 percent agree that rail is a good investment for the future of Honolulu. Breakdown of the support for rail by City Council Districts showed an average of 60 percent for all districts.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Kamehameha Highway (KH) Fence – The fence may have to be removed once the rail project reaches KH. The project is under the State Department of Transportation (DOT).
- Trial and Error Process – To be cost effective, the City should use a mainland trial test regarding boarding process. The City will need to actually test the project comparing a percentage of rider-ship, elevators, stations, and basic safety procedures. The project is expected to hire and employ from local hires versus imports.

RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- The Second Annual Health Fair at Pupuole Community Park – Slated for January 23, 2010, the fair will offer on site tests and is free to the public. Waipahu High School won a \$750 grant that will be put to good use funding the fair. The fair will run between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For further information, call member Michaels at 294-4793.
- Kunia/Fort Weaver Roads Merge – The Board continues to receive complaints regarding the unsafe merge created by DOT. Many residents are finding the merge difficult especially trying to merge west as oncoming Ewa traffic is approaching at high speed. Some suggestions are to remove the sidewalk to create a safer merge while adding flashing lights may also be helpful. DOT continues to monitor the merge; the Board should request new findings via a DOT presentation in January 2010.
- Board Letter of Appreciation – There was no objection to sending a “mahalo” letter from the Board to David Fersterling, who previously represented the governor’s office at Board meetings. Alfonso will initiate the letter.

- Lighthouse Church and Waipahu Coalition – The hosted non-profit event will be held December 5, beginning at 3:30 to 9:00 p.m. selling items at \$1 per each. The groups wish to thank all area merchants and residents for their donations for the event.
- The Ewa Neighborhood Board (ENB) No. 23 – Chair Yakowenko had concerns regarding the ENB. He observed many violations of the Neighborhood Plan, disrespectful and bad behavior on the part of both Board members and residents. As a taxpayer, the concern was that money was not being wisely spent. He emailed four Neighborhood Commissioners and Executive Secretary Joan Manke with these concerns. Member Burke felt Chair Yakowenko shouldn't get involved with other board business and allow Ewa residents to solve their own problems.
- Monsanto Hawaii – The WNB members are invited to sit on a panel to assist the community partnership with Monsanto. Monsanto recently purchased 23,000 acres in Waipahu for variety agriculture research mostly involving soy beans and corn. Monsanto currently has 30 farms and 1,000 employees throughout Hawaii. It is recommended for Monsanto to make a presentation during the January Board meeting. Member Oshiro volunteered to represent the Waipahu Neighborhood Board with Monsanto Hawaii.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

The October 22, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – **Burke moved and Duhaylonsod seconded the motion adopting unanimously the regular meeting minutes of October 22, 2009 with the following amendments:**

Page 1; insert the following, “Permitted Interaction Group (P.I.G.) – Chair Yakowenko noted the need to appoint a P.I.G. to investigate the DOT re-striping of Kunia Road and installing a yield sign near the Waipahu Street exit. The yield sign creates a serious traffic hazard and the Board was not briefed by DOT before the work was done. Members Oshiro, Saniatan, Parayno, Wheatley and Yakowenko all volunteered to join the group reporting recommendations for improvement or changes of the hazardous merge. Member Oshiro will spearhead the group”

BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS:

Honouliuli (HWFTP), Waipahu, Pearl City Wastewater Facilities Plant – J. Hutch reported the following information:

- 1) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Compliance – The City and County of Honolulu has contracted with AECOM Pacific, Inc to provide engineering planning for the study of the sanitary sewer system served by the HWFTP. The study includes the area from West Beach to Halawa in order to determine the improvement necessary to provide adequate conveyance and treatment systems to minimize sanitary sewer overflows, to comply with consent decrees between the City and the EPA, and to meet future sanitary needs. The study areas includes current wastewater flows to HWFTP as well as potential future flows up to 2030 from areas including but not limited to Halawa, Aiea, Pearl City, Waipio, Waikele, Waipahu, Ewa, Kapolei, and Mililani.
- 2) Considered Alternatives – Being considered include but are not limited to the following: increased capacity and/or additional gravity sewers, peak flow storage tanks at the Halawa, Waimalu and/or Pearl City/Waipahu pump stations, pump station modification, capacity expansion, and/or relocation of the Pearl city pump station and capacity expansion or a second Waipahu pump station, deep tunnel conveyance and storage system to minimize or replace pump stations and provide peak flow storage, and modification, upgrade and/or expansion of the wastewater treatment plant.
- 3) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) – AECOM Pacific Inc is tasked with doing a thorough engineering assessment of the current system including updates to CIP work recommended in previous reports and determine the most appropriate systems and technology to meet future needs. Final recommendations may include one or more of the evaluated alternatives as well as a blended solution of two or more alternatives. The summary of work performed with finding and recommendations will be provided in the form of a preliminary engineering report that will serve as the basis for future CIP work. An EA, environmental impact statement preparation notice and impact statement is also being undertaken. This study phase is estimated to take approximately two years and completed by the end of 2011.
- 4) For additional information, please visit www.honouliuliinfo.com or contact Debbie or Linda at Rosehill & Associates at 536-2611.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Cost and Project Alternatives – The City considers the project as a growth project and has not established a cost as of yet. The project will utilize Geiger Road mostly in existed right of way paths with several

recommended variations that may or may not be considered. There will be minimal disruptive to vehicle traffic.

Census 2010 – M. Paguirigan reported the following information:

- 1) Every Ten Years – A census is a count of our population conducted every ten years, everyone residing in the United States (U.S.) must be counted. The results help determine how federal funds are spent in our community on things like roads, parks, and other public services, as well as our representation in government (U.S. House of Representatives). Every year the federal government can allocate more than \$300 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data. Census data are also used to determine the need for additional social services, block grants, local initiatives, justify the need for an after-school program to designating urban revitalization areas.
- 2) Census Questionnaires – Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to households via U.S. mail in March 2010; many household will receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census workers will also visit households that do not return questionnaires. There are only 10 questions on the questionnaire, by law; the Census Bureau (CB) cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.
- 3) Census Timeline – Fall 2008; recruitment begins for local census jobs for early operations. Spring 2009; census employees go door to door to update address lists nationwide. Fall 2009; recruitment begins for census "takers" to support peak workload in 2010. February to March 2010; census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households. April 1, 2010; Census Day. May to July 2010; census takers visit household that did not return a questionnaire by mail. December 2010; by law, CB delivers population counts to the president for apportionment. March 2011; by law, CB completes delivery of redistricting data to states.
- 4) Census 2010 Jobs – Good pay, flexible hours, paid training, and chance to work independently in your own community. Census positions are temporary, conducting census interviews. Most positions required a valid driver's license and use of a vehicle. For further job information; log onto www.2010censusjobs.gov.
- 5) For further CB information log onto www.2010census.gov or call 1-866-861-2010.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Non American Speaking Residents – The CB understands there may be language problems in some area; the CB is currently seeking bi-lingual speaking personnel to cover those areas in need.
- Transient Homes and Part Time Residents – The CB will be training personnel to service those in hospitals, language barrier, transient homes, and the homeless population. Personnel will be available during the daytime, evenings and weekend hours to make sure a high percent of Hawaii's population is counted.

Treasurer's Report for September and October 2009: Treasurer Saniatan reported revisions due to budget constraint involving removal of the Refreshment Account.

- 1) September Treasurer Report: The Operating Account reflected \$132.21 for printing and postage expenses, leaving the balance at \$1,311.13; the Publicity Account reflected no expense, leaving the balance at \$2,500, therefore leaving the Appropriated balance at \$3,691.13.
- 2) October Treasurer Report: The Operating Account reflected \$138.72 for facility rental for September 2009, printing and postage expenses, leaving the balance at \$1,172.41; the Publicity Account reflected \$500 in video taping expense for the months of July and September 2009, leaving the balance at \$2,000; therefore leaving the Appropriated balance at \$3,052.41.

Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park/Waipio Soccer Complex (CORP) – CORP meetings are held at 7:00 p.m., the second Monday of each month at the park's aquatics complex; meetings are open to the public. Burke reported the following information:

- Items of Interest – In a November 16, 2009 response to the park advisory committee's recommendations for CIPs, Mayor Hannemann advised that the projects would depend on funding availability. He did not indicate whether any recommended projects would be included in the next CIP budget. Mayor Hannemann did inform the advisory committee that his administration has prioritized several other projects including an additional water tank for the park irrigation system and to accommodate treated water from Wahiawa; replacement of the fence around the roadways; expansion of the park maintenance facility; restrooms and storage facilities at the youth and adult baseball fields; and additional parking below the adult baseball fields. As with the advisory committee's recommendations, funding availability will dictate whether any of these projects can be undertaken.

OMPO Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) – Tsugawa reported the following information:

Major Projects – Projects include: Middle Street H-1 merge to begin June 2011 through 2013, adding a lane in both directions. Added contra flow lanes traveling west on H-1 Freeway during evening traffic hours will also take effect traveling west on H-1 Freeway; Stadium at Radford Drive: this project will begin June 2010 and ends 2012. There are no plans to widen Farrington Highway at this time.

Waipahu Community Foundation (WCF) – Burke reported the following information:

- 1) Second Quarter Award Distribution – Grants were awarded on October 8, 2009. The following groups each received \$5,000: Village Park Athletic Association, Kaleo'opu'u Elementary School, and Olelo Waipahu Media Center. State Department of Education-Waipahu Complex of Schools received \$4,806.28.
- 2) Third Quarter Applications – Application deadline is December 4; review dates are December 8 through the 18, review process occurs at the Board Grant Review meeting on December 29, at Waipahu High School (WHS) Chorus room beginning at 5:30 p.m. Award distributions will be on January 7, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at WHS.
- 3) Examples of Grant Funding – Educational programs, computer software, team bus transportation and uniforms, books and literature are some examples funded. The funds are managed by Bank of Hawaii; rates fluctuate with the market value.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Board of Education (BOE) Report – The BOE can be reached by calling 586-3433 or by email: www.GOE_HAWAII@notes.k12.hi.us. There was no current report available.

Senator C. Nishihara reported the following information:

- 1) State Tax Revenues – The October collection reported that the tax collection for the first four months of the year is now down 10.9 percent from the same period last year. Each percentage point translates to about \$42 million in lost revenues for the state budget, so this forecasts approximately \$400 million that needs to be made up to balance the budget.
- 2) Layoff of State Employees – The end of the year will find an estimated 650 state employees laid off from their jobs. The layoffs do not focus on the University of Hawaii (UH) Professional Assembly (HPA) or the United Public Workers (UPW). The state and HPA are in negotiations and the state and the UPW's public safety units are in binding arbitration.
- 3) School Furloughs – A senate special legislative committee was convened to examine public teacher furloughs and ways to lessen the non-teaching days. The governor was urged to use some of the \$35 million in stimulus funding under her control to lessen furlough days; however, the department announced the money is no longer available. The chief financial officer for the department of education stated they have not had access to any of the money, and said that money was included in the DOE's federal government funding ceiling.
- 4) District Town Meeting – The meeting to discuss Kunia Road changes is planned for the middle of January 2010 prior to the opening of the legislature.
- 5) Senator Nishihara can be reached by phone at 586-6879, or by email at sennishihara@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Senator W. Espero's Report – There was no report available. Senator Espero can be reached by phone at 586-6360, or by email at senespero@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Senator M. Kidani's Report – P. Kaleiwahea, Office Manager, reported the following information:

- 1) Furloughs – Many communications have been received by the Senator concerning Furlough Fridays. A Senate meeting this week will discuss a possible Special Session to review the Governor's willingness to use Rainy Day funds to decrease furlough days. The State needs about \$5 million for each furlough day restored.
- 2) Women in Government (WIG) – Senator Kidani was recently nominated and confirmed to the position of Hawaii State Director of the WIG organization; a non profit, bipartisan group of state legislators providing leadership opportunities, networking, and educational resources to address and resolve complex public policy issues. Her two year term provides a link between Hawaii Legislators and the National WIG headquarters in Washington D.C. serving approximately 1,700 female state legislators in the US.
- 3) Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Facility – A permanent Waipio facility will serve Central Oahu, including the northeast Waipahu and far west as Acacia Road in Pearl City and will assure continued medical emergency response should a disaster occur. Approved funds are awaiting release by the Governor.
- 4) Waipio Gentry Community Association Christmas Parade is slated for December 12 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

- 5) Senator M. Kidani can be reached by phone at 586-7100 or by email at senkidani@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Representative H. Aquino's report was circulated; he can be reached by phone at 586-6520 and by email at repaquino@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Representative R. Yamane reported the following information:

- 1) Red Cross Hawaii – A recent good will mission to the Philippines meeting with several officials there reassured assistance support from Hawaii counties due to recent natural disasters. Many are appreciative for the support from Hawaii officials and many thanks to everyone supporting such missions.
- 2) State Budget – The shortfalls have affected many health and care safety measures on Oahu, as well as students and parents due to the furlough days. The governor is urged to use the rainy day funds and encouraged teachers to consider economic reasons as a motivation for returning to the classrooms. Tourism from Asia is also down; solutions to improve the market from China and Korea are being considered.
- 3) Representative Yamane can be reached by phone at 586-6150 or by email at repyamane@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Senator M. Gabbard's Report – E. Tsuji reported the following information:

- 1) Leeward Young Art Gallery – Artworks from youths in the Pearl City to Waianae grade schools were displayed at the Kapolei Hale November 2 – 6, 2009. Congratulations to students that also received awards recognizing and encouraging art talents.
- 2) Senator Gabbard can be reached by phone at 586-6830 or by email at sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov. His next listen story meeting will be at Waikele Starbucks on Saturday, November 21 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Representative J. R. Karamatsu reported the following information:

- 1) Community Schools – Out of the \$75 million released for school capital improvements projects (CIP), only \$3,795,000 will benefit the representative's district schools. Congratulations to Waikele Elementary School Principal Carmielita Minami who received the 2009 National Distinguished Principal Award. Also, to Waipahu High School Teacher, Elaine Matsuo for receiving the 2009 Outstanding Educator Award.
- 2) State Budget – Due to budget constraints 339 voting poll locations may be cut down to only 105 sites; absent voting may be a good option for many considering the polls may be "hectic" during the next election.
- 3) Representative Karamatsu can be reached by phone at 586-8494 or by email at www.rep-karamatsu@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Kalei'opu'u Elementary School (KES) – KES was only appropriated one CIP of \$97,000 while all the other district schools received numerous CIPs totaling much more. Representative Karamatsu will check into why KES received only one CIP request.

Representative R. Cabanilla can be reached by phone at 586-6080 or by email at repcabanilla@capitol.hawaii.gov. Some Board members thought a visit from Representative Cabanilla was due to update the community as the new fiscal year approaches. Some thought to remove the representative from the Board agenda if the community continues to receive no reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Viewing of the Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22 on Olelo Channel 49 – View previous meetings on the network on Fridays at 9:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting is Thursday, January 28, 2010. The Board will recess in December 2009.
- 2) The Waipahu Community Pool – A blessing was scheduled to open the pool on November 20, 2009 at 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. without objections.

Submitted by M. Chanel-Benjamin

Reviewed by Chair Yakowenko