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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008 EWA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chair Hargrave called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. This 11 member board needs six (6) members to call the meeting to order. Everyone was reminded to speak into the microphone so the audio can be captured on the video.

Members Present – Monique Akaka (newly appointed), Anne Atkinson, Gary Bautista, Charles Beamer, Scott Belford, Tom Berg, Kurt Fevella, Clint Gueso, Rich Hargrave, Mitchell Tynanes (arrived 7:20 p.m.).

Members Absent – Philip Dowland.

Guests – Amy Hirano (PMCI), C.M. Lynn, Gale Bracerros, John Gollner (Representative Pine's Office staff), Ariel De Jesus, Capt. Brian Carvalho and Fire Fighter Joshua Chase (Honolulu Fire Department), Lt. Jeffrey Bruchal (Honolulu Police Department), Sharene Saito Tam (Haseko), Lt. Commander LaConta Coleman (U.S. Navy), Joyce Oliveira (Mayor's Representative), Shirley Santana (WCO), Gary Omori, Deb Luning (Gentry Homes), Alvin Sniffen, Diane Bolosan (Hawaii Pacific University), Tommy Johnson (Deputy Director PSD), Mary K. Serrao (Hoakalei Cultural Foundation), Ilalo Parayno (Representative Cabanilla's Office staff), Celeste Lacuesta, Senator Will Espero, Cal Sueoka (Board of Water Supply), Sgt. Edgar Namoca (Ewa Weed & Seed Program), Glenn Oamilda; Lillian Koller (Director, Department of Human Services) and Kalewe Isofea-Tufono (Office of Youth Services), Gerald Park (Planning Consultant), David Nakamura (Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii), Janine Clifford (MHAH Project Architect), Marie Richardson (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: The roll call of members was administered and eight (8) members were present (Atkinson, Bautista, Beamer, Belford, Berg, Fevella, Gueso, Hargrave).

CONDUCT OF BOARD MEETING: Berg read the Board's meeting protocol which was printed at the top of the agenda, relating to order and decorum; and announced this evening's timekeeper is member Gueso.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Review and Acceptance of the Regular Meeting Minutes of MAY 8, 2008 – Bautista moved, Fevella seconded to approve the May 8, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was **ADOPTED** by unanimous consent. **Aye:** Atkinson, Bautista, Beamer, Belford, Berg, Fevella, Gueso, Hargrave.

The request to revisit the Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2008 was entertained; **Atkinson moved that the Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2008 be adjusted to reflect the true motion made at the last meeting regarding Board Action item, the Sale of Affordable Housing at West Loc Villages; Fevella seconded the motion. Aye:** Atkinson, Bautista, Beamer, Belford, Berg, Fevella, Gueso, Hargrave.

- Page 6, fourth bullet (motion) should have read, "...requesting that the property (West Loc Village) be removed from the list of properties up for sale. The motion was **ADOPTED BY unanimous consent, 9-0-0. Aye:** (Fevella, Berg, Hargrave, Beamer, Belford, Atkinson, Dowland, Bautista, Gueso).

Treasurer's Report – Belford reported for May 2008, a total expense of \$314.66 and the Refreshment account remains at \$120 with no expense. Belford will follow-up on the videotaping increase from last year. The Treasurer's report was accepted for filing.

Annual Election of Officers from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009 – The floor was opened for nominations.

Chair – Fevella nominated Rich Hargrave, Bautista seconded Hargrave's nomination and moved to close the nomination. Hearing no second to the motion, Berg nominated himself for chair. Hearing no other nominations, questions followed with highlights of answers from both candidates. Both candidates agreed on focusing on this being an election year, the importance of hearing from officials running for office. Each candidate



suggested their preference and importance of dedicating board time at each meeting or having a special meeting specific for a candidate night.

In response to why each candidate would like to be Chair; **Berg** feels that the chair has to be cognizance of important upcoming issues, taking the initiative of placing items on the agenda and following through on matters; and **Hargrave** would like to continue advocating the voice of the community, addressing issues, working as a team, implementing and encouraging members to take part in an active role on this board to benefit the community.

In response to keeping a list of community concerns for follow-up to keep the community apprised; **Hargrave** noted that community concerns have always been an important issue, and in this past year, measures were taken to get replies and input. And although Hargrave agreed a better job could have been done, it is something the Board needs to work at. **Berg** noted this board had opportunities to comment openly on issues but items were not put on the agenda to do so, and that he would make sure actions taken by this Board is executed.

Tynanes arrived during the above portion of the meeting; nine (9) members present.

Bautista called for the question, hearing no objections, voting ensued. By a roll call of votes, **Rich Hargrave received six (6) votes** (Gueso, Atkinson, Beamer, Hargrave, Fevella, and Tynanes); **Tom Berg received three (3) votes** (Bautista, Belford, and Berg). **Rich Hargrave was elected Chair for the 2008-2009 Board term.**

Vice Chair – Bautista nominated Tom Berg; Gueso nominated Kurt Fevella. Atkinson moved to close the nomination; Gueso seconded the motion. By a roll call of votes, **the motion was not adopted, lacking the six (6) votes required to pass the motion. Tom Berg received four (4) votes** (Atkinson, Bautista, Belford, and Berg); **Kurt Fevella received five (5) votes** (Gueso, Beamer, Hargrave, Fevella, and Tynanes). The Board opted to move forward with the elections and come back later to the election of Vice Chair.

Secretary/Treasurer – Fevella nominated Scott Belford. Bautista moved to close the nomination; Gueso seconded the motion. Belford was elected by acclamation was elected Secretary/Treasurer for the 2008-2009 Board term.

Board Vacancy (1) At-Large Seat – The floor was open for nominations. The following persons were interested **Monique Akaka, Ariel De Jesus, and C.C. Curry. Bautista moved to close the nominations; Tynanes seconded the motion.** The nominees gave a brief background about themselves and why they would like to be on the Board. **Akaka**, a third generation resident, concerned parent, would like to be more involved with the process, development and growth in the community and would like to ensure that her children have the same opportunities growing up in Ewa as she. **De Jesus**, is a resident since 1991, currently working with the City's Department of Community Service, and a volunteer with the Department of Emergency Management, Oahu's Civil Defense. **C.C. Curry**, attended meetings for many years, agrees with much of what was being said of how the Neighborhood Board System is being currently run and what the Neighborhood Commission Office is proposing to the boards, concerns with the ferry system in the Ewa plain where there is no bus service for Ewa residents, housing concerns, and seeing more representation in the Ewa area where it is so under represented.

By a roll call votes, **Monique Akaka received five (5) votes** (Gueso, Bautista, Belford, Fevella and Tynanes); **Ariel De Jesus received two (2) votes** (Beamer and Hargrave), **C.C. Curry received two (2) votes** (Atkinson and Berg); **each nominee lacked the six (6) votes required to be appointed.**

Ariel De Jesus bowed out at this time and a second vote followed for Akaka and Curry. By a roll call of votes, **Akaka received seven (7) votes** (Gueso, Bautista, Beamer, Belford, Hargrave, Fevella and Tynanes); **and C.C. Curry received two (2) votes** (Atkinson and Berg). **Monique Akaka was elected to fill the At-Large seat, 7 to 2.** Akaka was congratulated. A comment expressed was the need for people to sit on the Board with experience and the willingness to participate on committees.

Recess was taken at 7:42 p.m., to administer the oath of office to Monique Akaka. The meeting reconvened at 7:46 p.m. Members Bautista and Beamer left the meeting following the election (8 members are now present).

REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Fire Fighter I Joshua Chase (Ewa Beach Station) reported:

- Statistics for May 2008 – 1 structure, 5 wildland and 10 rubbish fires; 63 medical emergencies and 15 miscellaneous calls such as auto accident clean up, down power lines, broke hydrants, etc.

- Fire Safety Tip: a) Our Island will be at a higher risk for fires due to wildland vegetation continuing to dry during this hot summer weather. Historically, wildland fires are referred to as brush fires and the term is more nationally recognized. b) Use caution when utilizing flame-producing devices, such as fireworks, matches, and/or lighters, around wildland vegetation for the smallest spark and/or flame can ignite the dry vegetation. The law states that children under age 18 shall not possess or have access to fireworks, matches, and/or lighters, except under adult supervision. Flame-producing devices are not safe for young children and always follow the directions on the manufacturer's label. c) As Independence Day nears, consider leaving the fireworks display to the pyrotechnics professionals and enjoy one of several public fireworks display events offered by various communities.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. The structure fire reported on this month happened in May. The cause was due to a discarded cigarette. Area security, upon arrival and using multiple portable fire extinguishers, assisted and extinguished the fire. HFD totally extinguished the fire upon arrival.
2. Capt. Carvalho could not comment on the fire at Soda Creek other than what was reported in the news. With the help of neighbors, HFD was able to locate and make entry to remove that person to safety. Contributing factors included electrical issues and extreme heavy storage. An investigation is still ongoing.
3. A question related to whether the traffic calming measure (speed bumps) in this community would allow fire trucks to respond at a decent speed. In reply, the older fire trucks have to slow down their speed whereas the newer trucks are better able to handle the speed bumps. HFD's major concerns are where the streets are narrow with cars parked on both sides, and where cars are blocking the fire hydrant.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. Jeffrey Bruchal (District 8) reported:

- Statistics for April/May included – 1/0 murder, 1/1 sexual assaults, 0/1 robbery, 24/22 burglaries, 11/23 UEMV (unauthorized entry to motor vehicle), 7/11 auto thefts, 34/29 thefts, 21/28 property damage, 58/65 motor vehicle collisions; totaling 1720 calls in May and 1607 calls in April for Beats 874 thru 879.
- Total arrests in District 8 were 504 in April (366 adults and 138 juveniles); and 499 in May (375 adults and 124 juveniles); and total calls for service of 6287 in April; and 6489 in May.
- CPT message of the month regarded Section 281-101.5, prohibitions involving minors; and penalty.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. There was no information regarding a previous request to do a Police District 8 (Kapolei) website, as the one implemented in the Hawaii Kai area (District 7, East Honolulu). Bruchal explained the website had to do with the Geographic Information Mapping System and further training for use of that system. Atkinson said the contact person is Maj. Robert Green (District 7, East Honolulu) for more information.
2. Belford thanked the officer who pulled him over for speeding on Kapolei Parkway. He asked the same question about going through traffic calming measure (speed bumps), whether officers need to slow their cars substantially. Bruchal replied that personally, the only detriment is when the road conditions are bad.
3. A question was if the County of Honolulu had such a charge of assault with a dangerous instrument. Curry would like to know if anyone was familiar whether other counties have such a charge and get back with a response. Lt. Bruchal said this type of assault would be included in the same category of assault offenses. But depending on the state of mind, whether it was intentional or knowingly could be considered assault one.
4. HPD was thanked for stepping up patrols during this graduation season.
5. Referring to HPD's report identifying thefts and property damage, the question asked for specifics to the types of damages done. Bruchal did not have any information and could not recall any specific incidents; but that a lot has to do with nuisance type incidents and graffiti.
6. Regarding a question of where Police Beat 878 is located was identified as the area of Iroquois Point.

Ewa Weed & Seed Unit (HPD) – Sgt. Namoca distributed and stands on his report; and was open for questions.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. A suggestion was perhaps the W&S program could be instrumental with helping to implement the traffic calming measure (roundabouts/speed bumps). Sgt. Namoca will try to bring it up but was not sure how much pull the W&S program has.

2. A question asked what the feeling of W&S is if a member of a community policing team were assaulted while on duty and if there are witnesses. Sgt. Namoca replied that it is taken very seriously. A follow-up question asked because this is a W&S area, is it considered a more serious crime to be assaulted if the volunteer is doing community work (Security Watch). Sgt. Namoca's knowledge is that it did not cover community volunteers or Neighborhood Security Watch, but that the difference would be on site.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Cal Sueoka reported:

- The water quality test results will be shared with BWS customers in the annual water quality report or Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The next CCR, along with an accompanying water quality information pamphlet, will be mailed out by July 1. The report identifies: where your water comes from, what regulated contaminants were found, how those levels compare to the standards for safe drinking water, and describes any treatment processes used. To get your water quality report, or the water quality informational pamphlet, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- Re: Use of Potable Water for Dust Control (Kapolei Parkway Extension Construction Project) – BWS is in the process to come up with procedures when reviewing permits for construction that a non-potable source be used if available; versus using potable source for dust control.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. A resident asked the following questions: how much drinking water (potable water) is being used by developers, how the meters are being read, if developers are paying surcharges and why are they not using recycled water. Ewa Beach sees the least amount of rain and being asked to conserve and yet construction projects are using potable water for dust control, instead of recycled water. It is not justifiable that development continues and it should stop until recycled sources are available. Sueoka noted that recycled and non-potable water sources are available. Currently, two contractors, Goodfellow Brothers (North/South Road project) and Royal Construction (Mihana project) use recycled water sources. And a third contractor (Boys and Girls Club project) will be hooked up to a recycled water source. Areas not using "recycled water sources" are areas where sources are "not" available. Developers do not pay a surcharge because the water is taken from a temporary fire hydrant and is not on a sewer system. BWS uses non-potable sources for dust control whenever possible.
2. What is the procedure and breakdown on how BWS determines daily water usage for construction projects? In anticipation of a hot summer, Ewa's water consumption source should not be depleted because development continues. Sueoka will report next month, the process of calculating how much is used and the charge to the developer.

Military – LTCMDR LeConte Coleman, of NAVMAG Pearl Harbor, had nothing new to report but highlighted:

- On a question of Iroquois Point and how is it working out with residents utilizing the beaches for recreation; and that the military is open to any feedback on providing better service to the community.
- Progress is being made on the cleanup of North Road.
- On his retirement after 30-years of service; his relief will be assigned in August.

Comments followed: 1) Congratulations and appreciation was expressed to Coleman's service to this Board. 2) Hargrave understands the access to the Iroquois Point beach area is working well. 3) With what has been done regarding the beach access is great, but in terms of cultural gathering rites, it has not gone far enough. Oamilda will continue to advocate those rights. 4) Lacuesta commended the military for the beautiful beach. 5) Curry asked that the Kalaeloa bus to the ferry be allowed to stop at the Commissary. 6) Coleman credits Island Club Management and the military for the improvements of the beach area at Iroquois.

There was no objections to take the agenda out of order to hear item 9B, Department of Human Services.

NEW BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS:

Department of Human Services (DHS) – Kalewe Isofea-Tufono, of the Office of Youth Services (OYS), introduced Director Lillian Koller, of DHS, who presented information about the Ke Kama Pono, a group home project. DHS and OYS are working on the proposed expansion of this state and federally funded program at Kalaeloa on Oahu.

The community based facility provides a safe, secure and structured environment to help troubled, non violent, non-criminal youths. The Salvation Army Family Intervention Services competed and won the contract, offering well

guided trained role models and staff members who use a cognitive behavioral approach to bring about a positive change. Teens will be referred to Ke Kama Pono by the Office of Youth Services and or the Family Court; and priority given to youths of the Leeward coast.

On Oahu, the plans call for construction of a group home that will open in 2009. And eventually, the State would like to construct four additional group homes in Kalaeloa. The group home will be built on Hawaiian Homelands, and accommodate 12 boys from ages 13 to 17 years; and staffing at each residence would include two employees working three (3) shifts, with staff on site 24 hours a day (no staff sleeping overnight). Part of the process is completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA), as required by State law (HRS 343) and the National Environmental Policy Act. The Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Office of Youth Services (OYS) is committed to involve the public throughout this process.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. A representative of the consulting firm handling the EA noted the final EA comment period entails two processes, a state and federal environmental compliance process which run simultaneously; published on June 8, comment deadline July 8 for the state; and the federal side published around the same time.
2. Koller clarified that Ke Kama Pono is not a treatment facility but a licensed child caring facility. If the primary issue of the teen is drug addition, it would not be appropriate to refer the teen to Ke Kama Pono.
3. If the teen is displaying behaviors of acting out and there is a need to remove the teen from the home, Ke Kama Pono is the facility they would be referred too. DHR and partners of other state agencies, the community/parents, have a continuum of services available dealing with various degrees of severity. The goal is prevention and helping to reintegrate the teen back with their families or into independent living.
4. Teens involved in this program come from either one or two compulsory systems; the child welfare system or the juvenile court system.
5. In answer, to how this program compares to the other two programs at Kalaeloa; the About Face program is non-residential for less needy teens; whereas, Youth Challenge is described as more severe.
6. A comment noted this is a good program because committing a teen to an institutional type setting should be the last resort; and that this program would help complete the continuum efforts.
7. A question asked what kind of programs are there after transitioning out of the program and into adulthood; if they have a mental illness/drug problem that might have stemmed from early childhood. In reply, this is not a long term residency type program. The goal is when the teen leaves the program, that they not depend on the services; but if they need continuing services, DHR will put them in contact with those services.
8. A question regarded what is the rate of recidivism; and the response was so far the rate is zero. But one clarification made was that this is not a compound or detention facility, but that this is a place structured with a lot of role modeling.
9. There is a transitioning and discharge plan when trying to integrate into adulthood, etc.; but DHR tries to intervene much earlier with intense mentoring. This facility is scheduled to be constructed and completed by October 2009.
10. A question asked before returning the children back to the home, are the parents counseled first. Koller noted a lot of family counseling is provided. In cases where the biological parents have terminated parental rights; aunties, uncles and siblings are very important in the process. Others involved in this effort included the State Department of Public Safety, the Justice Department, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Mayor's of Hawaii, Maui and Oahu counties for expediting the process.

Atkinson moved, Fevella seconded that the Ewa Neighborhood Board send a letter supporting the establishment of the center at Kalaeloa. The motion was ADOPTED by unanimous consent, 8-0-0. Aye: Atkinson, Bautista, Beamer, Belford, Berg, Fevella, Gueso and Hargrave. Atkinson was asked to assist with the letter.

The agenda resumed agenda order, to ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS made included the following:

- Precinct Officials are needed to assist voters in our community (Sept. 20 & Nov. 4 2008); Contact the Office of Elections at 453-VOTE (8683) or go online: www.hawaii.gov/elections to sign up.
- "ACTION on the PLAINS", the Ewa Beach Newspaper, is requesting articles from the community.
- The TARGET presentation by Jim Moylan has been deferred until July's meeting.

- The next All Committee meeting at 6 p.m. (prior to the regular meeting) will address two key topics: a) state roads and development in the Ewa community; and b) what will the roads and development look like in 1, 5, 10, 15 and 20 years. This will be an opportunity for input from the community.
- The U.S. Vets are holding the Patriot 5K Run/Walk benefit event on Flag Day, Saturday, June 14, 2008. Flyers and sign-up sheets were available at the sign-in table. All event proceeds will benefit and help former homeless vets.
- Anne Atkinson announced that her husband has been reassigned to the mainland and tonight is her last night with the Ewa NB. She expressed her fondest appreciation and privileged honor to have served this Board and community. Chair Hargrave thanked Atkinson.
- A clarification that Board member Dowland has missed several meetings; a certified letter will be sent to Board member Dowland asking his intentions and possibly adding the vacancy to next month's agenda.
- The Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill lateral extension deadline for comment is July 7, 2008; before the next Board meeting. Berg notes the extension will be through 2009, and has been in operation since 1989. This Board has always been very active in this issue and it needed to be on this month's agenda and has not been included on the agenda and he requested adding it on tonight's agenda.

Comments followed: 1) The last action taken was of the Blue Panel Committees alternate sites, this Board took a position NOT TO EXPAND Waimanalo Gulch Landfill. The Administration and City Council were asked to choose another site; and to be consistent and united with neighboring communities, it would be to the Board's advantage to send a letter. 2) The Board is positioning itself to react without offering proactive suggestions. Perhaps these issues could be brought to the Board/community in a timely manner. Berg communicated earlier to put this matter on the agenda. 3) A suggestion was to resend the Board's previous position. However a brief note that a possible amendment to the previous letter might change the Board's standing position. 4) A comment that when the task force was initially put together, the Ewa community was not solicited and was in fact, by-passed in the effort to seek an alternate site for the landfill. 5) After hearing the comments, the Chair opted to resend the letter of the Board's previous position and move forward on the agenda.

PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

1. Belford raised the following issues and concerns: a) the economic development plans for the second city don't involve job creation beyond retail; b) the mass transit and the preferred fixed guide way, is solving less mass transit problems; c) that U.H. West Oahu is not providing a doctorate program, but a community college, focused on being a trade school; and d) this should not be called a live-work community unless a real metric system to show more real jobs are being produced in the community (not just mall jobs) showing numbers maintaining the goal of more cars driving into this community for work than cars going out of the community for work. Elected officials are asked to address issues and focus on the big picture.
2. Berg was in communication on the Fort Weaver Road widening project plan, where a sidewalk/crosswalk stills runs into a guardrail at the Child and Family Services. He requested that the Fort Weaver Road widening project be put back on the agenda. Chair Hargrave acknowledged the request.
3. Fevella was concerned about all the speeding and requested reinvestigation of traffic measures at North Road, Fort Weaver Road, Kuhina and Hanakai streets. He believes this community has endured enough and should take a stand and not be idle with being told such measures are not warranted. Berg noted a senate resolution passed at the legislature this year, requesting the State Department of Transportation look into roundabouts. A study, done in other municipalities, found comparisons of a 77% reduction in accidents.
4. Curry thanked the Board for the letter requesting the removal of West Loc Village from the "for sale" list; and for taking a proactive and positive approach to defend West Loc Village. She shared concerns: a) regarding minute corrections that were not reflected; b) received from NA Frank, an unofficial copy of a letter not on Board letterhead and lacking the chair's signature; c) and received no response from the NCO to address these matters; and asked that the May 8, 2008 meeting minutes be reflected correctly.

Chair Hargrave assured the approved letter was sent correctly with his signature; and clarified the process when submitting corrections from the community that it must be identified and presented to the Chair or a member to be entertained to the full Board as an amendment. He apologized for whatever reason it did not get corrected but for the most part, correction are made. Atkinson clarified that the letter read correctly but

the motion was incorrect. *Refer to Board Business for the amendment of the May 8 Regular Meeting Minutes, as was discussed and approved.*

5. Lacuesta: a) requested follow-up on how many fire hydrants are permitted per developer. b) Thanks to Chair Hargrave and Sharene for the planting at Ewa Beach Elementary however, there is a safety concern of no sidewalk curbing. c) Is concerned that the bird sanctuary is no longer there. There is a federal mandate regarding the bird sanctuary and she is asking that the Board look into that matter. Chair Hargrave asked: a) Berg to follow-up on the bird sanctuary issue; b) believes the construction at the elementary school is not complete and has no update on the progress, but will have the Board look into the matter; and c) Sueoka of BWS will follow-up on the fire hydrant issue with developers; the person Lacuesta spoke with was Jason Fujii.
6. De Jesus: a) since 2007, has a listing of improvements which includes crosswalk improvements, wheelchair ramps, bus shelters, plants, grass and median maintenance, tree maintenance and road resurfacing. Some projects have been completed and other not. b) No action has yet been taken since the Board took action for improvement on North Road (by the golf course). c) At West Loc Elderly Village, both passageways are non-ADA (American's with Disabilities Act) compliant. He indicates that the ingress and egress of both passageways were chained because of safety concerns for the disabled and elderly due to uneven paving of the walkway. His suggestions included: repaving the passageways and make it ADA complaint, installing railings on both ends to support the handicapped and seniors from falling, to install signage warning bikers to "slow down, pedestrian ahead" or a yield sign (pictures were available).
7. Oamilda requested: a) The State Department of Transportation (DOT) present a status update of the widening project on Fort Weaver Road widening project. b) A presentation about the Ewa Development Plan, which he understand has been finalized; and to get a response about the many projects that have come up for development within that five year period, before the public had a chance to review. He agreed there are too many projects in the works which the community has no knowledge of scheduled completion within the region. c) Oamilda understands that Haseko will be developing a Marina. This has been a contentious issue of the community which needs to be on top of it and monitor any breaching of the reef coastline and the preservation of the flora and the fauna in the ocean, as required by the Corps of Engineers.
8. Gollner referred to the meeting minutes and asked that following the NA's departure of the meeting at 10 p.m., that the Board's continuing portion is included in the minutes. The concern was getting the issues of the community addressed at which time he will have responses by the next meeting for Representative Pine's report. Maintenance of North Road – Representative Pine, Senator Espero and military leaders met and resolved that the golf course is going to maintain North Road; and work has begun to clear the area. Fort Weaver Road Update – Rep Pine has been in contact with the State DOT and the City DTS to agree that they should not be working on Geiger Road and Fort Weaver Road at the same time; more follow-up under Representative Pine's report. Chair Hargrave's comment was that it is always the Board's intent to complete the meeting by 10 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

The agenda resumed order with New Business, agenda item 9A, Home Lands' East Kapolei II Development.

NEW BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS:

Home Lands' East Kapolei II Development – Gerald Park, Planning Consultant, David Nakamura, Executive Director of MHAH, and Janine Clifford, Project Architect, were present and opened the presentation with three questions: 1) Who is Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii (MHAH); 2) why is MHAH here tonight; and 3) what is MHAH proposing?

MHAH organized in 1992, the local non-profit housing organization has a mission to provide rental housing for families of low income. Besides housing, MHAH also provides other supportive social and educational services, and help to organize residents to be an effective community association; and has worked on a housing project in Lihue, Kauai and the Chinatown and Palolo housing projects on Oahu.

MHAH is present tonight to appraise the Board/community of a pending zone change and to seek a change from a restrictive agriculture district (AG1), to medium density apartment (A2 zoning district). Part of the Department of Planning and Permitting's (DPP) requirement is that the Board/community is briefed about the project.

MHAH proposing to develop a 17.8 acre parcel, in Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), East Kapolei II development. The State of Hawaii's Housing Community Development and Finance Corporation awarded Mutual Housing (MH) the rights to develop this parcel. The visual presentation showed the development's general location where H1 freeway runs north of the property, Ewa Villages Golf Course to the south, closest to the south west corner of the East Kapolei II development boundary. The project has been named Kooloaula, after an endangered plant that was discovered in east Kapolei. A point of interest is a 30.5 acre site next to the property that DHHL has set aside as a **butanone** contingency reserve; setup by DHHL to help propagate and preserve the endangered Kooloaula specie, listed on the state and federal endangered specie.

The project proposes 308 rental units, ranging in sizes from one to four bedroom units, no more than three floors in height, arrayed in 31 structures spread out over the property. There will be: parking for about 670 vehicles, open space set aside for parks, and a community facility building. The site is in close proximity to an adjoining park, a planned middle school, and the Kroc Center and U.H. West Oahu campus. The target market are households earning less than 30% to 60% of the HUD median income, and anticipated residents of this project will come from the surrounding community (Ewa, Waipahu, Makakilo and parts of leeward and central Oahu).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. It was noted that affordability is a major goal, but recognized that the units are rental units in perpetuity. There will be plans for solar water heating, options of each unit renter to install their own washer/dryer units, creation of central washer/dryer locations and insulation of all the buildings, using energy star compliant fixtures and components.
2. The project is in its conceptual design phase and as mandated, will be looking carefully at sustainability issues. MHAH will be managing this project in perpetuity and all the savings will be passed on to the renters.
3. A question asked if there is knowledge of a time frame when developer DR Horton (Hoapili Project) would be completing the east/west connector road; that it is imperative that the east/west connector road be provided as a thoroughfare connecting the North/South Road to Fort Weaver Road. Nakamura explained not having any knowledge of when the developer will be completing the rest of the east/west road, but the proximity is closest to the north/south road. It is anticipated that drivers will use the north/south road and hoping that long term that folks will use of the mass transit. He also wanted to clarify the affordability of targeting families earning below \$40,000 to \$50,000.
4. A concern raised issue regarding the endangered Kooloaula, the rare red ilima, which was noted the belief of Hawaiians that you cannot just move it out of its environment to someplace else. MHAH's intention is to hire a consultant. Any red ilima found on the site will be preserved and reintegrated back into the landscape on the complex. The site plan shows large areas intentionally left open for community members to have access to open space. The idea also included the thought that the footprints of the buildings can actually be moved to accommodate the plants that are found and incorporate them into the landscaping. This is also the reason for naming this project to also give it meaning to the community.
5. Senator Espero clarified that the relocation was based on federal and state statues, not by his own decision and he fully supports it being used throughout Kalaeloa, Ewa Beach and Kapolei areas. Fevella added that the red ilima was relocated next to the Kroc Center with watchful eyes overseeing its move and much care put into the careful move; although Oamilda was adamant that it cannot be moved because it is endemic to the area.
6. Lacuesta commended the beauty and for respecting the history of the 'aina' (land); and asked that a Kahu bless the land so as not have any 'hukihuki' (trouble) for the innocent people that will live there.

Tynanes moved to approve the zone change; Guesso seconded the motion. A suggestion to reference Kooloaula, the rare red ilima, be integrated back into the project; the maker of the motion accepted the amendment; the motion carried without objections.

NA Richardson left the meeting at 10 p.m.; a quorum was still present and the Board Secretary; Belford will continue with the minutes.