



MILILANI/ WAIPIO/ MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2007 MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. with a quorum present, and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl Medeiros, Richard Poirier, Susan Hough, Carole Siegel, Ann Freed, Pua Luli, Douglas Thomas, Alvin Wong, Jessie Weinberger, David Bremer, Mary B. Segura, Hallah Nilsen, Bill Bass, Charlie Remington, Karen Loomis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth Andrews, Andrew Garrett, Josie Kaanehe, Keith Hamada, Noel Araki, William Brizee, T. Lulani Arquette. There are no Board vacancies.

GUESTS: Ann Thornock (Representative Marilyn Lee's Office), Alan Eyerly (Governor's Representative/Department of Human Services), Lt. S. Nishihara (Honolulu Police Department, District 2-Wahiawa), Wayne Miyashiro, Val Yatomi (Mililani Terrace Neighborhood Security Watch), Scott Kaneshiro, Lt. Col. Chris Hughes (U.S. Army – Schofield), Brendan Burchfiel (The Shack), Captain David Kahanu and Ricci Keltz (Honolulu Fire Department, Mililani), Kellie Kawamoto, Michelle Kidani (Mayor's Office/Neighborhood Commission Office), Amy Takayesu, Michael Phelps (Parsons), Roy Abe (HDR/Hawaii Pacific Engineers), Cyril Hamada (City Department of Design and Construction), Rodney Funokoshi (Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii), Gary Chock, Mary Gayle Chock, Rick McComb (Hickam Environmental Restoration Office), Richard Torres (Deputy Director, City Department of Transportation Services), Lori Kunioka (Councilmember Nestor Garcia's Office), Carlton Saito (Senator Ron Menor's Office), Nola Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office Staff).

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2007: Chair Poirier asked if there were any corrections/additions to the minutes: **Without objections the regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2007 were approved as circulated.**

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Kahanu reported:

1. Statistics for the month of April 2007 included fires - 3 structures, 1 brush, and 42 medical emergencies. There were no major or unusual incidents.
2. Fire Safety Tip: Prepare a fire escape plan. Map out your escape route with at least two ways out of each room. Designate a location outside of the house where everyone can meet. Know where the closet phone is located to call 911. Chair Poirier thanked Captain Kahanu for his report.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. Nishihara reported:

1. Crime statistics for the month of April 2007 included burglary 19, unauthorized entry into motor vehicle 23, auto theft 10, theft 44, and graffiti 7.
2. A motor vehicle collision occurred on April 29 where a single vehicle traveling south bound on the H-2 Freeway, lost control and crashed into a tree, bursting into flames. The 22-year old driver was pronounced dead at the scene (speed was a factor).
3. On April 24 at the corner of Meheula Parkway and Hikaulia Street, a male in a faded black Nissan attempted to grab the complainant who was waiting at the bus stop at the above location. The incident was reported the next day. Lt. Nishihara emphasized the importance to report the any incident as soon as possible because it would give the police a better opportunity to apprehend the suspect. After this incident another person called to report a similar incident happened last year but no police report was filed.



4. April copper thefts were reported at Mililani Uka Elementary, Mililani Recreation Center III (attempted theft), Mililani Waena Elementary, Mililani High School and Mililani Middle School. Total damage/loss was \$19,000.00. Chair Poirier thanked Lt. Nishihara for his report.

Military – Lt. Col. Hughes reported soldiers of the 3rd Brigade will be returning October to November. The 2nd Brigade will deploy to Iraq in December. Everyone was invited to the Memorial Day Services on Monday, 11:30 a.m. at Schofield. Chair Poirier thanked Lt. Col, Hughes for his report.

Oahu Arts Center – Charlie Remington had no report.

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project – No representative was present.

Other Community Concerns:

Mililani Terrace Neighborhood Security Watch – On behalf of the Mililani Terrace Neighborhood Security Watch (HPD-Beat 252), Val Yatomi presented a letter of appreciation to Lt. Nishihara for increasing patrols and controlling problems at Maukaunulau Community Park. Chair Poirier thanked Val Yatomi for attending the meeting.

Certificates of Board Member Service – Deferred until later in the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Update on Mililani Transit Center and Area Bus Routes: Richard Torres, Deputy Director for the City Department of Transportation Services, gave a power point presentation and highlighted: The Mililani Transit Center will be located on Meheula Parkway at the Mililani Town Center between Kentucky Fried Chicken and Ruby Tuesday's. The lower level of the new structure will consist of covered parking for Mililani Town Center employees. Four parking spaces have been taken away for the construction of two concrete columns and a handicap area. The new center will also consist of an elevator and a community conference room that will have no windows and two doors. Other features include street and median alteration on Meheula Parkway, a chain link fence and landscape restoration surrounding the center. High frequency for the buses would be the morning and afternoon peak hours. Construction is 85 percent complete. The project should be completed mid-summer with complete schedule operation August 2007.

Torres announced a "Red Zone" walk through meeting scheduled for Friday, May 25, 2007, Mililani Town Center Theater's Conference Room at 10 a.m.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Medeiros asked if the Transit Center will have security. Torres replied the matter is on the agenda and will be discussed at the "Red Zone" meeting. Also included in the discussion would be all aspects of construction, operations, maintenance, security, a possible HPD satellite office nearby, and alternate backup plans for security at the facility. Cost for the facility is over \$5 million because of a large change order and weather delays.
2. Remington wanted to know who will have control over the facility. In response, the City will control the facility and O'ahu Transportation Services (OTS) will take care of the operations. Remington added who will be responsible or the contact for the conference room. Torres answered that would also be discussed at the meeting. The current intent is that a permit for usage would be needed and a usage fee would be charged. 3) In reply to Freed, there will be no top deck parking; buses only.
3. Luli asked about bus ingress and egress noting that the buses would have to make a left turn.
4. Weinberger asked if a major change in ridership is anticipated. Torres noted that DTS does not do studies by pre and post assessments of projects. However, a supplementary ridership assessment would be done if required.
5. A ramp and elevator will be situated between the passenger building and parking for people with special needs. The area has taken the place of four previous parking stalls. Chair Poirier thanked Richard Torres for his presentation.

Showing of City and County of Honolulu Pedestrian Safety Video: Carl Medeiros showed a video used by HPD to educate fifth and eighth graders on pedestrian safety.

Discussion followed:

1. People must understand that they must take responsibility for their actions or face the consequences. Jay-walking citations (\$70.00 per violation) are being enforced by HPD. If the light is red and one attempts to cross and is seen by an officer an \$80.00 citation will be issued.
2. When crossing in a crosswalk one should walk on the right hand side.
3. Bremer asked about unpainted crosswalks at intersections. Medeiros responded if the intersection is safe to cross it is acceptable; also if there is no crosswalk within two-hundred feet one can cross if it safe to do so. An exception to that law is school buses (cars must yield when a bus lights are flashing and the bus has stopped), but be aware that children getting off the bus jaywalk. Questions have arisen as to why buses stop at mid-block to let children off, and sometimes City buses do the same.
4. Freed asked if anyone has done an assessment as to why there are so many pedestrian fatalities. Medeiros replied that there is no way for a study because there are many different factors involved. Most fatalities are fifty percent driver and fifty percent pedestrian caused. Medeiros emphasized parents must educate their children regarding safety. Chair Poirier thanked Carl Medeiros for his presentation.

Update of Solid Waste/Hickam POL Area Projects: Rick McComb gave the following update: Ten of the sites included in the Hickam Petroleum, Oil, and Pipeline (POL) are located in Mililani. Of these ten, three sites along Kamehameha Highway (sites valve pits 5, 6, and 15) will require closure of one lane traffic during sampling activities (about two days per site). The Air Force retains an easement on the property to access the valve pits and the pipeline in a reasonable manner. Environmental sampling activities include collecting soil, and or groundwater samples near the valve pits. The type of equipment that will be used includes a drill rig, two support vehicles, and a field crew of four. The tentative schedule for the field work is from late May through September 2007. The three sites with single lane closures will occur in August/September and will be preceded by public notices. As in all projects such as this, the entire work site will returned to its original condition. The State Department of Health (DOH) oversees the POL.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Regarding the DOH, Luli asked why they are involved; and whether any contaminates found thus far. The response was that to date none has been found, but the project has a long way to go. However, it was found that the Waikakalau storage tank had impacted the surrounding soil. The DOH reviews the plans, work done, and the final analysis. The DOH is the regulators for the Air Force not the EPA. The analysis is being done by laboratories and samples are typically sent to the mainland for testing.
2. If something detrimental is found on private property a study would be done to identify the contaminant and the extent. If it poses a risk to human health and environment, remediation and action of the clean-up stage would start immediately.
3. This is the first major kick-off involving multi property owners.
4. The POL would like to sign records of the conditions for future monitoring or clean-ups.
5. The storage tanks are empty. The lines remain open, but there is no current plan to remove them.
6. The clean-up will consist of pigging (cleaning of the lines), removal of valves for grouting (3-5 feet), and flushing of the lines in both directions.

Chair Poirier thanked Rick McComb for his report.

Update on Mililani Wastewater Preliminary Treatment Facility Project: Roy Abe gave the following update:

Abe introduced Cyril Hamada from the City's Department of Design and Construction. The facility is located on the southern end of Mililani Town. In 1990 the sewage flow was directed to Waipahu and on to the Honouliuli Treatment Plant. The Mililani facility is being used as a head works facility. The reason for the basin was to store excess water during heavy rains. The City has decided to put liners in the pipes. The Waipahu Treatment facility needs to be expanded. The only impact is by installing larger equipment to handle future flow capacity. There will no increase in odors and some of the equipment is being downsized.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Chair Poirier asked what were the results of the survey. Abe replied the results were sent to the Department of Planning and Permitting and had no negative comments. However, one comment has asked for an alternate road to the site. 2) The project is currently in the design phase with completion next year. Chair Poirier thanked Roy Abe for the update.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative: Michelle Kidani reported that Mayor Hannemann sends his Aloha.

1. Kidani announced that Phillip Mocz, who was recently recognized by this Board, was awarded the Harvard Book Award. Mililani High School senior students have received \$6.7 million in grants this year.
2. Mililani is among the communities being considered to launch the new curbside recycling program. Their participation and support in the 2003 pilot project was invaluable to the evolution of the current proposal.
3. Tennis Courts at Waena Park – Mildew was removed by lightly agitating with a soft bristle brush. Staff is checking on the irrigation system to minimize overspray.
4. The Na Lei Aloha Foundation presents the 9th Annual Lantern Floating at 6:30 p.m., Magic Island on Memorial Day. Mayor Hannemann is the honorary chairperson.
5. Copies of Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Midterm Report that includes a summary of Mayor's accomplishments in his first two years as Mayor, includes helpful information on city websites and frequently called numbers as well as pedestrian safety and hurricane preparedness.

Chair Poirier thanked Michelle Kidani for her report.

Councilmember Nestor Garcia – Lori Kunioka apologized for the Councilmember not being in attendance this evening, circulated the written report, and highlighted construction of new curb ramps, sidewalks and AC transition, install pavement striping, markings and markers at Wailawa Street and Wailawa Place, Waimakua Drive and Wailawa Street, Waimakua Drive and Waihini Street. Completion is anticipated by July 2007. Chair Poirier thanked Lori Kunioka for her report.

Governor's Representative – Alan Eyerly, substituting for Lillian Koller, said that handouts regarding the Governor's Weekly Update and the new Quest-Ace program were available on the back table for interested persons to review. He was available to answer questions. Chair Poirier thanked Alan Eyerly for attending the meeting.

Senator Ron Menor – Carlton Saito, representing Senator Menor reported:

1. The Legislature approved funding for various Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for schools in Senator Menor's district : a) \$1.145 million for electrical upgrades and \$300,000 for the design and construction of a drop-of, turn-around and guest parking for the new ten-classroom building at Mililani High school; b) \$2.5 million for design and construction of a roof or roofs over six outdoor basketball and volleyball courts and installation of lights at Mililani Middle School; c) \$2.16 million to partition eight open-pod classrooms into 32 pod classrooms at Mililani Waena Elementary School; d) \$575,000 to upgrade the electrical system at Mililani Uka Elementary School.
2. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment, his committee and our House counterparts passed Senate Bill 1026 SD2HD3CD1, which requires deposit beverage redemption centers in high-density population areas to remain open at least 30 hours per week, including at least five hours on Saturday or Sunday, to make recycling more convenient.
3. Senator Menor realizes that transportation improvements are important to the district, and is glad to report that the Legislature approved \$5 million in funding to design an afternoon zipper lane on interstate route H-1 from the airport interchange to the Waiawa interchange.
4. Since the high price of gasoline is a key issue for many constituents, the Senator pushed for the passage of HB1757HD1SD3CD 2, which will exempt the sale of ethanol-blended gasoline from the general excise tax. This should save consumers approximately 10 cents per gallon or more on gasoline prices.
5. Board members for this term were thanked for their services.

Chair Poirier thanked Carlton Saito for his report.

Representative Marilyn Lee – Ann Thornock reported Representative Lee is on a well earned vacation. The written report was distributed for interested persons to review. Thornock said that Governor Lingle has until July 10 to sign into law, veto, or let a bill become law without signing. Chair Poirier thanked Ann Thornock for attending the meeting.

Representative Ryan Yamane – Deferred until later in the meeting.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Planning and Zoning – Thomas reported he attended a Castle & Cooke Koa Ridge Vision Meeting regarding Koa Ridge, which is of primary interest for Mililani. When he asked about Pacific Health Center he was informed that it is still under litigation and the subject could not be discussed. Chair Poirier thanked Doug Thomas for his report

Publicity/Public Relations – Freed reported a meeting was held with the State Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the Central O’ahu Traffic Study. DOT informed her that the responsible agency for the study is the O’ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO), and that they do only state and federal roadways. She suggested meeting with OMPO to secure other planning funds. The original funding was appropriated in 2005 and expires in June. In essence, DOT said that they do not do planning. Chair Poirier thanked Ann Freed for her report.

Chair’s Report – Chair Poirier reported: a) the board will recess in June. b) Correspondence was received regarding two liquor applications and was given to board member Bremer for follow up. c) remionded Board members of the “Red Zone” meeting with the City Department of Transportation Services, Friday, May 25, 2007, Mililani Theaters Conference Room at 10 a.m.

Chair Poirier asked board members if there were any objections adding a request from Representative Yamane to the agenda. **Remington moved, seconded by Freed adding to the agenda a motion or resolution requesting that the State Department of Transportation (DOT) not drop funding for DOT projects in Central Oahu. The motion carried unanimously, 15-0-0** (Medeiros, Poirier, Hough, Siegel, Freed, Iuli, Thomas, Wong, Weinberger, Bremer, Segura, Bass, Remington, Loomis).

Remington moved, seconded by Freed requesting that the State Department of Transportation continue funding DOT projects, content and format details of which to be determined by the Chair pending receipt of additional information from Representative Yamane. The motion carried unanimously, 15-0-0 (Medeiros, Poirier, Hough, Siegel, Freed, Iuli, Thomas, Wong, Weinberger, Bremer, Segura, Bass, Nilsen, Remington, Loomis).

There were no committees or other reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UTILIZING MILILANI TOWN AS A PILOT PROJECT IN ESTABLISHING AN ISLANDWIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM: Bremer moved, seconded by Freed in support of utilizing Mililani Town as a pilot project in establishing an island wide recycling program.

Discussion followed: 1) Thomas expressed concern that a \$10 fee increase would be added with the pilot program and was not in support. Bremer responded that would be about \$2.50 weekly and should not cause a hardship on anyone. 2) Iuli asked why the one bin couldn’t be sufficient. Bremer answered that according to the pilot study there is a high rate of contamination when using one bin. Weinberger added if using one bin all recyclable material must be sorted. In her opinion the colored bins help the process. 3) Bass asked how the collector would know who paid the \$10 and who did not. Weinberger mentioned that a possibility is that different stickers would be issued. Chair Poirier added that the cost would be for an extra pickup.

The motion carried 12-2-1; Aye: Medeiros, Poirier, Hough, Siegel, Freed, Wong, Weinberger, Bremer, Nilsen, Segura, Remington, Loomis; **Nay:** Thomas and Bass; **Abstention:** Iuli.

Resolution Requesting Increase in EMS Salaries: Bremer moved, seconded by Freed that the Neighborhood Board strongly urges the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii to work together to develop a plan for increasing salaries of EMT’s and Paramedics.

Discussion followed: 1) regarding the resolution, Thomas asked if a shortage of fifty of EMT’s and paramedics is only on O’ahu or statewide. Follow up will be done. 2) Iuli asked if there are fifty people qualified for this position. 3) Thomas expressed concern that EMS people from the mainland are not qualified by Hawaii standards. He noted there is better retention going through a local training program.

The motion carried unanimously, 15-0-0 (Medeiros, Poirier, Hough, Siegel, Freed, Iuli, Thomas, Wong, Weinberger, Bremer, Segura, Nilsen, Bass, Remington, Loomis).

Resolution Regarding Cross Walk Safety – This item was deferred.

Motion regarding Mililani Wastewater Preliminary Treatment Facility Project – Chair Poirier said no action was needed on this matter because repairs and upgrades are being done.

RECOGNITION: Lei and certificates of appreciation from the board were presented to outgoing board members Carl Medeiros and Susan Hough. On behalf of Council member Nestor Garcia and the City Council, Lori Kunioka presented certificates to Medeiros and Hough.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ The Board will recess in June 2007.
- ❖ Next Board meeting will be at Mililani Recreation Center III, on July 25, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Submitted by, Nola J. Frank,
Neighborhood Commission Office Staff

Reviewed by,
Dick Poirier, Chair