



MILILANI/ WAIPIO/ MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2007 MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Pro Tem Elizabeth Andrews called the meeting to order at and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Andrews, Erik Chun, Dick Poirier, Carole Siegel, Ann Freed, Pua Iuli, Thomas Douglas, Alvin Wong, Garrett Andrews, Josie Kaanehe, Jessie Weinberger, Carl Medeiros (appointed tonight), David Bremer, Keith Hamada, Mary Bass-Segura, Bill bass, Karen Loomis, Charlie Remington, Hallah Nilsen, Bill Bass, Lulani Arquette, Noel Araki.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Hough, Mary Jean Castillo-Barkley. Susan Hough, who got the next highest election votes, replaced Obina who moved out of town and resigned after the election votes were announced.

GUESTS: Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Lori Kunioka (Councilmember Nestor Garcia's Office), Ann Thornock (Representative Marilyn Lee's Office), Lt. S. Nishihara (Honolulu Police Department, District 2 – Wahiawa), Dorothy Hallstrom, Iaea, Allen Watanabe, Waldon Cazimero, Richard Ige, Edmund Aczon (U.S. Senator Dan Inouye's Office/Oahu Arts Center), Don and Lauri Clegg (APC), Engineer Ricci Keltz Naone (Honolulu Fire Department), Annette and Steven Cabato, Carlton Saito (Senator Ron Menor's Office), Glen Kakugawa, Nola Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT AT THE JUNE 2, 2007 INDUCTION CEREMONY – Neighborhood Assistant Frank administered the oath of office to board members not present at the June 2, 2007 Induction Ceremony.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE TERM JUNE 1, 2007 – MAY 31, 2008: Thomas moved seconded by Weinberger nominating Dick Poirier - Chair, Bill Bass-Vice chair, Hallah Nilsen-Secretary, Charlie Remington – Treasurer. There were no objections.

Officers for the term June 1, 2007- May 31, 2008 are: Chair – Dick Poirier; Vice Chair – Bill Bass, Secretary – Hallah Nilsen, and Treasurer – Charlie Remington; Elected by unanimous consent.

FILLING OF VACANCY SUB DISTRICT 2 (one seat) – Carl Medeiros expressed interest to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 2. Thomas moved seconded by Hamada to appoint Carl Medeiros to fill the Subdistrict 2 vacancy. The motion carried unanimously, 16-0-0. Neighborhood Assistant Frank administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board member Carl Medeiros.

APPROVAL OF BOARD EXPENDITURES (videotaping, refreshments, website development, publicity/awards) – Bass moved seconded by Thomas to approve Board expenditures for videotaping, refreshments, website development, publicity/awards, and training during the 2007-2008 term. The motion carried unanimously, 17-0-0.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2007: Chair Poirier asked if there were any corrections/additions to the minutes: **Without objection, the regular meeting minutes of May 23, 2007 were approved with the following modifications as follows:**

Thomas noted that the vote count on the May 2007 resolution distributed to Board members tonight were reversed and should read resolution in support of utilizing Mililani Town as a pilot project should read, "...**The motion carried 12-2-1; Aye:** Medeiros, Poirier, Hough, Siegel, Freed, Wong, Weinberger, Bremer, Nilsen, Segura, Remington, Loomis; **Nay:** Thomas, Bass; **Abstention** Iuli.

The resolution requesting increases in EMS salaries should read, "...**The motion carried unanimously, 15-0-0.**



7:40 p.m. Freed arrived, nineteen members present.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Engineer Ricci Keltz Naone reported:

1. Statistics for the month of June included fires: structure 4, brush 2, rubbish 2, and vehicle 0; emergencies: medical 34, search/rescue 0, and miscellaneous 10; no major or unusual incidents.
2. Fire Safety Tip: As August is in the start of a new school year, be careful while driving near schools and mindful of students crossing the street. Take the time to teach your children how to cross the street safely and remind them to call 911 for emergencies.

Questions, comments, concerns followed:

Chair Poirier asked if the HFD could hose down tennis courts at parks twice a year as part of an ongoing court maintenance program.. Naone replied she was not sure but a letter of request should be sent to the Fire Chief. Engineer Ricci Keltz Naone was thanked for her report.

7:42 p.m. Bremer arrived, twenty members present.

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

1. Statistics for the month of May 2007 included burglary 32, UEMV (unauthorized entry into motor vehicle) 22, auto theft 11, and graffiti 5.
2. Statistics for the month of June 2007 included burglary 11, UEMV 14, auto thefts 8, theft 22, and graffiti 7.
3. Robbery/Kidnapping – A male armed with a knife forced the clerk at the Tesoro-Mililani Town Center who was cleaning outside, back into the store and took merchandise. The clerk activated the alarm, responding officers located the 30-year old suspect from Waikiki a short distance away who was subsequently charged.
4. Reporting abandoned vehicles can be done online – log on to www.honolulu.gov on line services for the abandoned/derelict vehicle report.
5. Copper thefts: Mililani Uka Elementary (5-5/7-07) \$1,000; Mililani High School (5-4/7-07) 4140.00; Safeway Mililani (5-28/29-07) \$2,000.

Questions, comments, concerns followed:

1. Regarding the burglaries, Kaanehe asked the method of entry. Lt. Nishihara replied louvers. He noted that the burglaries have dropped since a 17-year old suspect was arrested. However, he was charged as a juvenile, not as an adult (as HPD would have wanted) and released on his 18th birthday has moved out of the area. His main area of burglaries was the ewa side of Kamehameha Highway.
2. Arquette commended the HPD officers who organized the Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) Programs. She noted a large group attended the meeting and encouraged areas without a NSW to contact the Wahiawa Police Station. Lt. Nishihara added that Mililani area has one of the highest NSW programs. Lt. Nishihara was thanked for his report.

Military – No representative was present.

7:46 Remington arrived, twenty one members present.

Oahu Arts Center (OAC) – Chair Poirier announced that Board Member Charlie Remington will no longer be able to attend the OAC meetings due to other commitments and asked for a Board volunteer to take his place.

Edmund Aczon reported the Mililani Arts and Food Festival, Saturday, September 22, 2007, at the Mililani Golf Course at 5:30 p.m.; tickets will be available soon. Edmund Aczon was thanked for his report.

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project –Other Community Concern: Pat Lee was unable to attend tonight's meeting but sent an update report via email to Chair Poirier which was provided to Board members.

Community Concern – None.

PUBLIC FORUM:

The Impact of Kipapa Park Activities on the Neighborhood: - Chair Poirier received a concern from abutting neighbors to the park regarding excessive noise and drinking by baseball leagues using the park. He asked Lt. Nishihara if the park has a closure time. Lt. Nishihara replied that the park closures at 10 p.m. He noted that some leagues finish at exactly 10 p.m., which is a problem. Kaanehe added that once the park is closed the people leave the park and drink along the Kuaahelani side of the park. Lt. Nishihara noted that the problem was taken care of in the past; if not, follow up will be done.

Update on Proposed Zone Change from P-2 to R-20 Residential for a 4.29 Acre Property located at 95-329 Waianuhea Place: Don and Lauri Clegg of Analytical Planning Consultants, on behalf of Mark Hamm (Falling Water Construction), presented the following: The property located at 95-329 Waianuhea Place was purchased in 2006 with the intent to build five or six houses on the parcel. A zone change from P-2 (preservation) to R-20 (residential) is being applied. The time frame (90-days) for the previous application that was going through the process with the City Council ran out; after a year wait they will re-establish the process. Originally the application was for a zone change from P-2 to R-10, but has been changed to R-20. Entrance to the property would be at the cul-de-sac.

Questions, answers, comments followed:

1. Luli stated she was glad that the project was not approved last year. She raised concerns about the rezoning because the community was previously told that the property would be used for a park. D. Clegg replied he has found no records indicating that the property would be established as a park. Luli asked if it would be a gated community. Councilmember Garcia answered the property has been approved to be a gated community. Luli added that the community does not favor a gated community and was not included in the Mililani Regional Plan. Luli noted a letter dated May 2003 says that the property was dedicated for park and recreation. L. Clegg responded that the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) told her they have no intention of putting a park on that property. Furthermore, Luli said the property has been turned into a dump and not one letter from the community favors this development; and that it is a done deal. D. Clegg replied he has not gone out for letters of support or opposition to the project. L. Clegg added that one member on the Planning Commission raised the idea that the development not be a gated community. The City Council makes the final decision.
2. Kaanehe questioned the size of the lots. D. Clegg responded the lots would be 20,000 square feet, which is the minimum for an R-20 zoning. L. Clegg noted that the developer has permission to connect up to five houses to the City's sewer system.
3. Kaanehe asked if there is guesstimate of the cost for the smallest home, and stated that cost would affect neighboring homes property taxes. D. Clegg replied he had no answer at this time.
4. An audience member relayed that she is on a committee for a recreational center for kids and that ten years ago a letter was received from the State noting that they were proposing low income units for that parcel. The community fought that and the units were never built. The funding for that project was used by the State for another project. She raised concern relating to the rezoning because what is to prevent the developer from selling and it becomes a different kind of project. D. Clegg responded that the developer could build their own sewer treatment plant if need be. He explained that an R-20 can have one house per 20,000 square feet.

5. Another audience member who lives above the proposed project asked if the project would affect the electrical plan nearby or if electrical poles would have to be relocated. An answer was not available due the plans changing last year, but follow-up will be done.
6. Councilmember Garcia said he keeps hearing that the project is a done deal. He gave an example of a project that was not approved and explained that anything can happen. He emphasized that it is not a done deal and must go through the process.
7. Chair asked D. Clegg if he and the developer would be willing to meeting with Waiianuhea Street neighbors, to include Board Planning & Zoning Committee Chairperson Doug Thomas. D. Clegg agreed. Don and Lauri Clegg responded in the affirmative and were thanked for attending the meeting.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative – Michelle Kidani notified chair she had another function tonight.

Councilmember Nestor Garcia – Councilmember Garcia circulated and stood on his written report. He reminded all to wait for their new property tax bill since an error was made on the first mail out. New and returning Board members were congratulated. Councilmember Garcia was thanked for attending the meeting.

Governor's Representative – No representative was present.

Senator Ron Menor – Carlton Saito, representing Senator Menor, distributed the written report and was available for questions.

Representative Marilyn Lee – Ann Thornock, representing Representative Lee circulated the written report and highlighted: 1) On Friday, March 9, 2007 ground was broken for the new 10-classroom building at Mililani High School; \$300,000 has been allocated for a drop off area, turn around, and guest parking. Pat Hamamoto of the Department of Education will reconsider this project.3) Speeding vehicles on Kipapa Drive at the curve near Mililani High School stadium are posing a safety hazard to nearby homes. Previously, the Representative was successful in having signage installed to warn motorist and posting a 15 mph speed limit. Numerous incidents are still occurring with motorists losing control and hitting the wall. The most recent happened at 1:00 a.m. today when a vehicle hit a fire hydrant causing water to shoot into the air and wakening residents. Letter have been sent to all parties concerned with the roadway surrounding area and requested reevaluation of the area and suggestions for protecting homeowners. Weinberger added that the 15 mph speed limit sign is a notice to motorists and does not indicate the speed limit is 15 mph. Ann Thornock was thanked for her report.

Representative Ryan Yamane –No representative was present.

Chair's Report – Chair Poirier reported:

1. Reiterated that an Oahu Arts Center Board representative is being sought to replace Board member Charlie Remington.
2. Announced that the Board Committee sign-up sheet is being circulated and to please indicated if you would like to chair that committee.
3. Board members were asked to contact Board member Susan Hough who is considering resigning from the Board to try to encourage her to continue as a Board member.
4. Board member Thomas reported the Castle and Cooke update. At the meeting it was reported that are three elementary schools, a middle school, an elementary school for the Gentry Waiawa project. For Castle & Cooke Waiawa, an elementary school is planned. Total residences projected for both locations are 5,000; 1500 in Waiawa and 3500 in Koa Ridge, or plus 500 in Koa Ridge from the original plan and minus 500 in Waiawa from the original plan. Total for both developments combined is still the same. The request for the Environmental Impact Study (Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice) for Waiawa was submitted this month; the one for Koa Ridge will be submitted in October.

5. Announced that Richard Torres, Deputy Director for the City's Department of Transportation Services, has requested deferral of the item relating to the Mililani Transit Center, and asked to be placed on the September agenda.
6. Sandwich Isles Communications has requested to be placed on the September agenda, and are now considering utilizing only fifteen acres for the relocation of their Operations Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Encouraging the Optimum Use of the new Mililani Transit Center – Deferred.

Motion regarding the Impact of Kipapa Park Activities on the Neighborhood – No Board action.

Approval of Board Mission Statement – Freed moved, seconded by Siegel in support of the Board's Mission Statement as follows:

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD No. 25 MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!! The mission of your Neighborhood Board 25 is to be a conduit between the citizens of our community and our elected officials. We monitor legislation, testify for or against legislation, monitor development in our area, are a forum for complaints, ideas and announcements. We are the one place where, on a monthly basis, our community has access to its government.

SUNSHINE IN GOVERNMENT. The neighborhood board system was established in 1972 as a result of the sixties' push for more sunshine, more transparency, in government. Today, there are **32 active neighborhood boards** across the island of Oahu. A **nine-member neighborhood commission** assists in the formation, planning, operation, and evaluation of neighborhood boards. The neighborhood commission and neighborhood boards receive administrative support and technical assistance from the neighborhood commission office, which maintains a staff of 16 full-time employees led by a mayor-appointed executive secretary. Together, the neighborhood commission, neighborhood boards, and neighborhood commission office comprise the neighborhood board system, which seeks to meet the charter-mandated mission, **"to increase and assure effective citizen participation in the decisions of government."**

YOUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD. To that end we receive reports from legislators, state, county and city agencies and officials. We receive regular updates from the military organizations in our community. We hear from citizens as groups or individuals. Though we are not a law making body, we do pass resolutions that are transmitted to our lawmakers and law givers. In short your Neighborhood Board is a meeting place where information gets passed from you to those who need to hear you. To be placed on the agenda of the next meeting call: _____ or email: _____. Participate in the process. Your community will be better for it.

The motion carried unanimously, 21-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ Next Board meeting will be at Mililani Recreation Center III, on August 22, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ Weekly broadcasts of this meeting are seen on `Olelo Channel 49. Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Sunshine Law Training, Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at the Mission Memorial Auditorium at 5:45 p.m.

Thomas moved seconded by Remington requesting to invite a representative from the Office of Informational Practices to the August meeting. Discussion followed: Suggestions were made the training could be done via DVD or have an internet offering. **The motion carried unanimously, 21-0-0.**

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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

Reviewed by,
Dick Poirier, Chair