



MILILANI/ WAIPIO/ MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007 MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Dick Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Andrews, Erik Chun, Dick Poirier, Carole Siegel, Ann Freed, Pua Iuli, Doug Thomas D, Alvin Wong, Jessie Weinberger, Noel Araki, Keith Hamada, Karen Loomis, Charlie Remington, Lulani Arquette, Mary Jean Castillo-Barkley.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Josie Kaanehe, Carl Medeiros, Mary Bass Segura, Bill Bass, David Bremer, Andrew Garrett, Hallah Nilsen.

GUESTS: Michelle Kidani (Mayor's Office/Neighborhood Commission Office), Lori Kunioka (Councilmember Nestor's Garcia's Office), Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Capt. Ben Asis (25th ID CAB, Schofield Barracks), Raymond Bihis (AMC), Firefighter 3, Ricci Keltz (Honolulu Fire Department, Mililani), Lt. Ben Ballesteros and Sgt. Eric Tanouchi (Honolulu Police Department, District 2-Wahiawa), Ann Thornock (Representative Marilyn Lee's Office), Richard Torres (Deputy Director, City Department of Transportation Services), Pat Lee (HHCTCP), Besa Tsunayoshi, Michael Phelps (Parsons/Hickam), R. Debseceny, Dennis Callan (honolulutraffic.com), Suzanne Jones and Ken Shimizu (Environmental Services) Bryson Poulton (Governor's Office), Makakilo.com, Nola Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

BOARD VACANCIES: At-Large – One Seat

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2007: Chair Poirier asked if there were any corrections/additions to the minutes. There were none. **Without objections, the regular meeting minutes of August 22, 2007 stood as written.**

FILLING OF AT-LARGE VACANCY (one seat) – There were no persons present interested in filling the vacancy.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter 3 Ricci Keltz reported:

1. Statistics for the month of August included 3 structure, 1 vehicle, 32 medical, and 17 miscellaneous emergency responses.
2. The National Fire Protection Association has selected "Practice Your Escape Plan" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, which will be on October 7-13, 2007. Signs will be displayed at all fire stations, and demonstrations conducted at various schools and shopping centers around the island. The 2007 Fire Fighter's Safety Guide will be distributed to all elementary schools.
3. The Honolulu Fire Department would like to remind the community that the provisions of the traffic code regulating the operation, parking, and standing of vehicles does not apply to emergency vehicles responding to emergencies, provided the driver of the vehicle sounds a siren, bell, or exhaust whistle and displays a lighted red lamp. These warning devices help to ensure the safety of the public as well as the safety of the emergency responder. Please refer to the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, Traffic Code, Section 15-4.4, and located at http://www.honolulu.gov/refs/roh/15a1_9.htm.

There were no questions from Board member or guests. Chair Poirier thanked Keltz for her report.



Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. Ben Ballesteros introduced Sgt. Eric Tanouchi and reported:

1. Statistics for the month of August compared with July and a year ago included burglaries 20/13/11, UEMV (unauthorized entry into motor vehicle) 17/27/15, thefts 27/24/27, auto thefts 13/9/27 and graffiti 1/9/16.
2. A local female (no local address) was arrested without incident on August 12 for fraudulent use of a credit card/attempted theft/ unauthorized possession of confidential information at Walmart Mililani. The suspect attempted to purchase over \$600.00 worth of merchandise with a lost credit card and presented the driver's license belonging to the owner of the lost credit card.
3. Officers responded to report of a domestic argument between husband and wife on August 18 on Lanikuhana Avenue. It was reported the husband was damaging the residence with a samurai sword. The adult male challenged approaching officers with the sword, but was convinced to surrender thereafter and arrested without incident. There were no injuries.

There were no questions from Board members or guests. Chair Poirier thanked Lt. Ben Ballesteros and Sgt. Eric Tanouchi for the report and attending the meeting.

Military – Captain Ben Asis reported there is still a steady flow of soldiers returning from Iraq though October. The past fifteen months has been spent assisting with returning soldiers and their families.

Questions, answers, comments followed: 1) Luli mentioned that she saw several buses on her way to the meeting and asked if those were the returning soldiers. She asked if the Board could be informed prior to the soldiers arriving so they could go out along the roadway to welcome them home. Captain Assis replied that the 25th ID homepage has all the information in this regard. 2) Freed welcomed the soldiers home on behalf of the Board and community. Chair Poirier thanked Asis for his report.

Oahu Arts Center (OAC) – Freed reported that the fundraiser was a success. Plans were discussed for a permanent Oahu Art Center that has lots of promise. Chair Poirier thanked Freed for her report.

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) – Pat Lee circulated the Honolulu on the Move Newsletter and announced the Transit Symposium, Tuesday, November 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Neal S. Blaisdell Center. For more information call the Transit Hotline or log on to www.honolulutransit.org. He will keep the Board informed regarding opportunities for the Transit Oriented Development (TOD). Chair Poirier thanked Lee for his report.

Other Community Concerns:

City's Mass Transit Project: Dennis Callan from honolulutraffic.com, handed out information with a DVD included, in opposition to the rail system and in support of HOT lanes (High-Occupancy Toll Facility). He asked the Board to reconsider their previous position in favor of the rail. He stated that the rail is too expensive, will not be effective with the amount of moving traffic, and that the better alternative is elevated HOT lanes. He asked to be placed on the October agenda. Chair Poirier said that the October agenda if full and he could possibly be placed on the November agenda. Chair Poirier thanked Callan for his concern.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Update on Proposed on Land Use Changes to Sandwich Isles Communications Network Operating Center – Deferred until the October meeting.

Update on Mililani Transit Center and Area Bus Routes – Richard Torres, Deputy Director for the City Department of Transportation Services, distributed an informational sheet with fact, route map, and route restructure and new services. Copies of the new bus routes were available for interested persons to review.

He reported graffiti at the new transit center has been removed. Private security was hired to patrol the transit center.

The new circular routes 501 and 504 average about 88-90 passengers daily.

The Trolley will continue to operate on its current schedule. Both the circular bus and trolley will be monitored for a trial period with ridership update to be reported in January.

Questions, answers, comments followed: 1) In response to Araki, Torres reiterated that the new bus schedules were on the back table for interested persons to review. Currently there is only one circular bus; to establish more than one, ridership must be justified. If necessary the bus will go off route to pick up a handicapped person at their request. Total round trip time for the circular is one hour and every thirty minutes at the Transit Center. 2) Weinberger suggested that the bus signs be clearer indicating the route schedule. Torres replied that most riders will check the schedules and arrive at the transit center before the bus departs. 3) Relative to a previous complaint about no chain link fences allowed in Mililani, Torres answered that they are coordinating with Mililani Town Association and will give an update report next month. 3) Chair Poirier inquired about the meeting room at the Transit Center. Torres will give a report at the January meeting.

Proposed Access Medical Clinic at Longs Drugstore Mililani Town Center – Raymond Bihis of the Convenient Care Association, distributed a fact sheet and said he is in partnership with Dr. Todd Kubo, a practicing internist, for this Convenient Care Clinic (CCC) to be located at the Longs Drugstore at the Mililani Town Center. Convenient Care Clinics are small healthcare facilities located in high-traffic retail outlets with pharmacies that provide affordable and accessible non-emergency health care to consumers who otherwise would have to wait for appointments with traditional primary care physician or provider (PCP). Hours of operation would be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., primarily staffed by highly qualified advanced practice nurses (including nurse practitioners), as well as by physician assistants, and/or physicians. All CCC providers have advanced education in providing quality health care for common episodic ailments including cold/flu, rashes/skin irritation, and muscles strains or sprains. The staff will also provide immunizations, physicals, and preventive health screenings. Another facility is also planned for the Ewa Longs Drugstore.

Questions, answers, comments followed: 1) In response to Freed the clinic is working with healthcare providers and Medicare and will be accepting medical coverage plans. 2) Luli noted that the clinic would have no effects on hospitals. 3) Luli asked about patient confidentiality and the HIPA laws; and qualifications of the physicians. Bihis replied HIPA protects individual medical records. All records will be electronic with in a separate area of the clinic. The patient will be provided with their records upon completion of their visit to give to their primary caregiver. Luli added this may deter people from abusing emergency rooms. 4) Luli wanted to know if medical plans would not be accepted would the patients have to pay in cash. Bihis answered it is a consumer driven health care. Cost of services would be approximately \$50.00. If unable to pay at the time, the patient would be billed. The clinic is yet to establish Quest and all care is inclusive.

Chair Poirier thanked Bihis for his presentation.

Update on Mililani Curbside Recycling Project – Suzanne Jones, Recycling Coordinator for the City's Department of Environmental Services distributed informational handouts and the pick-up schedules for this pilot project and reported: Jones department is looking forward to feedback as in the 2004 curbside recycling pilot project. She emphasized the importance of having color coded bins. Each household will have a complement of three bins for sorting waste – gray for refuse, green for green waste, and blue for mixed recyclables. Additional bins are available to accommodate larger waste generating households.

Green waste includes grass, tree and hedge trimmings, and Christmas trees without decorations or flocking. Mixed recyclables include newspaper, corrugated cardboard, glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans and plastic bottles (#1 and #2 plastic codes).

If a household consistently generates more than the average quantity of green waste or refuse, you can request up to two additional green bins at no charge.

Mililani participants will have the option of purchasing a second-day refuse pickup for a fee of \$10 per month (subject to City Council approval), or recyclables each week, with no option for a Second-day refuse pickup applications and stickers will be available at Satellite City Halls. A quarterly sticker will be available for \$30. For more information call 768-3200.

A two-month transition period will allow both Mililani and Hawaii Kai residents to adjust to the new system. Two-weekly refuse collection will continue for two months at no charge while everyone gets accustomed to sorting recyclables and determine if additional bins are needed.

Starting the week of January 8, 2008, Hawaii Kai households are being asked to work within the simpler system of one collection day for refuse and one collection day for recyclables each week, with no option for a second-day refuse pickup.

The HI5 program is in addition to the other programs. The goal is to give everyone as many options as possible to recycle.

Over 5,000 students and teachers attended the 3rd Annual Discover Recycling Fair last week end at the Neal S. Blaisdell Arena.

Questions, answers, comments followed:

1. Arquette asked the project timeframe and after the project would it become permanent. Jones replied the project will have a 6-12 month evaluation period. Six months are needed to include those needing a second-day refuse pickup to see how costs will be affected and the following six months for adjustments.
2. Thomas inquired what happened to the green bins used for the first pilot project. Jones answered that they were distributed to other programs. Participants in this pilot program will receive new ninety-six gallon bins.
3. In response to Siegel, a new second-day pickup sticker has been designed, issued by quarters and each quarter will be a different color.
4. In answer to Luli, call 768-3200 between November 2007 and January 2008 to request an additional gray bin. Once requested someone from the department will be sent out to monitor your trash.
5. Hamada asked why the charge for the second trash pickup; and how much money is saved from having a one-day refuse pickup. Jones responded that basically if everyone follows the new recycling system a second refuse pickup would not be fully utilized. Changing the second day refuse pickup to a recycling day is more efficient. Relative to cost, that would depend on requests from the community for a second bin and route determination for a second refuse pickup. The additional fee is to cover costs. The second reason for one-day refuse pickup is to encourage people to shift their behavior to sorting and recycling. Hamada commented that we do charge because we all pay taxes so it is not free.
6. Remington thanked Jones and Mayor Hannemann for the meeting at Mililani High School. He asked where to call to get a bin repaired. Jones said to call her office and someone will repair the bin.
7. Remington wanted to know if the curbside pilot program would service townhouses. In reply, some townhouses do not utilize City services, but have private trash pickup. Her department has offered assistance to those with private pickup.
8. Freed mentioned that her condominium complex is converting to City services.

Chair Poirier thanked Jones for her report.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative – Michelle Kidani, representing Mayor Hannemann, reported:

1. Mayor Hannemann sends his Aloha.
2. Public Hearing by the Neighborhood Commission to receive public testimony on the adoption of the 2007 Revised Neighborhood Plan is scheduled for:
 - ❖ Saturday, November 3, 2007, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Kapolei Hale Conference Rooms A-C
1000 Uluohia Street, Kapolei HI 96707
 - ❖ Saturday, November 3, 2007, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Hale Akoakoa Building, Windward Community College,
45-720 Keaahala Road, Kaneohe, HI 96744
 - ❖ Monday, November 5, 2007, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room, Honolulu Hale
560 S. King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

3. The City's Department of Community Services, Elderly Division, is offering a helpline to answer questions and provide information on aging and care giving services for seniors; call the Helpline 768-7700, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for more information.
4. Regarding the neon green bus stops, the Lions Club did this as a community project. They did not get approval from the Mililani Town Association (MTA), but are now working with MTA to remedy the situation.
5. Regarding graffiti on tile walls in the vicinity of Kipapa Drive and Kuahelani Avenue intersection (across from the Kamuela Place entry), the owner is in litigation with MTA for this and numerous other covenant violations.

Questions, answers, comments followed: 1) Thomas commended Kidani for getting quick responses to concerns. 2) Freed thanked Kidani for having the albizia trees under the freeway cut. However, trash was left behind and she would like to have it removed and new trees replanted. Freed noted that the area is a drug pickup place (location below Waipio on Wikao Drive). 3) Chair Poirier requested for an NCO administrator to attend the Board's October meeting and do a presentation on the 2007 Revised Neighborhood Plan prior to the public hearings so people can testify. He added that a presentation should be given to all Neighborhood Boards. Kidani replied that deadline for submitting written testimony is December 7, 2007. A summary will be provided.

Chair Poirier thanked Kidani for her report.

Councilmember Nestor Garcia – Councilmember Garcia circulated his written report and noted:

1. Regarding the painted bus shelters, a volunteer community group took the project of painting the bus shelters in Mililani. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) recently gave the group the City's standard paint color for future bus shelter repainting.
2. The inquiry regarding on-line Sunshine Law training has been forwarded to the Mayor's staff. They are aware the concerns and have been evaluating possibilities and looking into whether on-line training can meet the requirements of the law as well as evaluating the cost of establishing such on-line training.
3. According to the Department of Design and Construction (DDC), night construction requires a noise variance which is generally not allowed in residential areas by the State Department of Health (DOH) due to noise impacts.
4. Update for the 2050 Sustainability Plan for Mililani is due and he will be having discussions with the consultant.
5. The 2050 Sustainability Conference was held last week. However, Central Oahu is not included in the website posting. He asked that a meeting be held in Mililani and is yet to receive a response.

Questions, answers, comments followed: 1) Freed commented that the Sustainability Plan figures is not realistic and the real cost is higher. Garcia replied that he did not want to get into details at this time, keeping an open mind and would like to see it for himself. 2) Luli thanked Garcia for attending the meeting regarding the vacant lot on Waianuhea Street on August 25.

Chair Poirier thanked Garcia for his report.

Governor's Representative – Bryson Poulton, substituting for Lillian Koeller, reported there is a new Quest Aid program; the purpose is to provide health insurance for those in need. Koeller has been negotiating with the federal government on this matter, resulting with an increase of income for eligibility. The benefits package includes adults and children. He announced that any concerns from tonight's meeting would be forwarded to the proper departments.

Questions, answers, comments followed: 1) The new program will hopefully start in December of this year or early January 2008. 2) Luli asked how would the public be notified and how would this affect those who previously applied but were denied. Poulton replied those who were denied will be called and asked to reapply if they choose. It is hopeful that the State, City, and other agencies partner to notify the public of the new program

available to them. 3) Garcia commented that the City Council and K-Mart could work together by sharing a prescription service by distributing prescription cards. 4) In response to Barkley, a small business could give their employees the information flyer regarding the benefits.

Bryson Poulton was thanked for his report.

Senator Ron Menor – Senator Menor distributed his written report that included information relating to tackling identity theft, the Identity Theft Task Force, highlights of the Draft Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, and the Hawaii 2050 community meetings scheduled for Oahu.

Questions, answers, comments followed: Chair Poirier asked Menor if he would follow up with Garcia and try to get a Sustainability Plan meeting in Mililani.

Chair Poirier thanked Menor for his report.

Representative Marilyn Lee – Ann Thornock circulated Representative Lee's written report and reported per an email from Scott Ishikawa, of the State Department of Transportation, work on the drainage ditch on Kamehameha Highway fronting Wheeler Air Force Base will start on October 9, 2007. A new bike lane will be added.

Chair Poirier thanked Thornock for her report.

Representative Ryan Yamane – Representative Yamane was unable to attend tonight's meeting; he written report was available for interested persons to review.

Other – None.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Report on Waianuhea Street Community Developers meeting – Pua luli reported a meeting was held on August 25, with property owner Mr. Ham. The community is willing to support the developer with restrictions of only six homes to be built on the property and not gated. She noted that Councilmember Garcia is assisting with resolving the issues, but did not know where in the process the matter is.

Chair Poirier thanked luli for her report.

Solid Waste/Hickam POL – Jessie Weinberger distributed a handout relative to the Hickam Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants Pipeline Remedial Investigation Sites in Mililani and noted the information regarding valve pits work in October and November.

Chair Poirier thanked Weinberger for her report.

Report on Urban Land Use Institute Infrastructure Workshop – Jessie Weinberger reported there were several speakers at the workshop talking about urban and rural needs. In Pittsburgh there is a tax increment financing with the developers sharing the expense on property tax. Chair Poirier added there were also speakers from the State Department of Transportation Airports, Harbors, Highways Divisions and the State Department of Education.

Chair Poirier thanked Weinberger for her report.

There were no other Committee Reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Regarding Proposed Land Use Changes to Sandwich Island Communications Network Operating Center – Deferred until the October meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Board meeting will be at Mililani Recreation Center III, on October 24, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.
- Weekly broadcast of this meeting are seen on `Olelo Channel 49, Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further Board business Chair Poirier adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by,
Nola Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by,
Dick Poirier, Chair