



## MILILANI/ WAIPIO/ MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007  
MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elizabeth Andrews, Erik Chun, Dick Poirier, Resa Tsuneyoshi, Carole Siegel, Ann Freed, Barbara Pua Iuli, Douglas Thomas, Alvin Wong, Andrew Garrett, Josie Kaanehe, Jessie Weinberger, Carl Medeiros, David Bremer, Mary Jean Castillo-Barkley, Keith Hamada, Mary Segura, Bill Bass, Karen Loomis, Hallah Nilsen, Lulani Arquette,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Charlie Remington and Noel Araki.

**MEMBER SEATS VACANT** – None.

**GUESTS:** Frank Genadio (Committee for Balanced Transportation), Michelle Kidani (Mayor's Office/Neighborhood Commission Office), Ann Thornock (Representative Marilyn Lee's Office), Lt. S. Nishihara (Honolulu Police Department, District 2-Wahiawa), Lori Kunioka (Representative Nestor Garcia's Office), Randy Prothero, Denice Painter (Mililani High School PTSO), Jonathan Barkley, Lillian Koeller (Governor's Representative/ Department of Human Services), Pamela Young (Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board No. 35, Dennis Callan (HonoluluTraffic.com), Bruce Barrett (Castle & Cooke), Isaac Foss (UH Manoa), David Rolf, John Matassa, Alan Suwa, Curt Kanahela (Boy Scouts), Carlton Saito (Senator Ron Menor's Office), Pat Lee (HHCTCP), Rodney Funakoshi, Bruce Baron, Lora Kodama, Allan Suwa (Castle & Cooke); Mark Scheibe (Project Manager, PB Americas), Randall Tsuneyoshi, Bob Lancaster, Nola Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2007:** Chair Poirier asked if there were any corrections/additions to the minutes: **Without objections the regular meeting minutes of October 24, 2007 stood as written.**

### COMMUNITY FORUM:

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – No representative was present.

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

- Statistics for the month of October included burglary 9, unauthorized entry into motor vehicle (UEMV) 22, auto theft 9, theft 27, and graffiti 3.
- Sex assault 4 occurred on October 10 at approximately 5:30 p.m. where a male on a motorcycle approached two juvenile females and asked directions to Safeway. While the juveniles were giving directions, the male exposed himself. The juveniles were able to get the license number of the motorcycle and the male was positively identified via a photo line-up; arrested and charged was a 25 year old Waikalani Drive resident that is a suspect in at least one other similar incident.
- Burglary 2 occurred on October 4 at Mililani High School where a patrol unit making a routine check of the school observed three juvenile males trying to break into one of the portable classrooms. After a brief foot pursuit, all three were located in the Mahipili Circle area, arrested for burglary 2, trespass1, trespass 2, criminal property damage 4, and resisting arrest.
- The State of Hawaii Department of Transportation reported one case of copper theft on the H-2, southbound/south of Leilehua Golf Course Road; approximately 2,400 feet of copper wire from street



lights reportedly taken between October 9-11. It was noted that street lights in the area have been out of service since summer.

There were no questions from Board members or guests. Chair Poirier thanked Lt. Nishihara for his report.

**Military** – Nilsen reported that Schofield is under restructuring and she is working with her contacts as to who would be the Board's next Military representative. Nilsen was thanked for her report.

**Oahu Arts Center** – No report.

**Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP)** – Pat Lee deferred his report until the presentation under Public Forum.

**Other Community Concerns:**

**Mililani Pilot Recycling Program:** Resident Bob Lancaster of Waikalani expressed concerns that funds collected from this project will be for added costs, and asked why and where are the added costs. Mayor's representative Kidani will refer this concern to Suzanne Jones, Recycling Coordinator.

**Recognition Awards:**

Denice Painter, Mililani High School Volunteer – Kaanehe presented Denice Painter with lei and Chair Poirier presented her with a certificate of appreciation for her sacrifice, hard work, and dedication as a volunteer at Mililani High School. On behalf of the City Council, Lori Kunioka, of Councilmember Garcia's Office, also presented a certificate of appreciation to Painter.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

**Oahu Mass Transit:**

Mark Scheibe, Project Manager for PB Americas, presented the following: Relative to Honolulu On the Move by the year 2030 there will be a 22% increase in population, 21% increase in employment, and 27% increase in travel time. The increased growth will be in Central Oahu, Ewa, Downtown, Kakaako and the Ala Moana areas. Three million dollars would be spent in highway capacity improvements. On December 22, 2006 the City Council voted that fixed guideway be the preferred alternative. The fixed guideway would consist of a service network for Central Oahu, to include Pearl Harbor and Downtown to Ala Moana. Benefits would include convenience, reduced cost of transportation; the operating details would include physical characteristics; a technology selection process, which is currently in progress; and a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) around the transit areas. The next steps would be vehicle selection and a draft 2008 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). For more information log on to: [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org); or [www.honoluludpp.org](http://www.honoluludpp.org); or call the hotline at 566-2299.

Dennis Callan, HonoluluTraffic.com, circulated a handout which included 14 reasons why HOT Lanes are better and noted that the City's own projection is for traffic to be far worse with rail, than it is today, and rail will not solve the problem. The Board was urged to adopt a resolution directing the City Administration to conduct a thorough and honest major new analysis of HOT Lanes as part of the Environmental Impact Statement process.

Frank Genadio, Committee for Balanced Transportation, presented the following: The Committee for Balanced Transportation is a non-profit organization finding solutions to alleviate commuting problems. He noted that HOT Lanes concentrate on toll lanes affecting people who cannot afford it. A compromise could be to add the H-2, H-3, Likelike and Kalaniana'ole Highways. Councilmember Kobayashi proposed a compromise with a bus feeder system yet to be developed. Another option would be a dual system centered on the rail. Too many stations would take too much property from individuals; rather limit the stations and extend the feeder system. About a year and a half ago Genadio submitted a rail plan that included a rail spur to Mililani. A solar power system was suggested for the daytime hours and purchasing electricity from HECO when dark. Without local funding there will be no source from the federal government. For the 2008 Legislative Session, Genadio asked that taxpayers asked their representatives not to take their 10% pay raise and donate that portion to the rail system where it belongs. The goal is to save money while moving the people. In closing he said "people with vision overcome mediocrity."

Questions, answers, comments:

1. In response to Thomas as to what would happen if the rail goes in and eventually the operators go on strike, Scheibe replied that would depend on the City's negotiating contract with the workers. Callan added that HOT Lanes would still be available for carpools, with free labor of HOV drivers. Genadio noted that the rail would be automatic, but require a driver.
2. Luli mentioned that riders would be stranded if the rail breaks down or there is a power outage. Callan replied there would be some type of electronic walkway; he hopes the express buses would have increased ridership versus the rail. Scheibe noted that technology would allow the cars to still reach the next station. As a ridership forecast expert he stated that the fixed guideway would attract more riders than the express bus.
3. Hamada questioned item 8, regarding cost of Callan's handout and asked why HOT Lanes would be cheaper. Callan explained it is based on the Tampa, Florida system. Schieb suggested Callan check the Tampa planned extension that will cost \$46 million per mile of the elevated guideway.
4. Regarding the estimates, Callan replied that UH Professor Panos Predovros came up with the numbers.
5. Freed commented she likes combining bridges, and that the rail plan and the express bus should all go to the park and ride. Rail works well, but toll roads should be applicable where you can drive for miles. She hopes the rail is not undermined and federal funding lost. Callan noted that he likes rail where it is appropriate and Oahu does not have enough density.
6. Bass commented he encourages all three; HOT Lanes are ignoring when one gets to the end and must get into downtown; that is the downside. Callan responded that HOT Lanes is not for single occupant drivers. Genadio added regarding low density more houses will be built than creating jobs and rail will be used in both directions all day would encourage drivers to not use their cars, which would take more time and be more costly to the driver. Callan stated that people don't like to transfer and because of that the rail will be complete failure.
7. Freed mentioned that Councilmember Garcia previously did a presentation noting that there will be fewer commuters due to people living near the transit areas. In many areas of the country errands can be done at the transit station; there should be incentives to get ridership for the rail.
8. Kaanehe said that the current road conditions are not the greatest, and asked how they would be taken care of now and in the future. Callan also expressed concern about road conditions.
9. Regarding capacity, Genadio wanted to know how many lanes would be built before the roadways run out.
10. A small business owner from the audience raised concern that the surcharge to the tax bill for small businesses is horrendous, and does not see relief in the next 20 years. Schieb replied that the general excise tax surcharge expires in 2022 with no City Council extension.
11. A member of the audience said there has been no mention regarding an Environmental Impact Statement on emissions from the buses versus the rail (electric).
12. The common goal is get people out of their cars.
13. A comment was made that it would take 40 years to build 15-20 miles of HOT Lanes.
14. Luli asked if outer island taxpayers are also paying for the rail. Genadio replied no, only Oahu.
15. A comment made was has the Superferry been taken into consideration, which would not be a constant disruption.
16. Callan noted there has been little information relative to a transit center.

Chair Poirier thanked Schieb, Callan, and Genadio for attending the meeting.

**Castle and Cooke Waiawa Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):** Rodney Funakoshi introduced consultants, Bruce Baron, Lora Kodama, and Allan Suwa. Funakoshi circulated a handout showing the map location, land use plan, a chart showing the am and pm level of service study intersections with and without the project, and with project and improvements, year 2016 and year 2021. The proposed Waipio Interchange, as well as the proposed Ka Uka Boulevard improvements was explained with maps. The project will consist of 191 acres with 1500 new homes, elementary school, park, recreation center, etc., mauka of the H-2.

In the future, Koa Ridge Maikai would be developed, which still under litigation with Wahiawa Hospital. Deadline for public comments is December 24, 2007. Log on to [www.luc.state.hi.us](http://www.luc.state.hi.us) for more information about the project.

As far the schedule, completion of the final EIS early 2008, State Land Use Commission review mid 2008, and then the final City Council decision regarding the zone change. Groundbreaking should commence in 2009 and start of the construction for the homes 2011. The primary impact is traffic, and a traffic impact study has been completed for the nine vicinity intersections. Access to the project would be through Ka Uka Boulevard adjacent to Costco, which is included in the EIS; and noted that the handout shows the recommended changes. Ka Uka Boulevard's current four lanes will be changed to seven. Currently, the existing left turn lane causes congestion from the north; the south bound off-ramp would be widened; one lane would be added to the town bound loop; two right turn lanes would be added north bound to the Waiawa area is recommended for the off-ramp loop north; the north bound ramp would be relocated and changes would be made to the traffic signals.

The project will be done in two phases, traffic improvements in 2016 and 2021. Discussion with the City Department of Transportation Services and the Waiawa Ridge Development has started. Regarding the project, they are working with the community vision group to make it a transit friendly development and to try to reduce automobile trips.

Questions, answers, comments:

1. Luli questioned that the first homes would be built in 2011, but the roads in 2016 will be five years after the first increment of homes. Funakoshi replied he is working with the Waiawa Development and to date a traffic study was done, but that is not necessarily what would happen. Plans are to have 200 to 300 homes completed in 2011.
2. Thomas asked about the impact of the Waiawa Development to the Mililani community.
3. In response to Nilsen, the development would go up to Pineapple Ridge.
4. Nilsen asked about the changes to be made to the Waiawa interchange. In answer, the interchange is not in the scope of the project, but the developers are aware; possibly adding a pm contra-flow in the zipper lanes; it is in the planning design stages.
5. Bass commented he thinks the EIS will be approved, but should include the regional transportation effects.
6. In response to Freed, the table chart included with the handout indicates the levels of traffic at various intersection with and without the proposed improvements.
7. Freed commented it would be great if the City and County would build what is promised at the same times that the homes are being built. Funakoshi noted that concerns are taken under consideration to make sure the improvements do not add to the gridlock. He reiterated that the EIS is a disclosure document, the LUC and zoning is forthcoming, and he will keep the Board updated as the project progresses and plans are more specific.
8. There are no plans as this time to have a gated community.
9. Kaanehe raised concern about homes being built in 2016 and no schools would be completed at that time. Funakoshi said it is possible that an elementary school would be completed. Kaanehe stated that in 2016 there will be no schools in the area elementary, middle, or high school).

Chair Poirier thanked Funakoshi for the presentation.

**REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor's Representative:** Michelle Kidani reported:

1. Mayor Hannemann sends his aloha.
2. Follow up to previous concerns:
  - Regarding painting of a crosswalk connecting disabled accessway at Kuahelani and Holaniku Streets, the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will conduct an investigation and will inform their findings at the next meeting.
  - The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR, District3) will request Maintenance Support Services to install picnic tables, one of which must be ADA accessible at Waena Park.
  - Regarding a portion of the median on Lanikuhana (above Nob Hill) near WalMart not being cared for by Mililani Town Association, Department of Parks and Recreation staff met with consultant Bill Balfour and confirmed that this property was included in those sites turned over to the City Department of Facility Maintenance as of July 2007. Follow up will be done.

Questions, answers, comments:

1. Chair Poirier reported four dead trees along the fence at Waena Park. Follow up will be done.
2. Luli reported the pothole on snake hill has been filled. Kidani noted the Department of Facility Maintenance filled the hole and is filling in other area potholes.
3. Luli asked if the padding on the storm drain grailing on Wainihi Street could be replaced due to excess noise from cars driving over it. Follow up will be done.
4. Bremer asked if the lighting at Waena Park could be adjusted to come on earlier in the evening. Follow up will be done.
5. Kidani wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Chair Poirier thanked Kidani for her report.

**Councilmember Nestor Garcia** –Lori Kunioka distributed the written report and highlighted:

1. On November 29 a key issue to be discussed by the Transportation & Public Works Committee will be Resolution 17-376 – technical expert panel to select fixed guideway technology, establishing a panel of five technology experts to evaluate and select the final fixed guideway technology and all technologies that meet the performance, cost, serviceability, and environmental criteria will be invited to submit information for the panel's consideration.
2. Honolulu City Lights is scheduled for Saturday, December 1 at Honolulu Hale. Kapolei City Lights will be held on Saturday, December 8.

There were no questions from Board members or guests; Chair Poirier thanked Kunioka for her report. Chair Poirier thanked Kunioka for attending the meeting.

**Governor's Representative** – Lillian Koeller reported that copies of the Governor's Neighborhood Board Update and Governor's Update were available on the back table, and highlighted:

1. Bill (SB1 SD1, Act 2) to allow the inter-island ferry service to operate while the state conducts an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was signed into law by Governor Lingle.

2. Nominations are being accepted until December 16, 2007 for the Above & Beyond Citizen Honors to be recognized by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. One finalist from each state will be selected and be recognized at a prestigious ceremony in Washington, D.C. in March 2008.
3. Koeller wished all Seasons Greetings.

There were no questions from Board members or guests. Chair Poirier thanked Koeller for her report.

**Senator Ron Menor** – Carlton Saito circulated the written report and noted:

1. On October 24 the legislature went into special session to decide whether or not the Hawaii SuperFerry may operate while an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being conducted and if so under what conditions.
2. As a member of the Identity Theft Task Force, work is being done to prevent identity theft against residents of Hawaii.
3. Saito encouraged interested persons to read the editorial (included in the written report) regarding the superferry compromises.
4. Saito wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Chair Poirier thanked Saito for attending the meeting.

**Representative Marilyn Lee** – Ann Thornock circulated the written report and noted:

1. Representative Lee is at a conference in Phoenix.
2. The Mililani Mauka area is also having problems accessing H-2. Several months ago Representative Lee sent a letter the State Department of Transportation Services asking for an analysis of the possibility of increasing the H-2 on-ramp access heading town bound from Mauka from one lane to two lanes to assist in moving traffic out of Mililani Mauka especially in the early morning hours. The response was that no because the Wahiawa traffic would be affected.
3. Announced that the 2008 Legislation Session starts Wednesday, January 16, 2008 and that comments for legislation are being accepted. Everyone was invited to attend the ceremony and partake in refreshments.

Questions, answers, comments: Per a concern raised by Kaanehe regarding overgrown trees on Kamehameha Highway at the Waikalani Street stoplight, they are working with DOT. Kaanehe added that when passing the area this evening branches are hanging. Thornock will report this to DOT in the morning. Everyone was wished a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Chair Poirier thanked Thornock attending the meeting.

**Representative Ryan Yamane** – Representative Yamane was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

**Other:** There were no other reports.

#### **COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:**

**Chair' Report:** Chair Poirier suggested having all Board seats at-large taken under consideration and asked Loomis to do research and report at the February meeting.

Kaanehe raised concern about a proposal by Councilmember Charles Djou regarding term limits for Neighborhood Board members. She added that it is a volunteer position and not always easy to fill vacancies.

Iuli reported a meeting was held with Don Clegg, consultant for the Waiuanuhea rezoning. The community agrees with six homes being built, but are seeking support for a deed restriction document, which limits only six homes

on the property, no matter if it is sold or not, and is also supported by Councilmember Garcia. For comments on the matter, contact Mr. Reid at 768-8056 by December 10.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution Recommending Changes to the 2007 Draft Revised Neighborhood Plan:**

**Loomis moved, seconded by Freed that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 has a number of recommendations concerning the draft Plan as indicated on the attached written statement and will submit a written statement with recommendations for changes to the 2007 Draft Revised Neighborhood Plan. The motion carried unanimously, 21-0-0.**

**Resolution Regarding Public/Private Partnerships for Road Building:**

**Hamada moved, seconded by Thomas that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 requests the Hawaii State Legislature to study the viability of utilizing toll roads, solely built by the private sector, without utilizing public funds or encumbering public lands by charging end users that choose to ride the toll roads with a fee in order to pay for the toll road's construction.**

Discussion followed: 1) Bass relayed that the issue was dealt with last month, and the presenter sent emails complaining that the Board's resolution failed. He is in opposition and feels it would be interfering with the fixed guideway project and would be voting no. 2) Freed agreed with Bass, said that she feel it is a ploy to undercut the rail, and would also be voting no. 3) Thomas said to ask for feasibility study and would vote yes.

**The motion failed to carry, 7-11-3; Aye:** Chun, Kaanehe, Medeiros, Nilsen, Thomas, Wong, Poirier; **Nay:** Andrews, Bass, Bremer, Freed, Garrett, Hamada, Loomis, Segura, Siegel, Tsuneyoshi, Weinberger; **Abstention:** Arquette, Castillo-Barkley, Iuli. A vote of 12 is need for a resolution/motion to pass.

**Resolution Regarding Castle & Cooke Waiawa Draft Environmental Impact Statement:**

**Thomas moved, seconded by Freed that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 requests that the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Castle & Cooke Waiawa development include an analysis of the primary secondary, and cumulative impacts of the regional transportation infrastructure in Central Oahu to include the identification of traffic transportation needs, deficiencies, and appropriate mitigation measures.**

**The motion carried 20-0-1, with Hamada abstaining.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Next Board meeting will be at Mililani Recreation Center III, on January 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
- Weekly broadcast of this meeting is seen on `Olelo Channel 49, Sunday at 6 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Poirier adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

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

Reviewed by,  
Dick Poirier, Chair