



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

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. (a quorum was present), and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Poirier, Susan Hough, Carole Siegel, Ann Freed, Barbara "Pua" Iuli, Alvin Wong, Jessie Weinberger, Keith Hamada, David Bremer, Hallah Nilsen, William "Bill" Bass, Charlie Remington, Karen Loomis.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Carl Medeiros, Elizabeth Andrews, Douglas Thomas, Andrew Garrett, Josie Kaanehe, MaryAnne Selander, William Brizee, Mary Bass Segura, Noel Araki, T. Lulani Arquette.

**GUESTS:** Patrick Bullard, Brendan Burchfiel, Tony Confer, Andy Lindberg, Katie Greer (The Shack); Eva Rab Mocz, Philip Mocz, Lucia Mocz, Thomas Shirai, Lt. S. Nishihara (Honolulu Police Department, District 2-Wahiawa), Leila Labrador, Major Phil Hughes (Schofield Barracks), Ann Thornock (Representative Marilyn Lee's Office), Natalie Rodrigues, Val Yatomi, Michelle Kidani (Mayor's Office/Neighborhood Commission Office), Phyllis Nakasone (McDonald's), Frank T., Chad Yasumura (LPFA), Pat Lee (HHCTCP), Carlton Saito (Senator Ron Menor's Office), Lori Kunioka (Councilmember Nestor Garcia's Office), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2007:** Chair Poirier asked if there were any corrections/additions to the minutes:

- Page 4, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence should read. "...stating it is a long process, **and in his experience only 20 percent of applications he supported were approved, and of those none actually preceded through the funding.**"

**Freed moved, seconded by Weinberger to accept the February 28, 2007 regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously 12-0-0 (Aye: Poirier, Hough, Siegel, Freed, Iuli, Wong, Weinberger, Hamada, Bremer, Nilsen, Bass, Loomis).**

### COMMUNITY FORUM:

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

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Lt. S. Nishihara reported Mililani property crime statistics and highlights included burglary 28, unauthorized entry into motor vehicle 22, auto theft 18, theft 32, and graffiti 8. A 24 year old Honolulu male was arrested and charged for Burglary that occurred on Waia Loop on February 22, 2007. Bail set for Jacob Hoopai was set at \$120,000.00. Hoopai is suspected of several burglaries and auto thefts in Mililani and is currently on probation for burglary and auto theft. A 29 year old Wahiawa male and 18 year old North Shore female were arrested for a burglary on Kamahana Place. A 17 year old Mililani male was arrested in connection to several burglaries in Mililani mostly in Beat 250. This juvenile male has previous convictions for Mililani burglaries and is suspected of numerous other burglaries. The Prosecutor's Office will be seeking to charge him as an adult. Lt. S. Nishihara was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Military** – Major Hughes reported 37,000 soldiers have been deployed to Iraq for eight months, and 3,000 remain at Schofield Barracks. The second Stryker Brigade is training here and will be deployed next year. There is no word if the soldiers' deployment would be extended or if the Stryker Brigade would deploy earlier than next year. Major Phil Hughes was thanked for attending the meeting.



### **Other Community Concern:**

**Honoring of John Papa Ii** – Thomas Shirai asked for Board support and testimonies to honor John Papa Ii on August 3, 2007 for his accomplishments to the people of Hawaii (not a dedicated holiday). Shirai thanked Senator Menor for introducing Senate Concurrent Resolution 65 to honor this great man. He added that John Papa Ii was born in Waipio, O'ahu.

Comments: 1) Luli noted when she purchased her home in Waipio the property was part of the Ii estate. 2) Queen Emma Foundation owns the remaining Ii property. 3) For further information contact Thomas Shirai at 637-4690 or email: [kawaihapai@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:kawaihapai@hawaii.rr.com). Thomas Shirai was thanked for attending the meeting.

### **Recognition:**

- ❖ Certificates of appreciation and lei were presented to Philip and Lucia Mocz, National Math and Science Competition winners for their hard work and outstanding achievement as a national math and science scholarship winners... "Your recognition as Siemens Competition team category honorees is truly an inspiration to us all."
- ❖ Certificate of appreciation and lei was presented to Natalie Rodrigues for demonstrating and achieving the highest qualities of a professional educator as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Mililani Waena Elementary School... "Your recognition as a "Teacher of Promise" by the national Milken Educators of Hawaii is truly an inspiration to all of us."

Lori Kunioka, representing Councilmember Nestor Garcia and the City Council also presented Natalie Rodrigues with a Certificate of Recognition.

Philip Mocz, Lucia Mocz and Natalie Rodrigues were thanked for attending the meeting.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

**Update on the "Shack"** - Andy Lindberg, Managing Partner/Director of Operations for the Shack, introduced staff members Patrick Bullard (Advertising), Brendan Burchfiel (General Manager-Hawaii Kai), Tony Confer (General Manager), and Katie Greer (Charity/Events coordinator). Patrick Bullard said that issues regarding the Shack were brought to attention of management after concerns were brought up at a Neighborhood Board meeting. Significant steps are being taken with new procedures and policies being put in place in phases. Management of the Shack has met with Captain Nishi of HPD to take steps to resolve the issues, and recommendations from HPD have been taken into consideration. Handouts were circulated with the new policies and a list of contact names and numbers to call with concerns for interested persons to review. Lindberg explained that the Shack's security has jurisdiction only within the business premises, anything outside is the responsibility of the Shopping Center management or other businesses areas if a problem occurs on their property. The security staff has been educated in trespassing procedures from HPD. A special duty office will also be hired. The Shack is taking steps to be a good neighbor.

Comments and concerns: 1) Nilsen asked how does the smoking ban affect the business. Lindberg replied business is down twenty percent. Smokers now congregate outside of the establishment. 2) Lindberg offered to update the Board at the next meeting. He asked that concern calls be made directly to the Shack personnel (list distributed) instead of HPD. He knows that there is a shortage of Beat officers and their coverage area is large. 3) It was suggested that the list of contact names and numbers be distributed to the immediate neighbors to the Shack. Andy Lindberg, Patrick Bullard and staff members were thanked for attending the meeting.

**Update on Happenings at Maukaunulau Community Park (16-acre Park)** – Val Yatomi, Neighborhood Security Watch coordinator for Mililani Terrace (located next to the park), relayed the following concerns: The park has no lights after dusk (7 to 7:30 p.m.); loud stereos and voices on the makai end of the park between 8 and 10 p.m.; teenagers screaming, swearing, fighting (8-10 p.m.); basketball playing after 10 p.m. with cars headlights aiming at the basketball courts to provide lighting; teens smoking pot between 2 and 10 p.m.; drinking and graffiti near the forest area utilizing the two tables; trash and broken glass on the tables and surrounding area; holes cut in fence to enter park ( City and County has been called to repair fence); incidents of people in the middle of the quad partying; fireworks before and after New Year's on the grass and courts; people walking dogs (after 7 p.m.) leaving feces and disturbing area dogs; couples making out in the park; young kids smoking when school is out; and trespassing on private property. Yatomi stated she is shocked about the unruly conduct,

swearing, and boasting (regarding beating of others) of these teenagers. Kids need to be taught respect and consideration for their neighbors. Solutions: Change park closure time from 10 p.m. to 8 p.m.; signage stating no unruly conduct; removal of the two tables; fix cuts in fence or replace; placement of two signs where tables were (forest area); increase of HPD patrols especially from after school and during summer break when children and adults loiter in the park.

Comments and concerns: 1) Chair Poirier said a resolution would be prepared for next month's meeting. 2) Lt. Nishihara noted that Maukaunulau Community Park is a public park and there are no rules regarding swearing. He added that the park is patrolled nightly and cleared at 10 p.m. 3) Chair Poirier asked if changing the park closure time to 8 p.m. would be a problem. An audience member replied that sports teams may object. He said that the park is misused because although it is a community park, regional soccer events are hosted. He asked that the restrooms be kept opened and that it be made safe for the community. Val Yatomi was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Protection of all Shorelines along the Kahuku Golf Course** – No representative was present.

**Without objections the agenda was taken out of order to Community Forum-Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project.**

**Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project** – Pat Lee circulated informational handouts and noted the Minimal Operable Segment was approved on February 27, 2007. The next phase is the Environmental Studies with scoping meetings planned for Wednesday, March 28, 2007 from 6 to 9 p.m. (tonight) at Kapolei Hale; Thursday, March 29, 2007 at McKinley High School from 5 to 8 p.m.; and an Informational Meeting at Salt Lake Elementary School on Tuesday, April 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. Written comments can be submitted to [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org) or mailed to: Department of Transportation Services, City and County of Honolulu, 650 South King Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813, Attention: Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project.

Concerns and Comments: 1) Chair Poirier asked the turnout at the Kapolei meeting this evening. Lee replied about 35. The meeting is an open house format with several stations and someone available to answer questions. The purpose of the meeting is to get public input to help the planners. He explained that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a planning tool, a disclosure document to disclose facts. 2) Freed said she does not understand why there is no proposed line to Central Oahu. Lee answered the current plan is focusing on the Leeward Corridor (Kapolei to U.H. Manoa). The transit would be built in phases and availability of funding. 3) Luli mentioned that in the next two years Mililani will have an additional 50,000 new homes. 4) Weinberger pointed out that all cars get together at the merge (H-1/H-2) and the transit affects this area, however no meetings are scheduled for Mililani. Lee replied Mililani had a transportation committee meeting September of last year. 5) Nilsen stated planning for something in the Mililani area should start now to secure the land. Pat Lee was thanked for attending the meeting.

#### **REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor's Representative:** Michelle Kidani noted that the Mayor's sends his Aloha. Follow up – The contract has been awarded for the tennis courts at the District Park and work should start in April 2007. The burnt out lights at Noholoa Park comfort station have been replaced. The missed walls of the Waena Park comfort station have been painted. Neighborhood Election ballots have been mailed out. For the first time there is an option to vote online, which saves about forty-seven cents per ballot returned via the postal service. Deadline for voting is April 16, 2007 and the results will be announced on May 1, 2007. The swearing in ceremony is scheduled for June 2 at the Mission Memorial Auditorium, with an orientation and workshops included. Kidani announced Honolulu Family Festival, Magic Island from March 29 to April 1, 2007.

Comments and concerns: 1) Freed reported graffiti on the pilings along the H-2 overpass near Wikao Street and Waikalani Drive, possibly Board of Water Supply or State property and wanted to know who is responsible to remove the graffiti. 2) Chair Poirier mentioned complaints regarding no candidate profiles with the pictures on the internet. He added that Board member Carl Medeiros submitted a one liner and it was not posted. Kidani replied that a staff member called all candidates to see if they wanted to do a profile. Siegel and Hamada said they received no call from the Neighborhood Commission Office. Kidani replied a profile could possibly be added to the website (only) and she would follow up. 3) Luli reported a large panel truck with no license plates received an abandoned vehicle notice and a citation on it and wanted to know how long before it is removed. Follow up will be done. 4) Val Yatomi expressed residents concerns regarding loitering, drinking, loud noise and

graffiti problems at Maukaunulau Community Park. Neighbors would also like two tables removed from the park. Follow up will be done. Michelle Kidani was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Councilmember Nestor Garcia** – Lori Kunioka circulated Councilmember Garcia's written report, which included highlights of the City's FY08 budget. She was available for questions.

Comments and concerns: 1) Follow up will be done regarding the Waianuhea Project. Lori Kunioka was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Governor's Representative** – No representative was present.

**Senator Ron Menor** – Carlton Saito reported the Senate will honor Natalie Rodrigues tomorrow with a certificate of recognition. The Senator has been successful with at least four Mililani Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – Mililani High School design and construction of a drop off area, turn around and guest parking for the new ten classroom building; Mililani Middle School design and construction for a covered play court, ground and site improvements; Mililani Uka Elementary School design and construction for electrical system improvements; and Mililani Public Library design and construction for parking lot expansion. Carlton Saito was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Representative Marilyn Lee** – Ann Thornock circulated the written report and apologized for Representative Lee not being in attendance this evening due to a Finance meeting. The legislature is half way through the session which ends on May 3, 2007. A certificate of recognition was presented to Natalie Rodrigues by the House of Representatives yesterday. A handout was distributed regarding the new website service.

Concerns and comments: 1) Bass relayed that HB 582, relating to appropriations for an EMS for Mililani passed the Health Committee but died in the Appropriations Committee. He mentioned a scenario with a young child occurred with emergency responders (HFD and EMS) taking twenty-five minutes to respond. He added by then the child went into convulsions. Bass said that Representative Lee is on the Appropriations Committee and wanted to know why the bill died. Thornock replied the choice was either an appropriations bill or the request put directly into the budget. The budget was chosen. 2) Thornock mentioned that in the Ways and Means Committee there is a provision for additional money for ambulance equipment and Representative Lee is hoping it gets in the budget as well. 3) Luli asked Thornock to thank Representative Lee for her work on the Shack. 4) Carlton Saito added regarding the CIP, the Senate voted to pass its version, but it must still go to the Conference Committee. The Ways and Means Committee voted on a \$10 million special bond for Hanalani School. Ann Thornock was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Representative Ryan Yamane** – No representative was present.

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

**Publicity/Public Relations** – Freed reported that Chair Poirier and Nilsen had a meeting and discussed ideas for the Honolulu Advertiser's Board website. She suggested pictures and stories to give the site more appeal and asked for input from Board members. She will contact James Gonser of the Honolulu Advertiser with asking to do Board surveys for the blogs. Nilsen suggested breaking down the website by subdistricts. Freed was thanked for her report.

**Chair's Report** – Chair Poirier thanked Susan Hough for doing a good job with the recognition awards. Today a letter requesting a formal meeting was sent to Governor Lingle.

There was no committee or other reports.

**Without objections the agenda was taken out of order to Community Forum – Oahu Arts Center.**

**Oahu Arts Center** – Remington reported the Arts Center is having auditions for "Honk." Cingular/AT&T has opened a new branch office at Mililani Town Center and donated \$1,000 to the Oahu Arts Center.

The agenda order resumed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Resolution in support of Proposed Hanalani School Expansion – Hough moved, seconded by Bass that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 strongly supports the Hanalani Schools request for Special Purpose Revenue Bond not to exceed \$10 million. The resolution was adopted, 13-0-0 (Aye: Poirier, Hough, Freed, Iuli, Wong, Siegel, Weinberger, Bremer, Hamada, Nilsen, Bass, Loomis, Remington).**
- **Motion/Resolution Regarding Problems at Maukaunulau Community Park (16-acre Park) – Deferred.**
- **Motion that a Stamp Machine be Purchased for Use at and by the Neighborhood Commission Office in Kapolei – Chair Poirier explained that this was his idea and that a large mail out for the Board was not done in a timely manner and that postage stamps were used. Bass moved, seconded by Remington that the Neighborhood Commission Office in Kapolei be authorized to purchase a stamp machine. The motion carried 13-0-0 (Aye: Poirier, Hough, Freed, Iuli, Wong, Siegel, Bremer, Weinberger, Hamada, Nilsen, Bass, Loomis, Arquette).**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, Mililani Recreation Center III, at 7:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT –** The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by Nola J. Frank,  
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by,  
Dick Poirier, Chair