



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

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### **DRAFT- MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2008 MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III**

**CALL TO ORDER** Chair Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., and led those present in the pledge of allegiance. Note: This 23 member Board requires a vote of 12 to adopt a motion/resolution.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elizabeth Andrews, Dick Poirier, Resa Tsuneyoshi, Ann Freed, Barbara Pua Iuli, Jessie Weinberger, Josie Kaanehe, Karen Loomis, Hallah Nilsen. Charlie Remington, Mary Jean Castillo-Barkley, Danielle Bass, T. Lulani Arquette, Carole Siegel, Douglas Thomas, Alvin Wong, Noel Araki, Rodney Park (appointed tonight), Joy Marshall (appointed tonight).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Erik Chun, Keith Hamada, Mary Segura, William Bass.

**GUESTS:** Major John Herrman (Wheeler-25CAB), Christopher Mahoney (WAAF 25CAB), Officer Wendy Atabay (Honolulu Police Department-Community Policing), Michelle Kidani (Mayor's Office/Neighborhood Commission Office), Andrew Keliikoa (Board of Water Supply), Senator Ron Menor, Lt. S. Nishihara (Honolulu Police Department, District 2 – Wahiawa), Representative Marilyn Lee, Zachary Storch (Boy Scout Troop 164), Lori Kunioka (Councilmember Nestor Garcia's Office), Carlton Saito (Senator Ron Menor's Office), Gayle Yamaguchi (Vice Principal), Valerie Kardash, (Principal), and Wayne Autele (Security Officer) (Mililani Middle School, Lillian B. Koller (Governor's Representative/Department of Human Services), Pat Lee (Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project), Darin Mar (Department of Transportation Services – TheBoat), Ivonne Cardenas (Makakilo.com), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**VACANCIES:** None.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2008** – The following corrections/additions were made:

- Thomas noted that the resolution relating to Corporate Campaign Contributions was not attached with this month's mailing.
- Page, Mayor's report, bullet 2, "...delete an unofficial substation and is currently in the approval process..."

**Without objection, the regular meeting minutes of May 28, 2008 were approved as amended.**

**FILLING OF TWO VACANCIES IN SUB-DISTRICT 2** – Rodney S. Park and Joy A. Marshall volunteered to fill the two vacancies in sub-district 2. Each gave a brief background on themselves and interests in the community. **Remington moved seconded by Freed to accept both volunteers to fill the sub-district 2 vacancies. The motion was adopted unanimously, 17-0-0** (Castillo-Barkley, Siegel, Andrews, Arquette, Freed, Tsuneyoshi Araki, Weinberger, Thomas, Poirier, D. Bass, Nilsen, Wong, Iuli, Loomis, Kaanehe, Remington). The Neighborhood Assistant verified their residency and administered the oath of office.

#### **COMMUNITY FORUM:**

**HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD)** – No representative was present.

**HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD)** – Lt. S. Nishihara reported the following:

1. Property Crime statistics:
  - May 2008 - 20 burglaries, 11 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle), 20 auto thefts, 17 thefts, and 12 graffiti.



- June 2008 - 11 burglaries, 17 UEMV, 5 auto thefts, 26 thefts, and 16 graffiti.

2. Highlights:

- May 28 – A 34-year old Hokuili Street male, shot off about 7 rounds from a semi-automatic handgun. The male was arrested for reckless endangering 1<sup>st</sup> degree and 2 counts of ownership of a firearm/ammunition prohibited; no one was injured
- July 7 – District 2 Crime Reduction Unit executed a search warrant on Waimakua Drive after an investigation was initiated in response to numerous complaints of drug activity at one address. Six adults were arrested for various drug charges and outstanding arrest warrants. Four of the six have extensive criminal records, including one with 99 prior arrests.

3. To report drug activity in your neighborhood contact:

- HPD Narcotics/Vice Division **529-3101**
- Crime Stoppers – **955-8300**
- Nuisance Abatement Unit (AG's Office) – **586-1328**

4. Pamphlets regarding the Narcotics/Vice Division and Home Security tips were circulated.

**BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY (BWS)** – Andrew Keliikoa invited everyone to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale on Saturday, August 2, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden, 99-1268 Iwaena Street; parking on Iwaena and `Iwa`Iwa Streets with free shuttles on Iwaena Street; and carpooling is encouraged. Enter for a chance to win an “Extreme Xeriscape Garden Makeover” valued at more than \$18,000 sponsored by Steve’s Gardening Service, Inc, Rain Bird, and Friends of Xeriscape Garden. Bring your own containers for free mulch. Log on to [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) or call 748-5041 for more information.

**MILITARY** – Major J. Herrman announced the Wheeler Army Air Field Open House on Thursday, July 31, 2008 from 5:30 -7:00 p.m. at MFROE, Bldg 113. The event will focus on combat Aviation Brigade training on Oahu, highlight the 25<sup>th</sup> CAB’s “Fly Friendly Program”, and recognize local leaders for their community relation contributions. The invitation is to be used as a pass on to WAAF installation that will be checked against an invite roster and parking pass. To RSVP call 656-6663 or email [john.herrman@shafter.army.mil](mailto:john.herrman@shafter.army.mil).

**OAHU ARTS CENTER (OAC)** – No report.

**HONOLULU HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT** – No representative present at this time.

**OTHER COMMUNITY CONCERN** – No community concerns.

**RECOGNITION AWARDS:** Committee Chair Kaanehe presented lei and certificates of recognition to:

- Mililani Middle School Principal Val Kardash, for outstanding leadership and dedicated public service as a principal of Mililani Middle School and commitment to the continued well-being of our Mililani Community is truly appreciated by the residents of Central Oahu.
- Mililani Middle School Security Officer Wayne Autele, for his sacrifice, hard work, and dedication as an outstanding safety officer at Mililani Mauka Middle School. His many accomplishments to the well-being of our Mililani community are truly appreciated by the residents of Central Oahu.

**Without objection the agenda was taken out of order to 4.F Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project.**

**COMMUNITY FORUM:**

**Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project** – Pat Lee gave the following update: The Moanalua Shopping Center to the airport spur has been added to the project (17 additional minutes). The U.S. Appropriation

Committee voted allowing 20 miles for the Honolulu Transit Project. The list relating to programs mandated by the Federal government was reported.

The agenda order resumed.

**Certificate of Recognition** – Scott Ishikawa was presented with a Certificate of Recognition by Senator Ron Menor on behalf of the 2008 Senate. Ishikawa thanked everyone for their support in the last five years, and said he is focusing on his family.

Without objection, the agenda was taken out of order to 6. Elected Officials, A. Mayor's Mufi Hannemann's Representative.

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

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

- Mayor Mufi Hannemann sends his aloha.
- Makaunulau Park – a) the benches will be removed by July 25<sup>th</sup>. b) The four-foot high chain link fence belongs to the townhouse not DPR. c) Regarding request to close opening between fenced area and town home, the opening is the entrance to the park from the cul-de-sac. Residents in the area as well as the town house use that entrance to access the park and closing it off would mean that residents would have to travel around the block to enter the park. d) Funding in the FY09 budget did not allow for security lighting.
- Verizon Wireless - As of July 18, no application has been received by the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) from Verizon Wireless.
- Mililani Transit Center (MTC) - Due to the high number of incidents of vandalism, loitering, and questionable activities at the Mililani Transit Center, the City feels that the presence of police at the proposed unofficial substation will serve as a deterrent to undesirable activities, thus making the transit center safer and more attractive for patrons of the public transit system. In the last month the following have occurred and observed at MTC – a) bathroom (men's) missing the toilet holder and paper towel dispenser; b) graffiti/scratching on railings; peeling paint, especially downstairs interior wall by the utility room door; c) fire extinguishers are missing, the enclosures are damaged and one door missing; d) elevator door interior riddled with scratches; e) fence on median (small portion) is leaning/damaged. f) HPD support needed to stop illegal "U" turns, especially the mauka side and cars blocking buses from entering the MTC.
- H2 Freeway Bridge - The area directly under the H2 freeway Bridge, on Waikalani Drive, South of Wikao Street is private until you get to the chain link fence that belongs to the state all the way past the bridge and then it becomes private again. Signage has been posted on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> (no parking, tow away zone) in the chain link area of concern, and the Department of Transportation has cleaned the area. Vehicles were towed by HPD on Saturday night. The president of the association raising the concern was notified.
- Chair Poirier requested to have Richard Torres, Deputy Director, City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) attend the August meeting.
- Andrews suggested naming the Mililani Transit Center Community Meeting Room after former Board member MaryAnne Selander.

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

**Councilmember Nestor Garcia** – Lori Kunioka reported the following:

- Kuahelani Neighborhood Park - The basketball courts at Kuahelani Neighborhood Park are being reconstructed. Construction is anticipated to be completed within the next 5-6 months. Landscaping is currently being worked on along the perimeter of the courts. . Vandalism has been a problem in the past and public assistance in watching out for illegal activities in the area is requested.

- Fiscal Year 2009 Budget - Included in the budget (\$1.0001 million) bicycle projects for bikeway improvements at various locations including Mililani.
- Increase in Transit Ridership - With the rise in fuel costs motorists are more actively seeking transit alternatives such as TheBus, bikes, TheBoat or Vanpool Hawaii to get around Bus ridership has increased; and sales at bike shops is increasing.
- Zipper Lane – Starting July 1, 2008 the Zipper lane occupancy requirement for motorists to use will go from 2 persons to 3.
- National Night Out – Mililani Drug Free will be hosting National Night Out, Mililani Rec. Center 5 on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Presale tickets are being sold at the Mililani Town Association (MTA) office for \$5.00/plate.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Follow up will be done if there are plans to increase bus service due to the rise in fuel costs.
2. Verizon has withdrawn their request for Mililani District Park. Council member Garcia is attempting to contact the shopping center for an alternate location within the site. Updates will be reported as they arise.
3. Follow up will be done if there was any soil contamination from the Regional Park carnival.

**Without objection the agenda was taken out of order to 5. Public Forum**

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

**UPDATE ON THEBOAT** – Darin Mar, circulated informational pamphlets and highlighted:

- Service started on September 17, 2007, with commuter service connecting Kalaeloa to downtown in 60 minutes, Monday thru Friday, during peak commute hours only. For your convenience TheBoat has two restrooms, a snack bar, free WiFi, work tables, two decks, and can accommodate bicycles.
- If mechanical difficulties arise, the bus (express) will shuttle all passengers to downtown/Kalaeloa.
- The Kapolei Park and Ride, located in the Kapolei Home Depot parking lot, with the convenient F-shuttle bus stop on Kapolei Parkway brings you directly from the Park and Ride to TheBoat. Parking at Kalaeloa Pier is free with 23 carpool parking stalls within the parking lot adjacent to the pier for those cars with two or more occupants. Exact change is required for riders or ticket-books, or single tickets may be purchased. Visit [www.trytheboat.com](http://www.trytheboat.com) for more information.
- On August 25, 2008 the shuttle bus will be expanded to the Leeward Coast (Makaha, Kapolei Villages, and the Homestead); also included will be service from Ewa Beach (dedicated Route 41) to the Kapolei Transit Center where the Route 41 will meet up with the shuttle to the Kalaeloa Pier.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. July ridership is up 25% and is expected to increase; over 50,000 passengers have used the shuttle since the start.
2. The bus fleet is being upgraded, but it was not known of any plans to increase the number of bus trips to Mililani.
3. Passenger comfort is a priority and weather conditions decide if a cancellation would occur or not (wind conditions, rough seas during winter time).
4. Opportunities are being looked at to expand the service for the weekends. However, docking facilities would be needed. Currently, funding allows for Monday – Friday service; expansion of service would be taken under consideration.

**REPORT OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S CONTINUED:**

**GOVERNOR LINDA LINGLE'S REPRESENTATIVE** – Lillian Koeller announced that copies of the Governor's neighborhood Board Update were available on the back table, and highlighted:

- Governor Lingle will host the fifth annual International Women's Leadership Conference on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. This year's conference will provide participants with an opportunity to network with 1,200 attendees from 9 different nations, focusing on sharing, Perspectives, Reflections and Visions for a Global Community." The

conference will be moderated by Mrs. Vivian Aiona, and feature a video message from Condoleezza Rice, U.S. Secretary of State.

- Follow up –U-turn request at the Meheula Parkway and Kamehameha Highway intersection (exiting the Post Office) has been requested many times with the State Department of Transportation (DOT) opposing. According to Alvin Takeshita, a yield u-turn to exit the post office back up to Meheula Parkway will not accommodate all types of vehicles to make the u-turn; and the short median length from the post office access to the left lane will create safety issues.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. A request was made to have Alvin Takeshita from DOT to attend the August meeting.
2. Follow up will be done regarding money appropriated for Mililani schools not included for release.

**SENATOR RON MENOR** – Carlton Saito distributed the written report and noted:

1. Senator Menor is leaving tonight for a three-day renewable energy workshop in Colorado.
2. The Sierra Club gave the Senator the highest score card on energy and environmental issues.
3. Act 208 establishes and appropriates funds for a full-time, temporary Renewable Energy Facilitator position in the State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) to streamline the process for obtaining the necessary permits for renewable energy projects.
4. The Senate overrode 14 bills this month.

**REPRESENTATIVE MARILYN LEE** – Representative Lee circulated her written report, People First Session report, and highlighted:

1. Mililani High School - \$300,000 has been released for design and construction of a drop off area, turn around and guest parking for the new classroom building; ground and site improvements.
2. Included in the packet was the tentative construction schedule for the Interstate Route H-2 Rehabilitation Interchange and Mililani Interchange On/Off Ramps, Ka Uka Blvd., and Meheula Parkway overpasses, and Kipapa Stream Bridge, Federal Aid Project.
3. Councilmember Nestor Garcia was elected OMPO chair.
4. The Kamehameha Highway ditch next to Wheeler has been filled.
5. Central Oahu Veterans "Talk Story" session was held last month.
6. Introduced a bill which establishes a two-year pilot program allowing the courts to require an abuser to wear a global positioning system device; and prohibits contact with the victim within court defined geographic exclusion zones, and notification of the victim and police when the abuser enters those zones.

**REPRESENTATIVE RYAN YAMANE:** Representative Yamane circulated his written report and highlighted:

1. H B 2438, relating to fire-safe cigarettes passes legislation and goes into effect January 2009.
2. Littlele spiny caterpillars (invasive species) in Kipapa Gulch were reported to the State Department of Agriculture and asked that the State Department of Health intervene. Traps are being put out and when caught the area would be sprayed with insecticide. A long-term biological response would be to import a small wasp to help resolve of the problem.
3. Pandemic exercises were held yesterday at Honolulu Airport.
4. A joint informational briefing was held on June 24, 2008 in conjunction with the Senate Tourism Committee requesting that the CEO's of Hawaiian Airlines, United Airlines, the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and the Hawaii Visitors Convention Bureau provide the legislature with additional information following the closures of Aloha and ATA Airlines.
5. Rep. Yamane was thanked for SB2542, relating to public health.

**OTHER** – There were no other reports.

**COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:**

**Chairs Report:** Chair Poirier reported the following:

- Charlie Remington is the new Recreation Committee chair.
- A new Board Treasurer would be elected in August.
- All Board members were encouraged to attend the once monthly agenda setting meeting to discuss topics.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion Regarding Board Intervention in the Castle & Cooke Koa Ridge/Waiawa State Land Use district Application – Thomas moved seconded by Freed that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25. by and through its Chair, Richard G. Poirier, hereby gives notice of its intent to file a petition to intervene as a party before the State Land Use Commission regarding Castle & Cooke Homes, Inc.'s State land use district application to amend the agricultural land use district boundary into the urban district for approximately 7566.327 acres at Waipio and Waiawa, Island of Oahu, Hawaii. The motion was adopted unanimously, 19-0-0 (Andrews, Poirier, Tsuneyoshi, Freed, Iuli, Weinberger, Kaanehe, Loomis, Nilsen, Remington, Castillo-Barkley, D. Bass, Araki, Arquette, Siegel, Thomas, Wong, Park, Marshall).**

**Resolution/Motion Regarding Use of Community meeting Room at the Mililani Transit Center – Araki moved seconded by Freed:**

**WHEREAS, the concept of including a community room as part of the Mililani Transit Center was based upon the need for additional community meeting space and adopted as a Mililani Vision Team project; and**

**WHEREAS, a community room was built as part of the Mililani Transit Center which was dedicated in August 2007; and**

**WHEREAS, it was the intent of the Vision Team and those attending the dedication ceremony that the room would be primarily for community use such as – but not limited to – community meetings; and**

**WHEREAS, almost one year has passed since the dedication of this much-needed and appreciated public transit facility without a program of how the community may access and use the community meeting room; now therefore**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu neighborhood Board No. 25 requests the community room located in the Mililani Transit Center at the Mililani Town Center be opened for community use as soon as possible; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, the Department of Transportation Services, and Councilperson Nestor Garcia.**

**The motion was adopted 18-10-1, Aye:** (Andrews, Poirier, Tsuneyoshi, Freed, Iuli, Weinberger, Loomis, Nilsen, Remington, Castillo-Barkley, D. Bass, Araki, Arquette, Siegel, Thomas, Wong, Park, Marshall); **Abstention:** (Kaanehe).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Next Board Meeting will be at the Mililani Recreation Center III, Wednesday, August 27, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.**
- **Public Hearing Notice: Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25** (For the purpose of receiving public testimony on a proposal to adjust the distribution of seats for the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board N. 25 by increasing its four (4) at-large seats to eight (8) at large seats and decreasing one seat in each of its four (4) sub-districts) Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 7:45 p.m., Mililani Recreation Center III, 95-281 Kaloapau Street, Mililani HI 96789.
- **Board meeting may be viewed on `Olelo Channel 49, Sundays at 6:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Poirier adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Nola J Frank,  
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by,  
Dick Poirier, Chair