



MILILANI/ WAIPIO/ MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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**DRAFT- MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008
MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III**

CALL TO ORDER Chair Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:35 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: Mary Jean Castillo-Barkley, William Bass, Danielle Bass, Erik Chun, Ann Freed, Keith Hamada, Barbara Pua Iuli, Joy Marshall, Rodney Park, Dick Poirier, Charlie Remington, Mary Segura, Carole Siegel, Douglas Thomas, Resa Tsuneyoshi, Jessie Weinberger, Alvin Wong,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Noel Araki, T. Lulani Arquette, Elizabeth Andrews, Josie Kaanehe, Karen Loomis, Hallah Nilsen

GUESTS: Ayako Kawabata (HDR/HPE), Roy Abe (HDR/Hawaii Pacific Engineers), Michelle Kidani (Office of the Mayor/Neighborhood Commission Office), Major Bart Huber (Honolulu Police Department, District 2-Wahiawa), Trevor Nagamine, Ann Thornock, Hale Thornock, Andrew Keliikoa (Board of Water Supply), Captain B. Samala, FF Thornock, Major John Herrman, Chris Mahoney, Brian Hunt, and Adam Lang (25th CAB); M/M Gary Chock, David Aki, Marion Poirier, Colin Kippen, Randall Yee, Lori Kunioka (Office of Councilmember Nestor Garcia), Lillian Koller (Office of the Governor/Department of Human Services), Richard Torres (Deputy Director, City Department of Transportation Services) Representative Marilyn Lee, Representative Ryan Yamane, Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

VACANCIES: None.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2008 – Chair Poirier asked if there were any corrections/additions to the regular meeting minutes of September 24, 2008.

Without objection, the regular meeting minutes of September 24, 2008 were approved as written, 17-0-0.

MEET-THE-CANDIDATES GENERAL ELECTION FORUM – Deferred until later in the meeting.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Thornock reported:

- September statistics included 2 structures, 1 wildland, and 3 rubbish; 49 medical and 3 miscellaneous calls.
- Fire Safety Tip – When selecting Halloween costumes, ensure they are flame-resistant, made of lightweight fabric, brightly colored, and clearly visible to motorists. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape. Keep the length of costumes short to prevent tripping. A natural mask of cosmetics is better than a mask that may restrict breathing or obscure vision. Children should carry flashlights to light their way.
- Hurricane Ike's furry with 110-mph winds that seized a Texas coastal community is a reminder that our islands are not immune to nature's storm conditions. The hurricane season extends through the month of December, and HFD encourages every family to take the necessary steps to ensure that your family is prepared in the event of a



hurricane. Do you have a survival kit prepared? Do you know the location of your nearest hurricane shelter? Additional information and answers to these questions can be found on the Department of Emergency Management's website at www.honolulu.gov/ocda/.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Major Bart Huber reported:

- September statistics included 15 burglaries (including the Mauka area), 27 UEMV (unauthorized entry into motor vehicle), 21 stolen vehicles, 21 thefts, and 8 graffiti (7 arrests made). Please continue to call 911 when witnessing suspicious activity.
- Kipapa Gulch suspect – On October 04, 2008 a male suspect was chased to Kipapa Gulch for burglaries on Pulehu Street. The suspect was apprehended today in a stolen vehicle with jewelry taken from a Kaneohe burglary.

Questions, comments concerns: 1) Concern was raised for residents regarding excessive boom box noise near and around the Mililani Town Square across from Ruby Tuesday's, and the Town Center. Hours of excessive noise is between 5-7 p.m., but could possibly be until the late night hours. Question posed was what is HPD doing and the status of enforcement. In answer, Lt. Nishihara did a program regarding this issue. The Traffic Division will be asked to come out to monitor the area and issue citations; Third Watch will be asked to step up enforcement; and district lieutenants will be informed. 2) Concern was raised about cars honking horns while running red lights at the intersections of Meheula Parkway and Kuahelani and Kamehameha Highway and Meheula Parkway. Follow up will be done. 3) Remington asked if there were any questions to the Mayor relative to HPD that the Board could help. Major Huber replied that recruitment and retention is the issue. However, lowering officer training requirement standards is not an option.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Andrew Keliikoa had no report, but reminded everyone that we are currently in a drought period and to use and conserve water wisely.

Military – Presentation will be given later in the meeting.

Oahu Arts Center (OAC) – Freed reported the OAC is seeking help with grants from City Council before Castle and Cooke takes back the land given to them. Call 848-7632 for information about the Sound of Music performances (November 8, 9 and 15 and 16).

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) – Pat Lee gave the following update:

- Distributed and informational handout "Honolulu Rail Transit" questions and answers.
- There is a lot of media in the Financial News.
- Noted that the economic benefit would create 4700 new construction jobs for Phase 1 of the project for 10 years; 3700 jobs; 11,300 the 3rd year; with the possibility of FTA funding.
- There are also opportunities for the Transit Oriented Development.
- Every dollar invested will earn a six dollar return (economic benefit).
- The next Transit meeting will be held on October 23, 2008, Mililani Waena Elementary School from 6-8 p.m.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Funding source for jobs would be from the half percent General Excise Tax approved by the legislature (Act 247) and federal resource friends would be applied for after the environmental process (\$700 million) 2) It was noted that the handout has very good information and suggested that everyone take the time to read it.

Other Community Concern:

PUBLIC FORUM:

Update on Proposed Mililani Wastewater Preliminary Treatment Facility (WWPTF) – Roy Abe circulated the public outreach information including the odor survey results, the WWPTF meeting summary from the October 3, 2008 meeting, and highlighted:

- The purposes of the meeting were to inform the community of the Mililani Wastewater Preliminary Treatment Facility project, inform the community of a proposed Board of Water Supply project, and field question from residents that will be affected by the project.
- The original facility provided a full secondary treatment and discharged the treated wastewater to Kipapa Stream. As a result of the Clean Water Act, the Department of Health imposed stringent stream water quality standards that the treated effluent could not meet. Because the City could no longer discharge the treated effluent into the stream, a transmission line from the Mililani WWPTF was constructed to the Waipahu Wastewater Pump Station; then from Waipahu to the Honouliuli WWTP. Clogging of sludge lines and the resulting accumulation of sludge in the tanks led to major odor problems for area residents.
- The current project is required because of the increased flows resulting from the increase in population in the Mililani service area.
- Two functions of the headworks facility are grinding of large material, and removal of grit material, such as sand and gravel. The facility reduces the potential for clogging of the downstream sewers and pumps, which can lead to sewage spills.
- The project will include construction of two new grinder channels with higher capacity grinder units and two bypass channels with screens.
- Hydrogen sulfide level measurements obtained recently by the City resulted that the levels are well below the regulatory limit along the perimeter fence.
- An odor survey was recently conducted with the survey form included with the public information meeting notification and mailed to approximately 300 residents. The results indicate that the odors are emanating from manholes located on the main trunk sewer line up stream of the Mililani WWPTF. The manhole was repaired by the City.
- Odors can be reduced by installing carbon canisters in the manholes to absorb odors and by providing improved sealing of the manholes; and removing accumulated solids from the sewer line.
- Replacing the existing 75 horsepower blower will be a 10 horsepower blower; retained was an acoustical engineer to ensure compliance with applicable noise standards.
- During the Environment Assessment (EA) process only residents closest to the Mililani WWPTF were notified and no objections were received. However, during the Public Infrastructure Map (PIM) amendment process, the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) notified only residents near the plant. Other area residents raised concern about not also being notified and not receiving any information.
- The City is currently applying for a Special Use Permit (SUP) which should have been obtained by the original developer during the original construction of the plant. Since the State Land Use Commission and the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) have no records of a SUP, therefore it is assumed that the SUP was not obtained.
- It was suggested by a resident that an access to the plant site via the adjacent agricultural lots be provided to avoid truck and other vehicle traffic through the residential neighborhood. However, the long paved all-weather road that would be required for this alternate access would be very costly and cannot be funded at the present time due to other sewer upgrade work having much higher priority.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Odor levels from the plant will decrease. 2) The complaint received regarding odor in a four bathroom home was due to the plumbing problems within the home. 3) Board

members as well as residents within 1500 feet of the facility will be notified prior to the December 10, 2008 DPP hearing.

Wheeler Army Airfield Video and Certificate of Appreciation Presentations: Major John Herrman presented an historical video about Wheeler Army formerly known as Wheeler Air Force Base. On behalf of Colonel Michael Lundy, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Commander, Lt. Colonel Long presented the Board with a certificate of appreciation for sharing the tradition of `ohana:

- ❖ In recognition of your organizations support to soldiers and family members of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division during the global war on terror. Your organization's efforts have made a difference in the lives of each and every army family.

8:18 p.m. Recess for Candidate forum. 9:44 P.M. the agenda order resumed

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS – Deferred.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS: Deferred.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Regarding Proposed Mililani Preliminary Treatment Facility:

B. Bass moved, seconded by D. Bass in support of the Mililani Wastewater Preliminary Treatment Facility (WWPTF) Modifications -

WHEREAS, the proposed modifications to the WWPTF are required to improve treatment of wastewater including major improvements to the headworks, modifications to the existing sludge pump building, and the drying beds; and

WHEREAS, there have been many concerns expressed by neighboring residents regarding limited disclosure to the neighbors, access to the site through neighborhood streets, wording of the possibility of the improvements accommodating future developments such as Waiawa and Koa Ridge, and Board of Water Supply proposed use of the facility to transport R-1 water from Wahiawa to the Central Oahu Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, at the behest of Neighborhood Board No. 25, a public informational meeting was conducted on October 3, 2008, to allow residents to discuss their concerns and have them resolved to their satisfaction, and a site visit was conducted on October 4, 2008, to give residents the opportunity to witness the processing of wastewater at the site; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Neighborhood Board No. 25 concurs in and supports the proposed WWPTF modifications subject to the following conditions: 1. that the City use the expanded public outreach mailing list developed by Hawaii Pacific Engineers (approximately 300 residents within 1,500 feet of the site) for notification of the City Planning Commission hearing on the project; 2. that access to the site be limited to the extent practicable and that City vehicles be operated with extra care to minimize interference with neighborhood traffic and avoid the possibility of spillage and accident potential in the area; 3. that the City install activated carbon canisters in selected manholes to reduce odor problems; and; 4. that the WWPTF not be used to accommodate wastewater from any future Central Oahu developments such as at Waiawa and Koa Ridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Neighborhood Board No. 25 commends the work and cooperative efforts of Hawaii Pacific Engineers to resolve objections to the project raised by neighboring property owners; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; all City Council members; the Director of the City and County of Honolulu Department of Design and Construction; Mr. Roy Abe, Hawaii Pacific Engineers, Inc.; and the Director of the State Office of Environmental Quality Control.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 17-0-0 (Castillo-Barkley, W. Bass, D. Bass, Chun, Freed, Hamada, Iuli, Marshall, Park Poirier, Remington, Segura, Siegel, Thomas, Tsuneyoshi, Weinberger, Wong).

Motion Recommending that Councilmember Nestor Garcia Request the preparation of an Investigation and Service Report for a Traffic Light at the Intersection of Lanikuhana Avenue and Lanipaa Street because of the Numerous Collisions and “Close Calls” with Pedestrians Crossing the Street –

Hamada moved seconded by Freed recommending that Councilmember Nestor Garcia request the preparation of an Investigation and Service Report for a traffic light at the intersection of Lanikuhana Avenue and Lanipaa Street because of the Numerous collisions and “close calls” with pedestrians crossing the street.

Discussion followed: 1) Lanipaa Street is located near Straub at the Town Center. 2) Safety concerns were raised and there are too many stoplights in the area. 3) Chair Poirier noted that the Board is asking for a traffic study. 4) Richard Torres, Deputy Director for the City Department of Transportation Services reported that in 2006 (FY 2007) an assessment was done and found that a stoplight is warranted due to safety issues. The design was completed in 2007, but is awaiting construction funds. Hopefully funding will be available this year and completions next fall. 4) Thomas relayed that the problem is both vehicular and pedestrians. 5) Sensor loops were installed with two mass arms; estimated cost is about \$350,000. 6) This stoplight is in the Phase 10 of the traffic signal program with some federal funding.

Hamada withdrew the motion; Freed agreed.

Without objection Adopt the Mililani Transit Center was added to the agenda.

Adopt Mililani Transit Center – Park moved seconded by Remington that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board adopts the Mililani Transit Center.

Discussion followed: 1) A leak at the transit center was reported. Torres said that the leak is from the upstairs bathroom, which is still under warranty; there are also five discolored tiles; all transit centers have a minimal maintenance contract. 2) Mililani High School has asked to participate with the beautification portion of the center. 3) Torres relayed that the center is still under warranty and suggested adopting a bus stop instead. Materials for maintaining the bus stops would be provided. He added that DTS has helped to restore bus stops and remove graffiti. He announced that bus stop benches will be replaced with individual stools. It is also now mandated that all bus stops are ADA compliant. 4) It was asked if the entire transit center would be adopted.

The motion was adopted 13-0-4; Aye: Castillo-Barkley, D. Bass, Chun, Freed, Hamada, Iuli, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington. **Nay:** Segura, B. Bass, Wong, Iuli.

Due to motion affecting a significant amount of people without objection the Board decided to postpone the matter until the next meeting.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Governor Linda Lingle's Representative – Lillian Koller reported:

- Follow up will be done on the U -turn request at the Meheula Parkway and Kamehameha Highway intersection (exiting the Post Office).
- Mayor's representative Michelle Kidani will follow up on what is needed from the State;
- Representative Lee questioned the status of the turnaround at Mililani High School.
- The Governor's five-point plan included in the written report.

Written reports were submitted by Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Representative Marilyn Lee and Representative Ryan Yamane.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board Recess - Chair Poirier asked if the board would like to recess in November and December. **There were no objections.**

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Submitted by Nola J. Frank,
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by Dick Poirier,
Chair