



MILILANI/ WAIPIO/ MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2009 MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dick Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m., **with a quorum of 17 members present**; and led those present in the pledge of allegiance. Note: This 23 member Board requires 12 members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Danielle Bass, William Bass, Shayne Chung, Ann Freed, Shannon Garan, Keith Hamada, Dennis Imamura, Barbara Pua Iuli, Josie Kaanehe, Karen Loomis, Joy Marshall, Rodney Park, Dick Poirier, Charlie Remington, Carole Siegel, Tony Solis, Jessie Weinberger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: William Maglinti, Jr., Mary Segura, Doug Thomas, Resa Tsuneyoshi, Alvin Wong, Shareef Wang.

GUESTS: Marilyn Yoza (U.S. 2010 Census), Will Kane (Mililani Town Association), Ann Thornock (Office of Representative Marilyn Lee), Trevor Nagamine, Corporal Andrew Bonifacio (Honolulu Police Department, District II – Wahiawa), Shaun Kawakami, Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Transit), Senator Michelle Kidani, Les Chang (Office of the Mayor/Director, Department of Parks and Recreation), Ivonne Cardenas and Bob Farrell (Makakilo.com), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2009: The regular meeting minutes of October 20, 2009 were Approved As Circulated by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 17-0-0 (AYE: D. Bass, W. Bass, Chung, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Imamura, Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, Solis, Weinberger).

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – A representative was not present.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Corporal Andrew Bonifacio reported the following:

- October 2009 Statistics – Statistics included 24 burglaries, 19 UCPV (unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle), 50 thefts, and 44 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle).
- Safety Tip – a) Don't drink and drive. b) Be aware of the surrounding when Christmas shopping.

Questions, comments and concerns: Noise Concern – Loud noise was reported at the Lutheran Church across from Ruby Tuesdays; and boom boxes at the Mililani Town Center.

Military – A representative was not present.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – A representative was not present.

Honolulu Rail Transit Project (HRT) – Pat Lee, of the Public Involvement Team, reported the following:

- Rail traffic time will not be affected by bad weather.
- Contract for the first segment has been awarded.
- \$6.5 million was released on November 18, 2009 for the first segment; and \$3.9 million for the second segment (Pearl Highlands to the Aloha Stadium).
- Contractors have been submitting lower bidding for the contract.
- A poll taken in September 2009 resulted with an increase of 60% in support of rail.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Rail Funds – The funding is encumbered and will not be raided.



2. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Timeline Review by the Governor –
3. Governor's Options – Follow up will be done and reported at the January 2010 meeting.
4. Concern for All – Concern for all is the \$1.5 million matching federal funds.

Other Community Concerns: There were no other community concerns.

Recognition Awards – Deferred until agenda item IV.B, Mililani Graffiti Task Force.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Overview of the 2010 Census – Marilyn Yoza presented the following: Census counts are mandated by Congress (Article 1 Section 2). The form is easy to fill out, important, and everyone counts. All information provided is kept confidential; and illegal activity or buildings are not reported. Breach of confidentiality could result with a fine of up to \$250,000 and up to five years in prison. Information is given out to other departments. It is important that every person is counted which helps when vaccines, disaster relief, etc. are calculated and distributed to states. People will be hired from within their residence area for six to eight weeks to canvass the neighborhoods.

Questions, comments and concerns: The reason the Hispanic race is listed first on the form is that Hispanics are the fastest growing population.

Mililani Graffiti Task Force – Josie Kaanehe presented a short video and highlighted the following: Assigned to the misdemeanor follow-up detail, Kaanehe covers the area from Mililani to the North Shore identifying areas vandalized with graffiti. The video highlighted graffiti in Mililani. Male violators range in age from 14-24, and girls are also painting graffiti. There is a masterpiece under the Waiawa Interchange that will be soon painted over.

- Graffiti Hotlines:
 - Call 911 to report a “crime in progress” and witness a graffiti vandal in action.
 - Mililani Town Association – 623-7300
 - State Highways – 831-6714
 - Bus stops, benches, shelters – 848-4500
 - Hawaiian Electric transformer boxes – 543-7370
 - City and County of Honolulu graffiti hotline – 527-5810
 - Traffic Control boxes, Honolulu Police Department graffiti hotline – 529-3222
 - Hawaiian Telcom – 611

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Prostitution in Mililani – Although a long process, prostitution by high school and middle schools at the Mililani Town Center has been shut down.
2. Graffiti Time Frame – Graffiti vandals usually tag in the afternoons or in the middle of the night between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Recognitions – Charlie Remington and Scott Ishikawa were both presented a lei and a certificate of appreciation for their hard work as an early morning “graffiti buster” volunteer. Their dedication to the well-being of the Mililani community is truly appreciated by the residents of Central Oahu.

- Charlie Remington – Thanked the Board for the lei and certificate, and noted that he goes out and paints over graffiti when time permits. All volunteers are appreciated. More paint donations are needed.
- Scott Ishikawa – Thanked Remington for his hard work; and the Board for his lei and certificate.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – Les Chang, Director for the Department of Parks and Recreation, replacing Hal Barnes this evening and was not sure if he or someone else would be assigned to the Board.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Graffiti – Graffiti was reported at bus stops.
2. Appreciation – From the Parks Department standpoint, Chang commended Remington and Ishikawa for their hard work removing graffiti; and noted that many parks are tagged with graffiti.
3. Mililani Transit Center Storage Room – Follow up will be done regarding a request to store paint and equipment used to paint over graffiti tagging.

Without objection, the agenda was taken out of order to New Business, Resolution Regarding Department of Education Furlough Fridays.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Regarding Department of Education Furlough Fridays – **Loomis moved and seconded by Siegel that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 supports and encourages any efforts to restore the maximum number of school days back to the schools year (attached). The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 17-0-0 (AYE: D. Bass, W. Bass, Chung, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Imamura, Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, Solis, and Weinberger).**

The agenda order resumed.

Councilmember Nestor Garcia – Councilmember Nestor Garcia stood on his written report.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Mayor Proposes Tougher Illegal Bulky Item Penalties – An update will be reported at a future meeting regarding concerns raised about condominiums and who will be fined if no one knows who left the bulky items out on the street curb too early, and not in the designated area to be put out the night before the pick-up date.
2. Congratulations to New Chief of Police – Louis Kealoha, the new Chief of Police was sworn in today.
3. Cell Phone Use While Driving – Because many people continue to ignore the cell phone law while driving, it was suggested that the fine be increased.
4. Graffiti – Many city parks are tagged with graffiti.

Governor Linda Lingle's Representative – Chair Poirier announced that a letter was received from Governor Lingle Chief of Staff, Barry Fukunaga saying that a representative will no longer be attending Board meetings.

Senator Michelle Kidani – Senator Michelle Kidani circulated her written report and highlighted:

- Thanksgiving Proclamation – Attached to the written report was a General Thanksgiving proclamation signed by President George Washington, on Wednesday, October 16, 1789.
- Letter to the Governor – No response has been received regarding a letter sent to the Governor about not sending a representative to Board No. 25's meetings.
- Furlough Issue – The Senate met last week and agreed to a special meeting to discuss this issue, but are awaiting a decision from the House.
- Congratulations Shareef Wang – Shown on page two of the written report is Senator Kidani and Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood No. 25 Board member Shareef Wang, a graduate of Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan, was admitted to the Hawaii State Bar Association
- Women in Government – Senator Kidani was nominated and approved for the position of State Director for the Women in Government organization, and will serve a two year term until 2011.
- Upcoming Community Events:
 - December 5, 2009 – Mililani High School Athletic Department Christmas Tree Sale.
 - December 5, 2009 – Mililani Christmas Parade, 9:00 -10:00 a.m.
 - December 12, 2009 – Gentry Waipi'o Community Association Christmas Parade, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
 - December 13, 2009 – Mililani YMCA and Mililani Town Association's First Annual Reindeer Fun Run 5K, 7:30 –9:30 a.m.

Representative Marilyn Lee – Ann Thornock distributed Rep. Lee's written report and noted:

- 2010 Legislation Session – The 2010 Legislation Session will start on the third Wednesday in January.
- No Governor's Representative at Neighborhood Board Meeting – Rep. Lee sent a letter to House Chair Say regarding this matter.

Representative Ryan Yamane – Representative Ryan Yamane circulated his written report and noted:

- Congratulations – Congratulated Board member Dennis Imamura for painting out graffiti in the Mililani Mauka area for about three years.
- 2010 Legislative Session – The legislators have decided to cut back on opening day festivities, and it will be business as usual.
- Community Events:
 - December 5, 2009, Mililani Christmas Parade (from Mililani Shopping Center to Mililani Town Center).
 - December 6, 2009, Mililani High School Winter Concert
 - December 13, 2009, Mililani Fun Run (Mililani District Park).
 - December 19, 2009, Mililani High School Winter Festival.
- District H1N1 Flu Vaccination Clinic Dates: Mililani Middle School, December 1, 2009; Mililani Uka Elementary, December 2, 2009; December 9, 2009, Kanoelani Elementary; December 15, 2009, Highlands Intermediate; December 16, 2009, Mililani Waena Elementary' and Mililani `Ike Elementary, January 7, 2010.
- Attached with the written report is information about risk factors for stroke.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Recreation – Committee Chair Remington announced that volunteers are needed for the YMCA Jingle Bell Run, Sunday, December 13, 2009.

Oahu Arts Center (OAC) – Committee Chair Freed reported a meeting was held last night and the OAC and Castle & Cooke plan to go back to the negotiation table.

Chair's Report – Chair Poirier announced the following:

- Census cards were available this evening.
- The next Land Use Hearings relating to Castle & Cooke are listed as follows: Thursday, December 3, 2009, Friday, December 4, 2009, Tuesday, December 8, 2009, meeting with the Sierra Club and the state.
- Chair Poirier will send notices to Board members and follow up with a list of witnesses on December 18, 2009.

October 2009 Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Siegel reported the Operating Account expenses of \$31.27, leaving a balance of \$1,304.27; the Publicity Account expenditures for August and September 2009 for video taping was \$500.00, leaving a balance of \$2,000.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Board Recess – The next Board will RECESS in DECEMBER.
- Next Meeting – The Board will be on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at the Mililani Recreation Center III (95-281 Kaloapau Street), at 7:30 p.m.
- Broadcast – Videotape of Board meetings are scheduled to be shown on `Olelo Channel 54, Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by:
Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Dick Poirier, Chair

RESOLUTION REGARDING STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FURLOUGH FRIDAYS

WHEREAS, Hawaii children currently have 163 instruction days, the lowest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, many Mililani parents are unable to take off from work and are faced with the added burden of finding alternative child care; and

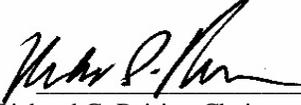
WHEREAS, many children opt to spend Furlough Fridays in malls and parks rather than studying; and

WHEREAS, Furlough Fridays contribute to the decline in the quality of public education and cause severe economic hardship and disruptions to family life; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board #25 supports and encourages any efforts to restore the maximum number of school days back to the school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Representative Ryan Yamane, Representative Marilyn Lee, House Speaker Calvin Say, Senator Michelle Kidani, Senate President Colleen Hanabusa, Mayor Mufi Hanneman, Governor Linda Lingle, the Board and Department of Education, the Hawaii Government Employees Association, the Hawaii State Teachers Association, the United Public Workers, and all neighborhood board chairs.

Adopted by Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 at its regular meeting of November 25, 2009, by a vote of 17-0-0.



Richard G. Poirier, Chair