



MILILANI/ WAIPIO/ MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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DRAFT – MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2010 MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dick Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., with **a quorum of 16 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 “Bill” Bass, Ann Freed, Shannon Garan, Keith Hamada, Dennis Imamura, Barbara Pua Iuli, Josie Kaanehe, Karen Loomis, Joy Marshall, Rodney Park, Dick Poirier, Charlie Remington (arrived at 8:26 p.m.), Mary Segura, Douglas Thomas, Shareef Wang (arrived at 8:13 p.m.), and Jessie Weinberger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shayne Chung, Keith Hamada, William Maglinti, Jr., Tony Solis, Resa Tsuneyoshi, and Alvin Wong.

VACANCIES – None.

GUESTS: Robin Yamamoto, Captain Nicholas Ploetz (25th Combat Aviation Brigade, Schofield), Randy Prothero (Mililani Chess Club), Will Kane (Mililani Town Association), Officer Chad Aoki and Lt. Eric Brown (Honolulu Police Department, District 2 – Wahiawa), Mike Dau (Kipapa Gulch Estates), Larry Terao (General Dynamics Construction Manager), Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Mililani High School Trojan Times Editorial staff, Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Project), Kevin Zheng (Mililani Ike Elementary School), Evan Zheng (Mililani Middle School), Tom Zheng and Stephen Mau (Mililani High School), Eldon Nakagawa (Our Savior Lutheran), Ford Nakagawa, Andrew Cheng, Rachel Cheng, Nathan Cheng, Hannah Cheng Trevor Nagamine, Carol Nakagawa (Mililani Chess Club); Dr. John Brummel (Mililani High School, Principal), Ben Robles, Tofi Mika, Jr. (Office of the Mayor), councilmember Nestor Garcia and Lori Kunioka (Office staff), Representative Ryan Yamane, Senator Michelle Kidani, Ivonne Cardenas (Makakilo.com – videographer), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2010 – **Hearing no objection, the regular meeting minutes of March 24, 2010 were ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY as written, 15-0-0 (AYE: D. Bass, W. Bass, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Imamura Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Segura, Thomas, Weinberger).**

COMMUNITY FORUM:

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

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Officer Chad Aoki reported the following:

April 2010 Statistics – Included 16 auto thefts, 7 auto theft recovery, 19 burglaries, 25 car break-ins, 4 graffiti, and 39 other offenses.

Military – Nicholas Ploetz reported the following:

- 1) **Vehicle Decal Policy Change (Army Installation)** –The Army is urging all drivers who live on, work on, or frequently use Army installations to register their vehicles at an Army Vehicle Registration Office and to display an official military decal on their vehicles, as part of an initiative to enhance installation security. As of May 1, 2010, drivers who do not have a current military decal (DD Form 2220) or Army pass are being routed to the closest Visitor Control Center (VCC) for a temporary access pass located at Schofield Barracks’ Lyman gate, Fort Shafter’s Buckner gate, and Tripler Army Medical Center’s Main gate. To register and receive a decal, drivers need to provide current driver’s license, vehicle registration, proof of car insurance and safety check inspection.



- 2) Contact Information – 1) Schofield Barracks Provost marshal's Office at (808) 655 – 9496; 2) Fort Shafter Provost Marshal's Office at (808) 438 – 2230; or 3) USAG – HI's Directorate of Emergency Services at (808) 656-5398, or visit <http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sites/traffic/traffic.asap>.
- 3) Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony – The annual Installation Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 31, 2010, 9:00 a.m. at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery. The ceremony is open to the public; visitors should enter via Schofield's Lyman Gate, off Kunia Road with current identification, registration, insurance and safety check. For more information call 656 – 3159.
- 4) U.S. Army Garrison – Hawaii Change of Command – Hawaii Garrison commander, Col. Matthew Margotta will be relinquishing command to Col. Douglas Mulbury, June 14, 2010, at Sills Field at 10:00 a.m.
- 5) Oahu Army Natural Resource Program: Volunteer Service Opportunities and Public Outreach – For natural resource projects and requests or information on volunteer service trips, contact environmental outreach coordinators Kim Welch (kmwelch@hawaii.ecu) or Candace Russo (Candace.r.russo@us.army.mil); or call (808) 656 – 1641.
- 6) Army School Partnerships Program – The Army's Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) is partnered with 51 Hawaii public schools through the School Partnership Program. The Fiscal Year 2010 funding, totaling \$175,000, has been released and allocated to schools; funding expires May 26, 2010. To date, there are 2,689 volunteer hours recorded for this school year. Contact the School Liaison Office at 655 – 9818 for assistance.
- 7) Army Community Theatre Events: Army Community Theatre (ACT) has been serving the military and civilian community since 1942 and is located at Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter. ACT presents a season of four major Broadway musicals and four plays in Readers Theatre format. For more information call (808) 438 – 4480 or visit <http://www.msrrarmyhawaii.com/entertainment/armytheatre.asp>.
- 8) Flickr – U.S. Army Garrison – Hawaii posts photos online at www.flickr.com/photos/usage-hi.
- 9) Twitter – USAG – Hawaii is now using Twitter, and interested persons can log on to <http://twitter.com/USAGHI>.
- 10) Noise and Dust Complaints – Refer all noise and dust complaints to Ms. Kayla Overton, Community Relations, U.S. Army Garrison – Hawaii at 656 – 3159.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Decals (Mililani Golf Course) – Follow up will be done informed about concern raised that to get a military decal at the Mililani Golf Course, one must be in line to get a number by 7:00 a.m. or not be serviced.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – A representative was not present and no report provided.

Honolulu Rail Transit Project (HRT) – Pat Lee gave the following update:

- 1) Soil Testing – Stability soil testing is being done by the City from East Kapolei to Waipahu. Night work will be done while working on the concrete pillar locations. A few intersections on Farrington Highway will have closures. For more information visit www.honolulutransit.org; or call 566 – 2299.
- 2) Runway Protection Zone – The issues has been resolved.
- 3) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) – The FEIS us under review with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
- 4) Procurement Process – A complaint received went through the procurement process and found that it was not merited. All procedures were complied with.
- 5) General Excise Tax (GET) Funding – The project has received 99.6% of the GET funding. Construction cost saved for Phase 1 is \$9 million.

Other Community Concerns – None.

Recognition Awards:

- 1) Hawaii Chess Federation and Mililani Chess Club, (Randy Prothero) – Randy Prothero was presented with a lei and certificate of appreciation for his outstanding service as President of the Hawaii Chess Federation and in guiding members of the Mililani Chess Club as they continue to achieve national, state, and local recognition as chess tournament champions and co-champions. His hard work and dedication to excellence are truly appreciated by us all.
- 2) Mililani High School Trojan Times – The Mililani High School Trojan Times were presented with lei and a Certificate of Recognition for their outstanding achievement in being selected as the best high school newspaper in the State at the 41st annual Hawaii State High School Journalism Awards competition. Their hard work and dedication to excellence are truly appreciated by the Mililani community.

Hearing no objection, the agenda was taken out of order to Report of Public Officials, Senator Michelle Kidani.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

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

- 1) Office Manager – Office Manager, Park Kaleiwahea was highlighted in this month's written report.
- 2) National Science Olympia Tournament – Mililani High School students Chad Ihara and Tru Dang took part in this tournament, which was held in Illinois and won 10th place.

8:13 p.m. Shareef Wang; **17 members present.**

The agenda order resumed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Proposed Verizon Wireless Antenna at Mililani High School Athletic Field – Larry Terao, General Dynamics Construction Manager, presented the following: Board support was being sought to install a new antenna pole at Mililani High School (95-1200 Meheula Parkway). The project consists of the installation and operation of communications equipment for Verizon Wireless' existing telecommunication network. A new 90' foot metal stadium light pole to replace the existing 90'H light pole and twelve (12) new panel antennas to replace 3 existing antennas at this site.

An Update on Happenings at Mililani High School – Principal, Dr. Brummel reported the following:

- 1) Chess Team – Thanks to Randy Prothero and others, the Mililani High School Chess Team has held the trophy for three years in a row.
- 2) Trojan Times – The school newspaper staff (Chris Sato) and students were congratulated for being recognized by the State as the best.
- 3) Football Field Turf – In 2009, a call was received from Athletic Director, Glenn Nitta regarding the poor condition of the field, noting that a decision would have to be made to shut the field down or not. Volunteers donated approximately 1,000 hours of manpower getting the field ready for soccer season. The area between the 20 yard line and 20 yard line down was closed for a month. Thanks to the many volunteers the field was up and going. This is the second year in row that volunteers have helped.
 - a. The issue went to the legislators two or three years ago and approved funding went to the Board of Education (BOE). However, the BOE deemed the money for something else.

- 4) Board of Education Meeting – Brummel will attend the BOE meeting in June with school and community representatives, hoping that the board could be encouraged to move this urgent project up on the matrix list to complete the project by the next school year.
- 5) Hosting Other Teams – Mililani High School has hosted over 100 football games over the years, teams during soccer season, etc. It was stated that the need of repair is tremendous.
- 6) Graduation – A total of 575 students graduated this year; and scholarships received totaled \$9.2 million for students with a 4.0 or higher grade point average. Approximately 90% of the students attend college.

8:26 p.m. Charlie Remington arrived; **18 members present.**

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – Tofi Mika, Jr. reported the following:

- 1) Art Exhibits at Honolulu Hale – 1) Oncology on Canvas will be displayed next week. 2) 25th Annual Korean Art Show the end of June. 3) June 19 – 20, 2010, Sunset on the Beach and Dragon Boat Races, Ala Moana Beach Park.
- 2) Kipapa Drive above the valley, painted white lines and traffic contra – flow – According to the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS), clarification is needed such as a block number, closest address or cross street. This concern will be resent to DTS with more specification.
- 3) Left Turn from Lanikuhana Avenue outside of Ruby Tuesdays – The view plane from Meheula Parkway is blocked from new signage installed causing accidents between 3 – 6 p.m. Follow up will be done.
- 4) Kuahelani Avenue off of Kipapa Drive – The roadway narrows to one lane. It was requested if the area could be changed to one left turn lane only, middle lane to go straight, and one right only turn lane. Follow up will be done
- 5) Medial Strip on Kipapa Drive – Overgrown grass was reported on the median strip on Kipapa Drive blocking the traffic calming devices. Rep. Lee said a call resulted that the area would be cleaned.
- 6) Signage on City Property – A sign was reported in a grass area on Ikoloa Street.

Councilmember Nestor Garcia – Councilmember Nestor Garcia distributed his written report and highlighted the following:

- 1) FY 2010 – 2011 City Budget Package – Bills for the FY 2010 – 2011 were passed by the City Council's Budget Committee on May 24, 2010. The budget packaged moves to full Council approval on June 9, 2010.
- 2) Capital Budget Highlights for Mililani and Central Oahu – The capital budget highlights were included in the written report.
- 3) Replacement of Councilmember Charles Djou – Resumes are being received to replace former Councilmember Charles Djou (now U.S. Congress Representative) to fulfill the term until January 2, 2011.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Seat Belt, Cell Phone Use while Driving, etc. Fines – a) It was questioned if the City or State sets polices relative to fines for violations for lack of seat belt use, cell phone/texting use while driving; noting that the fines for a first time offense should be higher. Since the current fine for no seat belt use is only \$92.00 some drivers do not heed the law but choose to violate. Councilmember Garcia said the he would bring HPD back to reassess the matter.
- 2) Fireworks Bill – A fireworks bill was signed into law allowing counties stricter enforcement.

Representative Marilyn Lee – Representative Marilyn Lee circulated her written report, a graph on how the budget was balanced, snapshots of the 2010 Legislative Session, and highlighted the following:

- 1) 2010 Legislative Session – 1) This session was one of the most difficult experienced. 2) Senate Bill 1059 establishes an illegal fireworks task force with the goal of stopping the importation of illegal fireworks and authorizing the counties to enact ordinances regulating fireworks that are more stringent than existing state laws. 3) House Bill 1987 establishes nuisance abatement and forfeiture actions to discourage illegal importation, sale, and transfer of fireworks. The Governor has until June 2, 2010 to veto bills that were passed this session.
- 2) Wainihi Street – A response letter from City Managing Director Kirk Caldwell was received regarding safety concerns on Wainihi Street. The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has determined that guardrails are warranted on the west side of this street. A request has been made to the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) to install approximately 480 feet of guardrail along that portion of Wainihi Street. A work order for installation of curve warning signs with 10 miles per hour advisory speed plates to provide additional guidance to motorists traversing the area by DTS.
- 3) Kukui Connection – The “Kukui Connection” is broadcast Sundays, 4:00 p.m. on `Olelo Channel 54. An interview with Representative Blake Oshiro, House Majority Leader will be aired on May 23 and 31, 2010.

Representative Ryan Yamane – Representative Ryan Yamane circulated his written report and highlighted the following:

- 1) Graffiti – House Bill 2129, relating to graffiti increases penalties for graffiti and requires that the graffiti be removed within 30 days of sentencing, and community service to remove all other graffiti within 100 yard of the site of the offense. These penalties on graffiti crimes were signed into law; Act 99 and takes effect immediately.
- 2) Community Capital Improvement Requests – House Bill 2803 was introduced by the representative requesting many projects for the community of Mililani and Waipio Gentry and Central Oahu area. (Included in the report).
- 3) House Bill 2351 Relating to Veterans – Signed into law allowing only honorably discharged or generally discharged veterans to apply for a Hawaii Veterans License Plate.
- 4) Certificate of Recognition – Rep. Yamane was honored today with a certificate of recognition at the Honolulu Fire Department’s Training Center.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Graffiti – A) Follow – up will be done regarding the person (s) (who) responsible if a juvenile is arrested. B) If the area assigned to the violator has already been painted over, the violator must still keep that area cleaned for 30 days within 100 yards. C) The Mililani Town Association removes graffiti on their property, but other areas in Mililani are painted over by volunteers. Mililani Town Association President Will Kane was introduced.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Carole Siegel reported expenditures in the Operating Account were \$35.95 leaving a balance of \$960.39 and Publicity Account expenditures were \$250.00, leaving a Board balance of \$1,710.39. The report was filed.

Oahu Arts Center (OAC) – Ann Freed reported that the OAC is still negotiating with Castle & Cooke to donate a piece of its property for the center. The legislature passed a resolution to assist OAC with finding a nice piece of property.

Publicity/Public – Relations – No report.

Chair’s Report –

- 1) Land Use Commission (LUC) Update – Karen Loomis reported that testimonies concluded on Thursday regarding concerns pertaining to the Koa Ridge Development. The Board will be kept updated as to when the next meeting is scheduled.
- 2) Election of Board Officers – Chair Poirier reported that election of Board officers would take place at the July meeting.
- 3) June Agenda Items – Items to be placed on the June agenda include meeting date, time and location, use of publicity funds for videotaping of Board meetings, board recesses, and absenteeism (Board will decide if they should send out the three absence letter or authorize the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO).

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion Regarding Verizon Wireless antenna at Mililani High School Athletic Field: **Park moved, seconded by Weinberger in support of the new antenna pole at the Mililani High School athletic field was *ADOPTED, 17-0-1 (AYE: D. Bass, W. Bass, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Imamura, Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Remington, Siegel, Weinberger, Thomas, Wang, Poirier; ABSTAIN – Segura).***

Resolution Regarding Getting the Mililani High School Synthetic Turf Project on the Department of Education (DOE) Matrix:

Resolution – Park moved, seconded by Siegel that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 strongly recommends (1) that the BOE/DOE raise the priority level of the Project and (2) that the Office of Budget and Finance releases the funds to allow the Project to proceed was *ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 18-0-0 (AYE: D. Bass, W. Bass, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Imamura, Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Remington, Segura, Siegel, Weinberger, Thomas, Wang, Poirier.(attached)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be at the Mililani Recreation Center III, June 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
- Broadcast – Videotape of Board meeting are scheduled to be shown on `Olelo Channel 54, Sundays at Noon.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Submitted by:
Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF HAWAII BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIORITIZE THE INSTALLATION OF SYNTHETIC TURF, FIELD REPAIR AND SPORTS STADIUM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS AT MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, in 2008, \$930,000 was allocated for a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to install a synthetic turf field at Mililani High School (MHS); and

WHEREAS, the \$930,000 was never released because the amount would have been insufficient to cover the entire cost of the turf installation; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 State of Hawaii Legislature included the allocation of \$2,500,000 for CIP at MHS that includes installation of a synthetic turf field, field repair and sports stadium improvements (the Project) in the final supplemental budget for 2011; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, \$930,000 was allocated for a CIP to install a synthetic turf field at MHS; and

WHEREAS, the \$930,000 was never released because the amount would have been insufficient to cover the entire cost of the turf installation; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 State of Hawaii Legislature included the allocation of \$2,500,000 for CIP at MHS for the "Project" in the final supplemental budget for 2011; and

WHEREAS, commencement and completion of the Project requires that (1) the State of Hawaii Board of Education (BOE)/Department of Education (DOE) raise the priority level of the Project and (2) that the Office of Budget & Finance (OBF) releases the funds; and

WHEREAS, the MHS Facilities are used on a daily basis by various MHS teams and organizations, including football, soccer, track & field, and the marching band; and

WHEREAS, MHS provides the Facilities for use by other schools and organizations for events including games, track meets, and the Susan G. Komen Race for a Cure; and

WHEREAS, the heavy use of the Facilities, combined with the high amount of rain in the area, cause degradation to the field, resulting in extremely unsafe conditions for its users; and

WHEREAS, completion of the Project would not only create a better venue for the Facilities users but also would provide a safer playing surface for its users, especially the MHS student athletes using the field on a daily basis, and would furthermore reduce the cost of maintenance as well as the potential for lawsuits related to injuries; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Neighborhood Board No. 25 strongly recommends (1) that the BOE/DOE raise the priority level of the Project and (2) that OBF releases the funds to allow the Project to proceed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Linda Lingle, the State Department of Budget and Finance, all State Senators and State Representatives, the Superintendent and Department of Education, the Board of Education; the Principal of and Athletic Director at Mililani High School; and all members of Neighborhood Board No. 35.


Richard G. Poirier, Chair