



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

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### **DRAFT – MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011 MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Dick Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:35 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, R. Shayne Chung, Ann Freed, Shannon Garan, Keith Hamada (arrived at 7:55 p.m.), Dennis Imamura, Josie Kaanehe, Karen Loomis, William Maglinti, Jr., Joy Marshall, Rodney Park, Dick Poirier, Charlie Remington, Mary Segura, Carole Siegel, Douglas Thomas, Shareef Wang, and Jessie Weinberger (arrived at 8:30 p.m.).

**Members Absent:** B. Pua Iuli, Tony Solis, Resa Tsuneyoshi, and Alvin Wong.

**Board Vacancies:** There are no vacancies at this time.

**Guests:** Sean Lyons, Duke Chung (Board of Water Supply), Westley Chun (Office of the Mayor/Director, City Department of Facility Maintenance), Mike Dau, Major Ozzie Smith (U.S. Army, 25th CAB, Schofield Barracks), Will Kane and Dave O'Neil (Mililani Town Association), Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Project), FF3 Jay Ishihara (Honolulu Fire Department-Mililani), Senator Michelle Kidani, Director Wayne Yoshioka and Mark Kikuchi (City Department of Transportation Services), Lt. Ben Ballesteros (Honolulu Police Department, Wahiawa-District 2), Lori Kunioka (Office of Council Chair Nestor Garcia), Representative Marilyn Lee, Representative Ryan Yamane, and Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2011: The March 23, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes were APPROVED as circulated by UNANIMOUS consent (17-0-0) (Aye: D. Bass, W. Bass, Chung, Freed, Garan, Imamura, Kaanehe, Loomis, Maglinti, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Segura, Siegel, Thomas, and Wang).**

### **COMMUNITY FORUM:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – FF3 Jay Ishihara reported the following:**

- **April 2011 Statistics** – Included 2 structures and 1 rubbish fires, 65 medical, and 11 miscellaneous (7 auto and 1 moped accident, 1 police matter 1 activated alarm, 1 lock out) calls. One (1) unusual incident occurred with a swarm of bees.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – HFD investigates reports of smoke to determine if a fire exists. While some fires are authorized under county and state regulations, most are unauthorized. When an unauthorized fire is encountered, the Fire Captain will request that the fire be extinguished. If the fire is authorized, it must be determined by the Captain if it is being done safely, properly contained, and not a nuisance to others.
  - **Unauthorized Fires** – Bonfires on public beaches, burning of household refuse, and burning of yard waste.
  - **Authorized Fires** – Cooking fires including barbeques, grills, or imu; and fires used to heat bath water (Japanese furo).
  - **Safe and Proper Conditions for Cooking or Heating Fires** – 1) The location is away from combustible materials, such as structure or vegetation. 2) A garden hose or fire extinguisher should be readily available. 3) A responsible person who knows how to control the fire present until the fire is extinguished. 4) Avoid unsuitable weather conditions, such as strong winds or dry weather conditions, which could cause the fire to spread.



- Smoke Complaints – Even an authorized fire can become a nuisance if the smoke inconveniences others. If complaints are received the Fire Department may ask the person to move or extinguish the fire. If making an imu, plan ahead and inform your neighbors so they know what to expect. Call the HFD's Fire Communication Center at 523-4411 at least 10 minutes, but not more than 20 minutes prior to igniting the imu.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. Ben Ballesteros reported the following:

- April 2011 Statistics – Included 17 burglaries, 8 unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, 34 thefts, 6 auto thefts, 3 unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle, and 2 graffiti.

Military – Major Ozzie Smith reported the following:

- Increased Security – Due to heightened security awareness, the Army has increased precautions at the installations by raising the Force Protection Condition (FPCON) to “Bravo.” Visitors should allow extra time in accessing Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield, Tripler Medical Center, Fort Shafter, and other facilities.
- Memorial Day Remembrance – U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii (USAGH) will hold its annual Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony on Monday, May 30, 2011 at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery. For more information call 656-3159.
- Aviation Noise Complaints – To report loud or low-flying Army aircraft call the USAGH Noise Concern Line at (808) – 656-3487 and leave a voice mail to include name, contact information, location, date, time, and details. The Public Affairs Office will return the call during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).
- Army School Partnership Program – The Army's Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) School Partnership Program is partnered with 51 Hawaii public schools. This year the Army has \$94,415.68 to spend on this program by May 26, 2011.
- Current Deployments – 1) Approximately 600 soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division Headquarters have recently deployed for a year to Iraq. 2) The 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, is currently serving a yearlong deployment to Iraq. 3) Approximately 3,800 soldiers from the brigade are deployed as Advise and Assist Brigade in support of Operation New Dawn in Northern Iraq; and are at the forefront of training and empowering the Iraqi Security Forces.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Duke Chung reported the following:

- April 2011:
  - Water Main Breaks – No water main breaks or construction projects.
  - Water System Improvement Projects – Much of Oahu's waterlines are nearing their life expectancies (over 40% are 30 to 60 years old). BWS must prioritize and implement projects to systematically replace aging pipes (about 2100 miles of pipelines). BWS analyzes information collected on the water system and prioritizes its pipeline replacement projects based on condition assessment, fire protection improvement, public impact, and project coordination; and recognizes the impact water system improvement projects have on the community. With a systematic and prioritized replacement program, BWS aims to reduce the number of emergency repairs and ensure a continued safe and dependable water supply for customers. For more information visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).
  - Radiation in the Water Supply – There are no plans at this time for radiation testing of Oahu's potable water. While current levels in the air do not warrant concerns to the drinking water, the Hawaii Department of Health Safe Drinking Water Branch will remain vigilant of any air quality-related changes resulting from the Japan crisis through its sister agency, the Indoor and Radiological Health Branch. For more information visit [www.hawaii.gov/health](http://www.hawaii.gov/health) or forward the call to the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.
- May 2011:
  - Water Main Breaks – No water main breaks or construction projects.
  - Water Source and Pump Maintenance – Source pumps, booster pumps and reservoirs play a crucial role in water delivery to BWS customers. Each day, source pumps draw an average of 150 million gallons per day (9MGD) to meet Oahu's water needs. Booster pumps then pushes water long distances or to higher elevations to the reservoirs, which store water for future use. BWS has a total of nearly 400 source and booster pumping units, as well as 170 potable reservoirs that can store a total of 182 MGD. If the pump fails it will impact water customers for significantly long periods of time. Regular reservoir

maintenance is required to ensure the safety of the water supply. In addition to systematically maintaining nearly 2,100 miles of pipeline on Oahu, BWS must also preserve these valuable assets. Although a large undertaking, a few initiatives to upkeep the pumps and reservoirs include conducting periodic condition assessments or sanitary surveys of reservoirs, performing regular maintenance checks for pump repair and equipment replacement, planning regularly scheduled pumping unit replacement projects for every station, and planning and preparing for new reservoirs to meet current and future demand. The regular maintenance of these critical resources is essential to ensure a continued safe and dependable water supply. Visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) for more information.

- Xeriscape - Copies of the Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshop schedule was available on the back table.

#### Honolulu Rail Transit Project – Pat Lee reported the following:

- Transit Authority – The transit authority, formally known as the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) takes over all rail related functions on July 1st. HART will be semi-autonomous, and solely responsible to plan, construct, operate, maintain and expand the City's fixed guideway mass transit system. Voters of Oahu approved formation of HART through an amendment to the City Charter at last November's General Election, by a margin of 63.6% yes and 29.1% voting no. The current Rapid Transit Division within the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will move its operations and personnel to HART. The mayor has selected Don Horner, Buzzy Hong and Carrie Okinaga as his picks for HART. The city council has chosen Keslie Hui, Ivan Lui Kwan, and Damien Kim for the transit board. Three ex-officio members are the directors of DTS, SDOT and DPP. DPP director is a non-voting member and the voting members elect a 10<sup>th</sup> member of the board.
- Tentative Schedule for the Project:
  - January 2011: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) granted a Record of Decision (ROD) to the city allowing the city to complete preliminary engineering and move towards final design.
  - Later this year 2011: the city anticipates approval of final design to proceed to construction.
  - Spring 2012: City requests federal funding.
  - Fall 2012: City and FTA execute full-funding grant agreement (FFGA). This allows the city to seek a Congressional appropriation for the \$1.55 billion in federal funds. The Congress grants these discretionary funds.
  - End of 2015: Open East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium segment.
  - Late 2017: Route completed through Middle Street.
  - And in 2019: Project completed. For more information, phone the project hotline at 566-2299 or visit the website at [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org).

#### Other Community Concerns:

1. Mililani Town Association (MTA) – A) MTA President Will Kane, introduced General manager Dave O'Neil (also a Waipahu Neighborhood Board member. B) MTA will be collecting Japan Relief money for another week.
2. Drug Concerns – A resident raised concern of witnessing kids using drugs on the corner by the library across from Mililani High School on Meheula Parkway, holding a sign saying "if you like weed honk." Kids were also observed smoking weed with a pipe in the open at the Mililani Town Center. It was suggested that HPD be proactive to help kids with drug problems. Underage kids were observed smoking cigarettes outside of Burger King.
3. Repaving of Big Island Private Owned Roads – It was asked and clarified that a bill to repave privately owned roads on the Big Island failed.

#### Recognition Awards:

- Ted Merrill – Board member Josie Kaanehe and Chair Poirier presented Ted Merrill with lei and certificate of recognition for outstanding achievement and dedication in the voluntary removal of graffiti from Mililani to the North Shore. His hard work and innovation in the provision of regional community services are truly appreciated by the residents of Mililani.
- Joe Pavsec – Joe Pavsec, owner of Shark Tours, was unable to attend tonight's meeting to receive his certificate of recognition for outstanding achievement and dedication in the voluntary removal of graffiti from Mililani to the North Shore for his hard work and innovation in the provision of regional community services are truly appreciated by residents of Mililani.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Anania Drive Shoulder/Parking Lane Project – Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director Wayne Yoshioka introduced Chief of Traffic Engineering Mark Kikuchi, and reported the following:

- Plans are to install a six-inch edge stripe to create the feeling of restriction for drivers (narrows the lane) reducing speed by three to five miles per hour and retain the on-street parking. The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) will be asked to add this item to the 2012 resurfacing project. DTS goal is to take care of City streets.

7:55 p.m. Board member Keith Hamada arrived; **18 members present.**

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Kipapa Drive Project – It was asked and clarified that the crosswalk paint is lacking and will be replaced with thermo plastic material.
- Traffic Jam – Traffic jam reported near Hanalani School from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on school days. Kikuchi replied the traffic signal cycle was increased in 2009 to allow more time exiting the school. The traffic will be monitored and the cycle increased if requested.
- Signage Concerns on Kipapa Drive – Representative Lee noted that four (4) months ago concerns were sent to DTS regarding either no signs/damage signs on Kipapa Drive and no responses have been received. Follow up will be done.
- Mililani Transit Center Meeting Room – It was mentioned that MTA is willing to meet with DTS to discuss suggestions for public use of this meeting room. Yoshioka replied that a requisition for final grant was just signed and under Corporation Counsel (COR) review. Council Chair Garcia's office was acknowledged for assisting.
- Other Concerns – Email Mark Kikuchi at [www.mkikuchi1@honolulu.gov](mailto:www.mkikuchi1@honolulu.gov), the Board Chair, or the Neighborhood Assistant with concerns relating to traffic signals and intersections.

Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2035 – Chair Dick Poirier highlighted the following regarding the deconstruction and marginalization of Central Oahu Regional Transportation needs:

- Central Oahu Background and Context.
- ORTP 2030 Plan for Central Oahu.
- ORTP 2030 projects; 2035 projects.
- What is proposed in the ORTP 2030 plan projected travel times and conclusions.
- Response to Representative Lee's letter regarding Central Mauka road's removal from the 2035 plan
- Reductions in travel time.
- Mahalo – Alan Suwa (Mililani Mauka Neighborhood Board No. 35 member) was thanked for the power point information; and Will Kane (MTA President) was thanked for providing the power point equipment.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) – OMPO receives federal funding, has its own staff, a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), a large committee from a technical view of DOT, DTS, etc. OMPO is the authority on how to spend federal funding. Yoshioka added that OMPO is a required organization by the Federal Transportation and Highway program, whose purpose is to dispense federal funding in urbanized areas of Oahu.
- Comment – Alan Suwa, Transportation Chairperson for Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board No. 35, noted the deconstruction and marginalization of Central Oahu Regional Transportation is under consideration; and the plan is for 25 years. Support was asked from the Board prior to the June OMPO meeting.
- Purpose of OMPO – It was asked and clarified that the purpose of OMPO is to disperse federal funding on Oahu in urban areas. Organization is required through the Federal Transportation and Highway Program. The organization consists of people from the State (6), City Council (5), State Department of Transportation Directors (DOT), City Department of Transportation Services Directors (DTS), and the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). Update of the Regional Transportation Plan is required every five (5) years or as frequent as necessary. If utilizing federal funding the process must be followed. Representative Lee added that in an agreement by OMPO, a technical study will be done for the Central Mauka Road.

8:30 p.m. Board member Jessie Weinberger arrived; **19 members present.**

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative – Westley Chun reported the following:

- Mililani Waena Park Tennis Court Lights – On May 17, 2011 the damaged light meter has been removed and all lights are operable.
- Honolulu Update – Honolulu was voted the third best city in the U.S.A.; and TheBus system number one (1) in the United States.
- Aloha United Way (AUW) – This year's AUW campaign has just started. The City is one of its top 10 supporters (\$334,453 donated last year).
- "Be a Jerk" – This campaign is to discourage underage drinking.
- Music Celebration – The City's Department of Culture & the Arts (MOCA) will be sponsoring a music celebration Friday, May 27, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Honolulu Hale Courtyard. The City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) are accepting leis for the Memorial Day service.
- Mayor's Memorial Day Event – This event will take place on Monday, May 30, 2011, 8:30 a.m. at Punchbowl Cemetery.
- Military Appreciation Day – Military Appreciation will be celebrated on June 4, 2011 at 7:00 a.m.
- Dragon Boat Races – The Dragon Boat Races will take place the end of July.
- Ocean Safety Recognized – Next month's issue of Men's Health Magazine will have an article of what it takes to be a Honolulu lifeguard.
- Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Conference – This event nationally security event will take place November 2011.

Council Chair Nestor Garcia – Lori Kunioka reported the following:

- Kalani Gardens Apartments – The erosion mitigation work at Kalani Gardens Apartments is about to get underway. Contact Kevin R. Carney, Vice President, Hawaii, EAH Housing at 523-8826 with questions regarding the project.

Senator Michelle Kidani – Senator Michelle Kidani reported the following:

- Congratulations – Kudos to "Best Public High School – 2011 honors received by Mililani High School.
- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – Included in the written report were CIP projects for Mililani including \$19,000,013 for construction of a new Education and Innovation Facility at Leeward Community College (LCC).
- Bills – 1) House Bill 688 creates a safe and civil learning environment for all public school students. The bill requires the Board of Education (BOE) to monitor the Department of Education (DOE) for compliance with administrative rules or status governing bullying, cyber bullying and harassment. 2) House Bill 945 puts in place a partial delay of Act 167 (SLH2010) in an effort to give the DOE more time to comply with the Act.

Representative Marilyn Lee – Representative Marilyn Lee reported the following:

- Budget – The legislature had a difficult time balancing the budget. The representative supports education.
- Increase of Revenues – General Excise Tax (GET) exemptions was removed from several businesses for two (2) years.
- Mahalo – Senator Kidani and Representative Yamane were thanked for assisting with CIP for Mililani.
- Handouts – Included with the written report was information about highlights of the 2011 Legislative Session, Mililani High School voted the top-rank public high school, mosquito information.
- International Hanafuda Tournament – The tournament to benefit Mililani Project Grad 2012 will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Mililani Hongwanji (95-257 Kaloapau Street). Visit <http://www.hanafudahawaii.com/mpg2012> to register early by July 15, 2012.

Representative Ryan Yamane – Representative Ryan Yamane reported the following:

- 2011 Legislative Session – Many important measures have been left on the table when the session ended.
- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – CIP items requested for Mililani was included in the written report.
- Mahalo – Council Chair Nestor Garcia and staff were thanked for assisting with the Anania Drive concerns.

- Rules regarding Foreclosures – Act 48 (Senate Bill 651) provides comprehensive amendments to Hawaii's foreclosure processes that provide greater protection and fairness for owner occupants of home (included in the written report).
- Legislative Highlights – 1) Senate Bill 40, Pseudo ephedrine tracking, establishes a tracking system for the sale of over-the-counter products containing pseudo ephedrine to prevent their use in the illegal manufacture and sale of methamphetamine (ice) was transmitted to the governor. 2) Senate Bill 138, Health Insurance Exchange, establishes the Hawaii Health Connector, to prepare the State of Hawaii for the implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Carol Siegel reported expenditures in the Operating Account was \$61.67 leaving a balance of \$28.88; Publicity Account expenditure was \$200.00 (March videotaping, leaving a balance of \$2,140.00. The report was filed.

Chair's Report – Chair Poirier reported the following:

- Congratulations – Newly elected and reelected Board members were congratulated.
- Meeting Facility – The Board incurs no fees to use the MTA meeting facility monthly. However, Chair Poirier was informed that due to MTA policy changes the free usage is until 9:00 p.m. The Board will be charged a fee of \$25.00 per meeting for facility use until 10:00 p.m.
- League of Women Voters – Board member Joy Marshall has just been elected president of the League of Women Voters.

There were no other reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion regarding proposed Anania Drive Shoulder/Parking Lane Project – **Kaanehe moved, and Freed seconded that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 supports the proposed Anania Drive shoulder/parking lane project. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 19-0-0 (Aye: D. Bass, W. Bass, Chung, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Imamura, Kaanehe, Loomis, Maglinti, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Segura, Siegel, Thomas, Wang, Weinberger).**

Motion supporting Moving the Neighborhood Commission Office from Honolulu Hale to Mission Memorial Complex – **Loomis moved, and Freed seconded that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 strongly supports the proposal to move the Neighborhood Commission office from the fourth floor rooftop of Honolulu Hale to the Mission Memorial Complex located immediately Diamond Head (east) of Honolulu, Hale, and urges the Mayor Carlisle and the Administration to implement the change as soon as possible. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 19-0-0 (Aye: D. Bass, W. Bass, Chung, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Imamura, Kaanehe, Loomis, Maglinti, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Segura, Siegel, Thomas, Wang, Weinberger).**

Motion Authorizing the Filing of a Title VI Environmental Justice Complaint Regarding the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2035 – Deferred.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be at Miliani Recreation Center III, Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.
- Broadcast – Videotape of Board meetings are scheduled to be shown on `Olelo Channel 54, Sundays at noon.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: Dick Poirier, Chairperson