



MILILANI/WAIPIO/MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012 MILILANI RECREATIONAL CENTER III

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Richard Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. **A quorum was established with 13 members present.** Note – This 23 member Board requires 12 members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Ava Marie Cavaco (Arrived at 8:27 p.m.), Ann Freed, Shannon Garan, Geoff Horvath, Barbara Iuli (Arrived at 7:41 p.m.), Josie Kaanehe, Karen Loomis, Joy Marshall, Rodney Park, Richard Poirier, Charles Remington, Douglas Thomas, Shareef Wang, Alvin Wong, Mary Segura, Melissa Vomvoris (Appointed at this meeting).

Board Members Absent – Danielle Bass, William Bass, R. Shayne Chung, Keith Hamada, Dennis Imamura, and Carol Seigel.

Vacancies – There is currently one (1) vacancy in Sub-District 1.

Guests – Duke Chung (Board of Water Supply), Lori Kunioka (Councilmember Nestor Garcia's Office staff), Westley Chun (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative), Brian Edwards (US Army), Lt. Gregory Osbun (Honolulu Police Department), Representative Marilyn Lee, Inam Rahman, Jimmy Van Bokhoven and Kelly Andersen (Friends of Rahman), FF3 Brian Coughlin (Honolulu Fire Department), Joe Booker (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative), Pat Lee (Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project), Dave Amodo and Dayton Oshiro (Videographers), Senator Michelle Kidani, and Kazuaki McArthur (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANCIES: Chair Poirier opened the floor for interested candidates to fill the vacancy in Sub-District 2. Melissa Vomvoris introduced herself and volunteered to fill the vacancy. The vote was deferred until Vomvoris was able to provide proof of residence to the Neighborhood Assistant.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 23, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **The November 23, 2012 regular meeting minutes were UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED as circulated, 13-0-0 (Aye:** Freed, Garan, Horvath, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Thomas, Wang, Wong, and Segura).

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – FF3 Brian Coughlin reported the following;

- **December 2011 Statistics:** Included 1 fire, 65 medical emergencies, and 18 miscellaneous calls.
- **Safety Tip:** In an emergency, it is critical that first responders quickly identify the correct location. Fire, Building, US Postal Codes, and City Ordinances state that property owners shall place their house numbers so it is legible and readily visible from the street. This will assist HFD and other first responders to quickly locate your home in the event of an emergency. If your property is difficult to locate and/or access, provide dispatchers with additional information to assist them in locating your property.

Barbara Iuli arrived at 7:41 p.m.; **14 members present.**

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. Greg Osbun paused for a moment of silence in honor of Officer Garret Davis who had recently passed away in the discharge of his duties. The following were reported;

- **November 2011 Statistics:** Included 8 burglaries, 23 thefts, 20 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), 6 auto thefts, 2 unauthorized control of a propelled vehicles (UCPV), and 3 graffiti cases.
- **December 2011 Statistics:** Included 11 burglaries, 27 thefts, 15 UEMV, 11 auto thefts, 3 UCPV, and 6 graffiti cases.



Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Chicken Fights: Concern was raised of chicken fights occurring in Kipapa Gulch. It was reported that the suspected individuals have told HPD they cannot encroach on their private property. A Board member noted that HPD's narcotics unit is aware of the situation.

Military – Brian Edwards reported the following;

- Deployments: 3 soldiers stationed at Schofield Barracks were recently killed while serving in the Kunar province. The 25th Infantry Brigade is still deployed, while the 25th Aviation Brigade is set to deploy soon.
- Kunia Road: Two (2) lanes will be closed on Kunia Road from Monday, January 23, 2012 to Tuesday, February 21, 2012, and from Tuesday, April 17, 2012 to Wednesday, May 16, 2012, between 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- Schofield Barracks Access: All drivers entering Schofield Barracks will soon be required to present identification at the gates. Gate hours will be changed as well.
- School Partnerships: For information regarding Military-School partnerships, please call 655-8326.
- Aviation Noise: The main aviation body is deployed; however, the National Guard is expected to perform limited flights over the weekend.
- Propellant: For information regarding Maili Beach propellant collection, call Lori Wong at 438-0665.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Air Ambulance: It was asked and clarified that the Air Ambulance Evergreen Helicopters would remain on island.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Duke Chung circulated the Halawa Xeriscape Garden schedule and reported the following;

- Main Breaks: There was a 16 inch concrete cylinder break on November 21, 2011, at Meheula Parkway and Kuahelani Avenue.
- Water Tip: Consider the following tips to help conserve water throughout the year:
 - Turn of water when brushing your teeth and use a cup of water to rinse.
 - Limit showers to five (5) minutes and install water saving shower heads.
 - Fix faucet leaks and toilet leaks.
 - Visit www.boardofwatersupply.com for additional water conservation tips.
- Revised Water Rate Schedule: The 9.65% water rate increase schedule was adopted Sunday, January 1, 2012 and is effective for five (5) years.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Conservation: Concern was raised that BWS urges consumers to conserve water but also supports high water usage projects at Land Use Commission (LUC) hearings.

Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project – Pat Lee reported the following;

- Tax Surcharge: The Star Advertiser incorrectly implied that the Mayor is considering asking for an extension of the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge. There are no plans to request the legislature increase or extend the GET surcharge for rail. GET collections for the rail project were \$179.1 million for the past fiscal year, which was 9 percent ahead of the amount the City had projected. The General Excise and Use Tax surcharge collected this past quarter for Honolulu's rail project came in significantly higher than projected, marking the third consecutive quarter that revenue has surpassed projections. The project received \$49.02 million in GET revenue for the period from October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. That

amount was \$12.08 million more than the \$36.94 million projected in the project's financial plan for the quarter. The project has received a total of \$810.4 million in GET surcharge revenue to date. The State began collecting the half-percent excise surcharge on behalf of the City in 2007, and the City expects to receive a total of \$3.532 billion from the rail surcharge during the 16 years the extra tax is in effect. The surcharge applies only on Oahu, and expires at the end of 2022.

- Final Design: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has accepted the Honolulu rail transit project into Final Design – the final phase of the project's development before executing a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) with the Federal government. As previously announced by Senator Inouye, the Fiscal Year 2012 Transportation Appropriations measure includes a total of \$510 million for those transit New Starts projects that will enter into an FFGA in calendar year 2012. When Honolulu enters into an FFGA with the FTA, it will become eligible for a portion of these funds.
- AECOM: The Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transit (HART) has awarded a \$38.8 Million contract to AECOM Technical Services to design the airport segment of the rail transit project. This is a 5.2 mile segment between the Aloha Stadium and Middle Street transit stations. Design work is expected to be completed by early next year. Following the design, a separate contract will be put out for bid for the construction work. Rail station design and construction for this segment will also be awarded as separate contracts which will be forthcoming. The local AECOM office was formally M&E Pacific, which was founded in Honolulu in 1959. Some of the other locally based subcontractors for this design work include Wilson Okamoto, Yogi Kwong Engineers, Geolabs, Group 70 and PBR Hawaii, all long time kama'aina firms.
- Current Schedule as Follows:
 - 2012 – FTA gives HART a letter of notice to proceed, allowing some vertical construction to begin (foundation and columns).
 - Fall 2012 – FTA and HART enter into a FFGA for the \$1.55 billion grant.
 - 2015 – Kapolei to Aloha Stadium completed.
 - 2017 – Kapolei to Middle Street completed.
 - 2019 – System fully operational.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Brochures: It was asked and clarified that rail brochures are not mailed to every household. It was reported that the brochures are mailed to individuals who have requested them and to those residents who would be directly affected by the project.
2. Tax Payers: It was asked how much it costs to publish and mail out the brochures. Lee to follow up.

Community Concerns – None.

Recognition – Chair Poirier recognized Nola Frank for her service to the Mililani/Waipio/Melemau Neighborhood Board as a Neighborhood Assistant for the past 10 years. A certificate of appreciation will be printed and presented at the next meeting.

There being no objection, the agenda was moved out of order to fill a Board Vacancy.

Filling of Board Vacancies: Neighborhood Assistant McArthur verified Melissa Vomvoris' residency in Sub-District 2. There being no other interested candidates, nominations were closed.

Melissa Vomvoris was UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTED to fill the vacancy in Sub-District 2, 14-0-0 (Aye: Freed, Garan, Horvath, Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Thomas, Wang, Wong, and Segura).

Neighborhood Assistant McArthur administered the Oath of Office to Vomvoris. Following the Oath of Office; **15 members present.**

Following the election, the agenda resumed order.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Introduction to Wayland Baptist University – A representative was not present; a presentation was not provided.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

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

- Speeding: Wahiawa Police Station has been informed of the speeding on Kuahelani Avenue, between Meheula Parkway and Lanikuhana Street. Officers will be making checks in the area. The community policing team will put out speed trailers to warn the general public of the speed limit.
- Driveway Obstruction: HPD's delayed response to Hokuahiahi Park users obstructing a nearby residential driveway was attributed to the lack of on-duty officers during the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). Residents were encouraged to call 911 when similar incidents occur.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Re-Striping: It was expressed that the Hokuahiahi Park parking area is in need of re-striping.
2. No Left Turn Sign: Residents asked why there is a "No Left Turn" sign on Lanikuhana Avenue, when departing from the exit between Assaggio's and Ruby Tuesdays. It was noted that HPD does not enforce the infraction. It was suggested enforcing the violation or removing the sign. It was also suggested the mall security work with HPD to monitor cars illegally turning left at the exit.
3. Fence: It was requested the fence between the Mililani-Waena Elementary School fence and the Waena Park volleyball/tennis court fence be removed.
4. Road Repairs: Road repairs were requested on Kahiko Place and Newe Place.

Councilmember Nestor Garcia – Lori Kunioka circulated a report and reminded those present that beginning Monday, March 15, 2012, proof of legal presence will be required to obtain a Hawaii drivers license. It was also reported that as of Friday, January 20, 2012, the discount certificates for the City's Spay/Neuter program are no longer available. New surveillance cameras are also slated to be installed at bus stops.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Dirt Slide: A Board member raised concern of dirt sliding down a hill as a result of a project being performed by Integrated Construction Inc. It was reported that the dirt started sliding down the hill during the rainy season and is a hazard to pedestrians utilizing the adjacent sidewalk.
2. Driver's License: It was asked and clarified that the new driver's license regulations were mandated at the Federal level. A story was relayed about an individual who was denied a driver's license because their parents had misspelled their name on their original birth certificate. The definition of "legal presence" was requested.

Ava Marie Cavaco arrived at 8:27 p.m.; **16 members present.**

Senator Michelle Kidani – Senator Kidani circulated her newsletter and reported the following;

- Lauren Cheape: Miss Hawaii 2011 Lauren Cheape recently participated in the Miss America pageant. Lauren is a Mililani High School Alumnus.
- Senate Bill (SB) 2012: SB 2012 seeks \$500 million in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding to provide economic stimulus through the creation of jobs and completion of repair and maintenance jobs. The bill also includes revisions to the State's Procurement Code to raise the cap on some contracts to expedite the awarding process.
- SB 2481: SB 2481 would require motorists to move over and slow down when approaching an emergency vehicle parked on the shoulder or side of the road.

- Teacher's Tax Credit: A bill is being drafted to provide a tax credit for teacher's who use personal funds to purchase classroom supplies.

Representative Marilyn Lee – Representative Lee circulated her newsletters and reported the following;

- Mililani Waena: Mililani Waena Elementary School celebrated its 40th anniversary on Sunday, November 18, 2011.
- Library Book Sales: The Friends of Mililani Public Library will be holding a book sale in February, May, August, and November 2012.
- H-2 Lighting: The State Department of Transportation (DOT) is currently going through the permitting process for the H-2 lighting project.
- Women's Caucus Package: This year the bipartisan Women's Legislative Caucus is dedicating its legislative package to women veterans and honoring their courage, perseverance, and additional challenges women face in the military.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Parkway: A Board member reported that Mililani Waena Elementary School is not taking care of the parkway between the school and sidewalk.

Representative Ryan Yamane – A representative was not present; a report was not available.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS: No committee or other reports were read at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Requesting the City and County of Honolulu Undertake a Major Initiative to Address the Much Needed Resurfacing of Mililani's Major Thoroughfares – **Thomas moved an Remington seconded that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 support a resolution requesting the City and County of Honolulu initiate a major repair and resurfacing project focusing on Meheula Parkway, between H-2 and Kamehameha Highway; Makaimoimo Street, from Meheula Parkway to Lanikuhana Avenue; Kamehameha Highway, between Meheula Parkway and Kuahelani Avenue; Kuahelani Avenue, between Kipapa Drive and Meheula Parkway.**

Discussion followed;

Transmittal of Resolution: It was noted that the resolution is being sent to the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS). It was suggested sending the resolution to City Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) as it is the department that addresses road repairs and resurfacing.

The motion to approve the resolution was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 16-0-0 (Aye: Cavaco, Freed, Garan, Horvath, Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Thomas, Wang, Wong, Segura, Vomvoris).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting – The next Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., at the Mililani Recreational Center III, 95-281 Kaloapau Street.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted By: Kazuaki McArthur, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: Richard Poirier, Chair