



MILILANI/WAIPIO/MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012 MILILANI RECREATIONAL CENTER III

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Richard Poirier called the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 (Board) meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. **A quorum was established with 21 members present.** Note – This 23 member Board requires 12 members to establish quorum and take official Board action. Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present – Danielle Bass (arrived at 8:05 p.m); William Bass, Ava Marie Cavaco, R. Shayne Chung, Michael Dau, Ann Freed, Shannon Garan, Keith Hamada (arrived at 7:45 p.m); Geoff Horvath, Barbara Iuli, Josie, Kaanehe, Karen Loomis, Joy Marshall, Rodney Park, Richard Poirier, Charles Remington, Carole Siegel, Douglas Thomas, Shareef Wang, Alvin Wong, and Mary Segura. Geoff Horvath (SD 1) and Melissa Vormoris (A-L) appointed to the board tonight.

Board Members Absent – Dennis Imamura.

Guests Lieutenant Michael Serrao (Honolulu Police Department); Senator Michelle Kidani, Trevor Nagamine (Senator Michelle Kidani's staff); Ron Menor, Representative Ryan Yamane; Westley Chun (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative); Director Jodie Maesaka-Hirata (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative); Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Project); Boys Scout Troop 179; Captain Heather Robison (25th CAB); C. Young, Keanu Young (Representative Marilyn Lee's staff), Duke Chung (Board of Water Supply), Darrell Young (Councilmember Nestor Garcia's staff), and Dean Harvest (Neighborhood Commission staff)..

Resignation – Geoff Horvath submitted his letter of resignation effective immediately to Neighborhood Commission staff member Dean Harvest at this time.

Vacancy – There is currently one (1) vacancy in Sub-district 1, and one (1) At- Large vacancy.

Recognition – Chair Poirier on behalf of the board, presented "Certificates of Recognition" to each member of the Mililani High School Cheerleaders 2011-2012 for winning the National Championship. State Senator Michelle Kidani also presented on behalf of the State House and Senate, a "Certificate of Congratulations" to the Mililani High School Cheerleaders 2011-2012 for their winning title.

Member Hamada arrived at 7:45 p.m.; quorum of 19 members present

Filling of Vacancies – Geoff Horvath expressed interest in filling the vacant seat in Sub-district 1. **Remington moved and Siegel seconded to appoint Horvath to fill the vacant seat in Sub-district 1. Without objection, the appointment was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 19-0-0 (Aye: W. Bass, Cavaco, Chung, Dau, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, Thomas, Wang, Wong, and Segura; No: None; Abstain: None).**

Oath of Office Re-Administrated – The Oath of Office was re-administered to Horvath. **Board quorum of 20 members present.**

Chair Poirier now asked if anyone was interested in fill the At-Large seat vacated by Horvath. Hearing no response from the audience, Chair stated the Melissa Vormoris (not present) did indicate to him that she was interested in fill the vacant At-Large seat. **Remington moved and Garan seconded to appoint Vomoris to fill the vacant At-Large seat. Without objection, the appointment was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 20-0-0 (Aye: Bass, Cavaco, Chung, Dau, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Horvath, Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, Thomas, Wang, Wong, and Segura; No: None; Abstain: None).**

Three Meeting Absence – The board considered retaining Member Ava Marie Cavaco, after missing 3 meetings. After a lengthy discussion, **Park moved and Iuli seconded to retain CAVACO as a member of the board. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 20-0-0 (Aye: Bass, Cavaco, Chung, Dau, Freed, Garan, Hamada,**



Horvath, Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, Thomas, Wang, Wong, and Segura; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None).

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 25, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Without objection, the February 22, 2012 regular meeting minutes were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED as circulated, 20-0-0 (Aye: W. Bass, Cavaco, Chung, Dau, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Horvath, Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, Thomas, Wang, Wong, and Segura; No: None; Abstain: None).

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Responded to an emergency call – No report.

Member D. Bass arrived at 8:05 p.m.; quorum of 21 members present

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Serrao distributed a handout and highlighted the following:

- February 2012 Statistics – There were 19 burglaries, 26 thefts, 11 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles, 1 auto theft, 4 unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle, and 0 graffiti offenses.

Military – Captain Heather Robinson highlighted the following:

Earth Month Activities: In observance of Earth Month and Earth Day, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii is planning several events throughout the month of April to raise awareness about conserving our natural resources, pollution prevention and promote sustainable living among all U.S. Army personnel.

One of the main events will be an Earth Day 2012 celebration Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Schofield Barracks. This year's theme is "Give back: Do Something for the Earth." Following the success of last year's event, where more than 30 community organizations set-up exhibits and provided exciting activities and informal education experiences for families with children and also our soldiers, we are again seeking community participation.

We are looking for organizations that can help us generate interest in and awareness of preserving their environment and/or reducing energy consumption at work and at home. Our primary audience is children 6-12 years of age and our secondary audience are their parents.

If you know an organization who would be interested in participating, please contact Joanne Sedlor at joanne.sedlor@lendlease.com or by phone at 687-8313.

25th Infantry Division Change of Command: The public is welcome to attend the 25th Infantry Division's Change of Command ceremony, April 5, at 11 a.m., on Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks. The 25th Infantry Division will bid aloha to Maj. Gen. Bernard S. Champoux, who is departing to be the assistant chief of staff for U.S. Forces Korea and the deputy commanding general of the 8th U.S. Army in South Korea. The incoming commanding general, Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller, is currently the deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Visitors who do not have a military ID should enter through Schofield Barracks' Lyman gate and show their driver's license, proof of insurance, and safety check at the Visitor Control Center.

For more information call the 25th ID Public Affairs office at 655-6361.

Welcome Home & Current Deployments: Please keep our deployed Soldiers and their families in your thoughts! The 25th Infantry Division, 3rd Brigade Redeployment: Welcome Home! Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team have started arriving home. For the past year, approximately 3,500 3BCT troops were deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Soldiers will be returning throughout March and April, and a large-scale redeployment ceremony is scheduled for May 11 (*time has not been confirmed yet*). The 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Deployment to Afghanistan: The 25th Combat Aviation Brigade is currently deployed to Afghanistan for a year. Approximately 2,600 CAB Soldiers are serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. For more information, call 656-6663. The 8th Theater Sustainment Command: The 8th Theater Sustainment Command has approximately 900 Soldiers deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Tropic Lightning Museum Reopens: After recent renovations, the Tropic Lightning Museum is now open to the public. Museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10a.m. - 4 p.m. For additional information, call 655-0438.

Kunia Road Temporary Lane Closures: Motorists are advised of evening temporary lane closures on Kunia Road, just south of Schofield's Lyman Gate, due to an ongoing wastewater treatment project upgrade. For more information, call U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs at 656-3158 or 656-3159. Dates: April 17-May 16, Times: 7 p.m.-5 a.m. (night hours only; reopened for normal traffic during day).

Description: Currently there are four traffic lanes in that area—two going each direction. During evening construction, only two lanes—one in each direction—will be open.

Volunteering with the USO: You can help welcome back our Soldiers by volunteering with the USO! There are countless ways volunteers can support the USO, but they all share an abiding dedication to our troops and their families. Whether it's helping out at a special event, cheering troops at homecoming, manning a front desk or providing a listening ear, USO volunteers are the reason troops know they can count on the USO.

For additional information call, 422-1213 or visit www.uso.org/hawaii.

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

Main Break Report: There were no main breaks for February 2012

General Water Announcements:

Charter Amendment

A resolution proposed by the Honolulu City Council (12-25) seeks to amend the Revised City Charter to transfer the powers, duties, and functions of the Board of Water Supply (BWS) to a Department of Water Supply under the Executive Branch of the City of the City and County of Honolulu.

Funds collected from water customers are solely used for the benefit of the water system and not diverted to other non-waterworks uses. The BWS does not receive any funds generated from property taxes.

Appropriating funding for a multi-year capital improvement project will provide for the renewal and replacement of core components of our water system and ensure reliable service. As the municipal water utility for Oahu, the Board of Water Supply has been working to address Oahu's aging infrastructure. From 2005 to 2011, the Board awarded nearly \$232 million in contracts to improve our water systems. The recent rate increase provides us with the necessary funding to replace aging components of the water system, to keep main breaks at an acceptable level, and to ensure that a reliable, high quality source of water is always available to you.

The semi-autonomous Board provides for greater efficiency in decision-making, policy setting, encourages continuity of management, and ensures a long range planning approach is taken to keep the water systems functioning. The BWS is in full compliance with environmental regulations (i.e. State Department of Health regulations, EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act) and has never been subjected to Federal actions due to a lack of maintaining its water systems.

The semi-autonomous status of the BWS, which has been dutifully carried out for more than 80 years, is a wise and responsible governance model to maintain our precious water resources and our municipal water systems for current and future generations. For more information, please call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.

Upcoming Workshops at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden

Workshops at the BWS' Halawa Xeriscape Garden are geared toward community education about how to conserve water outdoors. BWS employees and gardening experts will host educational and fun-filled activities where participants learn about water conservation through Xeriscape. Here are the upcoming scheduled workshops:

- March 17 – Unique Container Gardening
- March 24 – Rain Barrel Catchment
- March 31 – Decorate an Egg the Xeriscape Way
- April 7 – User Friendly Compost

To register for these classes, call 748-5363 or email tours@hbws.org. To find a list of upcoming classes, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. BWS is asking the public if HCC 12-25 goes to the ballot, to please veto "No".

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

- Power: The rail system will consume 160 megawatt (MW) hours per day. Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) has confirmed that it has the capacity to accommodate the additional load.
- Commute Time: The rail car is expected to arrive at the Downtown transit station from the Waipahu transit station within 27 minutes. The rail car is expected to arrive at the Downtown transit station from the Westloch station within 30 minutes. By 2030, it is anticipated that it would take an average of 66 minutes to drive from Waipahu to Downtown. Using the rail would save about 30 minutes commute time each way.
- Seating: The Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transit (HART) is planning for 100 more seats per train. A total of 400 seats will be available for passengers.
- Executive Director: The HART board has unanimously confirmed Daniel Grabauskas as the Executive Director of the semi-autonomous transit agency. Grabauskas is chairman and senior strategic advisor for the Bronner Center for Transportation Management, and is the former general manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).
- Population: State and City planners agree that Oahu's population will grow by as much as 14% over the next 20 years. The majority of the anticipated 150,000 to 200,000 additional residents are expected to live in leeward Oahu. Oahu's population has increased by about 9% or 80,000 residents from 2000 to 2010 during a decade that was considered a down economic period. The rail is anticipated to reduce future traffic by 18%.
- Community Meetings: HART will present a series of five (5) informational community updates on the Honolulu Rail Transit project. The public is welcome to attend and learn up-to-date details from project experts, experience informational displays, and ask questions of HART representatives. The meeting in Waipahu is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Waipahu Intermediate School Cafeteria.
- HART Website: HART has a new section on the website called "setting the record straight" which includes information on operations and maintenance costs and a lot of other issues that have been in public discussion lately.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Rail funds are not mix with the City's general funds.
2. The options are: Fix signals and road ways, do hot lanes, do fixed guide way, or do nothing.
3. Request Director Daniel Grabauskas attend the next meeting.

Community Concerns – None.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative – Director Jodie Maesaka-Hirata reported the following:

- Early Morning Street Lights: Street lights on H-1 and H-2 copper wiring which was stolen is being replaced and should be done in 3 to 4 months.
- School Funding: \$2 million in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding to provide energy improvements and playground upgrades.
- National Governor's Association (NGA): Governor Abercrombie attended the NGA winter meeting in Washington D.C. The Governor was able to talk to the President and other governors on various issues. The Governor focused on the Obama Administration's efforts to increase travel and tourism. The Governor

continues to pursue Federal and regulatory assistance for Hawaii to lessen the impact of the Federal Compact of Free Association (COFA) mandate on the State. The Governor also met with U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan about Race to the Top. The State is committed to fulfilling Race to the Top requirements to improve education outcomes for children.

- Legal Presence Law: Effective March 5, 2012, anyone applying for an original or renewal of their Hawaii driver's license must show proof of identity, legal presence in the United States, and Social Security Number. The State is required to do this to comply with Federal law.
- Hawaii Speed Test: Continue to use www.HawaiiSpeedTest.net to determine your broadband speed. Data collected from the website will assist Hawaii broadband specialists map out Hawaii's overall network coverage.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Please coordinate all State projects in the area.

Mayor's Peter Carlisle's Representative – Director Chun responded to the previous month's concerns:

- Mililani Street Parking – Concern was raised about the City being able to assist with on-street parking along Kuahelani Avenue and across Hokuahiahi Park in Mililani. A suggestion was made to have a designated parking lane with hash mark as they do on Likini Street in the Salt Lake area. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will conduct an investigation regarding the parking concern along Kuahelani Avenue across Hokuahiahi Park. DTS will inform the board by the June 2012 meeting.
- Site Visit – Director Chun indicated that he would be willing to meet with some of the residents regarding the request for resurfacing of Kuahelani Ave, between Kipapa Drive and Meheula Parkway. This street was determined to be in fair condition and is not currently included in a street rehabilitation project. DFM: Director Chun did a site visit on March 5, 2012, to meet with Neighborhood Board members. A representative from DDC and Division of Road Maintenance was also there. Feedback on several concerns brought up at March 5, 2012 meeting are: Kuahelani Avenue (Kipapa Drive to Meheula Parkway) – The first aid work is tentatively scheduled be done on or by the end of this month (March 2012), once weather clears and pavement dries, first-aid work to be scheduled; potholes and peel-offs will be completed on or by Friday, March 9, 2012. Kuahelani Avenue from Kipapa Drive to Meheula Parkway has been added to DDC's Rehabilitation of Localized Streets, Phase 9 project (No project or utility conflicts). The tentative schedule is to advertise the project this June-July 2012, with construction to commence late this calendar year 2012 or early calendar year 2013. NB concerns of pavement condition of the exits from and entrances to Kamehameha Highway from Lanikuhana Ave., Meheula Parkway and Kuahelani Avenue. This project will be done by the State DOT will cover Meheula Parkway and Kuahelani Avenue curb returns. The State's DOT Highways Division stated that "Kam Highway Resurfacing (Ka Uka Boulevard to Waihou Street, Project No. 99C-01-12M)" project – The contact person for the State DOT Highways Division is Alvin A. Takeshita or his assistant Christine Yamasaki, at 692-7572. Plans show State resurfacing work will go around the curb returns at the Kuahelani Avenue and Meheula Parkway intersections; however because plans are unfinished, we are not sure if resurfacing work will go into Lanikuhana Avenue.

Pothole in Kipapa Street – City does not maintain Kipapa Street; as it is a private road and part of the Mililani Shopping Center complex.

- Mililani Transit Center Meeting Room – A concern was raised about the purpose of that space and if members of the public are able to reserve times to use the space. The community wanted to find out when they would begin to have access to this space. DTS: The meeting room is available daily, from 2:30 pm through 9:30 pm, for community-oriented activities only; the room may not be used for private parties, such as baby luaus, graduation parties and wedding celebrations. A fee of \$15 per hour will be charged to use the facility. The room is unfurnished. Also, no designated parking is available for the Community Room, because adjacent parking is under the jurisdiction of the Mililani Town Center.

A Community Room Application form must be submitted to DTS at least 3 weeks prior to the requested date of use. Please contact the Public Transit Division at 768-8365 for an application form.

- “No left turn” sign on Lanikuhana by Assaggios and Ruby Tuesday. Why was the sign installed? With so many infractions and no enforcement, why even have the sign? Should a traffic signal be installed instead?

The “No Left Turn 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday, Except State Holidays” signs for motorists exiting the Mililani Town Center onto Lanikuhana Avenue near the Assaggio restaurant were installed to improve traffic operations and safety in the area. A previous study revealed that there was a trend of left turn accidents out of the driveway during the PM peak hours.

DTS: Does not recommend the installation of a traffic signal due to the proximity of the driveway to the signalized intersection of Meheula Parkway/Lanikuhana Avenue.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. What was the purpose of building the conference room if it is not equipped with tables and chairs?
2. What happened to the agreement between MTA and the City to oversee the use of the room?
3. What is the status on Kipapa Gulch Bridge regarding the weight limitation for large vehicles?

Councilmember Nestor Garcia – Darrell Young (Councilmember Nestor Garcia's staff) circulated Councilmember Garcia's report and highlighted the following:

- Greywater: The City Council passed a resolution to research the use of greywater for irrigation purposes.
- BWS Resolution: The resolution to remove the semi-autonomous status of BWS passed second hearing and was sent back to committee for discussion. Councilmember Garcia is not in support of the resolution.
- Short Range Transit Plan Meetings: The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will be hosting an informational meeting to discuss the City's short range transit plan. DTS will meet with Central/Mililani/Wahiawa/Haleiwa on March 27, 2012, 7 p.m., at Wahiawa Recreation Center, 1139 Kilani Ave.
- Mililani Roadway Resurfacing: Anania Drive and Meheula Parkway will have major reconstruction starting in early 2013.
- 20 New Refuse Trucks: On March 20, 2012, the City announced it had placed into service 20 new refuse trucks.

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

- The Senate remains focused on generating jobs.
- Senate Bill 2012 – The Invest in Hawaii Act of 2012-is now before the House Finance Committee.
- SB 2484 – was adopted in the House Education Committee.
- Celebrating the 40th anniversary of Title IX- the Patsy T. Mink Equality in Education Act.
- Congratulations to the Mililani High School Robotics Team for their achievements in the competitive event.

Representative Marilyn Lee – Keanu Young (Representative Marilyn Lee's staff) circulated her report and highlighted the following:

- Mililani High School Boys Varsity Soccer and Wrestling Teams were honored at the Capitol for winning the State Championship.
- Governor Neil Abercrombie appointed Heather Giugni to replace former State Representative Tom Okamura.
- Newsletter for the Legislature's Public Access Room.
- Passed a budget of \$5.61 billion for the State's general fund and a \$13.6 billion in all means financing, including capital improvements.
- Legislature celebrates 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts in the United States and the 95th anniversary of being in Hawaii.
- The 40th anniversary of Title IX which was championed by the late Congresswoman Patsy Mink.
- Mililani will now have 3 Representatives and will include Waiialua. Candidate nomination forms are now available at the Office of Elections for the 2012 elections. Filing deadline is May 5, 2012. For more information check out: www.hawaii.gov/elections

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

- Hawaii's New Transplant Center celebrates the first successful transplant.
- March 8, 2012 was celebrated Kidney Day in Hawaii, and March was made Kidney Month.

- Students from Mililani Mauka Elementary School met with Representative Yamane in Chambers.
- Hawaii's first mobile medical van hits the streets. The van is able to provide examinations, indoor and outdoor reception areas, a medical lab, and a refrigerated storage space.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS: There were no committee reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dau introduced the following: Resolution Regarding Honolulu Fire Department Restrictions on the use of the Kipapa Gulch Bridge Because of the 16 Ton Weight Limitation.

Discussion:

Per Dau, Paul Santos engineer for the State Department of Transportation, Highways Division 692-7611, related that The Bus and emergency vehicles have been issued a waiver for the Kipapa Gulch Bridge. And that emergency vehicles weighing up to 46 tons can safely pass on the bridge.

The bridge was built in 1933, thus making the bridge 79 years old. Weight limitation is a safety factor.

Response time is longer when HFD must use H-2 to respond to an emergency. Who issued the waiver permits for HFD and The Bus?

The board requested that a representative of State DOT, and City DTS to attend the next meeting.

Dau moved and Siegel seconded to adopt the **Resolution Regarding Honolulu Fire Department Restrictions on the use of the Kipapa Gulch Bridge Because of the 16 Ton Weight Limitation. The Resolution was ADOPTED 19-0-2 (Aye: W. Bass, D. Bass, Cavaco, Chung, Dau, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Horvath, Iuli, Loomis, Marshall, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, Thomas, Wang, Wong, and Segura; No: None; Abstain: Kaanehe and Park).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting – The next Mililani/Waipio/Melemau Neighborhood Board No. 25 regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., at the Mililani Recreational Center III, 95-281 Kaloapau Street.

Olelo Community Television Broadcasts – A video recording of this Board meeting is shown on Olelo Focus 49, every second Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and on Olelo Views 54, every first and third Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted By:
Dean Harvest
Neighborhood Commission

Reviewed By:
Richard Poirier, Chair
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