



MILILANI/WAIPIO/MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012 MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Richard Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. **A quorum was established with 12 members present.** Note – This 23 member Board requires 12 members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Danielle Bass (Arrived at 8:15 p.m.), William Bass, Ava Marie Cavaco (Arrived at 7:50 p.m.), Michael Dau, Ann Freed, Geoff Horvath, Dennis Imamura, Josie Kaanehe, Karen Loomis, Richard Poirier, Charles Remington, Carole Siegel, Douglas Thomas, Shareef Wang (Arrived at 8:05 p.m.), and Melissa Vomvoris.

Board Members Absent: R. Shayne Chung, Shannon Garan, Keith Hamada, Barbara Iuli, Joy Marshall, Rodney Park, Mary Segura, and Alvin Wong.

Vacancies: None.

Guests: Leolani Kini (Mililani Marketplace), Karl Williams (Army), Duke Chong (Board of Water Supply), Lori Kunioka (Councilmember Nestor Garcia's Office staff), Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Capt. David W. Kahanu (Honolulu Fire Department), Lt. Mike Serrao (Honolulu Police Department), Representative Marilyn Lee, Senator Michelle Kidani, Dr. Westley Chun (Mayor's Representative), Jodie Maesaka-Hirata (Governor's Representative), Michelle Tsutsui, Debbie Perry, Dayton Oshiro and Dave Amodo (Videographers), Sy Cullen, and Kazuaki McArthur (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

APPROVAL OF APRIL 25, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **The April 25, 2012 regular meeting minutes were UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 12-0-0 (AYE: W. Bass, Dau, Freed, Horvath, Imamura, Kaanehe, Loomis, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, Thomas, and Vomvoris).**

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. David Kahanu reported the following;

- April 2012 Statistics: Included 1 rubbish fire, 2 vehicle fires, 42 medical emergencies, 7 miscellaneous calls, and 1 major incident. The major incident was in response to a propane leak.
- Safety Tip: In 2010, there were 1,331,500 fires reported in the United States (U.S.). These fires caused 3,120 civilian deaths, 17,720 civilian injuries, and \$11.6 billion in property damage. Fire hydrants are the main source of water supply for fire apparatuses responding to fires. It is reminded that in accordance with the Fire Code of the City and County of Honolulu, obstructions shall not be placed or kept near fire hydrants in a manner that would prevent the fire hydrants from being immediately visible and accessible. A minimum three-foot clearance shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants. Additionally, the Traffic Code of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu states that stopping, standing, or parking is prohibited within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Kipapa Bridge: It was asked and clarified that all HFD road vehicles are cleared to traverse the Kipapa Bridge except for HFD tanker trucks. It was noted that the bridge can support a maximum of 16 tons at this time. HFD tanker trucks weigh approximately 22 tons. HFD is currently working with the State Department of Transportation (DOT) to resolve the matter.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. Mike Serrao reported the following;



- April 2012 Statistics: Included 9 burglaries, 27 thefts, 9 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), 3 auto thefts, 2 unauthorized control of propelled vehicles (UCPV), and 4 graffiti cases, 265 calls for arguments, 390 dropped calls, 232 alarm calls, 439 miscellaneous calls for service, and 225 traffic stops.

Military – Sgt, Williams requested a moment of silence for soldiers who had fallen in the line of duty on April 19, 2012. The following were reported;

- United States Army Garrison of Hawaii (USAGH) Award: USAGH was awarded the 2012 Secretary of Defense Environmental Award.
- Memorial Day: Memorial Day services will be held on May 28, 2012, at Schofield Barracks' Post Cemetery.
- Hurricane Training: The Army will be conducting hurricane training from May 29 to June 7, 2012.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Duke Chong reported the following;

- BWS Impersonation: BWS would like to alert the public about reports of individuals claiming to be BWS employees in order to gain access to private property. The individuals are reportedly wearing green t-shirts that resemble employee attire and have been asking residents to allow them in their homes. BWS would like to inform the public that all personnel involved in official BWS activities will be properly credentialed, wearing official BWS attire with the BWS logo, driving BWS labeled vehicles, and carrying an official City and County of Honolulu badge with the agency identified as BWS. Residents are encouraged to call 911 if they observe any suspicious activity. The community may also call BWS at 748-5041.
- Summer Water Conservation: The hot summer months are right around the corner. Home water consumption typically rises during the summer, so BWS would like to remind all residents to be vigilant and avoid wasting water. There are a few simple things you can do to save water.
 - Check for property leaks.
 - Avoid watering lawns between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
 - Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Halawa Xeriscape Workshops: The following workshops are scheduled at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden;
 - June 16, 2012 – Pumpkin Planting
 - June 7, 2012 – Match of the Year/Good Bug vs. Bad Bug
 - August 4, 2012 – Open House & Annual Unthirsty Plant Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project – Scott Ishikawa reported that construction on rail support columns has started in East Kapolei. 10 foot deep concrete foundations have been poured, with overhead columns to follow.

Recognition – Chair Poirier recognized Pat Lee for his contributions to the Board for providing updates on the rail project. A certificate of recognition was signed and presented.

Other Community Concerns –

City Council: Sy Cullen introduced himself to the community and announced that he would be running for City Council District 9 in the upcoming election.

Cavaco arrived at 7:50 p.m.; **13 members present.**

PUBLIC FORUM:

Reapportionment Districts – Melissa Vomvoris reported that the reapportionment committee took into consideration permanent residents, equal population in both Senate and House districts, and tried to ensure that no district favored any particular candidate. Mililani is split into two (2) Senate Districts (Senate District 18 and Senate District 22), and three (3) House Districts (House District 45, House District 36, House District 37). Maps and explanations of Senate and House Districts may be found by visiting www.hawaii.gov/elections.

Wang arrived at 8:05 p.m.; **14 members present.**

Verizon Wireless Antenna Update – Leolani Kini reported that an antenna for Verizon Wireless is being constructed at Mililani Marketplace. The building permit for the antenna was approved on May 10, 2012. Construction to install the 60-foot antenna will begin mid-June 2012 and is expected to be complete within 60 days. Individuals with questions regarding the project may call 532-1926.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Parking Stalls: It was asked and clarified that two (2) parking stalls will be removed in conjunction with the project.
2. Neighbors: it was asked and clarified that neighbors adjacent to Mililani Marketplace will be informed of the upcoming construction. It was noted that neighbors have already been contacted on other updates dealing with Mililani Marketplace.
3. TV/Radio Interference: Concern was raised of possible interference to TV or radio due to the antenna. It was noted that Verizon provided a presentation to the Board last year.

Oahu Arts Center Update – Freed reported that Oahu Arts Center representatives will be teaming with the Ballroom Dancers Association to address the Oahu Arts Center issue. It was noted that the City will most likely grant the money for the planning phase of the proposed art center.

D. Bass arrived at 8:15 p.m.; **15 members present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Project Funding: It was asked and clarified that funding is needed for the planning and design phase. It was noted that project planners will begin to fundraise and request government funding after the project has completed the planning phase.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative – Dr. Wesley Chun reported that

- Recycling Bins: The City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) will discontinue the use of most white recycle bins located around the island. White recycling containers will still be available at Mililani High School and Mililani Mauka Elementary School. Residents are encouraged to utilize the blue recycling bins provided by the City.
- On-Street Parking Controls: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) does not recommend the installation of additional on-street parking controls on Kuahelani Avenue in the vicinity of Hokuahiahi Park at this time. DTS' site investigation revealed that all parking restriction signs on Kuahelani Avenue at Hokuahiahi Street and at Holaniku Street are clearly visible and in good condition. DTS' review of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) records for this area does not indicate a need for additional traffic engineering measures. In addition, HPD indicated that this was not an area where they were having problems with illegal parking. However, the community can assist HPD in their enforcement efforts by notifying them whenever vehicles are observed to be illegally parked.

Councilmember Nestor Garcia – Councilmember Garcia circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Bill 37: Bill 37 regarding the approval of a line of credit for the City for the rail project was passed out of committee and will go before the City Council for final decision on June 6, 2012. The Federal Transit Administration will not approve the full funding for the rail project without the approved line of credit.
- Retire: Councilmember Garcia announced he will be finishing his political career at the end of his current term.

Governor's Representative – Jodie Maesaka-Hirata reported the following;

- Act 29: Act 29 broadens the law regarding the illegal sale of synthetic cannabinoids and substituted cathinones.
- Frequently Called Numbers: A list of frequently called State government numbers were circulated to the Board.
- Senate Bill (SB) 2785: Establishes a regulatory structure for the installation and implementation of an inter-island high voltage electric transmission cable system and for the construction of on-island transmission infrastructure.
- SB 2787: Establishes a regulatory structure for the installation and implementation of an inter-island high voltage electric transmission cable system and for the construction of on-island transmission infrastructure.
- SB 2752: Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to allow electric utility companies to recover all power purchase costs that have been approved by the Commission.
- SB 2778: Establishes a childhood obesity prevention task force. Appropriates funds to the department of health to support early childhood development, including the collection of obesity data, childhood obesity awareness, and promotion of best practices to improve healthy life choices.
- SB 2779: Authorizes the establishment of, and appropriates funds for, aging and disability resource center sites in each county to streamline access to long-term supports and services for older adults, persons with disabilities, and family caregivers.
- Early Childhood Education: \$300,000 was appropriated toward early childhood education to develop public-private partnerships.
- House Bill (HB) 608: Appropriates emergency funds, subject to dollar-for-dollar private matching funds, to be expended by the Department of Health for grants to The Queen's Medical Center to perform kidney and liver transplants and to National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii to maintain its chronic kidney disease management program.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Prisoners Abroad: It was asked and clarified that many prisoners being kept in mainland prisons have already been brought back to Hawaii. SB 2860 amends the law to delete the Intake Service Center as an agency responsible for preparing the pre-sentence diagnosis and report. It also formally establishes a reentry office which includes a reentry program. The State aims to eventually bring all prisoners home.
2. Kulani Correctional Facility: It was asked and clarified that the Kulani Correctional Facility is closed due to water issues. The State Sex Offender program has been moved to Halawa Correctional Facility.

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

- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP): District 17 received over \$21 million in CIP funding. Projects included;
 - Kipapa Elementary School air conditioning replacement – \$200,000
 - Mililani High School (MHS) tennis court reconstruction/resurfacing – \$900,000
 - MHS lower parking lot/driveway resurfacing – \$350,000
 - MHS construction/equipment for athletic field improvements – \$1,100,000
 - Mililani Iki Elementary School covered play court renovation – \$150,000
 - Mililani Mauka Elementary School covered walkways – \$500,000
 - Mililani Middle School roof repair and replacement – \$750,000
 - Mililani Uka Elementary School new playground equipment – \$75,000
 - Filcom Center photovoltaic panels installation – \$450,000
 - Hawaii Okinawa Center renovation and upgrades – \$400,000
 - Waipio Neighborhood Park batting cage construction – \$25,000
 - Replacement/renovation of Kipapa Gulch bridge from two (2) lanes to four (4) lanes – \$7,200,000
 - Sidewalk installation along Meheula Parkway and Lanikuhana Avenue – \$3,000,000
 - Graffiti resistant wall material from Waipahu Street to Waipio Uka Boulevard – \$5,000,000

- Mililani High School: Mililani High School was the first school in the State to hold 2012 commencement ceremonies. Congratulations to the 589 graduates of 2012.
- Emergency Fair: The City Department of Emergency Management (DEM) will partner with the American Red Cross to host an emergency preparedness fair on June 23, 2012, at Mililani Town Center.

Representative Marilyn Lee – Representative Lee circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Mililani Schools: Three (3) Mililani Schools were ranked among the top 10 schools in the State.
- 2013 General Fund Appropriations: Of the total 2013 General Fund Appropriations, Education accounted for 23% (\$1,048,108,657), Human Services accounted for 19% (\$1,066,786,677), Debt Service accounted for 11% (\$643,389,587), and Retirement Benefits Payments accounted for (\$632,711,925).
- SB 3010: Temporarily exempts Hawaii Department of Transportation (DOT) and its contractors from certain state requirements for certain bridge rehabilitation projects. The measure makes possible the rehabilitation of Roosevelt Bridge.
- Thank You: Gratitude was expressed to Senator Kidani and Representative Yamane for cooperating during the legislative session for the benefit of the Mililani community.

Representative Ryan Yamane – Representative Yamane circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- HB 1953: Appropriates funds to increase the on-call availability of emergency medical services and ambulance services on the Leeward Coast of Oahu. Measure passed by legislature.
- HB 2273: Requires the DOE and the Hawaii High School Athletic Association to develop a concussion awareness program to provide guidelines for public and private schools. Measure passed by legislature.
- HB 304: Appropriates moneys from the general fund to provide grants for public health, welfare, and education. Measure passed by legislature.
- Tesoro: Representative Yamane was selected to lead a task force to look into the sale of the Tesoro refinery.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Thank You: Local legislators were commended for their hard work during the last legislative session.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report – Remington read the Treasurer's report and reported a remaining balance of \$1,762.55. The report was filed.

Chair's Report – Chair Poirier reported plans for Koa Ridge are almost complete. A decision on the project will be made on June 7, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution in Support of Oahu Center Plans at Central Oahu Regional Park – Horvath introduced the resolution that **Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 fully supports the goals and objectives of the Mayor's FY 2013 Capital Budget and Program Project 1998040; and that Neighborhood Board No.25 recommends that Project 1998040 be amended to include additional planning and design funding for the construction of the Oahu Arts Center at Central Oahu Regional Park; and that Neighborhood Board No.25 encourages the City Council to support the Mayor's FY 2013 Capital Budget and Program Project 1998040; and that Neighborhood Board No.25 recommends that the Directors of the Departments of Enterprise Services and Parks and Recreation be charged to create a task force to establish guidelines for launching a public-private arts partnership to formalize and channel government and private-sector cooperation in**

implementing the objectives of Project 1998040; and that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu; the Directors of the Departments of Design and Construction, Enterprise Services and Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu; the Chairs of Neighborhood Boards No. 23 (Ewa), 24 (Waianae Coast), 26 (Wahiawa-Whitmore Village), 27 (North Shore), 34 (Makakilo-Kapolei), and 35 (Mililani Mauka-Laulani Valley), to the Co-Chairs of the Central O'ahu Regional Park Advisory Committee, and to the advocacy organization for the O'ahu Arts Center.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Castle and Cooke: It was suggested the resolution also be sent to Castle and Cooke.

Horvath moved, and Remmington seconded to adopt the resolution with the addition that it be sent also to Castle and Cooke. The resolution was ADOPTED 14-0-1 (AYE: D. Bass, W. Bass, Cavaco, Dau, Freed, Horvath, Imamura, Loomis, Poirier, Remmington, Siegel, Thomas, Wang, and Vomvoris NO: Kaanehe).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next Meeting: The next Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., at Mililani Recreational Center III, 95-2851 Kaloapau Street.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Kazuaki McArthur, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Adam LeFebvre, Neighborhood Commission Office
Richard Poirier, Chair