



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

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2012** **MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair William Bass called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. **Quorum was established with 14 members present.** Note – This 23 member Board requires 12 members to establish quorum and to take official Board action. Bass announced that Dick Poirier is out of town.

**Board Members Present:** Danielle Bass (arrived at 7:45 p.m.), William “Bill” Bass, Ava Marie Cavaco (Arrived at 8:15 p.m.), R. Shayne Chung, Michael Dau, Ann Freed, Shannon Garan (Arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Keith Hamada (Arrived at 7:45 p.m.), Dennis Imamura, Barbara Iuli (Arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Josie Kaanehe, Karen Loomis, Joy Marshall, Rodney Park, Charlie Remington, Mary Segura, Carole Siegel, Douglas Thomas, Alvin Wong (Arrived at 7:32 p.m.), and Melissa Vomvoris.

**Board Members Absent:** Geoff Horvath, Richard Poirier, and Shareef Wang.

**Vacancies:** None.

**Guests:** Sergeant Karl Williams (25th CAB PAO), Duke Chung (Board of Water Supply), Nicholas Striebich, Mahealani Cypher and Francine Gora (Oahu Council Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), Westley Chun (Mayor’s Representative/Director, Department of Facility Maintenance), Lieutenant Mark Boyce (Honolulu Police Department, District 2-Wahiawa), Jill Akana (Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs-Oahu), Firefighter 1 Adam Rose, Firefighter 3 Keith Marrero, and Captain Derek Takita (Honolulu Fire Department); Representative Marilyn Lee, Elynne Chung (Principal, Mililani Middle School), Representative Ryan Yamane, and Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

7:32 p.m. Board member Alvin Wong arrived; **15 members present.**

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2012:** **Without objection, the June 27, 2012 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as circulated, 15-0-0 (Aye: B. Bass, Chung, Dau, Freed, Imamura, Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park Remington, Segura, Siegel, Thomas, Wong) .**

The Board recessed in July.

7:35 p.m. Board member Shannon Garan and Barbara Pua Iuli arrived; **17 members present.**

### **CONVENING BOARD ACTIONS:**

**Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer):** **Imamura moved and Thomas seconded nominating the following officers; Chair – Dick Poirier, Vice Chair – Bill Bass, Secretary – Joy Marshall, Treasurer – Charlie Remington.** There were no other nominations; nominations were closed. **By ACCLAMATION, 17-0-0 (Aye: W. Bass, Chung, Dau, Freed, Garan, Imamura, Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Remington, Segura, Siegel, Thomas, Wong, Vomvoris);** the July 2012 to June 2013 Board officers are:

- Chair – Dick Poirier
- Vice Chair – Bill Bass
- Secretary – Joy Marshall
- Treasurer – Charlie Remington

**Board’s Monthly Regular Meeting Day, Time, Place and Recess; Proposal to Appropriate Fiscal Year Funds for the Videotaping of Meetings, Facility Rental Fee, and Other Board Expenses; Granting the Neighborhood Commission Office authorization to Notify Board Members Upon the Accumulation of Three Absences:** **Loomis moved and Remington seconded that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 shall continue to meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Mililani Recreation Center III, shall recess during the month of December, shall agree to the appropriation of the Fiscal Year 2013 funds for the videotaping of meetings,**



**facility rental fees, and other Board expenses, and shall grant the Neighborhood Commission Office authorization to notify Board members upon the accumulation of three absences. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 17-0-0 (Aye: B. Bass, Chung, Dau, Freed, Garan, Imamura, Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis Marshall, Park, Remington, Segura, Siegel, Thomas, Wong, and Vomvoris).**

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter 1 Adam Rose reported the following:

- July 2012 Statistics – Fires Included 4 structure, 1 wildland, 1 rubbish, and 2 vehicles; 47 medical and 31 miscellaneous response calls.
- Fire Safety Tip – The risk of wildland fires increases as the summer heat continues. Make a 30-foot wide fire break by clearing vegetation and clutter around all structures. If your property borders an area where a wildland fire could occur, consider the need for fire department access in case the fire approaches your home. Have an emergency preparedness plan available. Consider the route you would take and other preparations in case you need to evacuate.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Mark Boyce reported the following:

- July 2012 Statistics – Included 19 burglaries, 22 thefts, 18 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), 6 auto thefts, 8 auto theft recoveries, 3 graffiti, 270 alarms, 279 arguments, 305 dropped calls, 449 miscellaneous, and 249 miscellaneous circumstances.

Military-Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), 25th Infantry Division – Sergeant Karl Williams reported the following:

- 25th Combat Aviation Brigade – A moment of silence was observed for the four soldiers from the 25th CAB, 2nd Battalion 25th Aviation Regiment who died heroically in an aircraft incident while executing combat operations in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.
- Noise Advisory – The 25th Infantry Division will be conducting infield artillery training on August 28, 2012 from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Area residents may experience increased noise.
- Schofield Visitors to Temporarily Use Wheeler's Kawamura Gate – Effective June 20, 2012 all Schofield Barracks visitors without a valid military identification card must use Kawamura Gate at Wheeler Army airfield to access Schofield Barracks. Until the Lyman Gate construction is completed, the Schofield Visitor Control Center (VCC) will be temporarily relocated to Kawamura Gate, which will be open 24/7 to accommodate the change.
- Anti-terrorism Awareness Month – August is the Army's Anti-terrorism Awareness Month and as a community be alert at all times for suspicious activity and maintain individual situational awareness of the surroundings. Last month U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii conducted anti-terrorism exercises as a continuing effort to test, assess, and validate emergency response plans and procedures against acts of terrorism and to prepare the community and workforce to effectively respond to incidents.

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

- July 2012 Water Main Breaks – No water main breaks or construction projects.
- Efficient landscape Irrigation – Poorly maintained or installed irrigation system can waste up to fifty percent of household drinking water due to evaporation and runoff. The BWS in partnership with the Landscape Irrigation Council of Hawaii (LICH) and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM), is encouraging resident to incorporate simple best management practices to install and maintain a water-efficient landscape irrigation system. Helpful tips from the "Landscape Irrigation Conservation: Best Management Practices" booklet include setting an irrigation schedule, adjusting your irrigation schedule throughout the year, and using water-saving irrigation components. Visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) for more information.
- 2012-2013 Halawa Xeriscapte Garden Workshop Schedule – Saturday workshops continue to be offered that highlights the concept of xeriscaping. New classes will feature the drought-tolerant Neem tree and its medicinal and insecticidal benefits, using succulents to create a living Thanksgiving centerpiece, and using bamboo and pine to make a New Year Kodomatsu decoration. The new 2012-2013 workshop schedule was circulate and can be found on [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com); or call 748-5041 for more details.

- Prediction of Possible Drought/Dryer Weather – A University of Hawaii meteorology professor reported that El Nino may develop over the next few months and lead to a dryer winter and spring. Oahu is fortunate in that the water is from ground water sources and people are practicing conservation. However, lower rainfall could eventually create problems and consumers are requested to continue good conservation efforts.

7:45 p.m. Board members Danielle Bass and Keith Hamada arrived; **19 members present.**

Honolulu Rail Project – Scott Ishikawa circulated a handout and reported that 50 foundation columns have been constructed. A maintenance storage facility with the train control system has been built. Follow up will be done regarding if the Central Oahu, which according to RAB if the fuel line is dug up by the rail works and creates a leak; clean-up will be done by the rail workers.

Other Community Concerns:

PUBLIC FORUM:

O`ahu Ahupua`a Boundary Marker Signage Project – Mahealani Cypher and Project Chair Francine Gora reported the following:

- Ahupua`a – Was established by the Alii to organize the distribution of resources and people. It originally ran from the mountains to the near-shore reef and included land and ocean resources that would sustain the population living in the ahupua`a.
- Purpose – The purpose of the project is to install ahupua`a boundary signage markers to identify the physical boundaries of O`ahu's traditional Hawaiian ahupua`a land divisions recognized by the Kingdom of Hawaii as a means of connecting island residents and visitors with their kuleana (responsibility) of the natural and cultural resource within the ahupua`a.
- Awareness – The markers will raise awareness of how the concept of ahupua`a resource management sustained the people of this island centuries past, enabling a large population to thrive through the system. Visitors will also be educated as to the advanced approach toward natural and cultural resource management practiced by native Hawaiians in ancient times.
- Ewa Moku – Neighborhood Board No. 25 lies in the ahupua`a Waipio, which is located within the Moku (district) of Ewa.
- Signage – Twenty four by twelve inch signs will be posted on the makai side of Kamehameha Highway. Starting point would be Farrington Highway, cutting off at Kamehameha Highway. The mauka sign will be posted on Ka Uka Boulevard /Waipio/Waikele (Waipio/Waiawa area) on Kamehameha Highway near Waipahu Street.
- Resolution – Included with the handout was a resolution asking for Board support. No Board action taken at this time.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Funding – The project is funded by the Aston Foundation with assistance for the signs from the Department of Transportation Services (DTS), Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) and DOT.
2. Signs – The signs will be posted to bring people back to their grass roots regarding responsibility in their own community.

Update and Happenings at the Mililani Middle School – Principal Elyne Chung reported that Mililani Middle School meets all “no child left behind” standards. The school offers service learning which allows students to participate in outside classes at the end of the school day. In April 2012 the school received a letter of accommodation; earning six (6) years of accreditation.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Previous Schools – Chung was the former principal at Peal Harbor Kai Elementary School for seven (7) years.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

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

- Economic Outlook: On July 19, 2012, Governor Abercrombie reported that the State of Hawaii concluded its 2012 Fiscal Year (FY) with a positive ending balance of \$306 million, as well as an increase of 14.9% in tax revenue from FY 2011. FY 2012 marks the second consecutive year the State has ended in the black.
- Job Creation: The State's unemployment continues to hover around 6.4%. The national average stands at 8.2%. Since 2012, the Governor has released more than \$423.8 million for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). Projects have been selected for their potential to immediately stimulate the economy and generate local jobs.
- Affordable Housing: 10 State affordable housing projects were listed in the June 29 Pacific Business News as being among the top 25 residential construction projects in Hawaii. These 10 projects alone are expected to generate a total of 6,050 direct jobs and 8,766 indirect jobs, as well as restore 3,901 affordable homes or units. For more information on these public-private ventures, visit <http://hawaii.gov/gov/faq>.

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

- Mililani Transit Center Meeting Room – Per the Department of Transportation Services (DTS), the meeting room is available daily from 2:30 p.m. through 9:30 p.m. for community oriented activities only and is not to be used for private parties. The facility is partially furnished. A \$15 facility usage fee per hour will be charged. There is no designated parking available for the Community Room, because the adjacent parking is under the Mililani Town Center jurisdiction. A Community Room application must be submitted to DTS at least three (3) weeks prior to the requested date of use. Please contact the Public Transit Division at 768-8365 for an application form. It was announced that a meeting with DTS Director Wayne Yoshioka and Aileen Mark and the community is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at the Mililani Transit Center at 3:00 p.m. Board member Marshall offered to represent the Board at the meeting.
- Remembrance Walk – The Mayor's Remembrance Walk will be held on Sunday September 9, 2012.

Questions, comments and concerns followed – Kipapa Gulch Bridge – The City was thanked for allowing fire and buses to use the Kipapa Gulch Bridge, which previously prohibited the use due to weight limits.

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

- Mililani Roadway Paving Schedule – Now that the Makakilo residential roads are complete, the Waipahu residential roads are underway, the next and final community up for scheduled paving in District 9 is Mililani. Working with the Department of Design and Construction (DDC), the understanding is that the area from H-2 to Kamehameha Highway is tentatively scheduled for bidding in October. As discussed earlier, the paving of Lanikuhana and Meheula is scheduled for the summer of 2013 due to root pruning work.
- Announcement – This would be the Councilmember's last visit to Neighborhood Board 25. Two (2) other neighborhood boards in his district meet on the same night and he will be visiting those meetings prior to leaving office at the end of his term.

Senator Michelle Kidani – A representative was not present; report not available.

Representative Marilyn Lee – Representative Marilyn Lee circulated her written report and highlighted the following:

- Book Sale – The Friends of Mililani Public Library (FOMPL) will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Town Center – Celebrated its 25th Anniversary this past Saturday.
- National History Day – Mililani High School celebrated National History Day on August 3, 2012.
- Kukui Connection – The next episode will feature Coral Andrews, Executive Director of the Hawaii Health Connector, a state-based health insurance exchange.
- H-1 Zipper Lane – New requirements allow vehicles with two (2) or more passengers to use the Zipper Lane for full operating hours from 5:50 – 8:30 a.m., during weekday morning rush-hours.
- H-2 Lighting Project Completion – Paul's Electric has just completed the \$2.4 million dollar H-2 Lighting Reconductoring Project. The State Department of Transportation (DOT) has said the street light base access panels will be secured with a special bolt to prevent unauthorized entry by copper thieves.
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Representative Ryan Yamane – Representative Ryan Yamane reported the following:

- Mililani High School Turf – The field turf has been completed.

- Slope Stabilization – The project to stabilize the slope at Mililani Uka Elementary School for the safety of the student will be starting soon.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Queens Medical Center (QMC) Update – QMC has submitted requests for approval to the Department of Health (DOH) and continues due diligence. If approved the facility will be an emergency room with the same number of beds as the previous facility. However, the sale/purchase is not yet official.

8:15 p.m. Board member Ava Marie Cavaco arrived; **20 members present.**

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

- Treasurer's Report – The report was not available.
- Solid Waste/Hickam POL – Dau at the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting it was mentioned that the site 22 dump near building 293 included metals and PCBS. There is a possibility that two (2) homes are planned to be built on top of the dump site. It was mentioned that it is not the board's problem.
- Publicity/Public Relations – Free reported that times listed on the NCO website and calendar for meeting start times is incorrect and should read 7:30 p.m.
- Health & Safety/Public Health – Iuli reported that Pali Momi has recently opened the Pali Momi Medical Pavilion for Women located in the Pearlridge Shopping Center.
- Candidates Night Forum – D. Bass announced that a joint Candidates Forum with the Mililani Mauka Neighborhood Board will be held at the September 26, 2012 meeting at Mililani Recreation Center III.
- Chair – Bass announced that he would be out of town for the September meeting. It was noted to contact Board members Remington and Marshall if need be.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting – Next Board Meeting will be at Mililani Recreation Center III, on Wednesday, September 26, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. Upon recess or adjournment, a General Election Candidates Night Forum will be held at 8:00 p.m.
- Broadcast – Videotape of Board meetings are scheduled to be 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 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Kazu McArthur Neighborhood Assistant; and Bill Bass, Vice Chair