



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

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2012** **MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Dick Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m., **with a quorum of 20 members present.** Note: This 23 member Board requires 12 members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present:** Danielle Bass, William Bass, Ava Marie Cavaco, R. Shayne Chung, Michael Dau, Ann Freed, Shannon Garan, Keith Hamada, Barbara 'Pua' Iuli, Josie Kaanehe, Karen Loomis, Joy Marshall, Rodney Park, Richard 'Dick' Poirier, Charlie Remington, Mary Segura, Carole Siegel, Douglas Thomas, Alvin Wong, and Melissa Vomvoris.

**Board Members Absent:** Dennis Imamaura and Shareef Wang.

**Guests:** Senator Michelle Kidani, Will Kane (Mililani Town Association), Marilyn Lee, Representative Lauren Cheape, Duke Chung (Board of Water Supply), Mike McCure (New Hope), Representative Ryan Yamane, Representative Beth Fukumoto, Director Westley Chun (Honolulu Mayor's Representative), Lori Kunioka (Councilmember Garcia's Office), Director Wayne Yoshioka (Department of Transportation Services), Scott Ishikawa and Executive Director Daniel Grabauskas (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit), Mary Ann Chalker, William Gillispie, and William Nhieu (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2012:** Chair Poirier announced that the Board has received comments from Group 70 International regarding slight changes to the October minutes. **Without objection, the October 24, 2012 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as amended, 20-0-0 (Aye: D. Bass, B. Bass, Cavaco, Chung, Dau, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Segura, Siegel, Thomas, Wong, Vomvoris) .**

**FILLING OF BOARD VACANCY:** There is one (1) vacancy in Sub District 1. Chair Poirier opened the floor to nominations. Marilyn Lee was nominated to fill the vacancy in Sub District 1.

**Chair Poirier called a short recess at the request of the Neighborhood Assistant to verify the nominee's residency. The Neighborhood Assistant was able to verify the nominee's residency in Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board Sub District 1 and noted that the nominee was eligible to fill the vacancy per §2-14-104 of the Neighborhood Plan. Without objection, Marilyn Lee was APPOINTED to the Board 20-0-0. (Aye: D. Bass, B. Bass, Cavaco, Chung, Dau, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Iuli, Kaanehe, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Segura, Siegel, Thomas, Wong, Vomvoris). Chair Poirier administered the Oath of Office and with Board member Lee's appointment, there are 21 members present.**

### **COMMUNITY FORUM:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – A written report was made available to the Board.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Lieutenant Mark Boyce reported the October 2012 statistics included 12 burglaries, 23 thefts, 17 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), 2 auto thefts, and 3 graffiti.

**Board of Water Supply (BWS)** – Duke Chung reported the Board of Water Supply (BWS) will be switching over to a new customer billing system in January 2013, which will allow the BWS to provide better service by implementing customer care industry best practices. Online bill viewing, paperless billing, and electronic customer service request forms are now available. The BWS is also moving toward providing customers with the option to pay their water and sewer bills online at their convenience. For more information, visit the BWS website at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

**Honolulu Rail Project** – A rail update will be heard later in the agenda at the Public Forum portion of the agenda; speaking will be Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) Executive Director and CEO, Dan Grabauskas.



Community Public Health Area Proposal: Jill Moriyama, Jana Seigaku, and Nathlee Miller are fifth semester nursing students from the University of Hawaii at Manoa working in community public health with the Wahiawa Public Health Office. They were assigned a two-part community assessment in Mililani to identify a project based on community observations and interviews to improve the quality of life in the area. Their project will be to assess and research possible traffic safety devices to be implemented at the intersection of Lanikuhana Avenue and Makaimoimo Street to alleviate motor vehicle and pedestrian accidents at the location. The findings of their project will be reported to the Board in January.

Board Certificate Awards: The Board presented certificates to the following;

- Representative Marilyn Lee: For her years of service as the district's State House Representative.
- Westley Chun: To the Director of the City Department of Facilities and Maintenance for his service to the Mililani Neighborhood Board as the Mayor's Representative.
- Wayne Yoshioka: To the Director of the City Department of Transportation Services for his leadership in diligently pursuing the activation of the Community Meeting Room located in the Mililani Transit Center.
- Lori Kunioka: For her service to the Board as Councilmember Nestor Garcia's liaison.
- Officer Andy Berky: For his outstanding service in carrying out his duties to make Mililani a safer community.
- Mililani National U14 Girls AYSO Soccer Champions: To Coach Dunstan Canne, Assistant Coach Rose Yuu, and the entire Mililani Lanikila's U14 girls soccer team on their national championship.

## PUBLIC FORUM

Honolulu Rail Project Update: HART Executive Director and CEO Dan Grabauskas reported;

- Background: Has served as government official in many capacities in Massachusetts including the General Manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) where he oversaw the oldest transit system in the country. Was informed by a headhunting agency about the Executive Director position at HART which seemed intriguing due to the ability to work on the newest mass transit system in the nation after coming from the oldest in the nation. The opportunity to work on a transit system from the start also would make it possible to focus on preventing future issues instead of constantly focusing on fixing problems as most of his job was back in Boston.
- Rail Update: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and HART have signed the full funding agreement (FFA) for \$1.55 billion earlier last week. The City Council will vote tomorrow to allow HART the ability to utilize the funding.
- Supreme Court Decisions: The archaeological surveys required by the lawsuits are nearly completed, with less than 10 trenches left out of 350. After the surveys are completed, a report will be filed and they will likely resume construction in the middle of 2013. Of the 56 claims in the lawsuit against the project, 53 were thrown out and the judge ruled in favor of HART. The remaining three claims involved smaller cultural surveys that will be completed soon. The federal government felt that the project is on course and that is why the full funding agreement was signed last week.
- Pearl Highlands Station: The nearest rail station that will likely service the Mililani community would be the 1,400 stall station location at Pearl Highlands.
- Traffic Congestion: Rail will remove 40,000 cars from Honolulu roadways when it is completed. For perspective on what that means for Oahu, compare it to periods when schools are on break which accounts for a reduction of 43,000 vehicles.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Handicapped Accessibility: The rail project will be fully handicapped accessible and include amenities such as elevators and visual aids for the hearing impaired.
2. Wireless Internet on Rail: HART is looking forward to providing free public wireless internet for rail riders. There was public wireless internet back in Boston and it was shown to be a major incentive for transit riders.
3. Park and Ride Security: Parking will likely be free for the rail system users, possibly through a smart card that you use for the garage and public transportation. The security of parked vehicles and riders will be of utmost concern for HART.
4. Traffic Mitigation During Construction: Construction will begin from Kapolei and will usually be restricted to the median of freeways during the off-hours. Construction will involve the placement of columns with the

majority of the actual construction work being done above the roadways. Construction will include pre-made sections that will be placed along the column paths to create the rail lines. There will actually be a lot less construction sites for the construction of the rail project than the public believes.

5. Operating Costs of Rail: The Honolulu's Rail Project will be the first in the United States that operates a driverless system which will save a lot of money because the majority of operating costs is personnel. The operating cost structure will follow that of the current bus system, with some money recovered by fares and the City subsidizing the rest. The rail project is expecting a 40% fare recovery rate.
6. Maintenance Costs of Rail: Grabauskas has spent years overseeing the oldest transit system where deferred maintenance has caused problems with a lot of time and money spent on perpetual repairs. Will ensure that HART focuses on ensuring that rail is done correctly from the start so that major issues don't arise in the future and will also make sure that preventative maintenance is always a priority.
7. Transit Security: The Boston transit systems had their own police force consisting of 249 officers. However, after discussions with HPD, the Honolulu rail system will likely not have its own police force. The plan is to have station personnel supplemented by an extensive security camera system at all the stations. During Grabauskas's time at MBTA, transit stations began with about 150 cameras and later had 900 after his departure.
8. Rail Impacts on Bus Service: Director Yoshioka replied that rail and the bus systems will work in conjunction to better serve the island. In regards to service to the outer parts of the island, rail will significantly free up buses for service outside of the urban Honolulu corridor. Right now, buses are in high use within urban Honolulu. Rail will soon handle most of the transit within the urban corridor so buses would be redeployed to service the outer areas of the island.

#### REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative – Deputy Director Esther Kiaaina reported;

- Introduction: State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Deputy Director Esther Kiaaina was introduced as the new Governor's representative to the Board and she has personally given a card out to every Board member in attendance tonight.
- Business and Information (IT) Transformation Plan: Last month, Governor Abercrombie unveiled the IT plan, one of the key initiatives of his New Day Plan. Hawaii has not invested in technology in nearly three decades leaving the technology infrastructure nearly a generation behind. The State's Chief Information Officer, Sonny Bhagowalia, and his team developed the technology plan after a thorough review of national best practices and lessons learned from other states. It aims to consolidate our 743 fragmented legacy systems into fewer, better integrated enterprise-wide solutions that facilitate improved information sharing.
- Koa Ridge Memorandum of Agreement (MOA): Last month's minutes listed that the Board and Castle & Cooke were awaiting comments from the State Department of Transportation (DOT) on the status of Castle & Cooke's MOA submission to the DOT regarding the regional transportation infrastructure clause. Castle & Cooke has submitted a Traffic Impact Report (TIR) to the DOT in June. Deputy Director Kiaaina will follow up with DOT.

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

- Mililani Waena Park Grafitti: The City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will be repainting the electrical boxes that have been grafittied at Mililani Waena Park.
- Mililani District Park Lighting: The tennis courts lights at Mililani District Park have been repaired on November 5, 2012.
- Mililani Meeting Room: DTS is now in discussion with Mililani Town Center to use their meeting room for public use. Several factors still need to be ironed out including a Memorandum of Agreement and other logistical issues. The Board and DTS were initially in discussion with Mililani Town Association (MTA) to transfer oversight of the Mililani Transit Center to MTA for community use.
- Anania Drive Parking Stall Removal: DTS is still following up with the individual who has raised the concern.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Overhanging Trees at Mililani Neighborhood Park: The sprinkler system at the park operates between 2:00 - 3:00 a.m. with the water impacting the overhanging tree branches, causing excessive noise during the night. A Board member sought insight upon who would be responsible for maintaining the tree.

2. Well Construction in Area: A Board member noted digging and well construction at the intersection of Papolohiwa St. and Makohilani St., before Oliona Place. There is also well digging on Lanikuhana Place behind Kuahelani Park. Sought additional information upon the digging project. Mayor's representative to follow up.

Councilmember Nestor Garcia – Lori Kunioka provided a written report and highlighted the following;

- Councilmember Garcia Attendance: Apologizes for Councilmember Garcia's absence tonight, his district has three community meetings tonight. Garcia takes turns attending the meetings each month.
- List of Accomplishments: Noted that the written handout lists many of Councilmember Garcia's contributions to the district such as park and school improvements.

Senator Michelle Kidani – Senator Michelle Kidani provided a written report and highlighted;

- Senate Assignments: Senator Kidani will remain as Vice Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee and of the Committee on Education. Will also serve as a member of three other committees; Higher Education, Hawaiian Affairs, and Human Services.
- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Updates: Improvements to Kamehameha Highway was supposed to begin next month, however has been moved to next year.
- Mililani High School (MHS) Principal: Mililani High School has welcomed back to campus their new principal, Fred Murphy, MHS class of 1988. Murphy has served as MHS Band Director from 1993 to 2005 and as Vice Principal from 2006 to 2009.

Representative Ryan Yamane – Representative Ryan Yamane provided a written report and highlighted;

- Holiday Events: Noted upcoming holiday community events listed in the written report and encouraged all to attend.
- House Reorganization: A State House reorganization is underway and the entire thing is likely going to be finalized on opening day of the Legislative Session. As of now, Representative Yamane is Chair of the Health Committee, Vice Chair of the Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee, and a member of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee and the Human Services Committee.
- Health Committee Training: Will be flying to Washington D.C., for training to take on the Vice Chairmanship of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Health Committee.

Representative Beth Fukumoto – Representative Beth Fukumoto provided a written report and highlighted;

- Office Staff: Has filled out her upcoming session staff with Marlo Ting serving as Office Manager.
- Temporary Office: Just recently moved into a temporary office as offices will not be finalized till the House organizes.

Representative Lauren Cheape – Representative Lauren Cheape announced that coverage of the Mililani Parade was on the day's morning news.

#### COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Charlie Remington reported that the Board has a balance of \$981.17.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Koa Ridge Development Zoning Change:

**Thomas moved, and Remington seconded that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 adopt the resolution recommending the proposed Koa Ridge zoning change be deferred, pending completion of the five-year review of the Central Oahu Sustainable Communities Plan. The resolution was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED 21-0-0 (Aye: D. Bass, B. Bass, Cavaco, Chung, Dau, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Iuli, Kaanehe, Lee, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Segura, Siegel, Thomas, Wong, Vomvoris) .**

Proposed New Hope Leeward Development Project:

**Thomas moved, and Remington seconded that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 adopt the resolution recommending the proposed New Hope Leeward 'Promised Land' development project be allowed to proceed subject to the recommended provisions outlined in the resolution. The resolution was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED 21-0-0 (Aye: D. Bass, B. Bass, Cavaco, Chung, Dau, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Iuli, Kaanehe, Lee, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Segura, Siegel, Thomas, Wong, Vomvoris) .**

Five-Year Sustainable Communities and Development Plan:

**Thomas moved, and Remington seconded that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 adopt the motion requesting that further five-year Sustainable Communities and Development Plan reviews be deferred pending an evaluation by the incoming Mayoral administration of the continued viability and effectiveness of the City & County of Honolulu comprehensive planning process. The resolution was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED 21-0-0 (Aye: D. Bass, B. Bass, Cavaco, Chung, Dau, Freed, Garan, Hamada, Iuli, Kaanehe, Lee, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Segura, Siegel, Thomas, Wong, Vomvoris) .**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting – Next Board Meeting will be at Mililani Recreation Center III, on Wednesday, January 23, 2013, at 7:30 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 9:29 p.m.

Submitted by: William Nhieu, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant; and Richard Poirier, Chair

**RESOLUTION STRONGLY RECOMMENDING THAT THE PROPOSED KOA RIDGE ZONING CHANGE BE DEFERRED PENDING COMPLETION OF THE FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE CENTRAL OAHU SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Central Oahu residents are concerned about both the necessity for and the number of developments pending in Central Oahu and Ewa and the adequacy of the regional infrastructure, both existing and proposed, to support such developments if approved; and

**WHEREAS**, adding another 20,000 housing units in Central Oahu, as proposed in the Central Oahu Sustainable Communities Plan, will severely increase Central Oahu and Leeward commuter travel times to and from downtown Honolulu and Kapolei; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting develops long range plans for Oahu's eight planning areas, under the overall guidance of the Oahu General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the long range plan for Central Oahu, the Central Oahu Sustainable Communities Plan (COSC), was adopted by the City Council in late 2002. Although the ordinance adopting the plan required an evaluation of the plan every five years, no 5-Year Review has been undertaken or completed for the COSC Plan since its initial adoption by the City Council in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the 5-Year Review should examine whether changes are needed to the plan and how implementation of the plan's vision and policies might be improved. Areas of analysis should include as a minimum: (1) the irretrievable loss of remaining prime agricultural lands in Central Oahu; (2) the availability of agricultural land with a view to self-sufficiency; (3) whether the development proposed for the region is needed; (4) whether the projected commuter travel times of two hours each way to and from downtown Honolulu are acceptable to governmental decision-makers and Central/Leeward residents; (5) the ability of existing and proposed transportation improvements for the region, including rail transit, to adequately accommodate all of the development allowed or proposed; (6) how best to determine and apply service and facility design standards or level of service, also known

as "concurrency," (7) the impact of pending approved development in Ewa; (8) guidelines for determining infrastructure adequacy in Central/Leeward Oahu; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Neighborhood Board No. 25 requests and strongly recommends that the proposed Koa Ridge zoning change be deferred pending completion and adoption by ordinance of the overdue review of the Central Oahu Sustainable Communities Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu, all members of the Honolulu City Council, the Director of the City & County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting, the Director of the City & County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services; the City Planning Commission, the State Office of Planning, the State Land Use Commission, Leeward and Central Oahu area legislators, Castle & Cooke Homes, Inc., and all members of Central Oahu and Leeward Neighborhood Boards.

*Adopted by Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 at its regular meeting of November 28, 2012, by a vote of 21-0-0.*



Richard G. Poirier, Chair

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED NEW HOPE LEEWARD  
PROMISED LAND PROJECT IN KUNIA**

**WHEREAS**, New Hope Leeward proposes to develop a new church/school complex integrated with agricultural activities on a 203 acre parcel of land in Kunia TMK parcel (1) 9-4-004: 009); and

**WHEREAS**, New Hope Leeward is requesting approval for a State Special Use permit (14.7 acres) and rezoning for a 48 acre portion within the larger 203 acre parcel; and

**WHEREAS**, less than 10 percent of the 48 acre parcel will be developed for church buildings pursuant to requirements of the City and County of Honolulu Land Use Ordinance, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu Chapter 21; and

**WHEREAS**, New Hope Leeward needs to move to a new home as its current lease will not be renewed and is currently looking for a permanent location in which to build such facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, New Hope Leeward is a growing church serving the areas of Leeward and Central Oahu with church and elementary school services and community programs such as feeding the hungry and helping the homeless all the way west to Keaau Beach Park in Waianae ; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation of New Hope Leeward comes from Oahu's North Shore to the Waianae Coast and the Kunia location is central to its current and projected service area; and

**WHEREAS**, New Hope Leeward has stated that it will enter into partnerships with established agricultural entities to enhance long term viability of agricultural use of the remaining 155 acres of land that will remain in AG-1 zoning; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan has the endorsement of the State Agribusiness Development Corporation and represents a promising new model of integration of church and agricultural uses; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 recommends that the New Hope Leeward Promised Land project be allowed to proceed subject providing:

1. that the Project is developed in substantial conformance with the master plan that was presented to the Board during its meeting on October 24, 2012; and
2. that Project development remain within the development standards defined in the Land Use Ordinance for AG-2 zoning districts;
3. that the rezoning requested is only for the 48 acre portion of the site with the remaining 155 acre portion to remain in AG-1 zoning and committed to agricultural activities; and
4. that New Hope Leeward enter into partnerships with recognized agricultural partners such as the State Agribusiness Development Corporation to enhance and manage the 155 acre portion that remains in AG-1 to promote agriculture for Hawaii; and
5. that necessary traffic and roadway improvements negotiated with the City and County of Honolulu and the State Department of Transportation be implemented at the appropriate time as negotiated with these agencies ; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii; members of the Hawaii State Legislature; the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; the State Departments of Transportation, Education, and Budget & Finance; the Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu; all City Council members; the City & County of Honolulu Departments of Planning and Permitting, Transportation Services, and Parks and Recreation; New Hope Leeward; the Agribusiness Development Corporation; all members of the Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board No. 35; and all neighborhood board chairs.

**Adopted** by Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 at its regular meeting of November 28, 2012 by a vote of 21-0-0.



Richard G. Poirier, Chair