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DRAFT- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013 MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dick Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m., **with a quorum of 14 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 8:06 p.m.), William “Bill” Bass, Michael Dau, Ann Freed, Shannon Garan, B. Pua Iuli, Shaun Kawakami, Marilyn B. Lee, Karen Loomis, Joy Marshall, Rodney Park, Richard “Dick” Poirier, Charlie Remington, Carole Siegel, Douglas Thomas, Alvin Wong (Arrived at 7:55 p.m.), and Melissa Vomvoris (Arrived at 7:44 p.m.).

Board members Absent: Ava Marie Cavaco, R. Shayne Chung, Keith Hamada, Josie Kaanehe, and Mary Segura.

Vacancies: Sub district 4 (one seat).

Guests: Kevin Morita, Tad Nakahira, and Jonathan Ito (Boy Scout Troop 164); Corinne Gallardo-Mata (Councilmember Ron Menor’s Office), Captain Derek Taketa, and Firefighters Paul Fukuda, Keith Marrero, and Adam Rose (Honolulu Fire Department); Charles Robinson, Chelsea Robinson, Sabrina Gustafson, Duke Chung (Board of Water Supply), Daniel Soo (Representative Lauren Cheape’s Office), Pauline Arella, Lieutenant Gordon Lum Kee (Honolulu Police Department, District2-Wahiawa), Senator Michelle Kidani, Jamie Shepherd (Representative Beth Fukumoto’s Office), Tracy Kubota (Mayor’s Representative), Representative Ryan Yamane, Lieutenant Colonel Josh Higgins (Military- Schofield), Representative Lauren Cheape, Daniel Soo and Carson Turner (Representative Lauren Cheape’s Office), and Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2013: Without objection, the January 27, 2013 regular meeting minutes were ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 17-0-0 (Aye: D. Bass, W. Bass, Dau, Freed, Garan, Iuli, Kawakami, Lee, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, Thomas, Wong, and Vomvoris).

FILLING OF VACANCIES: Poirier announced that there is one (1) vacancy in Sub-District 4, and asked if there were any individuals interested in filling the vacancy. As there were no interested persons to fill the vacancy this item was deferred until the next regular meeting.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

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

- **January 2012 Statistics** – Included 6 structure fires, 2 wild land fires, 3 rubbish fires, 8 activated alarms, 90 medical, 1 search/rescue, and 6 miscellaneous response calls.
- **Fire Safety Tip – Clothes Dryer Safety:** Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum. Flexible or rigid metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time. Ensure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap opens when the dryer is in operation. Remove lint from the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for the clothes to dry. Maintain the dryer in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a professional to ensure the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks. Utilize the proper plug and outlet and ensure the dryer is properly connected. Follow the manufacturer’s operating instructions, and do not overload the dryer. Keep the area around the dryer clear of items that can burn, such as boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing. Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances, such as gasoline, paint thinner or similar solvents, should be laid outside to dry, washed and dried as usual.

7:44 p.m. Board member Melissa Vomvoris arrived; 15 members present



Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant Gordon Lum Kee reported the following:

- January 2013 Statistics – Included 17 burglaries, 40 thefts, 26 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV), 8 auto thefts, 2 recoveries and 1 graffiti.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Car Crashing into Miliani Home – A Board member asked if HPD knows if the person who crashed into the home about 2 a. m. was intoxicated and had come from a neighboring bar. Lum Kee replied that the person was arrested for DUI; follow up will be done.
2. Routine Checks of Area Establishments – Area establishments are checked and monitored.
3. Miliani Park Adjacent to Recreation Center III – A Board member reported that the park, which is located next to the tennis courts, is setback and not visible from the street. Empty alcoholic containers have been found indicating evidence of drinking in the park after closing hours.
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5. . It was asked if HPD policy requires officers to patrol the parks Lum Kee replied it is not a violation if containers are unopened when observed by an officer. If a person has an open alcoholic container, an officer must show probable cause and enforcement is to either issue a citation or make an arrest. It was recommended the residents call 911. Statistics regarding complaints calls relating to this park will be forwarded.

Military – Lieutenant Colonel Josh Higgins reported the following:

- Return from Deployment – The Aviation Brigade returned from Afghanistan in January and is on a month's leave.
- Increased Flying – Motor crafts and helicopter will have two (2) refresher training sessions in March; increased flying is expected. Rules and regulations remain the same for standard routes and will do their best to minimize noise to the community.

Questions, comments, and concerns: Gratitude – Freed noted, “welcome home troops.” Higgins thanked the community for their support.

7:55 p.m. Board member Alvin Wong arrived; 16 members present

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

- Water Main Break – Hydrant lateral break on January 11, 2013 at 94-057 Anania Drive; 6 inch AC main. There are no area construction projects.
- Detect-A-Leak Week – The average American household wastes more than 10,000 gallons of water each year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks. In an effort to promote water efficiency and savings, the BWS is observing Detect-A-Leak Week from March 18-24, 2013. During Detect-A-Leak Week, all residents throughout the state are encouraged to check for property leaks and to fix them promptly to 1) save water; 2) lower the water and especially the water bill; and 3) prevent potential damage to the home. Throughout Detect-A-Leak Week, free toilet leak detection dye tablets will be available to the public at the BWS Public Service Building at 630 South Beretania Street, at all Satellite City Halls, and City Mill locations, Simply drop one of these tablets into the toilet tank and, if the colored water seeps into the toilet bowl, this could indicate a leak.
- Information – For more information call 748-5041 or visit the website, Facebook or Twitter pages:
 - ◇ Website – www.boardofwatersupplu.com
 - ◇ Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/BWSHonolulu>
 - ◇ Twitter – <http://www.twitter.com/BWSHonolulu>
 - ◇ Copies of frequently asked questing regarding the monthly billing system were available on the back table of the meeting room.
- Water Conservation Contest – The 2013 theme is “Save Water/Save Energy” encouraging students to learn about the relationship between water and energy conservation and how we can preserve limited resources. Contest entry deadline is March 13, 2013.

- Introduction – Managing Chief Engineer Ernest Lau was introduced, and highlighted the following: A new billing system was started in January 2013 and a sample should have been received in the mail. Consumers will be billed monthly instead of bi-monthly. Lau noted that he could be reached at 748-5061 to answer any questions; call the Communication Office at 748-5041; for more information visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Questions, comment, and concerns: Automatic Water Sprinkler System during Rains – A Board member questioned if fines are imposed on entities when the sprinklers are on when it is raining. Chung replied fines would be imposed if a severe drought occurs.

Honolulu Rail Project (HHCTCP) – A representative was not present; a report was not provided.

Other Community Concerns:

1. Neighborhood Board Elections Candidate – Sabrina Gustafson introduced herself and noted that she an at-large candidate in the upcoming Neighborhood Board elections.
2. Boy Scout Troop 164 – Chair Poirier introduced members present from Boy Scout Troop 164.

Certificate Awards: A certificate of recognition and lei was presented to Chelsea Robinson by Chair Poirier and Board member Doug Thomas for being selected as Hawaii's Distinguished Young Woman for 2013 as part of the America's Distinguished Young Woman Program, formerly known as America's Junior Miss. Your proven scholastic and leadership abilities are truly appreciated by the residents of Central Oahu. Senator Kidani noted that Robinson was honored at the Senate a couple of weeks ago and presented her with a certificate.

Hearing no objection, the agenda was taken out of order to VI-D Reports of Public Officials Senator Michelle Kidani.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS'

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

- Hawaii' Distinguished Young Woman for 2013 – Formerly known as the Hawaii Junior Miss program, the Distinguished Young Woman of Hawaii is the oldest scholarship program for high school girls. A senior at Mililani's Hanalani School, Robinson has won a four (4) year scholarship to Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) where she plans to enroll in the fall.
- Committees – Senator Kidani is Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and a member of the Higher Education and Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs committees.

The agenda resumed order.

8:06 p.m. Board member Danielle Bass arrived; 17 members present.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Update on State Department of Transportation (DOT) Central Oahu Issues – A representative was not present and a report was not made available.

Healthcare Reform and the Hawaii Health Connector – Rose Hughes, Director of Communications presented a power point presentation and highlighted the following:

- Outreach Program Development – Health insurance statistics are online to check if a person qualifies for the program (homeless with no income, below national poverty level, medium income, mid-age). The program was established through the 2011 legislature and signed by the Governor. Open enrollment is October 2013.
- Exchange – Another word for “marketplace” is state based facilitated by the federal government; state/federal partnership exchange. Keeping the prepaid health care Act of 1974 intact.
- The Connectors – Individual customers, Medicaid services, tax credit eligibility, and individual and family enrollment. Small businesses with less than 100 employees will be redefined by the legislature and the

connector. In 2014, small business with less than 50 employees making \$15,000 or less could take tax advantage of the state's premium subsidy.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Reimbursements – A Board member asked if physicians have been consulted and responded. Hughes replied there were little concerns from physicians.
2. Cost of Health Care – A Board member asked if there is no incentive for wellness. Information will be provided via an email to the Board member.
3. Sustainability – A Board member questioned who is sustainable. In response, the program is currently federally funded and it should be sustainable January 1, 2015.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative – Ester Kiaaina reported the following:

- Third State of the State Address – Last month Governor Abercrombie outlined plans to maximize the state's sound fiscal footing and improving economy by focusing on business innovation, food and energy security, early childhood education and kupuna care.
- Economy – Lt. Shan Tsutsui will take a lead in expediting construction, repair and maintenance projects and public-private ventures statewide. These long-rang investments have already helped to stimulate the island economy and generate local jobs while improving public infrastructure and facilities.
 - ◇ Agriculture – The Governor proposed increased state agency purchases of Hawaii agriculture products to provide a consistent and regular market for goods. The administration will also work to increase to capital for local farmers and ranchers by expanding the state Department of Agriculture's loan programs.
 - ◇ Energy – The Governor proposed embarking on a clear path toward increased use of liquefied natural gas (LNG). Also proposed is the establishment of the Hawaii Refinery Task Force to serve as a collaboration of government energy industries and utilities to immediately work on short-term and long-term findings and recommendations.
 - ◇ Keiki & Kupuna – The Governor reaffirmed his commitment to giving Hawaii's children the best opportunity for school success through a strong early childhood education program. He also asked the Legislature to increase the Kupuna Care budget by \$4.2 million and make it permanent.
 - ◇ Minimum Wage – Proposed increase from \$7.25 to \$8.75.
 - ◇ State of the State Address – Visit governor.hawaii.gov to read the entire address.
- Public Land Development Corporation (PLDC) – The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) took the challenges and outcry from the community.
- National Sequester – Deadline for the national sequester is Thursday, February 28, 2013.
- Humpback Whale Sanctuary – The salary for the person in charge of the sanctuary will be decreased by 50 percent.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Food Security – A Board member asked and it was noted that the security would increase for Hawaii grown products; capital increases for farmers.
2. Koa Ridge – Comment was that the Koa Ridge project is taking a lot of farm land for development leaving only 30% for growing fresh vegetables.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Tracy Kubota reported the following:

- State Identification Cards at Satellite City Halls – Since the take over of the application process for state identification cards in January 2013, some lines at the City's DMV offices nearly tripled. In the effort to address the long lines, Mayor Caldwell hired more staff to assist at the DMV locations, which include greeters to assist with prescreening and checking of documents before advancing to the window, and installed live webcams at all DMV locations and can be viewed at <http://www.3.honolulu.gov/csddlline/>.
- Fiscal Year 2014 Budget – Mayor Caldwell will be submitting his Fiscal Year 2014 budget to the City Council on Friday, March 1, 2013. Included in his budget submittal is \$150 million proposal for street repaving and rehabilitation to address the city's inventory of roads in the worst shape. The Mayor plans to repave approximately 1,520 lane-miles of city streets in the next five (5) years. The Department of Design

and Construction (DDC) has a website with a list of streets programmed for resurfacing (barring any conflicts), including a list of streets which are currently under construction (as of February 7, 2013). For more details visit <http://www1.honolulu.gov/ddc/roadrepavingupdate.htm>.

- Remove parking stalls request to provide safe crossing to school on along Anania Drive – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is currently working with the Department of Education's (DOE) Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness and Student Transportation staffs regarding the student pick-up/drop-off along Anania Drive. The constituent will be contacted by DTS to discuss the concerns.
- Mililani Transit Center – Discussions continue between DTS and Mililani Town Association (MTA) representatives regarding the feasibility of MTA managing community use of the meeting room at the Mililani Transit Center. The meeting room, which is available now for community use on a rental basis, is presently managed by DTS. Please contact the Public Transit Division at **768-8365** for further information

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Roadways Under Construction – A Board member requested a list of roadways currently under construction. Follow-up will be done to check if Meheula Parkway is listed.
2. Mililani Transit Center – Chair Poirier mentioned that the meeting between DTS and MTA did not resolve anything. He suggest that the DTS director call a meeting and to include the Neighborhood Board or to just drop the matter.
3. Overgrown Grass – Follow-up will be done regarding overgrown grass at the traffic calming device by the high school. Phony rocks were suggested to replace the grass.
4. Mililani Waena Park – Tennis court nets need replacing.
5. Mililani Neighborhood Park – A Board member reported that the park is located next to Recreation Center III and is an ongoing nuisance. The park is not visible from the street and people remain in the dark after 10:00 p.m. She recommended that the closure time be changed to 8:00 p.m.

Councilmember Ron Menor – Councilmember Ron Menor circulated his written report and the 2013 Honolulu City Council Calendar and highlighted the following:

- Potholes and Road Repairs – This issue is high Menor's list of priorities.
- Request to Repave Meheula Parkway – The Meheula Paving Project is currently in final design and was scheduled for bid advertising in mid-February. Bid
- Reporting Potholes – Report potholes by calling the Pothole Hotline at 768-7777. If you have internet access log on to www.honolulu.gov, click on "potholes report" and fill in the requested information and click "submit." Honolulu 311 is new system through which personal smart phones may be used to report potholes, abandoned vehicles, illegal dumping and other issues. The app is available on iPhone, Android, Windows Phone, and Blackberry.
- Budget Deliberations – The City Council Budget Committee will begin departmental briefings on Monday, March 11, 2013. The deadline for budget amendments is Friday, March 22, 2013. Please contact his office with any Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) or operating budget amendments as soon as possible.
- Oahu Arts Center (OAC) – In 2011, \$1 million in planning and design funds were appropriated; however the funds will lapse in July of this year. City Managing Director Shinn has been asked to follow up on the matter. It was mentioned that a joint motion and letter could be sent to the Mayor from the Board requesting the release of the funding.
- Bill 5 – Relating to non-profit activities at City Parks is under review by Corporation Counsel.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Letter – Menor was thanked for sending a letter regarding the OAC.
2. Neighboring Establishments – Follow-up will be done with the Liquor Commission regarding late live entertainment noise.

Representative Ryan Yamane – Representative Ryan Yamane reported he chairs the Transportation Committee, circulated his written report, and highlighted the following:

- Mililani School Maintenance Projects – The list of projects was included in the written report. Total maintenance funds to Mililani \$1,598,000.

- Expanding the Services for the Ewa Ambulances – In response to the closure of the Hawaii Medical Center-West hospital last year, the Legislature established the Ewa ambulance to provide medical support services and emergency care to the leeward region. This bill expands that ambulance service to serve the Ewa area 24-hours a day, 7-days a week.
- Hawaii's Organ Transplant Center Marks First Anniversary – House Bill 608 written and introduced by Representative Yamane as Act 1 was passed by the Legislature. Thanks to Act 1, Queen's Medical Center was able to quickly become an Organ Transplant Center and marked its one-year anniversary in January.
- 2013 Legislative Calendar – A list of meeting dates were included in the written report.
- Highway Resurfacing – Kamehameha Highway resurfacing, widening, fencing and lights were added to the CIP list.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Department of Transportation (DOT) Representative – A Board member pointed out that DOT is on the monthly agenda, but to date no representative at Board meetings. Yamane noted that DOT's position is that they do not send a representative to Neighborhood Board meetings. However, DOT has agreed to provide the community with updates and working with DTS on a date.
2. State Retirement Fund – Follow-up will be done.
3. Comment – A Board member noted that the State and City planning departments are not connecting. Yamane replied that both city and state roads have been identified. Yamane is currently chair for Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) and will keep abreast of the matter.

Representative Beth Fukumoto – Janice Sheppard distributed the written report and highlighted the following:

- Crossover – The crossover of bills will be happening soon.
- Committee – Representative Fukumoto is a member of the Finance Committee.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Mililani Waena School – It was reported that the grass needs to be cut. The maintenance worker uses a weed whacker and is not doing a very good job.
2. State Retirement Fund – Follow-up will be done.

Representative Lauren Cheape – Representative Cheape distributed her written report and highlighted the following:

- Staff – Staff member Daniel Soo and Mililani High School student intern Carson Turner were introduced.
- Paperless – It was announced that the office is trying to go paperless. An informational card was circulated.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Thank You – A) The Representative was thanked for having an intern from Mililani High School. It was noted that Representative Fukumoto also has a student intern. B) The representative was thanked for recommended sex education in high schools.
2. Mililani Waena School – It was asked of the Representative to call the principal of the school regarding the uncut grass.
3. Health Committee – A committee update was requested, noting that Queen's Medical Center plans to re-open the former St. Francis West and Healthcare Reform.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Koa Ridge Vision Meeting – Vomvoris reported attending this meeting today and highlighted that the meeting included a recap of previous meetings. Six (6) months ago Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) decided to change the utility poles because of termite damage. It was early decided by Castle & Cooke to move the wooden utility poles (cost \$30 million) to the highway. Now a possible redesign of the poles must be done. Castle & Cooke are in partnership with Aloun Farms and discussing a deal for direct mail pick-up of fresh produce. An Aloun

Farms handout was provided and the community may sign-up for membership with Direct Aloha. Produce will average 20 pounds.

Questions, comments, and concerns: Newly Installed HECO Poles – A Board member asked and it was clarified that the new poles are made of steel.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Remington reported expenditures for printing and mailing were \$35.96, leaving balance of \$892.03; the report was filed.

Chair's Report – The Oahu Arts Center (OAC) will be put on the March 2013 agenda.

There were no other committees or other reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Regarding Koa Ridge Zoning Application – **Thomas moved, and Freed seconded be it resolved that the 5-Year Review of the COSCP include an examination of 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 agriculture 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 know a "concurrency;" (7) the impact of pending approved development in Ewa; and (8) guidelines for determining infrastructure adequacy in Central/Leeward Oahu; and Be it finally resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to agencies and people listed.**

The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 17-0-0 (Aye: D. Bass, W. Bass, Dau, Freed, Garan, Iuli, Kawakami, Lee, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, Thomas, Wong, and Vomvoris).

Mililani Neighborhood Park Closure Time Change – Vomvoris asked to add this item to tonight's agenda. Poirier suggested that this item be added to tonight's agenda and noted that a two-thirds vote would be needed to do this. The Neighborhood Assistant informed the Chair that such a motion could be deemed improper if it affects a large number of people.

Vomvoris moved and Remington seconded to add Mililani Neighborhood Park closure time change be added to the agenda. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUS, 17-0-0 (Aye: D. Bass, W. Bass, Dau, Freed, Garan, Iuli, Kawakami, Lee, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, Thomas, Wong, and Vomvoris).

Discussion:

1. People in the Park after Closure Hours – It was noted that people eat and drink in the park after following baseball games; that they make noise which disturbs the surrounding neighbors; and leave evidence of consumed alcoholic beverages, trash, etc.
2. Enforcement – Even if the Honolulu Police Department responds to neighbor complaints, they can do little to rectify the situation since they must catch park patrons in the act of consuming illegal beverages, and they cannot ask the offending park user to leave since the Park is not officially closed to users until 10:00 p.m.

Freed moved, and Thomas seconded recommending that the Mililani Neighborhood Park closure time be changed from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 17-0-0 Aye: D. Bass, W. Bass, Dau, Freed, Garan, Iuli, Kawakami, Lee, Loomis, Marshall, Park, Poirier, Remington, Siegel, Thomas, Wong, and Vomvoris).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting – The next meeting will be at Mililani Recreation Center III, on Wednesday, March 27, 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 third Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Adam LeFebvre, Neighborhood Commission Office staff; Dick Poirier, Chair

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE PROPOSED KOA RIDGE ZONING CHANGE BE DEFERRED PENDING ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AND THE 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 up to two hours each way; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan of the City and County of Honolulu (General Plan) is a comprehensive statement of objectives and policies which sets forth the long range aspirations of island residents and shapes the strategies and actions needed to achieve them; 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, an update to the General Plan is currently underway, the last update having occurred in 2002, which looks at the critical issues of growth, development, and quality of life that island residents are most concerned about to include including regional population and transportation, economic health, affordable housing, and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, revisions and updates to several development plans are pending review and action by the Planning Commission and City Council to include the Waianae and Ewa Development Plans, and the Central Oahu Sustainable Communities Plans (COSCP); and

WHEREAS, all regional Development Plans and Sustainable Communities Plans are required to be consistent with and to implement the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid the "tail wagging the dog" in ensuring this consistency, the General Plan should be adopted **prior** to the approval and adoption of any supporting development and sustainable communities plans and zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the long range plans 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, since the Land Use Commission's approval of the reclassification of the Koa Ridge parcel is currently under review by the Hawaii Supreme Court, the City and County of Honolulu should strongly consider delaying granting entitlements that may not conform with the state approval process; 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 of the City and County General Plan and the Central Oahu Sustainable Communities Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 5-Year Review of the COSCP include an examination of 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; and (8) guidelines for determining infrastructure adequacy in Central/Leeward Oahu; and

BE IT FINALLY 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., all members of Central Oahu and Leeward Neighborhood Boards, and all neighborhood board chairs.

Adopted by Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 at its regular meeting of February 27, 2013, by a vote of 17-0-0.


Richard G. Poirier, Chair