



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

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### **DRAFT- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015 MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Dick Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., with a quorum of **17 members present**. Note: This 23 member Board requires 12 members to establish quorum and to take official Board action. Chair Poirier led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Pauline Arellano, William "Bill" Bass, Michael Dau, Ann Freed, Corinne Gallardo-Mata, Sabrina Gustafson, B. Pua Iuli, Shaun Kawakami, Marilyn Lee, Karen Loomis, Joy Marshall, Trevor Nagamine (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), John Norris, Rodney Park, Dick Poirier, Mary Segura, Carol Siegel, Emil Svrčina and Dane Wicker (arrived at 8:00 p.m.).

**Members Absent:** Danielle Bass, Charlie Remington, Douglas Thomas and Alvin Wong.

**Guests:** Don Olden (Wahiawa General Hospital), Firefighter 3 Keith Marrero and Firefighter 2 Paul Fukuda (Honolulu Fire Department); Christie Yogi (Boy Scouts), Elise Carmody, Ann Marie Smith, Sergeant Eli Walters (Community Policing Team/Honolulu Police Department, District 2-Wahiawa), D. Perry, P. Ras, Tracy Kubota (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative/Deputy Director Enterprise Services), Senator Michelle Kidani, Representative Lauren Matsumoto, Kanani Castro (Representative Fukumoto Chang's office), Major Anthony Williams, Captain Heba Bullock and CW5 Stephen Lodge (U.S. Army Garrison); Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Principal Elynne Chung and Registrar Dawn Shimabukuro (Mililani Middle School), Tony Gaston (Chair, School Community Council), Dr. John Brummel (Central Complex Supervisor), Councilmember Ron Menor, Scott Ishikawa (Honolulu Rail Project), Steve Antonito (DVDmodo) and Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office).

**Filling of Vacancies:** There are no vacancies.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF February 25, 2015:** **Without objections the February 25, 2015 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as written by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 17-0-0 (Aye: Arellano, B. Bass, Dau, Freed, Gallardo-Mata, Gustafson, Iuli, Kawakami, Lee, Loomis, Marshall, Norris, Park, Poirier, Segura, Siegel and Svrčina.**

### **COMMUNITY FORUM:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** Firefighter 3 Keith Marrero reported the following:

- **February 2015 Fire Statistics:** There were 4 structures, 2 rubbish and 2 vehicle fires; 64 medical, 24 miscellaneous calls for service. There were 4 major calls with 4 companies responding.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** According to the National Fire Protection Association, more fires start in the kitchen than in any other place in the home. Two (2) out of five (5) home fires start there. Steps to help keep the family safe are: (1) Cook only when alert and not when drowsy or have been drinking. (2) Keep an eye on what is being cooked. If you need to step away from the stove, turn it off. (3) Keep dish towels, paper towels, and potholders away from the stove. Avoid cooking in loose clothing; loose sleeves can easily catch fire. (4) Keep hot items away from counter or table tops. (5) If a fire occurs, go outside and call 9-1-1. Stay outside.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD):** Sergeant Eli Walters (Sgt.) reported the following:

- **Commercial Vehicles Parked on Public Residential Streets:** In response to a question from the February 2015 meeting, commercial vehicles must be over 10,000 pounds or 21 feet in length to be considered a commercial vehicle and prohibited from parking in a residential neighborhood. Oceanic Time Warner vehicle operators are required by company policy and insurance carrier to place a traffic cone at front and rear bumpers whenever the vehicle is parked. This required the operator to check the front and rear of the vehicle while recovering the cones before driving off.
- **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA):**

- Top Five (5) Pedestrian Mistakes in Accidents: 1) Walking while impaired (alcohol or prescription drugs). 2) Walking in the dark or while wearing dark clothing. 3) Walking in the roadway not facing oncoming traffic. 3) Entering the roadway from unexpected locations. 4) Dashing through an intersection contrary to walk signal.
- Top Five (5) Motorist Mistakes in Accidents: 1) Improper turning maneuvers at driveways and intersections. 2) Failing to scan for other road users. 3) Turning right on red. 4) Driving too fast for roadway conditions. 5) Overtaking on multilane roadways
- Burglary Prevention Tips: A home is burglarized every fifteen (15) seconds in America. Experience tells us that criminals almost always seek out the easiest possible targets.
  - These steps help to reduce your chances of becoming a statistic: 1) Keep lights on during the hours of darkness or install a timer. 2) Keep lights on during the hours of darkness or install a timer. 3) Trim shrubbery or trees near doors and windows 4) Keep doors and windows locked. 5) Install more secure windows. 6) Add a monitored alarm system or get a dog. 7) Participate in a Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) which benefits your entire neighborhood

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Dogs for Security: Sgt. Walters answered for Lee that dogs are good security. Lee noted depending on her dog to look out for strangers.
2. Students Waving Signs: Concern was raised about students waving signs on the median and intersection near the Kipapa Street McDonald's.
3. Traffic: Chair Poirier asked Sgt. Walters replied that today's heavy traffic is not related to rail. It was noted a day before a holiday workers tend to leave work earlier causing an increase in traffic.

Military, Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division: Major Anthony Williams reported the following:

- Deployments: Please keep the deployed soldiers and their families in your thoughts and prayers.
- Makua Marine Study: The Army is accepting community input during the 60-day public comment period, Sunday, February 1, 2015 to Friday, April 3, 2015. For questions, call 656-3089 or email [usaghi.pao.comrel@us.army.mil](mailto:usaghi.pao.comrel@us.army.mil).
- Natural Resources: Register for Army Natural Resources volunteer service trips online at <http://oanrp.ivolunteer.com>. For more information contact Kim Welch at [kimwelch@hawaii.edu](mailto:kimwelch@hawaii.edu) or Celeste Ventresca at [celestev@hawaii.edu](mailto:celestev@hawaii.edu) or call 656-7741.
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- USO Volunteer: To volunteer with the USO call 422-1213 or visit [uso.org/hawaii](http://uso.org/hawaii).
- Noise and Dust Complaints: To report loud or low flying Army aircraft call the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Noise Concern Line AT 656-3487 and leave a voicemail to include name, contact information, location, date, time and details.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Other Projects: Luli inquired if the military is involved and working with Native Hawaiian community on local projects. Major Williams will follow up.
2. Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner: Freed asked if a Hawaiian cultural practitioner is on staff who would brief soldiers on Hawaiian culture. Freed asked if the having a practitioner has been suspended or not. Major Williams will follow up.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): No representative present; no report provided.

Honolulu Rail Project (HRP): Scott Ishikawa reported the traffic advisory lane closures planned along Kamehameha Highway in Pearl City: The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) wants to inform drivers of lane closures along Kamehameha Highway between Acacia Road and Waimano Home Road in Pearl City beginning next week as part of rail construction. One (1) eastbound left-turn from Kamehameha Highway onto Waimano Home Road and the inside eastbound lane of Kamehameha Highway between Acacia Road and Waimano Home Road will be closed 24 hours a day. One (1) westbound left-turn lane from Kamehameha Highway on Lehua Avenue and the inside westbound lane of Kamehameha Highway between Waimano Home Road and Acacia Road will also be closed 24 hours a day as part of the column foundation work. Westbound U-turns will still be slowed at the Waimano Home Road intersection. For updates visit [www.honolulutrainsit.org](http://www.honolulutrainsit.org) or call 566-2297.

**7:40 p.m. Board member Trevor Nagamine arrived; 18 members present.**

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Airport Section: Ishikawa answered for Dau that the contract for the airport section will be awarded at the end of the year.
2. Pearl City/Waipahu Intersection: It was asked if this intersection would be close once rail is completed. Ishikawa noted that there will be three (3) locations with restrooms near Tanioka's Market (left turn) and Times Waipahu (left turn).

Other Community Concerns: None.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Wahiawa General Hospital (WGH) Update: Don Olden, Chief Operating Officer reported the following: WGH has been in the newspaper lately. WGH has been working hard for the last three (3) years as a safe hospital and to save the residency program. WGH is now in a better position to address future issues, but has challenges. Regarding the Koa Ridge project and the Sierra Club, a public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015. WGH needs to develop a partnership and contacted Hawaii Pacific Health (HPH) two (2) weeks ago. Olden shared information about the clinic and unfunded pension plan. The emergency room is under renovations and will get a \$6.9 million uplift, of which \$3.5 million from a State grant. Phase 1 will open in May/June 2015 and the total completion in September 2015. Challenges include the Affordable Care Act, which is not kind to small hospitals. WGH operations has changed since the opening of the Queen's Medical West causing an \$800,000 drop in revenue 85% of the patients are either on Medicare or Medicaid and a shortage of physicians.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Acreage: Dau asked and Olden noted that four (4) would be needed to build a new hospital. However, there is not sufficient population density to support a new hospital. 50,000 to 60,000 people utilize the emergency room. The Koa Ridge development will triple the population.
2. Support: Freed NOTED being a strong supporter of WGH and stated that this hospital is the only resource for the North Shore. Freed opposes the Koa Ridge project. Freed noted that the hospital would be moved to Koa Ridge to justify the residential development of that size. Freed prefers a medical complex on the proposed Koa Ridge site, noting increase in traffic and the loss of agriculture land. Olden replied hearing pros/cons on the issue. WGH has aspects of a rural hospital without having the requirements is the real issue. Freed added that WGH should become a hybrid.
3. Hybrid Issue: WGH is working with HPH to address WGH needs. Each major metropolitan area has three (3) major players.
4. Development Plan: Resident Elise Carmody noted seeing the development plan at a meeting. Carmody raised concern about WGH moving to Koa Ridge. It was reiterated that WGH is the closest hospital to the North Shore and Central Oahu. Carmody asked the acreage, with a fee simple donation from the City and County of Honolulu. The acreage is larger than the Queens Medical Center in Honolulu. It is hopeful that WGH and HPH can form a partnership.
5. Federal Qualifications: Lee asked how the proposed Federally Qualified Health Center would affect the hospital. the hospital would be affected by the proposed Federally Qualified Health Center. Olden noted primary care clinic, family medicine practice are debatable if beneficial and also depends on the economics. Lee commented that it would be helpful if more primary care physicians were brought in.
6. Older Population: Luli commented that the area has an older population with Medicare the primary medical coverage finding it difficult finding a physician. Medicare takes three (3) months to reimburse physicians.

Mililani Middle School: Impact of act 167 for Multi-Track Schools: Principal Elynne Chung introduced Complex Supervisor Dr. Brummel, School Registrar Dawn Shimabukuro and School Community Council Chair Tony Gaston. A power point presentation highlighted the following:

- Impact of Act 167 on Multi-Track Schools 2015: Act 167 establishes a minimum requirement for student instructional hours and days that are incrementally increased through School Year (SY) 2018-19. Four (4) schools are exempt from this law.
- Multi-Track Instructional Time Comparison: Included SY 2014-2015 / SY 2015-2016, SY 2016-2017 / SY 2017-2018 AND SY 2018-2019.
- Equitable Instructional Time: Students should receive equitable instructional time in accordance with the law (Act 167). Multi-track schools are presently exempt from the law.

- Proposed Site: Mililani Middle School is in need of 15 additional classrooms to transition back to a single track calendar. The middle schools plans to use one (1) acre of the 12-acre Mililani Mauka Community Park that sits adjacent to the campus.
- Process: (1) Neighborhood Board presentation. (2) Review Deed from July 29, 1998 from grantor Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc., and Grantee: City and County of Honolulu-12 acres for park purposes. Deed reviewed by Department of Corporation Council and Castle and Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc.

**Board member Dane Wicker arrived at 8:00 p.m.; 19 members present.**

- Post Deed Action: Pathway #1 sale or transfer of Land – City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to Board of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR completes Executive Order to Department of Education (DOE). Or Pathway #2 lease of Land – Intergovernmental Agreement.
- Transfer of Land Via Sale: Chapter 37, real property transactions involving the City and County of Honolulu, Section 37-1-3 – Disposal of real property other than surplus real property.
- Senator Michelle Kidani: Last week page three (3) of a report noted asking the legislature to repeal portions of the bill. It was noted that the multi-track system does not allow children to participate in summer activities of interest. It is important to look at the issue. Next year, three (3) multi-track schools will be going back to single track due to new area schools. It was pointed out that it is unfair that Mililani would have the only multi-track school.
- Senator Donovan Dela Cruz: Senator Dela Cruz noted that it is hopeful that through the process the City would turn the property for the proposed 15 classroom building over to the State. The parcel is located adjacent to the park.
- Dr. Brummel: Complex Superintendent Dr. Brummel asked for support of the new building.
- Tony Gaston: Relayed that the multi-track system is a big adjustment for family lifestyles, including family vacations.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Comment: Gustafson noted that the matter is moving too fast for the Board tonight. Regarding the charts, under the act is school looking into increasing 150 hours over the next three (3) years. Senator Kidani answered that the next schools the app will go up one (1) level. Gustafson noted that issue was fought 20 years ago due to an increase of population in Mililani. Gustafson asked if the schools is asking for more instructional time. Gustafson inquired if 15 more classrooms mean 15 new teachers. Gustafson has concerns regarding discrepancies between the different track theories. Chung replied that the all four (4) tracks has had the same curriculum for the last five (5) years.
2. Four (4) O'clock End of School Day: Arellano asked if there is a problem with ending the school day at 4:00 p.m. The response was that per the Hawaii State Teacher's Association (HSTA) union contract, teachers work seven (7) hours and one (1) hour for preparation. Freed disagreed with Arellano and noted strong support for the school. Freed pointed out that it is unacceptable to have Quonset huts for classrooms.
3. Elementary School Population: Marshall noted that the elementary schools will be overwhelmed in five (5) to 10 years. DR. Brummel replied that review is ongoing based on state enrollment projections, which has been stable for the last three (3) years.
4. Proposed Parcel: Gustafson asked and it was noted that the parcel is currently being used as a drainage ditch.
5. Track Theories Discrepancies: Gustafson raised concern regarding discrepancies between track theories. Chung replied as the principal for the past five (5) years the curriculum has been the same for all four (4) tracks.
6. Cafeteria: Lee was concerned if there would be a cafeteria. Lee also asked if there is any infrastructure clause in the resolution regarding a cafeteria and parking.
7. Cost: A member of the audience stated that \$2.5 million for new building/with 15 classrooms equals \$1.7 million for a classroom without the land cost is extremely high, noting that the calculations must be wrong. Senator Dela Cruz answered that \$1.5 to \$2.5 million is for planning and design. Senator Dela Cruz answered for Gustafson that a building is anticipated and hopeful with air conditioning.
8. Bill 1345: Gustafson asked and Senator Kidani noted that the legislature is committed to get the bill passed and expected to be the first line for funding.
9. April Board Meeting: Chair Poirier mentioned that a resolution with more specifics will be address at the April 2015 Board meeting. It was commented that the land issue is between this project and the City. Land will be taken away from park users and there is no on street parking. It was suggested to get a parcel of land and parking lot such as at Mililani Waena School. Poirier noted that a one (1) year lease is worth exploring, and would be added to the resolution to make it more palatable.

10. Goal: Senator Dela Cruz noted that tonight's goal was to share the process and the school's issues. Senator Kidani added that current parking issues and parking have been discussed. The school is willing to leave the parking lot open on weekends.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Governor David Ige's Representative: A representative was not present; a report was not provided.

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

- The Honolulu Zoo: The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts and the Honolulu Zoo are asking for donations of lāi (ti leaf) to help repair the hale lāi. Once used for cultural and community events, the thatched roof of the hale lāi has fallen into a state of disrepair over the years due to nature's elements. Green, yellow or brown ti leaves, with the stems, may be dropped off in plastic bags at the Honolulu Zoo entrance.
- Deadline Extension Comments on the Central Oahu Sustainable Communities Plan Public Review Draft: The deadline for comments has been extended from Friday, March 13, 2015 to Tuesday, March 31, 2015.
- O'ahu's Important Agriculture Lands Community Meetings: All meetings will held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on (1) Wednesday, April 1, 2015, Kapolei Hale Conference Rooms A-C (1000 Uluohia Street).; (1) Wednesday, April 8, 2015, Mililani Middle School Cafeteria (95-1140 Lehiwa Drive); (3) Wednesday, April 15, 2015, Windward Community College Hale Akoakoa, Room 105 (45-720 Keaahala Road).
- Opua Hale Patio Homes on Keaopua Street: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will conduct an investigation, which may require research, site observations, and an analysis of the traffic history and will inform the board of the status of their findings by the July 2015.
- Mililani District Park Light Fixtures: The three (3) light fixtures that were shining onto homes were removed due to corrosion of the mounting bracket. Electricians from the department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) removed those lights and discovered other brackets that were corroded and also removed those fixtures. DPR is looking into purchasing replacement fixtures.
- Mililani Waena Park Signs with Graffiti: Metal Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) signs are coated with anti-graffiti film. Staff will check existing signs and clean them of graffiti or replace those that cannot be cleaned.
- Wainihi Street Metal Grate: DFM repaired the loose grating on Thursday, March 12, 2015, using a product called Rap-O which is an asphalt impregnated rope that is specifically used to help silence manhole and grating noise. Iuli asked if the grating could be checked monthly.
- Kuahelani Street near Mililani Uka School Programmed for Resurfacing: Per DFM, Kuahelani Street from Lanikuhana Avenue to Makaunulau Street is programmed for resurfacing by contractor as part of DDC's Rehabilitation of Streets project pending clearances for possible conflicts with utility projects and availability of funds. Specific project information should be obtained from DDC.
- Graffiti Maintenance Policy: DPR responds if the graffiti covers a small area, the groundskeeper or roving crew will paint over it. If the area is large, community service groups are solicited to assist with the paint-over or a work request is submitted to have the painters repaint the area.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Sidewalks: Arellano reported that the sidewalks on Lanikuhana Avenue need repairing due to the removal of trees.

Councilmember Ron Menor: Councilmember Ron Menor circulated the monthly report and highlighted the following:

- City Council Highlights: (1) The Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) includes \$110 million for road repaving including the rehabilitation of Kuahelani Avenue between Meheula Parkway and Lanikuhana Avenue, and a segment of Lanikuhana Avenue between Anania Drive and Meheula Parkway. (2)The budget also includes \$21 million for parks repair, maintenance and construction. The budget includes work to replace switchgear for the basketball and volleyball courts at Kipapa Neighborhood Park (should complete end of the year), and improvements to the gym roof at Mililani District Park (bid goes out in April 2015).
- Bill 75 (2014) CD1: Relating to the Patsy. T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park (CORP) Special Fund will be on the Council's Wednesday, April 22, 2015 meeting. Testimony is welcome.
- State Championships: Mililani Girls and Boys Varsity Soccer Teams were presented with honorary certificates from Councilmember Menor and Council Chair Martin for winning the 2014-2015 Outrigger Resorts/HHSAA Soccer Division I State championships.
- Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Mililani Middle School Update: A Request for Investigation & Service Report (RISR) was sent by Councilmember Menor sent to the administration on behalf of a constituent requesting safety improvements for children walking to and from Mililani Middle School.

- Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget: Added proposed amendments to the FY2016 operating and capital budgets by Councilmember Menor were included in the written report.
- Affordable Housing/Sand Island Problem: Councilmember answered for Freed that the state is requiring an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Freed asked if there are alternative sites. Councilmember Menor answered that the Department of Community Services (DCS) is doing a good job with human services. A resolution relating to containers for housing/modular units resolution was submitted by Councilmember Menor and passed. The Waianae area is identified as a possible site.
- Homes Over 50 Years Old: Iuli asked and Councilmember Menor replied that a discussion between the Administration, Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) and the State Historic Preservation was held regarding applications. Currently, there is a comprehensive exemption list. Complete exemption bills are pending before the legislature.
- Dog Obedience Park: DPR Administration has agreed to release funding for the design.
- Ordinance: Arellano requested an ordinance prohibiting boats from parking on public roads on corners and near driveways.

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

- Congratulations: (1) Mililani High School varsity soccer players and coaches who were elected for the Honolulu Star-advertiser All-State team by media and coaches. It was noted that Councilmember Menor's son Anthony is also on the team. (2) Girls Coach of the Year Ray Akiona and Player of the Year Tia Furuta and teammates Kasey Isobe, Malia Napoleon, Kayal Braunthjal, Andrea Kenagy, Kanoe Morihara, Jayna Morikawa and Kailana Kaeo. (3) Boys Coach of the Year Steve McGhee and players Jeron Cunningham, Marc Matas, Jarad Choquette, Kalahikola Judd, Jamin Fonseca, Isaiah Kuloloia and Treyton Kong.
- 100th Anniversary/Recognition: The Senate recognized Diamond Head Theatre for its 100th Anniversary, and Loretta Ables Sayre of Mililani for her role of Bloody Mary in Diamond Head Theatre's South Pacific.
- Milken Foundation 2014 Educator: Last week Mililani Uka Elementary school teacher Jana Fukada was selected the 2014 Milken Foundation Educator.

Questions, comments and Concerns: Comment: Freed noted the campaign to end domestic violence can be found on [www.nomore.org](http://www.nomore.org).

Representative (Rep.) Ryan Yamane: No representative present; no report provided.

Representative (Rep.) Beth Fukumoto Chang: Kanani Castro circulated her report and highlighted the following:

Representative (Rep.) Lauren Matsumoto: Rep. Lauren Matsumoto circulated her reported and highlighted the following:

- 7th Annual Art at the Capitol: The event was held on Friday, March 6, 2014. Local artist Mark Howard spoke with guests in Rep. Matsumoto's office.
- Community Input Survey: Over 750 survey responses were received. Full results can be viewed on the website at RepMatusmoto.com.
- 2014 Milken Foundation Educator: Mililani Uka Elementary School teach Jana Fukada was selection was announced at a school assembly last month.

#### COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Park reported expenditures of \$27.48, leaving a balance of \$289.03. The report was filed.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Supporting the Request for \$2.5 Million Grant-in-Aid to Help Wahiawa General Hospital Survive Significant Financial Distress: **Lee moved seconded by Freed be it resolved that hospital administration is encouraged to begin the transition of WGH into a sustainable model by integration of its emergency and clinical services into an existing locally-owned Hawaii private system; and be it resolved that Neighborhood Board No. 25 commends WGH for it's over 70 years of faithful service to the community and encourages other community organizations to support this request and the hospital's transition. The motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 19-0-0 (Aye: Arellano, B. Bass, Dau, Freed, Gallardo-Mata, Gustafson, Iuli, Kawakami, Lee, Loomis, Marshall, Nagamine, Norris, Park, Poirier, Segura, Siegel, Svrčina, and Wicker).**

Motion to Support Mililani Middle School's Plan to Develop 15 More Classrooms to Allow Transition to a Single-Track Campus Calendar: **Segura moved seconded by Freed to support Mililani Middle School's plan to develop more classrooms to allow transition to a single-track campus calendar. The motion was ADOPTED, 18-1-0 (Aye: Arellano, B. Bass, Dau, Freed, Gallardo-Mata, Gustafson, Iuli, Kawakami, Lee, Loomis, Marshall, Nagamine, Norris, Park, Poirier, Segura, Siegel, Svrčina, and Wicker; Nay: Gustafson; Abstain: 0).**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Next Meeting: The next Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu Neighborhood Board 25 meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at the Mililani Recreation Center III at 7:30 p.m.
- Broadcasts: Broadcasts of Board meetings are scheduled to be show on `Olelo Channel 49 every second Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and every first and third Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: Neighborhood Assistant  
Final Review by: Dick Poirier, Chair

**SUPPORTING THE REQUEST FOR A \$2.5 MILLION GRANT-IN-AID TO HELP WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL SURVIVE SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL DISTRESS**

**WHEREAS**, Wahiawa General Hospital (WGH) has served the health care needs of the Central Oahu Community and North Shore populations since 1944, and serves a population base of over 60,000 residents and a significant number of tourists and military; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency and clinical services of WGH are crucial to the health care of people in Mililani, Wahiawa and the North Shore, and,

**WHEREAS**, over 20,000 emergency room visits per year are provided to the community and visitors each year by the WGH Emergency Room; and,

**WHEREAS**, a 6.5 million dollar emergency room upgrade is now being completed at the hospital after a CIP grant of 3.5 million dollars from the Legislature in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the hospital also provides clinical services, lab, s-ray, physical therapy, and Long Term Care Services, and

**WHEREAS**, Wahiawa is the largest private employer in Central Oahu, with approximately 570 total full time and part time employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Administrative burdens and reduced payments are driving rural and smaller hospitals out of business; and

**WHEREAS**, the closure of WGH would be a blow not only to access to emergency and clinical care, but also to the financial viability of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, older Physicians are leaving practice prematurely due to excessive clerical requirements, and

**WHEREAS**, WGH has supported the University of Hawaii Family Residency Program for 23 years, at a cost of 1-2 million per year to the hospital, while helping the State of Hawaii develop over 100 Family Practice physicians for our Islands; and,

**WHEREAS**, the decrease in revenues received by WGH after the opening of Queens West has created severe cash flow problems; and

**WHEREAS**, WGH must now look at a new business model in order to survive; and

**WHEREAS**, since the process could take over a year or two, financial help from the state is critically needed; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mililani Waipio Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 requests the Legislature of the state of Hawaii to fund a requested Grant in Aid of 2.5 million dollars to Wahiawa General Hospital in order to meet its financial obligations as well as work on measures to create a new business model which can adjust to changes driven by the Affordable Care Act and other market issues; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that hospital administration is encouraged to begin the transition of WBH into a sustainable model by integration of its emergency and clinical services into an existing locally-owned Hawaii private system, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Neighborhood Board No. 25 commends WGH for its over 70 years of faithful service to the community and encourages other community organizations to support this request and the hospital's transition.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, the State Department of Health and Human Services; all member of the Hawaii State Legislature, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; members of the City Council, all neighborhood board chairs; the Honolulu Star Advertiser, and Wahiawa General Hospital.

**Adopted** by Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 at its regular meeting of March 25, 2015 by a vote of 18-1-0.