



MILILANI/ WAIPIO/ MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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DRAFT- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015 MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dick Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with a quorum of **18 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, Danielle Bass, William "Bill" Bass, Michael Dau, Ann Freed, Corinne Gallardo-Mata, Sabrina Gustafson, B. Pua Iuli, Marilyn Lee, Karen Loomis, Joy Marshall, Trevor Nagamine, Dick Poirier, Charlie Remington, Mary Segura (arrived at 8) p.m.), Carol Siegel, Mary Smith (Appointed tonight), Emil Svrčina and Douglas Thomas.

Members Absent: Dane Wicker and Alvin Wong.

Guests: Stephanie Burgess (Representative Beth Fukunaga Chang's office), Sheilynn Murata, Stephen Kato, Captain Kalani Wilmington (Honolulu Fire Department), Mary Smart, Elise Carmody, Senator Michelle Kidani, Sergeant Eli Walters and Lieutenant Chad Ikezawa (Honolulu Police Department, District 2-Wahiawa); Deputy Director Mark Garrity (City Department of Transportation Services), Lopaka and Amelia Kelly (HCCW); Yvonne de Luna (ORI), Captain Heba Bullock and Major Anthony Williams (25th CAB, Garrison Hawaii); Dave Amodo (Videographer) and Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Filling of Vacancies: Chair Poirier asked if there was anyone present in filling the at-large vacancy until the term ends on June 30, 2015. Mary Smith volunteered to fill the vacancy and shared her interests in the community. Residency was verified by Neighborhood Assistant N. Frank. **Thomas moved, Siegel seconded nominating Mary Smith to fill the at-large vacancy.**

By UNANIMOUS CONSENT, Mary Smith was APPOINTED to fill the at-large vacancy. Neighborhood Assistant N. Frank administered the oath of office; **19 members present.**

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2015: By UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the April 22, 2015, regular meeting minutes were ADOPTED as circulated.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Kalani Wilmington reported the following:

- **March 2015 Fire Statistics:** There were 3 fires; 80 medical emergencies and 19 miscellaneous calls for service.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** The HFD reminds the public to call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency. Do not drive to the fire station. It is possible that the fire company may not be at the fire station due to other emergencies or performing other duties such as inspections, training, and educational activities. When 9-1-1 is called, the operator dispatches the closest available fire company to the emergency. When calling 91-1, give the operator the initial need (police, fire, or ambulance) and after being transferred to the appropriate agency, provide an accurate description of the need and address or location.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant (Lt.) Ikezawa reported the following:

- **April 2015 Crime Statistics:** There were 3,298 calls for service.
- **Sergeant (Sgt. Eli Walters presented the following: Safety Tips:**
 - **Home Security:** Secure homes, sheds and garages. Lock and secure doors and louvers/windows.
 - **Traffic Tips:** Graduation is here and the community was reminded to drive safely, at a safe speed, and don't drink and drive.
- . For details visit www.honolulupd.org.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Citation Costs: Arellano shared a close encounter while in a crosswalk and asked what the fine is for distracted driver. Sgt. Eli replied that the fine is \$297.00 and \$164.00 for failure to render to someone in a crosswalk. Other citations relating to the same violations may increase the fines.

Military, Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division: Captain Heba Bullock reported the following:

- 25th Combat Aviation Brigade: There are approximately 200 personnel currently deployed in support of overseas contingency operations and off-island missions.
- Scheduled Range Prescribed Burn: The Monday, May 11, 2015 prescribed burn was conducted as a proactive safety measure to remove highly flammable-guinea grass and other vegetation on the range. Approximately 75% of the planned 1,200 acres were burned. The other 25% contained too difficult vegetation to ignite or too low in fuels. The effort was coordinated with the Hawaii State Department of Health's (DOH) Clean Air Branch and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who both reviewed and approved the prescribed burn.
- Bio-Fuel Capable Power Plant: The public is invited to provide input on the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the construction and operation of a 50-megawatt bio-fuel capable power generation plant. The Schofield generating Station project will be constructed, owned and operated by Hawaiian Electric Company on an 8.13 acre parcel of land leased from the U.S. Army. Deadline for providing input is Monday, June 8, 2014.
- Pacific Army Week: In commemoration of the 240th Army Birthday, performances will be held on Tuesday, June 9 and Wednesday, June 10, 2015 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. by the Army Music Hawaii and the "Mana" Haka Team at the Army Museum at Fort Derussy, directly behind the museum (beach side).
- Leilehua Concert Series: The Grill at Leilehua Golf Course provides free concerts of Hawaiian music by a variety of local artists. Friday, June 26, 2015 Kapala will provide entertainment. On Friday, July 31, 2015 Bryan Tolentino, Keao Costa and Halehaku Seabury will be performing. Call 655-1711 for more information.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Fourth of July Events: Captain Bullock answered for Freed that events will be posted on the website.
2. Thank You: D. Bass thanked the Army for efforts on the bio-fuel energy.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): A representative was not present; a report was not provided.

Honolulu Rail Project (HRP): Scott Ishikawa circulated photos of the rail project and highlighted the following:

- House Bill 134: Regarding the General excise Tax (GET) extension was passed by the legislature. Area legislators were thanked. Monday, June 29, 2015 is the deadline for the governor to veto bills. On Friday, July 14, 2014 bills become law with or without the governor's signature.
- H-1/H-2 Merger: The wooden mold westbound has been removed from the guideway last Saturday night. In a few week the guideway will be connected. Construction is currently concentrating on the eastbound median to Leeward Community College (LCC) and guideway to the Waipahu off-ramp.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Removal of Wooden Mold: Svrčina asked if any objects were found in the black netting under the mold. Ishikawa replied that one (1) claim was received from a drive that an object had hit her car. An investigation was completed resulting in no proof that an object came from above. However, the damage was paid for. Extra safety measures for the netting, which is placed under the concrete is taken.
2. Operating Costs: Ishikawa answered for Svrčina that cost are based on estimates. HART is working with the City regarding costs when combined with TheBus. Svrčina commented stated that with inflation costs, electrical rates will go up. Ishikawa explained that the cost to stop the project would be \$1.3 billion, \$340 to repay the federal government, \$400 million for the remaining contract, \$1.4 billion in contract claims and \$100 million to remove the guideway.
3. Pillars: Ishikawa answered for Iuli that there is additional costs for the decorations along the stations. A meeting was held with artists and theme will blend in with the communities, such as Hawaiian for the west, Filipino for the Waipahu area. Each station will consist of eight (8) columns.
4. Department of Transportation (HDOT) Project: The DOT is doing a freeway widening project, restriping for lane openings.

Other Community Concerns: There were no other community concerns.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Residents' Request to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) to install "No Parking" Signs on Anania Drive at the Kiaha Loop Intersections: Resident Sheilyn Murata is requesting the DTS to install "No Parking" signs on Anania Drive at the Kiaha loop intersection due to safety concerns. Vehicles parked around the turn blocks visibility to safely exit the driveway and prevent accidents from happening. A handout was circulated showing a map of the area. Murata is requesting the installation of "No Parking" signs and the removal of two (2) on street parking spaces. Per a DTS survey, 100% of agree with the dangers of turning left at the bend. It was emphasized the difficulty of not seeing oncoming cars especially during the daylight hours. Cars are also parked next to the fire hydrant.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Speed Limit: Svrčina asked and Murata confirmed that the speed limit is 25 miles per hour (mph).
2. Pedestrian Injuries/Fatalities: Gustafson asked and Murata replied that according to DTS there has been no pedestrian injuries or fatalities.
3. Comment: Dau noted that across the street on Kiaha Loop is the Nob Hill townhouses, which do not have sufficient parking.
4. Comment: Segura relayed that a year or year and a half ago the issue was presented to the Board, noting that the right hand side of the road was a danger. Murata replied that the protocol is the same except on the left side of the road.
5. Comment: Senator Kidani noted understanding the issue. A state resolution is asking the City to review the 55 year old traffic codes, which are part of the bigger issue. The problem exists everywhere. It is hopeful that the resolution is considered by the City, particularly for larger and higher vehicles.

DTS Deputy Director Mark Garrity explained the following:

- Signatures: The City requires signatures from the general community. A request is not done unless it is warranted. The request will be considered if the neighbors agree with signatures provided to the Board and DTS.
- Codes Updating: The City is going through the Complete Streets process making the environment safe for everyone.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Handout: Gustafson questioned the request of the removal of 60 feet of on-street parking. Murata answered that 60 feet is about three (3) car lengths of on-street parking, which would provide better visibility. Gustafson asked if an option is to call HPD. Murata answered exact footage language would be provided to the Board.
2. Comment: D. Bass noted that it is strange since it is illegal to park at a fire hydrant. Twenty-two feet parking is allowed fronting a tree for one (1) car. D. Bass asked why the removal of three (3) parking spaces. Director Garrity replied that the proposal was submitted by Murata. Follow up will be done.
3. Distance: Remington inquired who come up with the distance. Director Garrity replied that the distance is established by a City code from traffic engineering studies. Remington mentioned that years ago curbs were painted red. Director Garrity responded that due to costs and time spent repainting the practice was discontinued. However, curbs at bus stops and official loading zones are painted red. Remington asked if the City would approve volunteers to paint curbs red. Director Garrity replied that the city will not maintain illegally painted curbs.
4. Additional Parking Stalls: Svrčina asked the possibility of additional parking spaces on the opposite side of the street. Director Garrity answered that the City is neutral on the matter. The studies determines where it is safe to park. The City is willing to remove parking spaced at the request of citizen who follow the process. There will be no objections from the City unless a Board motion opposes the request. Segura asked if consideration could be given to the removal of two (2) parking stalls and gradually take away more parking for better visibility. Murata replied that due to the curve on Anania Drive, visibility is poor. Removing three (3) parking spaces increases visibility. DTS is trying to preserve some parking spaces for the townhomes across the street.
5. Thank You: Lee thanked Murata for the effort.

Hawaiian Civic Club of Wahiawa (HCCW): Lopaka announced the following:

- Cleaning of the Kukaniloko Birthing Stones: HCCW has recently been approved as a 501(c) 3 non-profit status. HCCW continues to maintain the Kukaniloko Birth Stones the third (3) Saturday of the month. The

birthstones are located along Kamehameha Highway and Whitmore Avenue. Everyone was invited to participate with the clean-up.

- Current Project: The current HCCW project is the Kunia lower ridge farm ridge project. Lopaka asked support for the Na Wahine Kunia Lihue to oversee developments, advise the city agencies relative to permits and violations.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Board Support: Lopaka answered for Freed that the Board can support to insure that compliance with the laws are met and continue to monitor areas such as the Kunia lower ridge. Lopaka stated that there has been no resolve from the agencies. Lopaka asked to report monthly updates to the Board.
2. Illegal Structures: Segura asked and Lopaka answered that illegal structures were constructed on farmland in lower Kunia.
3. Windward Board Boundary: Chair Poirier mentioned that the Kunia boundary ends at Kunia Road, and asked Lopaka to return to a future Board meeting with a presentation and maps.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Governor David Ige's Representative: No Governor's representative has attended a Board meeting since February 2015.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Tracy Kubota was unable to be in attendance.

Councilmember Ron Menor: Corinne Gallardo-Mata circulated the monthly report and highlighted the following:

- Budget: The City Council will vote on Bill 12 (2015 CD2, relating to the City's Fiscal Year 2015-2016 operating and capital budgets on third reading at its Wednesday, June 3, 2015 meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- Crosswalk near Kipapa Elementary School: Work has begun on installing a new crosswalk on Kuaahelani Avenue near Kipapa Elementary School. The existing crosswalk that is a short distance away will be removed. Work should be completed in June.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Homeless: Arellano questioned why a statewide effort cannot be made to help the homeless. Freed noted that it is a constitutionality issue and legalities must be avoided. Freed emphasized that moving the mentally ill homeless from one place to another is not solving the problem.

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

- Congratulations: To the Mililani High School graduating class of 2015 and to Councilmember Menor's sons.
- Hanalani School: Principal Winston Sakurai was named the 2016 Hawaii principal of the Year by the Hawaii Association of Secondary School Principals.
- Teacher Excellence: Five (5) Mililani schools were among those honored at the Teacher Excellence are Mililani High School, Mililani `Iki Elementary School, Mililani Middle School, Mililani Uka School and Mililani Waena School.
- Mililani Town Center Reynolds Recycling Center: Senator Kidani contacted the new Mililani Town Center owners who are not concerned about removal of the recycling center. The recycling center in Mililani Mauka has extended their hours to accommodate the community. The Department of Health is looking into issue regarding mall stores selling bottled beverages possibly considered illegal. According to law, selling of bottled beverages must be within two (2) miles of a recycling center.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Congratulations: Lee congratulated Board member Svrčina's daughter who graduated with honors. Lee expressed that Mililani High Schools is the greatest in the state.
2. Unutilized Schools: Arellano asked why the unutilized schools cannot be used to house the homeless. Senator Kidani noted that state laws allows state agencies first priority to the facilities. A law passed this year would allow charter schools to use the facilities. Senator Kidani will follow up. Arellano added that help is needed for homeless 61 years and older.
3. Comment: Freed noted that the Committee on Housing should be separated and the community strengthened.

Representative Ryan Yamane: Representative Ryan Yamane circulated his report and highlighted the following:

- Capital improvement Projects (CIP): \$1.5 million for plans and design of a 15-classroom I for Mililani Middle School.

- Water and Land Committee 2015 Accomplishments: 1) Senate Bill (SB) 284, Turtle Bay Conservation Easement, protects and preserves 562 acres of Oahu's north Shore land located near the Turtle Bay Resort and Kawela Bay with a conservation easement. 2) HB 830, Residential Property Exemption, protects homeowners of homes 50 years old or older from a time consuming historical review process when applying for a building permit to modify their homes. 3) House Bill (HB) 44, relating to Beach Restoration appropriates \$6 million to begin statewide beach restoration and preservation efforts.
- Congratulations: The 2015 graduates were congratulated.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Thank You: Segura thanked Representative Yamane for working hard for the community on a large scale.
2. Off Timing Traffic Signals: Segura reported traffic light timing off at Lanikuhana/Meheula/Kamehameha Highway. The issue was reported to HDOT three (3) times and yet to be resolved. Dau added being that the highway is under repair, the sensors are off.
3. Homes 50 Years and Older Extensions: Luli asked for clarification. Representative Yamane replied if additions are made with new ground the homeowner must go through the review process. An example given was solar panels. Representative Yamane answered for Luli that a licensed contractor must know the law.
4. Multi-Track Schools: Arellano called attention to multi-track students receive 30 days less education than students on the regular track system. Representative Yamane agreed, noting a recent meeting discussing the status of multi-track school situations and the effects on the students.

Representative Beth Fukumoto Chang: Representative Beth Fukumoto Chang circulated her report and highlighted the following:

- Community Survey Results: Ten percent of the surveys were returned with 71% supporting the surcharge, 3% increase in property taxes, 26% stop rail, 70% oppose legalizing marijuana, 70% support marijuana dispensaries, 83% supports banning of e-cigarettes, and 64% support privatization of state hospitals.
- Monthly Talk Story: The next talk story session will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2015, Recreation Center 6 from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Talk Story Attendance: Remington asked and Representative Fukumoto Chang noted that the first talk story had about 15 guests.
2. Survey: Svrčina asked and Representative Fukumoto Chang answered 7,500 surveys were sent out to every voter per household with a 10% return rate.

Representative Lauren Matsumoto: Rep. Lauren Matsumoto circulated her report and highlighted the following:

- Congratulations: Congratulations to the 2015 Mililani High School graduate and legislative intern Vanessa Panetta.
- Mililani High School Internship Program: Internships held from January to May along with the YMCA government youth program.
- 2015 Legislation Bills: A total of 2,894 bills were introduced this session. Of the introduced bills 252 were [assed (117 House, 135 Senate), resulting in less than 10% being passed.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Remington reported expenditures \$39.34 of leaving a balance of \$219.08. The report was filed.

Chair: Chair Poirier asked Board member who did not run for election to please attend the June 2015 Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to Support the Installation of "No Parking" Signs on Anania Drive at Kiaha Loop Intersection: **Loomis moved Luli seconded to support the installation of "No Parking" signs on Anania Drive at the Kiaha Loop Intersection.**

Discussion followed: Nob Hill: Gustafson pointed out that there are over 600 homes in Nob Hill and parking is prohibited on Lanikuhana Avenue. Gustafson noted that 60 feet is too much. It was stated that parking is used and needed in the area.

Amendment to the Motion: **D. Bass amended the motion from 60 feet to 82 feet. Loomis noted that the original motion should be voted on first. The motion to support the installation of “No Parking” signs on Anania Drive at the Kiaha Loop intersection was ADOPTED, 18-3-0** (Arellano, D. Bass, B. Bass, Freed, Gallardo-Mata, Iuli, Lee, Loomis, Marshall, Nagamine, Norris, Poirier, Remington, Segura, Smith and Thomas; **Nay:** Dau, Gustafson and Svrcina; **Abstain:** 0). Freed noted per Robert’s Rules of Order an amendment cannot be added once the original motion is voted on. A new motion could be presented.

Resolution Requesting Met-Life and M & J Wilkow, New Owners of the Mililani Town Center to Reopen the Reynolds Recycling and Redemption Center: Lee read Be it resolved, that Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 request that the new Mililani Town Center owners reopen the Reynolds Recycling and Redemption Center; if this is not feasible, the Board requests that the state Department of Health ensure that dealers of Hi-5 beverages situated more than two miles from Mililani Mauka Recycling and Redemption Center provide redemption services as prescribed by Hawaii law. **Lee moved, Freed seconded in support of the resolution.**

Discussion followed: Amendment: First whereas delete asked to move out and replace with **have been forced out.**

The resolution was ADOPTED as amended, 19-1-0 (Aye: Arellano, B. Bass, D. Bass, Dau, Freed, Gallardo-Mata, Gustafson, Iuli, Lee, Loomis, Marshall, Nagamine, Norris, Poirier, Remington, Segura, Siegel Svrcina and Thomas; **Nay:** Smith; **Abstain:** 0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting: The next Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu Neighborhood Board 25 meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 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 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant

Final Review by: Dick Poirier, Chair

RESOLUTION REQUESTING MET LIFE AND M&J WILKOW, NEW OWNERS OF THE Mililani Town CENTER TO REOPEN THE REYNOLDS RECYCLING AND REDEMPTION CENTER

WHEREAS, the Reynolds Recycling and Redemption Center has recently have been forced out of their location at the Mililani Town Center; and

WHEREAS, the Reynolds Center has been at the Town Center for close to fifteen years following the enactment of the Deposit Beverage Container Law in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Reynolds Center has functioned as a very popular redemption location, serving about 36,000 people yearly; and

WHEREAS, the Mililani Town Center was recently acquired by new mainland owners, Met Life and M&J Wilkow; and

WHEREAS, the nearest recycling and redemption center for Mililani Town is now located in the Mililani Mauka Park and Ride, a more than two miles from many parts of Mililani Town; and

WHEREAS, Section 342G-113 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, as well as the Health Department Administrative Rules, required dealers (such as supermarkets) of Hi-5 beverages to provide for recycling and redemption if their total retail space is 5,000 square feet or more, and if no facility exists within two miles in a community of more than 17,500 residents; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health Office of Waste Management is obligated to pursue due diligence related to the Hawaii Revised Statutes and the Department's Administrative rules, and to make these efforts public; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Mililani Waipio Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 requests that the new Mililani Town Center owners reopen the Reynolds Recycling and Redemption Center; if this is not feasible, the Board requests that the State Department of Health ensure that dealers of Hi-5 beverages situated more than two miles from the Mililani Mauka Recycling Redemption Center provide redemption services as prescribed by Hawaii law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Met Life, M&J Wilkow, Colliers International; the Waste Management Office of the State of Hawaii Department of Health; State Area legislators; the Governor of the State of Hawaii; all Neighborhood Board Chairs, the Honolulu Star Advertiser, and all supermarket, drug and Walmart stores within two miles of Town Center.

Adopted by Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 at its regular meeting of May 27, 2015 by a vote of 19-1-0.