



MILILANI/ WAIPIO/ MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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DRAFT- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 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, Michael Dau, Ann Freed, Corinne Gallardo-Mata, Sabrina Gustafson, B. Pua Iuli, Marilyn Lee, Karen Loomis, Joy Marshall, Trevor Nagamine, John Norris, Dick Poirier, Charlie Remington, Mary Segura, Carol Siegel, Mary Smart Emil Svrcina, Douglas Thomas and Alvin Wong.

Members Absent: William "Bill" Bass and Dane Wicker.

Guests: Elise Carmody, Nathan Takasano, Captain David Kahanu (Honolulu Fire Department, Stephanie Burgess (Representative Beth Fukumoto's office), Rota Hainrick, Lester Lorin, Danielle Bass (Representative Ryan Yamane's office), Carolyn Unser, Crystal Kua and Wren Wescoatt (SunEdison Solar); Keoni Mattos and BWS Water Resource Program Administrator Barry Usagawa (Board of Water Supply); Representative Beth Fukumoto, Senator Michelle Kidani, Sergeant Eli Walters (Honolulu Police Department, District 2-Wahiawa), Scott Ishikawa (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation), Representative Lauren Matsumoto, Staff Sgt. Sean Everette (Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division Garrison-Hawaii), Dave Amodo (DVDmodo), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Vacancies: None.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2015: By UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the May 27, 2015, regular meeting minutes were ADOPTED as amended:

- Page 1 should read..."**Mary Smart** and anywhere else in the minutes..."

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain David Kahanu reported the following:

- **May 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): Sergeant Eli Walters reported the following:

- **May 2015 Crime Statistics:** There were 3,579 calls for service.
- **Aggressive Drivers Traffic Safety Tip:**
 - Keep your cool and calmly get out of the way;
 - Put pride and ego aside;
 - Avoid eye contact and make no noticeable gestures; and
 - Report serious aggressive drivers to 911 at a later place and time.
- **Good Neighbors Crime Prevention Tip:**
 - A good neighbor is one of the best crime prevention tools;
 - This is true this time of year when there is an increase in scams targeting the elderly especially;
 - Keep a check on your neighbors especially the elderly;

- An anonymous call to 911 can bring an officer into the area to check things out;
- This involvement builds stronger community bonds between neighbors and fosters safer neighborhoods.
- Information: For detailed information visit www.honoluluupd.org.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Nuisance Dogs: Freed asked who is responsible for nuisance dog constantly barking. Freed noted that a resident manager did call HPD about the dog. The last time the Humane Society was called, the caller received grief from a staff member. Sgt. Eli replied that there are laws in place such as a dog for 15 minutes incessantly, but must be observed by an officer in order for citation to be issued. Freed commented that this is a chronically frustrating problem. Dau asked if videotaping the dog would help HPD. Sgt. Eli answered no because the officer must witness the problem.

Military, Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division: Staff Sgt. Sean Everette reported the following:

- 25th Aviation Brigade: The brigade currently has approximately 200 personnel deployed in support of overseas contingency operations and off-island missions.
- Hurricane Exercise: On Tuesday, May 26, 2015 through Saturday, June 6, 2015 the Army participated in the Annual Statewide Hurricane Exercise ("Makani Pahili" or Strong Winds).
- Kawela/Turtle Bay Makai Project: On June 12, 2015 the governor signed Senate Bill 284, a historic agreement to conserve 630 acres of the bay. The U.S. Army is providing \$2.5 million toward this purchase toward this purchase via the Army Compatible Buffer Program (ACUB).
- Army Solicits Community Interest for Establishing Restoration Advisory Boards (RABS): As part of the Army's ongoing environmental restoration efforts community interests are being solicited in forming a RAB Board for various efforts under the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) on Oahu. For more information contact Carrie Nelson at (808) 656-3092 or carrie.nelson.civ@mail.mil.
- 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.
- Fourth of July Concerns: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii is hosting July 4th celebration at Schofield Barracks for military members and their guests. Performing will be Michelle Branch and Collective Soul, with the fireworks taking place at 8:30 p.m. Country artist Sam Hunt will be featured on July 3, 2015. The event is open to the Department of Defense (DOD) ID cardholders (military members, their families, military retirees, DOD civilian employees and their authorized guests). Visit www.himwr.com/4thofjuly for details.
- Noise and Dust Complaints: Noise complaint hotline is 656-3487, leave a voice mail to include your name, contact information, location, date, time, and details. Contact Kayla Overton with other noise or dust complaints at 656-3159, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: 2015 Fourth of July Events: Freed asked to let the general know that the community is unhappy not being allowed on base this year invited to the Fourth of July events. Everette replied that the reason is safety issues.

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

- Water Main Breaks: No water main breaks or construction in the month of May 2015.
- Water Rates: A new water rate schedule to support the mission to provide a safe and dependable water supply now and in the future was implemented in 2012. The rate increase was spread over a five (5)-years to minimize customer impact. Effective Wednesday, July 1, 2015 residential customers will see a \$.082 increase in the billing charge from \$40.3 to \$4.42 per 1,000 gallons of water. Although appearing jointly on the billing, water charges are separate from the sewer charges. For more information visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- Annual Water Quality Reports: BWS works hard to ensure that the water served to customers is safe to drink. Thousands of tests are conducted yearly and the results will be shared in the annual water quality report which will be mailed to all customers by Wednesday, July, 2015. Information is also posted on www.boardofwatersupply.com. Call 748-5080 with any questions about the report.
- Red Hill Storage Tank Leak Update: Twenty-seven gallons of jet fuel leaked from the U.S. Navy's Tank 5 in January 2014 at its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. Since then, BWS staff have been working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Health (DOH) urging the Navy to take the necessary steps to prevent fuel contamination from reaching the BWS wells and protect the groundwater aquifers and environment now and in the future. An Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) was released in June 2015 by the DOH, EPA, and the Navy which will determine what the Navy needs to do in order to

prevent future fuel leaks and contamination to the aquifer. A meeting was held on Thursday, June 18, 2015. Deadline to submit comments on the AOC is Wednesday, July 1, 2015.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Fuel Leak: Luli commented that per the military the leak has been monitored for two (2) years. Chung replied that per BWS Manager Ernie Lau, two (2) years is too late. Thus far the leak is limited to the Halawa area. BWS continues to be proactive on the issue.

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

- Fort Weaver Road Overpass Closure: The overpass will be closed from Sunday-Thursday starting Sunday, June 28, 2015-Friday, July 10, 2015. Southbound lanes will be closed from 9:00 p.m.-4:00 a.m. and the northbound lanes from 8:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.
- Cantilever: The mold will be removed on Saturday, June 27, 2015. The west side connection will be completed in the next two (2) to three (3) weeks.
- General Excise Tax (GET) Extension: The deadline for the Governor to veto the bill or not is Monday, June 29, 2015. The GET extension is needed for cost overruns. Senator Michelle Kidani, Representatives Ryan Yamane, Beth Fukumoto Chang and Lauren Matsumoto were thanked for their support.
- Announcement: Ishikawa announced that tonight would be his last update as a HART representative. Ishikawa thanked everyone for their support over the years. Chair Poirier presented certificate of appreciation and D. Bass presented a lei to Ishikawa.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Height Clearance: Luli asked and Ishikawa replied that column work is being done in the Waipahu area.

Other Community Concerns: There were no other community concerns.

Board Recognition Certificates: Lei, certificates of recognition and gift cards were presented to outgoing Board members William "Bill" Bass, John Norris and Alvin Wong.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Board of Water Supply (BWS) Update: BWS Water Resource Program Administrator Barry Usagawa presented the following:

- Water Master Plan: The BWS master plan will provide an updated comprehensive understanding of O`ahu's water supplies, water needs and the water system. This would give BWS the opportunity to identify cost efficiencies by changing the timing, location or scope of projects, or by refining operations or maintenance activities.
- Purpose: The Water Master Plan will provide vital information for policymakers to make decisions about how to balance the cost of infrastructure improvements with the risks to the water service dependability.
- Water Master Plan for O`ahu: O`ahu has experienced water main breaks requiring emergency repairs over the past few years. Emerging technology provides BWS new methods of investigation and analysis. As stewards of the precious water supply, BWS is developing the Water Master Plan using state-of-the-art methods, which will enable BWS to make decisions with greater accuracy and efficiency. Financial analysis will help determine the most effective and efficient approach to pay for the projects.
- Planning: The plan is a complex, time-consuming process, consisting of multiple steps: compare, identify, prioritize, analyze develop and access.
- BWS Stakeholders Advisory Group: The Board consists of 28 local residents and community leaders to provide input on plans for O`ahu's water future. Members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group represent diverse communities and interests. Feedback is essential to improve the infrastructure. The group will meet with BWS, provide feedback on a 30-year water master plan and other initiatives, contribute to a Water Master Plan and share information with their communities.
- Central O`ahu Watershed Plan: The focus is on resources and supply and utilize recycled/storm water. Mililani has the largest aquifer on the island with a 104 million gallons of water daily. One (1) community meeting was held. The next meeting will feature events on growth areas and water use and include urban private and the military (greatest water demand). Boundaries are the same as the Central O`ahu Sustainability Plan with partnership watersheds of the Koolau mountains and Waianae.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Use of Lands: Freed commented that the idea is good and hopes that it does not lead up to the misuse of lands.

2. Water Use: Freed asked the status of water use for irrigation, drinking and the sewage system. Freed also asked about the impact to water use from the new developments of Ho`opili and Koa Ridge. Also, the optimum number of golf course use without depleting the water supply. Usagawa answered that the sewer comes under the Environmental Services (ENV) a sister agency. Mililani sewage is treated at the Honouliuli facility.
3. Central O`ahu Master Plan: Dau noted asking about contamination and was told there is none.
4. Kipapa Water: Dau asked and Usagawa replied that the makai side of Koa Ridge get 50 inches of rain annually. Dry areas will not recharge the aquifer. Usagawa noted that paving over recharges the aquifer. Usagawa stated that Mililani uses the least amount of water per unit.
5. Desalinization: Remington asked and Usagawa answered yes. An example given was Ewa where there is the need to build up resilience of the system.
6. BWS Board: Usagawa answered for Gustafson that Board meeting are open to the public. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at the Honolulu Club. Stakeholders will provide input to improve services. According to the City's corporation Counsel (COR) the "Sunshine Law" does not apply.
7. Comment: Lee noted that the Board took action 25 years ago regarding carbon filters. Lee added that Mililani High School is involved in sustainability and asked that the school be informed.
8. Run-Off under the H-2 Freeway: luli asked where the run-off under the H-2 freeway goes from the 20 inch ditch in the valley. Usagawa relayed that the water goes from the Waikalama Gulch to Waikele Stream, West Loch and into Pearl Harbor.
9. Public Utilities Commission (PUC): luli asked and Usagawa noted that the PUC takes about three (3) to four (4) week to rule on projects. It is hopeful that the PUC approves the land purchased from Castle & Cooke soon. Land was purchased from two (2) sites and site studies completed. Contracts with Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) is done and the permits approved. Leaders from the mainland have engaged in funding. Community support is welcome.

Update on SunEdison's Solar Projects in Central Oahu: Wren Wescoatt reported the following:

- Clean Energy: SunEdison is the largest global and local renewable energy development company. The target is clean energy for 100% in Hawaii. The company manufactures solar technology and develops, finances, installs, owns and operates wind and solar power plants.
- Sites: Current sites are located in Kawailoa, Waipio Photovoltaic (PV), Koa Ridge Mauka and Waiawa across from Ka Uka Boulevard on property owned by Kamehameha Schools. There are two (2) phases at the Mililani Agriculture Park.
- History: The plan originated in 2010 and in 2013 HECO's price was below 17 cents. SunEdison purchased the land for lower costs at 13.5 or 14 cents with wholesale from HECO. In 2015 the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) denied the first Mililani project and deferred seven (7) others. A reconsider motion was filed. The PUC rules on other projects within three (3) to four (4) weeks. It is hopeful that the Mililani is approved and the land purchased from Castle & Cooke.
- Projects: Area projects are Mililani South PV I, Mililani South PV II, Waipio PV and SUNE Waiwa. Two (2) parcels of land were purchased, leavened, trees cleared, contracts negotiated with HECO, permits approved, and mainland leaders engaged for funding.
- Ka Uka Boulevard: There will be substantial landscape with two (2) poles and panels with anti-reflective coating.
- PUC Ruling: It is hopeful that the PUC approves the project in July 2015 allowing construction to start in September 2015 and completion December 31, 2016 for the solar tax credit. Wescoatt asked for community support.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. HECO/NextEra: luli asked the effects of the HECO/NextEra merger.
2. Mahalo: Gustafson thanked Wescoatt for the presentation. and questioned what is going happen since the PUC denied the Mililani 1 project. Wescoatt replied that there is a resolution on the agenda for Board action tonight and thanked the Board and community for continued support. It was noted that there is a big difference between the PUC and the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP).
3. Cloud Overcasts: Dau asked what happens if the clouds are over the panels. Wescoatt noted that there will 182 megawatts at all four (4) sites). If generation is lost HECO will pick-up the slack.
4. Land Use: Dau asked if land use would be restricted. In answer, currently Koa Mauka is pasture fenced, but will have access.
5. Comment: luli noted that several years ago it rained for 22 days, and asked if the project would have battery storage. The response was none would have batteries because the batteries are extremely strongly.

6. Grazing Sheep: Freed mentioned seeing sheep grazing along Kamehameha Highway and asked if this is part of the project. Wescoatt noted that Koa Mauka and Waipio will have grazing sheep. Freed asked why the one (1) project was denied. In response, a waiver was received from the PUC 2010/2011. Per HECO in 2013, a waiver for new projects was requested. However, the request went down from 26 to seven (7). A separate waive for Mililani was applied for modifications. Freed asked if that was before or after Randy Awase became the PUC chair.
7. Tax Credit: Gallardo-Mata asked and Wescoatt noted that there is pressure regarding the project until it is approved by the PUC in July.
8. Land: Gustafson inquired what would happen to the land if the project is not approved by August.
9. Hurricanes: Wescoatt answered for Smart that the panels are designed to withstand up to 105-115 mile per hour winds, will be mounted on steel structures three (3) to six (6) feet off the ground.

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 reported the following:

- Budget: The budget ends on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 and the Fiscal Year 2015 budget starts on Wednesday, July 1, 2015.
- The Wildest Show in Town: The next Honolulu Zoo summer concert series will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015. For more information call 926-3191 or visit www.HonoluluZoo.org/wild.
- 2015 Twilight Summer Concert Series: Take a stroll through Foster Botanical Gardens every Thursday in June and July 2015 from 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Admission is free from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Lanikuhana Avenue Sidewalk Repair: The repair work was completed on May 14, 2015.
- Kaholo Street: The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) appreciates the Neighborhood Board recognizing work performed on Kaholo Street.
- Hokuahiahi Neighborhood Courts: The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) reports that the courts are on the resurfacing priority list.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Kipapa Drive: It was reported that Pohina and Ikaika Streets off of Kipapa Drive are not being maintained.
2. Mililani Waena Park: Graffiti reported painted over on Wednesday, June 3, 2015. However, Chair Poirier asked that the windscreen be re-checked since the graffiti is still there. It was noted that it looks liked that the windscreen was sprayed with water (located across from the high school).
3. Mahalo: Arellano thanked the City for its Animal Pick-up division.
4. Grating on Wainihi Street: Luli reported that grating is still noise and there that the left side of the fence is tacky.
5. Park Lights: Gustafson asked the status of the lights. Gallardo-Mata answered that the lights issue is currently in the procurement phase and will be followed by the equipment phase.
6. Ikaloa Street Sign: It was noted that the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) received a work order, but to date the sign is still missing.
7. Kamaio Park (Makapili Street): A safety concern was received from a resident about a lifted sidewalks surrounded by orange cones, but no repairs being done.

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

- Mahalo: Thank you and best wishes to the outgoing Board members.
- Upgrade Sewage System Status: Million dollars has been spent to upgrade the sewage distribution lines. The City Department of Environmental Services is on track and the project progressing well in compliance with the federal consent decree.
- Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award: Jana Fukada of Mililani Uka Elementary was presented with this honorary certificate by Council Chair Ernie Martin and co-presented by Councilmember Menor at the City Council's Wednesday, June 3, 2015 meeting.
- Neighborhood Commission Installation Ceremony: Councilmember Menor announced that the installation ceremony for the newly elected Board members will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at the Mission Memorial Auditorium. Councilmember Menor will be in attendance and offer his congratulations and best wishes.
- Legislative Update: Bill 40, establishing a special fund for the Waipio peninsula Soccer Park would dedicate revenues generated by user and other fees toward the upkeep and improvements of the 288-acre park.

- Crosswalk near Kipapa Elementary: The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) has recently completed the installation of a new crosswalk along Kuahelani Avenue near Kipapa Elementary School. This bill was a priority of Councilmember Menor.
- Mililani District Park Field Lights: The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is working with DFM to restore the lights. Rusted brackets were found and the lights were removed. A work order is currently being prepared to purchase the proper brackets and expects to be bid out soon. Councilmember Menor will continue to monitor this park.

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

- Released Funding: The following projects funding which were included in the budget was released by Governor Ige: \$28.8 million for design and construction of a new Administration and Allied Health Facility at UH West Oahu; \$5.5 million to construct and install a new synthetic track and field surface at Waipahu High School; \$800,000 for construction of a retaining wall behind buildings on the Waipahu High School campus to stabilize ground movement affecting those buildings; and \$99,200 additional funding for the \$2.1 million design phase for rehabilitation of the Kipapa Gulch (Roosevelt Bridge).
- Consideration of Bills: The Governor has until Monday, June 29, 2015 to inform the Legislature of any bills being considered for veto. The bills must either be signed by the Governor by Saturday, July 4, 2015, or become law without a signature.
- Closed Schools Use for Homeless Shelters: In response to an inquiry last month, older schools are situated on City owned land. Land for new schools must be deeded by a developer, used for education or returned.
- Homeless: A report was received from State Homeless Director Collin Kippen.

Representative Ryan Yamane: Danielle Bass circulated a report and highlighted the following:

- Mahalo: Alvin Wong and John Norris were thanked for their service as Board members.
- Hawaii Hurricane Season: Hurricane season begins on June 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015. Everyone was reminded to stay prepared and sure the family has a plan.
- Tropical Storm Bill Disaster: Rep. Yamane and sever (7) other Hawaii Red Cross volunteers which struck the Texas coastline amidst the severe May flooding.
- Turtle Bay Conservation Easement Signed into Law: On Friday, June 12, 2015 the Turtle Bay Conservation Easement bill was signed into law by the Governor as Act 121 (2015).

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

- 2015 Survey Results: The survey results were included in the written report.
- 2015 Legislative Session Talk Story: Several questions at the last meeting were asked regarding the bill to establish dispensaries for medical marijuana patients. For more bill information visit www.repbeth.com.
- Symposium for Legislative Leaders: As the House Majority Leader, Rep. Matsumoto Chang was invited to Washington D. C. for the National Conference of State Legislatures' Symposium

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

- 2015 Legislative Wrap-Up for District 45: The updates were included in the handout.
- TeenPact: Rep. Matsumoto had the pleasure of working with impressive youth this year. TeenPact Leadership Schools is a non-profit organization teaching teen leadership, citizenship and involvement in government.
- Peter's Prom: This is an annual event for special needs youth catering to students who were unable to attend their own prom. Rep. Matsumoto and staff assist every year with husband Scott Matsumoto as photographer.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Remington reported expenditures \$28.70 of leaving a balance of \$190.38. The report was filed.

Chair: Chair Poirier highlighted the following:

- New Board Term: Chair Poirier announced that new term is from July 2015 to June 30, 2017.
- Board Vacancy: There is one (1) vacancy which will placed on the July 2017 agenda. Current Board member Mary Smart is interested in filling the vacancy.

- July 22, 2015 Board Officers': Chair Poirier noted that real elections would be held and not by a nominee slate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Urging the Public Utilities Commission to Approve SunEdison's Solar Energy Facilities in Mililani, Waipio and Waiawa: **Thomas moved, Remington seconded that members of the Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 continue to support SunEdison's proposed Mililani South Solar I and Mililani South Solar II, Waipi'o Solar and Waiawa Solar energy projects; and that the Neighborhood Board urges the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to approve these projects in a timely manner in order to meet crucial tax deadlines.**

The resolution was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 21-0-0 (Aye: Arellano, B. Bass, D. Bass, Dau, Freed, Gallardo-Mata, Gustafson, Iuli, Lee, Loomis, Marshall, Nagamine, Norris, Poirier, Remington, Segura, Siege, Smart, Svcina, Thomas and Wong).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting: The next Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu Neighborhood Board 25 meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 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 9:31 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO APPROVE SUNEDISON'S SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES IN MILILANI, WAIPIO, AND WAIAWA

WHEREAS, Governor Ige has signed into law the nation's first 100 percent renewable portfolio standards, making the state of Hawai'i a leader in renewable energy by requiring that electricity in the state be produced by wind, solar and other renewable resources by the year 2045; and

WHEREAS, a total of 240 megawatts from eight utility-scale solar energy facilities already under development will be able to help Hawai'i meet those clean-energy targets; and

WHEREAS, four of those projects – the 20 megawatt Mililani South Solar I, the 15-megawatt Mililani South Solar II, 47-megawatt Waipi'o Solar (formerly known as Waiawa PV) and 50megawatt Waiawa Solar – are being developed by SunEdison in Central O`ahu; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, this neighborhood board approved resolutions of support of all four projects citing the energy savings these projects will produce and that three of the projects will keep agriculture zoning and support compatible agriculture uses; and

WHEREAS, these projects are now awaiting approval before the state Public Utilities Commission, which has requested more information from the Hawaiian Electric Company before making a final decision; and

WHEREAS, without a PUC approval, SunEdison is unable to settle financing and construction details to complete these projects in time to qualify for the Federal solar tax credit, which expires at the end of 2016; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Mililani Waipio Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 continue to support proposed Mililani South Solar I, Mililani South Solar II, Wai'pio Solar and Waiawa Solar energy projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Neighborhood Board urges the Public Utilities Commission to approve these projects in a timely manner in order to meet crucial tax deadlines, 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 Agriculture; the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; the Public Utilities Commission, the Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu' all City Councilmembers' the City & County of Honolulu Departments of Planning and Permitting; SunEdison; Castle & Cooke Homes, Inc.; all members of 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 June 24, 2015 by a vote of 20-0-0.