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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING AUDITORIUM
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009

CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Wilson Kekoa Ho called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. **with six (6) members, which did not constitute a quorum.** Chair Ho explained that the Board would be unable to take action on agenda items, but that reports and discussion would still be allowed. Note – This 13 member Board requires seven (7) votes for a quorum and to take official action.

Members Present – Beverly Addington, David Bettencourt, Wilson K. Ho, Fred Humphrey, Andrew Jamila, Jr., and Solomon Spencer.

Members Absent – Nani Akeo, Peter Albinio, Michael Buck, Matthew Chun, Phillip Ellsworth and Cynthia Wahinekapu.

VACANCIES: One vacancy in Sub district 4.

Guests – Mabel Ann Spencer, Michelle Mason (Earth Tech / AECOM); Gail Rombaoa and Nando Rombaoa (Relay for Life); Lt. Dave Eber, Sgt. Jonathon Gremms and Ofc. Antonio Bustamonte (Honolulu Police Department); Julie Dugan (Hawaii Job Corps), De Ann Gonda (Youth and Family Collaboration), May Akamine (Waimanalo Health Clinic), Deborah Smith, Ikaika Anderson (Office of the Late Councilmember Barbara Marshall), Barry Usagawa (Board of Water Supply); Fred Miller and Tiffany Patrick (Bellows Air Force Base); Capt. Ben Suiso (Honolulu Fire Department), Claudia de Leon (Hickam Air Force), Lisa Schofield and Jean Brokish (Oahu Resource Conservation & Development Council), Jody Green and Jean K. Kaohelauhi (Waimanalo Market), Sui Lan Kepa, Moana De Mello, Lucy Akau, Cindy Aylett (Office of the Mayor / Mayor's Representative), Keoni Aylett, Kahu Ryan A. Kalama, Ivonne Cardenas and Bob Farrell (Makakilo.Com), Jasmin Rodriguez (Castle Medical Center), Ofelia Carag (Blanche Pope School), Todd Lanning (Bellows Air Force Station Restoration), Marie Richardson (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

PULE: Chair Ho welcomed everyone tonight and noted that the meeting usually begins with an open prayer; however, in honor of the recent passing of Phillip Ellsworth, a moment of silence was observed. Ellsworth was recognized as the longest serving Board member and condolences were offered to his family for graciously sharing him with the community.

ACCEPT NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT 4: There was no interest to fill the Sub district 4 vacancy at this time. With the passing of Phillip Ellsworth (Sub district 2), a vacancy will be posted on next month's agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. Ben Suiso reported:

- Statistics included: 2 structure, 2 wildland, 1 rubbish and 1 vehicle fire; 42 medical emergencies, 12 search/rescues and 2 miscellaneous calls for service.
- Fire Safety Tip: Fire, building, and U.S. postal codes and City ordinances state that property owners shall place their house numbers in such a manner so it is legible and readily visible from the street. This will assist the HFD and other first responders in locating your house quickly in the event of an emergency.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – With Lt. Dave Eber tonight was Sgt. Jonathon Gremms and Ofc. Antonio Bustamante; and proceeded to report the following:

- The public is invited to submit comments in writing, in person or by phone in the process of HPD's reaccreditation program. For more information, call HPD's Office of Accreditation at (808) 547-2781.



- Annual comparison of 2008 with 2009: 1/0 manslaughter, 8/17 rapes, 14/8 robberies, 17/23 aggravated assaults, 176/147 burglaries, 410/399 thefts, 303/346 unauthorized entrance to a motor vehicle (UEMV), 51/66 auto thefts, for an overall increase of 2% for this year.
- March statistics included: 2 aggravated assaults, 1 drug/narcotics, 2 driving under the influence (DUI), 1 motor vehicle theft, 1 fraud, 1 graffiti, 1 liquor law, 8 property damage, 15 motor vehicle accidents (MVA), 23 thefts, 2 rapes, 1 runaway, 18 unauthorized entry into motor vehicle (UEMV) and 7 warrant arrests.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: 1) District 4's report reflected the arrest made in Waimanalo of the suspect of the recent murder committed in Ewa. 2) A City ordinance, 291 Sub Section C, is already in place to prohibit sign waivers, non-profit organizations from collecting donations curbside; due to safety concerns. This has become an increasing concern; however, newspaper sales vendors at curbside are exempt.

Mayor/Neighborhood Commission – Cindy Aylett highlighted:

- Council District 3 Election – Is currently underway. Election ballots have been mailed out and must be returned post marked by April 23, 2009 to be valid. Call 768-3800 with concerns or walk-in to vote at the Pali Golf Course.
- Speed Limit Restriction – The result of a traffic study, in accordance with the City's Traffic Code, will reduce the speed limit from 25 miles per hour to 15 miles per hour on streets makai of Kalaniana'ole Highway from Wailea to Aloiloi streets. There is no confirmed timeline when it will be implemented.
- Previous Concerns – There were no follow-up questions from the previous month.
- Council District 3 Candidate Night – Meet the candidates running for Council District 3 at Maunawili Elementary School on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

City Council District 3 – Ikaika Anderson announced this will be the last official report of the late Councilmember Barbara Marshall and proceeded to highlight the following:

- An expression of deep condolences and 'Mahalo' to the family of the late Phillip Ellsworth for his many years of public service and dedication to this Board and community.
- Bill 16, relating to Capital Improvement Projects, included a line item for additional landfill space; call 768-7763 with any concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2009: Deferred to next month, due to the lack of quorum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Board Meeting Rescheduled – The National Guard Training Auditorium will not be available next month on the regular scheduled day. The consensus of the Board was to reschedule the meeting to the 3rd Monday, May 18 at the National Guard Training Auditorium.
- Video on Demand – Bob Farrell announced that the Neighborhood Board meetings are now available for viewing on the internet at www.Olelo.org; and on television, Saturdays, 3:00 p.m. on Channel 54.
- Relay for Life – Gail Rombaoa, Mabel Spencer and Julie Dugan were present to announce and highlight that this year's Relay for Life event scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13 at Waimanalo Beach Park. Call 259-7129 to register. For a \$5 donation, participate in the luminary ceremony; call Julie Dugan at 259-6051.
- Fundraiser for Food Bank – Julie Dugan reported that participating students of Hawaii Job Corps raised and collected \$1,150 to donate to the Hawaii Food Bank.
- Youth & Family Collaboration – Dee Ann Gonda of the Waimanalo Youth & Family Collaborative (WYFC) and the University of Hawaii's Department of Urban & Regional Planning Practicum invited the public to a community presentation of the Waimanalo Youth & Family Center Strategic Plan on Friday, May 12, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Castle Medical Center – Jasmin Rodriguez, spokesperson, invited all to the "Fabulous at 50 Birthday Party" event, hosted by Castle Medical Center and the American Cancer Society, to kick off the colorectal cancer public awareness campaign on Sunday, April 19, 2009 at Weinberg Medical Plaza & Wellness Center

beginning at 2:30 p.m. It is aimed at encouraging adults 50 years old and older to make an appointment for colorectal cancer screening. There will be a birthday cake, party hats and balloons, a free healthy low fat cooking demonstration, blood pressure screening, and a seminar on colon cancer awareness.

- Watershed Conservation and Preservation – Lisa Schofield and Jean Brokish presented the conservation and restoration efforts of the Waimanalo and Kahawai streams. Earlier studies indicated that Waimanalo Stream did not meet water quality standards for nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment. This is a non-regulatory program with a timeline beginning April 2009 through December 2011. It involves the Oahu Resource Conservation & Development (ORCD), a 501c3 organization, with their mission of helping the land help people through partnership and projects. Project partners include farmers, ranchers, various government agencies, and local groups. The overall goal is to have clean water, robust farms and a healthy community. Community participation is encouraged. Contact Jean Brokish at the Oahu Resource Conservation & Development at (808) 483-8600 ext 123 or email jean.brokish@oahurcd.org.
- Curbside Recycling Program – Suzanne Jones, Program Coordinator, presented highlights of the continuing expansion of the Curbside Recycling Program which will divert thousands of tons from our landfill. There are currently 60,000 homes in the program; beginning May 2009, a rollout of another 40,000 homes from the Waimanalo, Kaneohe, Launani Valley, Waipio Estates, Wahiawa, Whitmore, and Waipio Gentry to Halawa areas will be included; followed by another rollout November 2009 and completing Oahu by May 2010. A three cart sorting system will be implemented; green waste (green bin), mixed recyclables (blue bin) and non-recyclable household refuse (gray bin). An instructional brochure will be attached to the cart to explain how the program works and a schedule. Additional green and gray carts are available for non-recyclable refuse at no charge to households with high volumes. The program has been well received with positive results, and though it is not mandatory to sort into the blue/green carts, it is mandatory that the blue/green carts are not used for household refuse.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: 1) The curbside program is only for automated areas; however, apartment or townhouse areas that have private refuse collection and are interested in participating in the City's curbside recycling program can call 768-3200 or log on to www.opala.org for more information and collection schedules.

- Waimanalo Volleyball League season opening – No representative was present.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

Aunty Lucy Akau – Neighboring residents, mauka of Kalaniana'ole Highway fronting Waimanalo Beach Park, expressed concerns about the leaves from the trees at park that are blown into their yards daily by the wind. Akau submitted a petition with the signatures of affected neighbors and a letter of suggestions. Aylett will follow-up.

Graffiti Prevention – No representative was present.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC INPUT:

Military Report, Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Major Allan Crouch announced that the Base Commander appreciates the sacrifice and mourns the passing of Board member Philip Ellsworth; appreciated and encouraged the communities recycling efforts. He proceeded to highlight on the following:

- Hours of Operations: Remains unchanged with the exceptions of April 18, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., April 19, 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., and April 23 and April 28, open all day.
- Posted News & Events: 1) April 24 to May 9 – the Six Arizona Air National Guard F-16 fighters will visit the base. 2) April 4 – 5, 2009 – Keith Code's California Superbike School, trained 97 service members in the safe operations of motorcycles; 14 were trained as instructors. 3) April 9, 2009 – MCBH provided the firing detail for ex-POW/MIA ceremony at Punchbowl Memorial Cemetery. 4) April 10 – 16, 2009 – MCBH hosted Eagle Young Marines' youth color guard from Oceanside, California. 5) April 12, 2009 – Easter Sunrise Service held on Ft. Hase Beach; local churches were invited. 6) April 15, 2009 – MCBH units provided United States Marine Corps (USMC) color guard for the Youth Parade downtown. 7) April 18, 2009 – Earth Day Expo environmental education activities and programs for all service members and families. 8) April 19, 2009 – MCBH hosted the bicycle portion of the Lanikai Triathlon on base. 9) April 30, 2009 – Hawaii Military Appreciation Month Ceremony, USS Missouri.

- Home Comings & Deployments: 1) Deployed are the Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362; 3rd Marine Regiment Headquarters (HQ); 3rd Combat Logistics Battalion (BN); 3rd Bn 3rd Regiment, and other detachments and augmentees, including 1st Bn 12th Marine Regiment expected to return later this month. 2) Leaving soon to Afghanistan is 2nd Bn, 3rd Marine Regiment.
- Unit History – 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, “America’s Battalion” – Originally, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina in 1942, was disabled until 1951 when reformed in California. In January 1953, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines went to Hawaii. In 1965, the Marines of 3rd Battalion were deployed to Vietnam and participated in Operation Starlite, the first major Marine engagement of that conflict, and rotated back to the United States in 1969. The 3rd Battalion was deactivated for a second time in 1974. In 1975, 3rd Battalion was reformed for the third time at MCB Hawaii.

Military Report, Bellows Air Force Base – Fred Miller with Bellows, Tiffany Patrick with Hickam Civil Engineering Squadron Environmental Flight, and Michelle Mason with Earth Tec / AECOM, presented an update of the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the construction of 48 additional units at Bellows, consisting of multi-units; one to two story buildings, 600 to 700 square feet per unit. The results discovered no adverse impact, a pre-construction archeological survey was completed and found no human remains, and any cultural deposits will be mitigated by the date of recovery. Mason announced that the draft EA is available for review at the Waimanalo Public Library; extra copies were available tonight and the public was encouraged to offer comment during the review period, March 31, 2009 to April 30, 2009.

Concerns expressed: 1) Strong opposition of any construction on native Hawaiian ceded lands. 2) Dissatisfied to hear that the comment period commenced on March 31, 2009, knowing well the Board’s desire to have been informed immediately before tonight. 3) A perception that this may already be a done deal even if public comment is encouraged. 4) Determining that there are no human remains in this area are impossible because the entire Bellows is a graveyard where oiwī had been found. 5) A suggestion to complete an environmental impact study to rule out any adverse impacts.

Comments expressed: 1) The Environmental Impact announcement process required that an EA be completed and the results made available to the public and community. 2) The proper protocol is being followed and this is the process that the Air Force is following; this is not a done deal and the comment deadline can be extended. 3) An archeological survey had been done where multiple trenches were dug and no human remains were found; and there are mitigation measures within the EA that will mitigate any anticipated adverse impacts.

Education – Ofelia Carag, Principal of Blanche Pope School, reported: 1) Ohana Night, Friday, April 17, 2009 to celebrate completion of the 4th Quarter and the Hawaii State Assessment testing for Grades 3 through 6. Food will be provided for 300 people (first come, first serve) and the feature movie Wall-E. Nominees for the School Community Council will also be presented at that time. 2) Project updates – a new playground at the Grades 1, 2, 3 play area; and a school wide renovation project coming June 2009. 3) Upcoming events – Monday, April 20, 2009, is the 3rd Quarter Awards Assembly and picture taking; on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, please note – school ends at 2:15 p.m.; and on Friday, May 8, 2009 is the Hoike celebration, school will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m.; parents are encouraged to attend.

Governor’s Report – No representative was present; no report available.

Senator Fred Hemmings – The Senator’s report was circulated.

Representative Chris Lee – Notified Chair Ho he is still in session.

Hawaii Job Corps – Julie Dugan was present and had nothing new to report.

Waimanalo Homestead – No representative present, no report available.

Waimanalo Health Center (WHC) – May Akamine reported: 1) A federal grant was awarded to WHC in the amount of \$140,000. This will help with assisting more uninsured people with services and increasing the hours of operation to include Saturdays, etc.; more funding will be sought to help service the community. 2) The Dental Health Care Clinic open house is Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. RSVP the Administrative Office at 259-7949; and to schedule a dental appointment, call the Dental Clinic at 259-5466. 3) Akamine and Jamila, President, WHC Board of Directors, went to Washington D.C. to participate in discussions on health care policies; and Jamila represented Waimanalo well as the Ambassador. 4) Two new Board of Directors were recognized; John Keoni Aylett and Joni Noe Galiai. Contact Akamine if interested on being considered for the Board.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: 1) There is a requirement process and the majority of the Board (51%) is actual users of services at the WHC, and 49% are not required to be users of services. 2) The students at Hawaii Job Corp are already provided health and dental services at the Job Corp. 3) Jamila added that no one will be turned away from services.

Board of Water Supply – Barry Usagawa circulated earlier, the Ko’olau Poko Watershed Management Plan flyer of a sub district meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, Waimanalo District Park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Bellows Air Force Station Restoration – Todd Lanning of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) reported: 1) Condolences were extended to the family of Phillip Ellsworth, who was also a member of the RAB; and 2) an upcoming meeting of RAB on Monday, April 27, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at Waimanalo Library. There will be a briefing of one site that will be cleaned-up and an investigation of three additional sites.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: 1) Bellows has a planning section and a restoration section; Lanning is involved with the restoration section, that under the Charter of the RAB, covers only restoration sites and EA’s are not discussed unless relevant to that section. 2) Lanning was asked to elaborate on the hazardous waste from Bellows (Landfill 24) and the placement of that to PVT (Private) Landfill in Nanakuli. In the briefing, it met all the requirements and was not considered hazardous which was feared and claimed it was. It was mostly debris with minimal contamination well below any standard; and the concerns grew from that to dust, noise, etc. Representatives from PVT and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency were there to answer questions. 3) In reply to the question whether that board/community were satisfied with the answers, Lanning indicated it was obvious that the bigger issues were with the landfill itself.

Hui Malama O Ke Kai – Report deferred until May’s meeting.

Friends of Waimanalo – Jody Green reported on the Waimanalo Market, whose first meeting is on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Waimanalo Health Center. There will be introductions and food samplings, unveiling of their vision, information about Phase I, a volunteer sign-up, and the organization of committees.

Oceanic Institute – No representative present; no report available.

Hui O Ko’olaupoko – No representative present; no report available.

Kokua Ohana – No representative present; no report available.

Waimanalo Beach Park Recreation and Education – No representative present; no report available.

Waimanalo Wastewater Treatment Plant – No representative present; no report available.

Waimanalo Kupuna Association – No representative present; no report available.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Submitted by

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