



MAKAKILO/ KAPOLEI/ HONOKAI HALE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 34

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2010** **KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Maeda Timson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with a quorum of **eight (8) members present**. Note – This nine-member Board requires five (5) members for a quorum and to take official Board action. Chair Timson explained that attendees were expected to behave with proper order, decorum, and respect, speak relative to the subject matter, and keep to the one-minute time limit to speak to agenda items, in order to get through the Board's agenda. Michele Golojuch was appointed timekeeper.

Members Present – Troy Cullen, Kioni Dudley, Mike Golojuch, Jack Legal, Evelyn Souza, Maeda Timson, Linda Young, Charles Zahn.

Members Absent – George Yamamoto.

Vacancies – There are no vacancies on this Board.

Guests – Lieutenant M. Johnson (Honolulu Police Department); Captain K. Yonemura (Honolulu Fire Department); Manny Lanuevo (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Office – City Department of Environmental Services, Deputy Director); George Kuo (Board of Water Supply); Council Chair Todd Apo; Tracy Omori (Council Chair Todd Apo's Office); Puni Chee (Councilmember Nestor Garcia's Office); Gary Omori (Honolulu Rail Transit); Tesha Malama (Hawaii Community Development Authority); Tyrell Mazie (Senator Mike Gabbard's Office); Thomas Frazier, Russel Trachtman (Representative Karen Awana's Office); Carina Tagupa (Chevron); Gary W. T. (Coastal); Bob B., Deborah Courtney, Malcolm M. Niu (D.R. Horton); Richie Biluan (DHE – Leeward); Kurt Fevella, Maua Ryi (EBLC); Sam Cadelinia (Hawaiian Electric Company); Matthew Angelias, Sam Kalilikane, Melvin Makinney, Jr., Leighton M. Navares, Jr., Mitchell Tynanes, Kamekona Warnke, Lance Yoshimura (Hawaii Carpenters Union Local 745); David Asuncion, Gary W. Carvalho, Gary A. Costales, Michele Hamanaka, Sean Kahai, Denna M. Kanoa, Daniel Kealoha, Gwen Lopez (Hawaii Laborers Union Local 368); Peter Lee, Maurice Morita (Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust); Hannah Miyamoto (Honolulu Transit Passengers); Mel Kahele (Ironworkers Union Local 625); Lolita Takeda (Kapolei High School); Terry Bunkley (Kapolei Middle School); Theresia McMurdo (Kapolei Property Development); Bob Farrell (Makakilo.com – Olelo Videographer); Tom Bellesteros, Matthew J. K. (Oceanview Builders); Gino Soquena, Ana Tuiasosopo (Operating Engineers Union Local 3); L.D. Williams (Palehua Community Association); Michael Golojuch, Jr. (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays); Brian Kimura (Plumbers and Fitters Union Local 675); James Schaedel (Representative Kymberly Pine's Office); Shelton Fujii, Tyan Takahashi (TNH Plumbing); Ryan Mielke (University of Hawaii West Oahu); Gilbert S. Ancheta, James Arthur, Dirk Campbell, Lenell Campbell, Victoria Cannon, Doris Dudley, Charles Fox, Mike Freitas, Alan Gano, Frank Genadio, Carolyn Golojuch, Michele Golojuch, Polly Grace, Frank K. Guerrero, Jr., Kevin Hamoc, Rich Hargrave, Nathan Lacuesta, Mike Lescovic, Coby Lynn, Christopher Makinney, Sean N., Glenn Oamilda, Kona Purdy, Dan R., Rodolfo Ramos, C.D. S., Ron Schaedel, Thad Spreg, Georgette Stevens, Danielle Swanson, Mario Vilorio, Chuck Wheatley, Ann William, John Willoughby, Kanani Wong, Jackie Zahn; Rachel M. Glanstein (Neighborhood Commission Office).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant M. Johnson distributed the report, which included the monthly statistics, and mentioned the following safety tips:

Drive Safely – When driving, please: (a) obey the speed limits and drive safely; (b) don't use a cell phone or any handheld device; (c) use the seatbelt and make sure passengers do as well; and (d) don't drive while intoxicated – get a designated driver. Breaking these rules can lead to serious injuries or death.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:



- 1) Using Cell Phones While Driving – Lt. Johnson will follow up on specific statistics for the violations of the ban on cell phones while driving (unless a hands-free kit is used). There may be a move toward a total ban on all cell phone use in a car, but HPD was unaware of it.
- 2) Recent Sexual Assaults – Lt. Johnson will follow up on the two recent sexual assaults in the area.
- 3) Legislation – HPD enforces the laws currently on the books and don't usually propose new legislation.
- 4) Fireworks – Approximately four citations were issued for illegal fireworks in the area, but no one was arrested; Lt. Johnson will follow up. The homemade fireworks bombs are illegal.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain K. Yonemura circulated the report and detailed the following:

- 1) December 2009 Statistics – There were 5 wildland, 7 rubbish, and 2 vehicle fires, 105 medical emergencies, and 21 miscellaneous calls for service.
- 2) Fire Safety Tip – House Numbers – Fire, Building, and U.S. Postal Codes, along with City ordinances, state that all property owners shall place house numbers so that they're readily visible from the street, which assists HFD and other first responders to locate an address more quickly in case of emergency.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

Private Roads – HFD may be limited in their response to a fire on a private road, especially if there's restricted access; Capt. Yonemura will follow up.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Office – Manny Lanuevo, the Deputy Director of the City Department of Environmental Services (ENV), distributed the newsletter, and relayed the following information:

- 1) Bus Stops Needed for Kapolei Commons – There was a request for a bus stop at Kapolei Commons because the current bus stop for the area is far from the Target and Sports Authority stores. For various traffic and operational reasons, the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is unable to establish bus stops on Kalaehoa Boulevard in the vicinity of Kapolei Commons. Current issues include continuing construction activity and the need for buses to pull u-turns at an intersection.
- 2) Transportation Updates – Upon request, DTS can update the Board on its latest projects involving rail, Ewa impact fee updates, Makakilo Drive improvements, Oahu Work Program, Transportation Improvement Program, and Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) elements.
- 3) Clearwire Application for Honokai Hale – The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Zoning Waiver applications from Clearwire for a utility installation Type B on a residential site in Honokai Hale were rejected as incomplete by the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) on September 30, 2009. The State Land Use Ordinance (LUO) doesn't require the applicant to make another presentation to the Board unless the proposal is significantly altered. Chair Timson wrote DPP a letter requesting Clearwire contact and work with the Honokai Hale/Nanakai Gardens community directly before any application is considered. To date, no application for Clearwire in Honokai Hale has been received.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1) Bus Stops Needed for Kapolei Commons – There were many requests from people wanting to be able to catch the bus to Kapolei Commons, especially from workers there. It is dangerous for them to catch the bus home at night, and they need a bus stop at Kapolei Commons. The owner of the mall area may be willing to allow buses to make u-turns in the lot.
- 2) Makakilo Drive Extension Project – Concerns about the Makakilo Drive Extension project were raised, focusing on: (a) if it's a top priority, then it should be completed; (b) the completion date was pushed back from late 2009 to 2013; (c) the completion of the planning and design, and environmental documents (which must be in place before Federal money can be received); (d) developers could pitch in on the project to speed up its timeline; (e) budgeted funds were reduced from \$30 to \$25 million; and (f) perhaps

DTS, the City Department of Design and Construction (DDC), and maybe the State Department of Transportation (DOT) could give a presentation on the project.

- 3) Transportation Updates – DTS was requested to give updates on all Makakilo and Kapolei road projects with an emphasis on the Makakilo Drive Extension Project.
- 4) Kahe Point Wind Power Plant – A resident expressed the feeling that Mayor Hannemann halted the wind power plant at Kahe Point because of a vocal minority and felt that he should rethink his position since alternative energies are greatly needed.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – George Kuo, from the BWS, circulated brochures and imparted the following:

- 1) One Main Break – There was one main break on Makakilo Drive in December 2009.
- 2) Water Conservation – Reducing water use by 2%, 5%, or 10% can conserve water and save money on water bills. The brochure made available contained 32 tips on water conservation.
- 3) Annual Contests – Students are welcome to participate in the 32nd Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest and the 2nd Annual Poetry Contest.

Council Chair Todd Apo – Tracy Omori, from Council Chair Apo's Office, distributed the report, and Council Chair Todd Apo called attention to the following items:

- 1) Rail Project – Council Chair Apo will continue to push for the rail project, and to ensure that it's done properly. Conflicting reports have been heard about comments from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is almost complete, and after the comment period, the rail project can move forward.
- 2) Fireworks – The State legislature is looking at proposals to ban or better regulate fireworks, since the State, and not the Counties, have authority over fireworks. The Council adopted a resolution requesting the State to enact more restrictions or to allow the Counties to increase enforcement. It may always be difficult to locate the person who actually set off illegal fireworks. Many still want the availability of consumer fireworks, but rules need to be enforced, and illegal fireworks eliminated.
- 3) Using Cell Phones While Driving – Council Chair Apo expressed his doubt over the possibility of a complete ban on cell phone use while driving (even banning hands-free kits), and questioned how far government would go to regulate personal lives. He pointed out the dangers of talking to passengers, playing with radios, cd's, etc., while driving, and even pedestrians using their cell phones while crossing.
- 4) Clearwire in Honokai Hale – Clearwire is looking for alternative sites to still serve the Honokai Hale area.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1) Makakilo Drive Extension Project – It was remarked that DOT should have mentioned that the design for the project would have to change, delaying the project even more.
- 2) Fireworks – It was suggested to focus on catching distributors of illegal fireworks instead of those that purchase them, to cut off the source; however, the bombs often heard can be made from legal materials. The State is short on inspectors to inspect shipments which contain fireworks, and these inspections must currently be handled at the State, and not County, level. Two extra officers were authorized to deal with fireworks complaints on New Year's Eve, but residents need to call in and report illegal fireworks use, and be ready to testify.
- 3) Hawaiian Waste Systems (HWS) Shipping of Waste – HWS was awarded the contract to ship municipal solid waste off-island, but a great deal of trash (about one and one-half barge loads) has been seen sitting on their property in Campbell Industrial Park. A revised Environmental Assessment (EA) was proposed, and it's more comprehensive than the previous EA; the deadline for comments is February 18, 2010. The shipping can begin after the comment period ends.
- 4) Community Benefits Package (CBP) – If there's an opening on the CBP committee, Souza will like to serve; she has written letters in the past with this request and never received a response.

- 5) Ewa Development Plan (EDP) – Concern was expressed about the EDP, a community-based plan, which may be 10 years past its deadline for public review. Public input is desired in the development going on in the Ewa area. The plan is undergoing revisions, and community comments are greatly desired when it's ready for comment. The EDP should be presented to the Board before it goes to Council.
- 6) Kapolei Parkway Marked Crosswalk Request – A marked crosswalk was requested between Kapolei High and Middle Schools on Kapolei Parkway before the road is open to increase awareness and safety.
- 7) Landfills – Shipping of waste off-island will greatly reduce the amount of waste going into landfills on Oahu, but worry was expressed about extension of permits for Waimanalo Gulch Landfill and the private landfill in Nanakuli (PVT). It was requested that conditions be attached to any extension granted. The PVT permit is with the State Department of Health (DOH) and Council Chair Apo did provide comments.

Councilmember Nestor Garcia – Puni Chee, from Councilmember Garcia's Office, circulated the report and supplied the following information:

- 1) Palailai Street Speeding – Various studies were done on the speeding on Palailai Street, and a work order will be submitted to visually narrow the roadway using lane markers, which has been shown to decrease speeding. HPD will continue to monitor Palailai Street for speeding motorists.
- 2) Nighttime Park Closures – The Parks Board of the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) met on December 10, 2009, and agreed with the Board's request to close Kapolei Regional and Makakilo Neighborhood Parks at night; signs with closure hours will be installed at these two parks.
- 3) Fire Hazard Assessment – Call HFD at 723-7161 for an assessment to look for potential fire hazards.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1) Palailai Street Parking – On-street parking is needed along Palailai Street, and it won't be eliminated; visually narrowing the street will also protect the parked cars in addition to slowing speeders. The same process of visually narrowing the street was used successfully in Foster Village. The project for Palailai Street should come before the Board before it's implemented.
- 2) Transportation Committee Involvement – It was requested that government representatives keep the Transportation Committee informed about any proposed improvements concerning transportation.
- 3) City Budget Issues – With the estimated \$140 million shortfall in the City's budget, it was asked if Kapolei City Lights would be cut; however, Kapolei City Lights is mainly privately funded by corporations in the area. In this upcoming tight budget, there will be some unfunded programs and cut services. As an example, non-profit organizations may experience an increase in their property taxes (they currently receive exemptions and pay only a minimum tax); even if not for profit, an organization still utilizes City services. A goal is to have full use of any funded program.
- 4) City Sales Tax – It was stated that Mayor Hannemann was opposed to a City sales tax, and it was inquired if Council would consider it. The State legislature would first have to agree to allow the Counties to levy sales taxes.
- 5) Municipal Golf Courses – It was suggested to increase user fees for municipal golf courses to generate more revenue, and make golfers at their leisure share in the recession. There is also a great deal of funding set aside for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for golf courses, and the necessity of these improvements was questioned. DPR is working on a fee schedule and studying the demand to provide for maximum usage; it's desired to get greater usage out of City resources to increase the value and efficiency. Maintenance must also be considered, and golf course lands are often used for drainage. The green fees were just increased in the past year. Privatization of municipal golf courses was suggested.
- 6) Rail Project – Councilmember Garcia will continue to lobby to protect the General Excise Tax (GET) collection that will fund the rail project.

- 7) Makakilo Drive Extension Project – The project needs to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) before it can move forward.
- 8) Kalaeloa Bus Service – Those at Kalaeloa Housing need bus service to help them get to work.
- 9) Illegal Signs – A law that indemnifies an individual from removing an illegal sign and penalizes the person or organization that put up the illegal sign was advocated.

Honolulu Rail Transit (HRT) – Gary Omori, from the HRT public involvement team, distributed handouts and specified the following information:

- 1) At-Grade System – The Honolulu Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), along with Governor Linda Lingle per an article in the January 24, 2010 Honolulu Advertiser have not adequately countered the City's serious and compelling objections to an at-grade rail system. One myth mentioned by rail opponents that it would take only six months for a supplemental rail transit Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that would include a route with at-grade rail sections. In truth, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has indicated that any decision to change the alignment from an elevated system to even partially at-grade would require a new EIS. That process would take much longer than six months and jeopardize federal funding. The City started the HRT project five years ago. An at-grade rail system needs more trains, slower speeds, and more drivers, which would increase costs and traffic congestion. In addition, the at-grade system would carry half the passengers as compared to the elevated rail transit system. Further, an at-grade rail system will take much longer than six years to construct.
- 2) Technology Selection – Another myth mentioned was that the draft EIS is deficient because it does not address the five transit technologies in the Federal Notice of Intent. The technology selection process in the draft EIS covers the same technology choices described in the Notice of Intent that states "Comments on reducing the range of technologies under consideration are encouraged," which clearly recognizes that fewer technologies may be under consideration at the time of the draft EIS.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Architect Bias – It was suggested that there should have been a similar panel among AIA members who are proponents of the City's rail project.
- 2) Federal Funding – If the State does not sign on to this project, Federal funding would be in jeopardy.
- 3) Presentations – Presentations have been made at Neighborhood Board and other community meetings and HRT is usually willing to attend other meetings if requested.
- 4) At-Grade Versus Elevated Systems – Since the State owns the right-of-way from Lualualei to Pearl Harbor, it was suggested that rail project can be done at-grade level from those points; Mr. Omori will follow up. It was mentioned that the rail transit project route in Ewa is not feasible because of traffic on Fort Weaver Road and that having it on an at-grade level would drive away businesses along Nimitz Highway. Support was stated for the elevated rail transit project where there would be no collisions between motor vehicles and rail.
- 5) Automation – The proposed rail transit system would be fully automated.
- 6) Job Generation – Opposition to the rail transit project also results in opposition to jobs that will be generated with this project.

COMMUNITY/BOARD CONCERNS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Survey on Rail Transit – Representative Sharon Har's survey concerning rail transit had only 255 responses. Therefore, it was requested that residents please fill out the survey and vote to support rail so that it will bring in needed Federal dollars for the project.
- 2) Recycling Needed – Concern was raised regarding trash at area parks; therefore, it is important that there be recycling bins in all public parks.

- 3) Smoking at the Bus Stop Fronting Kapolei High School – An area schools' Principals meeting was held today at Kapolei High School (KHS) to discuss that every morning approximately twenty-five to thirty kids smoke at the bus stop fronting KHS, and most of them are under 19 years old. It is likely that they may have bought the cigarettes illegally or stole them.
- 4) Not Enough Schools – Concern was raised that with the construction of thousands of homes, there may still only be one elementary school, one intermediate school, and one high school to serve the entire area. KHS hasn't met the Adequately Yearly Progress (AYP) in academic performance for the past five years. It is therefore suggested that more schools be constructed before the development of more homes. It was pointed out that there are four area elementary schools in the Kapolei community and there are future plans to construct more area schools.
- 5) Support House Bill 444 (HB 444) Relating to Civil Unions – It was announced that from January 15, 2010 to February 15, 2010, there will be signs at area bus stops asking for community support of HB 444, to grant same-sex couples the same rights as opposite-sex couples.
- 6) Mobilizing to Save Education – A student attending the University of Hawaii at West Oahu (UHWO) stated that students are being mobilized for political action to address education issues ranging tuition hikes and constructing a permanent UHWO campus.
- 7) John Willoughby Running for Congress – Mr. Willoughby introduced himself as a retired airline pilot from United Airlines who is interested in learning about West Oahu and is running for Congress in the Second Congressional District against incumbent U.S. Representative Mazie Hirono.
- 8) Congratulating Board Member Kioni Dudley – Congratulations were bestowed on Board Member Kioni Dudley for being listed number 10 by the Honolulu Star-Bulletin as persons helping their community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 28, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes – **The October 28, 2009 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED AS CIRCULATED, 7-0-1** (AYE: Cullen, Golojuch, Legal, Souza, Timson, Young, Zahn; ABSTAIN: Dudley).

December 2, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes – **The December 2, 2009 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED AS CIRCULATED, 7-0-1** (AYE: Cullen, Golojuch, Legal, Souza, Timson, Young, Zahn; ABSTAIN: Dudley).

BOARD BUSINESS:

Chair Timson turned the gavel over to Vice Chair Souza.

Motion for Additional Support of Construction for the University of Hawaii at West Oahu – Timson moved, and Zahn seconded, that the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 adopt a resolution to support construction of a permanent University of Hawaii at West Oahu (UHWO) Campus in Kapolei:

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii – West Oahu (UHWO) has been a dream for Kapolei, Makakilo and Honokai Hale residents of Leeward Oahu for more than 30 years.

WHEREAS, the eventual building of the Kapolei campus of UHWO is vital to thousands of families and thousands of jobs over the next decade. The new campus can serve as an economic engine for business throughout our region by providing immediate employment and workforce training.

WHEREAS, the new campus will benefit our neighborhoods, businesses, residents, and local organizations for generations.

WHEREAS, the new campus conducted its first ground-blessing ceremony in January 2009. The University's plans are to begin construction of its first phase of buildings in August 2010.

WHEREAS, the current enrollment at UHWO at 1,330. The University's temporary classrooms at the campus next to Leeward Community College are at a maximum capacity. Demand for

accessible higher education from our Kapolei, Makakilo, Honokai Hale and Leeward Oahu families continues to grow, as forecasted by the University of Hawaii's own Second Decade Report.

WHEREAS, the off-site infrastructure, including roadways, and water and sewer systems are nearly in place to support the campus development.

WHEREAS, UHWO has built lasting relationships and coordinated its new campus planning with its immediate neighbors in Kapolei, such as the State Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL), Salvation Army, DR Horton, DeBartolo Development and the City & County of Honolulu's rail transit. UHWO also works within our communities through student interaction with our residents in various service learning projects and grants.

WHEREAS, UHWO will bring access to a four-year, public university education and relief for thousands of our Kapolei students from having to travel to the other side of the island for their education.

WHEREAS, the new campus will bring new programs in environmental sciences, health sciences, media production, elementary education studies, and more, in one of the most sustainable campuses in the nation.

THEREFORE, for these and similar reasons not listed here, the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board strongly supports the building of the new UHWO campus in Kapolei; further, we urge our elected representatives at the State and Federal levels to also show their support, through whatever means possible, for the expeditious building of the new campus.

Discussion ensued:

- 1) Financial Support – It was commented that there is nothing new in this formal resolution in support of UHWO. However, this time the University of Hawaii (UH) will be going to the State and Federal Governments in asking for financial support to construct the permanent campus beginning in August 2010. UHWO supports this resolution.
- 2) Support – Support was stated for the concept of constructing the permanent UHWO campus.

The resolution (above) was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0 (AYE: Cullen, Dudley, Golojuch, Legal, Souza, Timson, Young, Zahn).

Chair Timson reclaimed the gavel and continued the meeting.

Mahalo Community Sponsors in 2009 – Vice Chair Evelyn Souza distributed copies of her report and highlighted the following:

- 1) Donations – As Parent Community Network Center (PCNC's) coordinators in the Kapolei Area Schools Complex, they have personally experienced the impact of the budget cuts affecting the students. Acknowledged area businesses and community organizations who have given generous financial support to the following Kapolei and West Oahu Area Public Schools: As an example, Kapolei Property Development, an affiliate of the James Campbell Company has given \$150,000 to support the technology needs at the following area schools: Kapolei High School \$30,000; Kapolei Middle School \$30,000; Campbell High School \$10,000; Nanakuli High and Intermediate School \$10,000; Waianae High School \$10,000; Kapolei Middle School \$15,000; Barbers Point Elementary School \$15,000; Makakilo Elementary School \$15,000; and Mauka Lani Elementary School \$15,000. Makakilo Elementary School is the only area school that met the AYP in terms of its overall academic performance.
- 2) Read-to-Win Program – Since 2004, D.R. Horton-Schuler Division has sponsored its signature education program, Read-to-Win, to provide West Oahu keiki with an incentive to read. Since its inception, more than \$107,000 has been donated to participating schools. Since last school year, nearly 1,000 students from Mauka Lani, Makakilo, Ewa, Barbers Point and Ma'ili Elementary Schools participated, with each school receiving \$5,000.

- 3) Malama Learning Center (MLC) – The MLC is a non-profit organization that brings art, science, conservation and culture together to promote sustainable living throughout Hawaii. Located on the campus of KHS, it is a public/private partnership that aims to serve West Oahu communities and families from keiki to kupuna. Educational programs include workshops, fairs and performances that focus on actions today that will help us thrive today and in the future. MLC's focal point will be an exiting "green" building that is actually healthy to be in.
- 4) Napuakea – Napuakea is Easter Seals Hawaii's new West Oahu facility. Napuakea, which opened in 2009, provides services to more than 500 West Oahu families. Donations given will fund critical programs for infants, children, youth and adults with disabilities or special needs from Ewa to the Waianae Coast.
- 5) Kapolei Hale City Lights – In conjunction with the City, the Friends of Kapolei Hale (FKH) has held its annual holiday celebration for nearly ten years. In addition to the Kapolei Hale City Lights parade and Christmas tree lighting ceremony with Mayor Mufi Hannemann, FKH also sponsors free community programs throughout the year including essay and art contests, environmental awareness programs and projects focused on community volunteerism.
- 6) Kroc Center – The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center broke ground on September 3, 2009 in Kapolei, in line to be the next community center to be built across the United States. Mrs. Kroc had envisioned the centers to become centers of hope and opportunity for every person regardless of social and economic status. When completed in 2011, in East Kapolei, the 120,000 square-foot Center will be the largest of its kind in Hawaii. With generous donations by a number of foundations and businesses, the 15-acre Kroc Center will consist of an education and resource center, worship and performing arts center, a-state-of-the-art athletic center, preschool, 48-bed dormitory for local and mainland traveling athletic teams and parks for outdoor sports activities.
- 7) Mahalo – Mahalo was expressed to all community partners and everyone for giving of their time and/or monies to help and benefit the Kapolei community.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Partnerships Between Businesses and Schools – It was suggested that area businesses be invited into area public schools; for example, Navy personnel tutoring students on Tuesdays, Tesoro donating annually for the Hawaii Schools Incentive Program, and Target Store employees painting area schools. Comments were made to show gratitude that business and community partners are committed to area public schools thereby helping those schools afford to pay for programs and events. More area businesses were encouraged to support/sponsor community events.
- 2) Union and Non-Profit Participation – Various labor unions have contributed monies and time to support area public schools and the community as a whole. The Weinberg Foundation has over the years contributed millions of dollars to the community, including the recent \$3 million given to the Kroc Center.
- 3) Kudos – Kudos was given to all who have helped contributed to the well-being of the community.

Information on Proposed Hoopili Community Development Project – Board Member Kioni Dudley, speaking in his capacity as President of the Friends of Makakilo, gave the following presentation:

- 1) New Homes – Citing the Ewa Development Plan, he stated that there are 24,000 homes being built in Kapolei, another 6,500 in West Kapolei, and 3,200 for UHWO thereby totaling 34,404 more homes waiting to be built without the Hoopili Housing Project in East Kapolei as proposed by D.R. Horton.
- 2) Traffic Congestion – If Hoopili proceeds forward, it would result in worsening traffic conditions since both the H1 and H2 Freeways cannot be widened. Thereby the Hawaii State Department of Transportation (DOT) has taken a position in opposition to this project.
- 3) Location – The location of the Hoopili Project in East Kapolei is situated between Waipahu and the Ewa/Makakilo/Kapolei Region.
- 4) Agricultural Land – In the 1970's, UH displayed a map of areas of prime agricultural land – Lualualei, Kahuku, Mililani, Waipio Gentry, Village Park, Royal Kunia and Hoopili. The North Shore is problematic

because water from Lake Wilson has been tainted with sewer for a long time. Hoopili area is the highest agricultural producing land in the world where only 15% of Hawaii's food is grown there while 85% of the remaining food is imported. Prime agricultural land is what will sustain our selves for generations to come.

- 5) Drinking Water Supply – By the time Hoopili is fully constructed, there may be a limit of capacity of fresh drinking water for all of Oahu, and approximately 7.5 million gallons of desalinated water a day will need to be used to sustain the population. One possibility is to move some Oahu residents to move to neighbor islands in order to sustain the carrying capacity of fresh water on Oahu.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Agriculture – It was commented that back in 1977, per UH, land located mauka of the H-1 Freeway was not the right area for agriculture. It was inquired to whether there are more farm lands than there are farms. It was noted that the fruits and vegetables grown locally provide one-third of the total produce consumed in Hawaii. It was stressed that large agriculture projects should not be located in East Kapolei. Air quality issues regarding open dry land parcel's and possibly pesticide contaminated soil are a concern and has been seen by many here driving on the freeway being wind driven into East Kapolei and is a health hazard of huge proportions. Dole Pineapple Company should have more than enough land in Upper Kunia for future agriculture.
- 2) Support for Hoopili – The following points were made that the Hoopili Project supports: (a) jobs; (b) first time homebuyers and affordable housing; (c) business owners; (d) rail transit in its present form; and (e) the future of West Oahu. The developer has benefited charities, clubs, organizations and individuals. A remark was made that with agricultural land in Hawaii being so expensive and too valuable to farm, it makes sense to make the best use of the land. There were over 25 individuals who testified for the project and numerous jeers for their support came from the audience.
- 3) Rail Project – It was pointed out that Dudley abstained in the Board's November 2006 meeting in support of rail transit; he indicated his support of rail but expressed concern regarding misinformation. A comment was made that had the rail project proceeded 20 years ago, there would be less traffic congestion today.
- 4) Hawaii Raceway Park – If the Hoopili Housing Project does not proceed forward, it is suggested that the Hawaii Raceway Park be built at the very site where Hoopili is being proposed for construction.
- 5) Housing – An official from D.R. Horton clarified that the Hoopili Housing Project is being done in phases, including affordable housing. The Board was urged to support this project because there is currently a strong need for affordable housing for local families.
- 6) Opposition to Hoopili – Concern was expressed by a handful of residents that projects like Hoopili is depleting resources thereby making it unsustainable.
- 7) Job Creation – The Hoopili Project would create 7,000 to 8,000 permanent jobs.

Citing time constraints, the remaining items on the agenda were deferred.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

Rachel M. Glanstein/Jamal Siddiqui
Neighborhood Assistants

Reviewed by:

Maeda Timson
Chair