



MILILANI MAUKA/ LAUNANI VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 35

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015 MILILANI MAUKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pro Tem Dean Hazama called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., **with a quorum of eight (8) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Dana Agader, Luella Costales, Dean Hazama, Teresa Lau, Shelly Nakasone, Stanton Oishi, Alan Suwa, and Keith Tamashiro.

Board Members Absent: Lance Yoshimura.

Vacancies: None.

Guests: Boy Scouts Troop 664, Jeanne Ishikawa (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative), Thomas Strout (Board of Water Supply), Fred Murphy (Mililani High School), Dave O'Neal and Bob Barrett (Mililani Town Association), S. Wallace, Lieutenant Michael Serrao and Sergeant Eli Walters (Honolulu Police Department), Captain Michael Miyamoto (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Noe and Major Gregory Hayes (United States Army), Kanani Castro (Representative Beth Fukumoto's office staff), Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi (Governor's Representative), Wren Wescoatt (First Wind), Bob Stanfield (City Department of Planning and Permitting), David Choe (Senator Donovan Dela Cruz's office staff), and Risé Doi (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Pledge of Allegiance: Boy Scouts Troop 664 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Michael Miyamoto reported the following:

- **January 2015 Fire Statistics:** There was 1 structure fire, 33 medical emergencies, and 15 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** Purchase a microwave oven that has an independent testing laboratory label. Supervise children when they are using a microwave. Never use aluminum foil or metal in the microwave. If the microwave catches fire, keep the door closed, turn it off, and unplug it. Call 911 if the fire does not extinguish.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Michael Serrao reported the following:

- **Crime Statistics:** Detailed crime statistics can be found online at Honolulu Police Department's website, www.honoluluupd.org. There were 3,963 calls for service, and 331 of those calls were from the Mililani Mauka area.
- **Crime Safety Tip:** Sergeant Eli Walters noted there had been pedestrian accidents recently, and offered pedestrian safety tips. Walters suggested that pedestrians wear light clothing and make eye contact with the driver before crossing the street. Walters reported that police officers will pose as pedestrians to enforce illegal jaywalking. Walters also noted that pedestrians should not enter the crosswalk once the red hand starts blinking. Walters recommended that residents lock cars and park in a well-lit area, as there has been an increase in car break-ins.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Thefts:** Nakasone asked about the increase of thefts and noted a neighbor had noticed tampering of a garage window during the day. Walters noted that HPD has been changing staffing levels depending on the time of day.
2. **Pedestrian Accident:** Costales asked and Walters answered that there was a pedestrian accident in a Wahiawa crosswalk.

3. Brochures: Costales asked and Walters answered that pedestrian safety brochures will be given to people who are cited for jaywalking, kupuna, and to various neighborhood boards in the district. Resident Tom Strout suggested that HPD give pedestrian safety brochures to schools.
4. Program: Costales asked about a pilot program at Mililani Mauka Elementary School. It was noted there are 54 current active members.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Tom Strout reported the following:

- Main Breaks: There was one (1) main break at Lehiwa Street.
- 2015 Water Conservation Calendar and Water Conservation Contests: Copies of the 2015 Water Conservation Calendar are available in limited quantities at the BWS public service building at 630 South Beretania Street. The calendar features artwork and poetry submitted by Oahu students from kindergarten through 12th grade who were selected as last year's winners of the water conservation poster and poetry contests. This year's contest theme is "Water Matters – Conserve It." The poster contest is open to Oahu students in kindergarten through 6th grade, and the poetry contest is open to Oahu students in grades 7th to 12th. The deadline to enter these contests is Wednesday, February 26, 2015. Winners will be announced in May 2015 and will receive prizes and be featured in the BWS 2016 Water Conservation Calendar.
- Olelo Youth Xchange Video Competition: BWS will be sponsoring a category in Olelo Community Media's Youth Xchange Video Competition. The BWS sponsored category is "The Value of Water." The competition encourages students to produce a 30-second public service announcement that highlights water's journey from the source to the tap. The video contest is open to students statewide in grades kindergarten through 12th. The entry deadline is Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

Military – Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Noe reported the following:

- School Support: The Army has been supporting events at Mililani Ike Elementary School and Mililani Uka Elementary School.
- Potential Army Personnel Reductions: There will be two (2) community meetings regarding the impacts of potential Army personnel reductions. The meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at the Hale Koa Hotel, Waikiki DeRussy Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at the Leilehua High School cafeteria from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Question, comments, and concerns followed: Keep Hawaii's Heroes: Tamashiro expressed support for the Keep Hawaii's Heroes campaign and encouraged the public to attend the community meetings regarding the potential impact of Army personnel reductions. Chair Hazama noted that the Keep Hawaii's Heroes petition was available near the guest sign-in sheet and online. Lau noted that she had seen petition signature cards at drop boxes in Zippy's.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Bus Shelters: Strout noted that two (2) bus shelters are being installed on Wikao Street.
- Fallen Trees: Strout noted that trees had fallen during a recent storm. One of the fallen trees is located near the eastbound on-ramp to the H-2 freeway. Another fallen tree is located westbound towards Wahiawa, right before the Leilehua overpass. There are two (2) fallen trees near the H-2 off-ramp to Mililani Tech Park.
- Road Repaving: Strout noted that Wikao Street has been repaved, but still needs a crosswalk and manholes raised.

Hearing no objection, Chair Hazama took the agenda out of order to item 7a, Board Business: Mililani High School Carnival.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Mililani High School Carnival: Mililani High School Principal Fred Murphy announced that the Mililani High School Carnival will return after a 20-year hiatus. The carnival will run from Friday, February 20, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday, February 22, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be E.K. Fernandez rides, games, food booths, and entertainment. The carnival will be located on the upper parking lot of the Mililani High School campus. Parking will be available in the lower Mililani High School parking lot, Mililani Waena Elementary School, and the Mormon church.

Chair Hazama returned the agenda to item 6a, Elected Officials.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Deputy Director of the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Jeanne Ishikawa reported the following:

- Fallen Trees: Ishikawa noted Strout's fallen tree concern, and will follow up. Ishikawa commented that the fallen trees in the areas that Strout described may fall under the State's jurisdiction.
- Neighborhood Board Elections: Candidate registration for the 2015 Neighborhood Board elections has begun. The deadline to apply is Friday, February 20, 2015. Paper applications are available, or interested applicants may apply online at www.honolulu.gov/nco. More information is available on the website, or call 768-3708.
- Keep Hawaii's Heroes: Mayor Caldwell has asked the community for support of a petition urging the Army to maintain its military presence in Hawaii. The reduction would affect personnel and civilians at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter. The Mayor hopes to gather 40,000 signatures for this petition, and encourages residents to attend the Army's Listening Session on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at the Hale Koa Hotel or on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at Leilehua High School.
- Conversion of Basketball Courts: There was a previous concern raised regarding converting two (2) basketball courts at Mililani Mauka District Park to multi-purpose volleyball courts. The City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) does not recommend converting two (2) basketball courts to multi-purpose basketball/volleyball courts due to safety concerns with the volleyball standards and the hole on the court surface in which the standards sit.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Aala Park Restroom: Nakasone commented that the Mililani High School band participated in the City Lights parade and raised a concern regarding the unsanitary conditions of the restrooms at Aala Park. Nakasone noted the women's restroom had no toilet paper.
2. Crosswalk: Chair Hazama noted that Strout had a concern about installing a crosswalk on Wikao Street. Ishikawa will follow up with Strout.
3. Fallen Trees: Chair Hazama noted there were fallen trees due to a recent storm. Ishikawa noted that fallen trees on the freeway are likely under State jurisdiction. Strout noted the fallen trees were near the H-2 freeway off-ramp. Ishikawa will follow up with Strout.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Council Chair Ernie Martin – Heidi Tsuneyoshi circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- Inauguration Ceremony: Tsuneyoshi referred to the newsletter for excerpts of the 2015 City Council Inauguration.
- Bill 83: Council Chair introduced Bill 83 (2014) which would provide real property tax exemption to homeowners who receive refuse service from a non-City service provider due to the end of front loader refuse service. This bill has not been put on an agenda yet, but will go through three (3) readings in City Council.
- Meheula Parkway Repaving: The damaged drain was repaired and the road was resurfaced.
- Bill 75 CD1: Bill 75 CD1 relating to creating a Central Oahu Regional Park fund will be heard at a public hearing. Council Chair Martin is in strong support of this bill.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Bill 83: Lau commented that the language in Bill 83 was for the senior citizens at Olaloa to understand and asked when the bill would be put on the Council's agenda. Tsuneyoshi noted that the bill has not been placed on an agenda yet, but will keep the Board updated. Tsuneyoshi commented that Council Chair Martin's office can help explain the bill to Olaloa residents.

Governor David Ige's Representative – Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi from the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) noted that Governor Ige has not assigned representatives to the neighborhood boards yet. Takeuchi thanked the Board. Chair Hazama thanked Takeuchi for her service to the board and community since November 2012, and congratulated Takeuchi on her reappointment to deputy director.

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz – David Choe distributed a newsletter and reported the following:

- Free Tax Preparation: The Hawaii Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development will be providing free tax return preparation on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at the State Capitol on the third floor from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Updates: Choe advised the public to refer to the newsletter for updates regarding the Whitmore Project, the First Responders and Cyber Security Campus at Mililani Tech Park, and the Pacific Technology Institute on Aging.
- Keep Hawaii's Heroes: Senator Dela Cruz and other legislators have been working on the Keep Hawaii's Heroes campaign. Currently, about 17,000 signatures have been gathered out of the desired goal of 40,000 signatures. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii will be holding a military appreciation event on Friday, January 23, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Tamarind Park. Petition signature card drop boxes are available at American Savings Bank and other organizations.
- Opening Day: The Opening Day of the State Legislature will be Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. First Responders and Cyber Security Campus: Tamashiro asked and Choe answered that the First Responders and Cyber Security Campus at Mililani Tech Park is a facility that consolidates public safety entities into one (1) location. The location at Mililani Tech Park is near the Army base and Wheeler Air Field and out of the inundation zone.
2. Siren: Chair Hazama asked and Choe answered that an emergency siren is currently not in the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget. Choe noted the Civil Defense may appropriate money in the next fiscal year, but even if the money was appropriated, it would take another year to be released. Chair Hazama requested that an emergency siren be considered as an option in the CIP for this legislative session.

Representative Beth Fukumoto – Kanani Castro announced that the Opening Day of the State Legislature will be Wednesday, January 21, 2015, and noted that Representative Fukumoto's office will have steak and cupcakes. Castro distributed a newsletter and offered to take any questions back to Representative Fukumoto.

Representative Marcus Oshiro – No representative was present; no report was provided.

BOARD BUSINESS

March 2015 Eat the Street: Dave O'Neil from the Mililani Town Association (MTA) announced that Eat the Street will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2015 and requested the Board's assistance to send a letter of support to the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) to close Lehiwa Drive from Meheula Parkway to Hoalia Street and the corner of Lehiwa Drive and Halepahu Street for the event.

Lau moved and Costales seconded for the Board to write a letter of support to DTS for MTA's street closure request. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0 (Aye: Agader, Costales, Hazama, Lau, Nakasone, Oishi, Suwa, and Tamashiro).

Waiawa Solar Farm: Wren Wescoatt from First Wind provided an update of the Waiawa Solar Farm Project. The project is located on Koa Ridge in a cow pasture area. The power purchase agreement has been submitted to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The interconnection agreement was completed with Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO). Noise studies and electromagnetic field studies were also completed. The land use permit was approved and there will be a hearing in March 2015. Wescoatt will provide another update in a few months.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Location: Chair Hazama asked and Wescoatt answered that the project is located on Koa Ridge, mauka of the H-2 freeway and across Kipapa Gulch extending up the ridge. Wescoatt noted that the area is currently a cattle pasture. The land will be leased from Castle and Cooke. Solar panels will be installed and sheep farming will be in the same area.
2. Access: Suwa asked and Wescoatt answered that the area can be accessed from the existing Pineapple Road.
3. Land Use Permit: Wescoatt clarified that the land use permit is for a 35-year term. Everything will be removed at the end of the term.

4. Community: Chair Hazama asked and Wescoatt answered that there will be outreach to the community about the project. Tours and information on clean energy will be provided.
5. HECO: Strout asked and Wescoatt answered that the agreements have been signed with HECO and it is likely the project will be approved by PUC.

Resolution in Support of Bill 75: Nakasone read a resolution in support of Bill 75 relating to creating a Central Oahu Regional Park fund. The resolution is attached at the end of this set of minutes.

Nakasone moved and Costales seconded to support the resolution.

Discussion followed:

1. Changes: Oishi asked and Tsuneyoshi answered that the verbiage in Bill 75 will remain the same and the resolution would be supporting the bill in its current form. Tsuneyoshi noted that if any changes are made to the bill later, the Board can choose to support the changes at that time as well.
2. Stalled Funding: Nakasone noted that funding had been approved for a dog park, but no money was released for four (4) administrations. Nakasone also noted that there was a fire in a portion of the park near Waikele and funding also was not released to improve that area. Chair Hazama noted that revenues collected by the park go into the general fund.

A roll call vote was taken. **The resolution to support Bill 75 relating to Creating a Central Oahu Regional Park fund was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0 (Aye: Agader, Costales, Hazama, Lau, Nakasone, Oishi, Suwa, and Tamashiro).**

Converting Two (2) Basketball Courts at Mililani Mauka District Park: Chair Hazama noted this item was placed on the agenda in case the Board wanted to consider sending a letter recommending converting two (2) basketball courts into volleyball courts at Mililani Mauka District Park.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Converting Courts: Chair Hazama asked and Ishikawa answered that at other parks, there were problems of vandalism on the courts and no place to store the poles at the park. Hazama noted there is a storage area at Mililani Mauka District Park.
2. Community Groups: Chair Hazama noted that there are community groups that are looking for facilities to play volleyball. Suwa suggested arranging a site visit and getting volleyball clubs interested so that at least one (1) court can be converted. Ishikawa noted that this request was made a couple of months ago.
3. Parks Committee: Chair Hazama noted that the Board's parks committee can further examine the issue of converting the courts.

Central Oahu Sustainable Communities Plan Public Review Draft: Bob Stanfield from the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) circulated copies of the proposed revised plan, and noted that public input is welcome. The handouts highlighted information about the purpose and process of the revised plan and upcoming public review workshops. Stanfield noted the handout also highlights the significant changes made to the plan. Stanfield announced there will be a public review draft workshop on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at Mililani Mauka Elementary School cafeteria from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission by Friday, March 13, 2015.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Timeline: Chair Hazama asked and Stanfield answered that the final version should be ready to submit to the Planning Commission by June 2015. Comments will be considered and appropriate changes will be made to the draft before the final plan is submitted. After the final product is submitted, there will be another community meeting to answer questions. There will be opportunities for public input before the Planning Commission hearing.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The November 18, 2014 regular meeting minutes were ADOPTED as corrected by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0 (Aye: Agader, Costales, Hazama, Lau, Nakasone, Oishi, Suwa, and Tamashiro). Corrections include the following:

- Page 5: Education Committee: Mililani Ike Elementary School: Schools of the Future Conference: Replace "November 6" with "November 8"

REPORTS: There were no reports for Castle & Cooke, Mililani Town Association, and Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park.

Treasurer's Report: Suwa read the financial statement for January 2015. The remaining balance is \$300.11. The report was filed.

Education Committee: Lau reported that Mililani Mauka and Mililani Ike Elementary Schools will participate in the following events or projects:

- Character Counts Fair: The Character Counts Fair will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the Mililani Town Center with all the Mililani Complex schools participating.
- Character Counts Spirit Week: Character Counts Spirit Week will be Monday, February 2, 2015 to Friday, February 6, 2015.
- Jump Rope for Heart: Jump Rope for Heart will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at Mililani Mauka Elementary School and Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at Mililani Ike Elementary School.
- Olaloa Community Service Project: This is a yearly Student Council officer's project involving all the council officers of the elementary schools in the Mililani complex, the Mililani Middle School and the Mililani High School Jazz Band. The students present a Valentine's Day event for the Olaloa Senior Community residents, sharing gifts made by the students and providing refreshments. Students play games, exercise, and dance with the seniors. This event is scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2015.
- Spring Break: Spring Break will be from Monday, March 16, 2015 to Friday, March 20, 2015.

Military/Civil Defense Committee: Tamashiro encouraged the public to attend the Army listening session regarding personnel reduction on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at Leilehua High School from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee: Suwa noted the Citizen's Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, January 21, 2015. There will be a presentation from Bikeshare Hawaii and information about Honolulu's age-friendly City initiatives.

Chair's Report: Chair Hazama reminded Board members and the public that the deadline to apply as a candidate for the Neighborhood Board elections is Friday, February 20, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: The next Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board No. 35 meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mililani Mauka Elementary School Cafeteria, 95-1111 Makaikai Street.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted By: Risé Doi, Neighborhood Assistant II
Reviewed By: Lori Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant I
Reviewed and Finalized By: Dean Hazama, Chair

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BILL 75 (2014) CD1 RELATING TO A PATSY T. MINK CENTRAL OAHU REGIONAL PARK FUND

WHEREAS, the purpose of Bill 75 (2014) CD1 is to create a Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park fund; and
WHEREAS, with the passage of Bill 75 (2014) CD1, all revenues generated from the Pasty T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park shall be deposited into a Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park fund and all monies deposited into this fund must be expended, as appropriated, for the improvement, maintenance and repair of the City's Pasty T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, members of the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park Advisory Committee, community groups, and members of the general public have reported maintenance issues that are not adequately addressed due to a lack of funding; and

WHEREAS, establishing a fund will provide a dedicated funding source to better ensure proper maintenance and improvements to the park; and

WHEREAS, the Pasty T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park encompasses 269 acres, an area larger than both Kapiolani Park and Ala Moana Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, the Pasty T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park is a flagship park with unique features such as an aquatics center, tennis complex, baseball fields, softball fields, multi-purpose fields, archery range, play structures, comfort stations, walking paths and other features; and

WHEREAS, the Pasty T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park greatly supports local athletes and community users by providing a safe environment to learn and develop skills and compete in organized sporting events; and

WHEREAS, the Pasty T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park has also been utilized by collegiate teams and for numerous national and international tournaments; and

WHEREAS, the vision for the Pasty T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park, which held its grand opening on July 21, 2001, was to provide much needed open space and park facilities for the ever growing surrounding communities of Mililani, Waikele and Waipahu; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Mililani, Waikele and Waipahu are home to many young families with children and youth who benefit from the open space and park facilities available to them at the Pasty T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park which greatly contributes to their overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial to ensure proper maintenance and upkeep of this flagship park for the benefit of future generations; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the NB 35 strongly supports the intent and purpose of Bill 75 (2014) CD1 and would encourage the passage and administration of this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu, all members of the Honolulu City Council, the Director of the City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks & Recreation, the Director of the City and County of Honolulu Budget and Fiscal Services, and all Neighborhood Boards.