



MILILANI MAUKA/ LAUNANI VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 35

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015 MILILANI MAUKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CALL TO ORDER: Chair 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 (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), Keith Tamashiro, and Lance Yoshimura.

Board Members Absent: None.

Vacancies: None.

Guests: Boy Scouts Troop 664, Jeanne Ishikawa (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Thomas Strout (Board of Water Supply); Sergeant Eli Walters (Honolulu Police Department); Captain Ian Ah Mook Sang, Captain Brian Yee, and Firefighter John Phillips (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Noe, Major Gregory Hayes, and Captain Laura Beth Beebe (United States Army); Representative Beth Fukumoto-Chang; Kanani Castro (Representative Beth Fukumoto-Chang's Office); David Cho (Senator Donovan Dela Cruz's Office); Berry Griffin; Lori Snyder (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Ian Ah Mook Sang reported the following:

- **February 2015 Fire Statistics:** There was 1 structure fire, 5 wildland fires, 1 rubbish fire, 31 medical emergencies, 23 search and rescues, and 18 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Hiking Safety Tips:** When planning a hike, inform others and let someone know the trail name and location, and the estimated time of return. Plan to have enough time to return from the hike to account for sufficient daylight. Carry a fully charged cell phone. Stay on the hiking trail; most accidents occur when hikers leave the established trail and disregard warning signs. Staying on the trail greatly reduces the risk of having a serious fall or getting lost. For more information visit <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/>.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Sergeant Eli Walters reported the following:

- **Crime Statistics:** Detailed crime statistics can be found online at www.honolulupd.org. There were 3,963 calls for service, and 331 of those calls were from the Mililani Mauka area.
- **Crime Safety Tip:** Pedestrians should be cautious of vehicles that are reversing. Lock boxes are not recommended as criminals are able to find traditional key hiding locations.
- **Carnival:** Mililani High School will be hosting a carnival on Friday, February 20, 2015 through Sunday, February 22, 2015. HPD will be providing a Keiki/Kapuna Identification station.

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

- **Main Breaks:** There were no main breaks in January 2015.
- **New Customer Parking Procedures:** BWS will begin new parking procedures at its Beretania Street headquarters beginning March 2015. A brief video of the procedure is available on the BWS website at www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- **Bank of Hawaii (BOH):** Effective Wednesday, April 1, 2015, customers will have the option to drop off water bill payments at any BOH traditional branch on Oahu, excluding in-store branches. First Hawaiian Bank (FHB) will no longer be accepting bill payments after Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

Military: Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Noe reported the following:

- Introduction: Major Glen McDonald will be attending the Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board No. 35 meetings while Lieutenant-Colonel Noe is away.
- Earth Day Festivals: United States Army Garrison Hawaii (USAG-HI) is requesting exhibitors for the upcoming Earth Day festivals throughout April 2015. Call 656-3103 by Friday, March 6, 2015 if interested.
- Military Exercises: Major Gregory Hayes from the Division Artillery Unit noted that a battalion will be performing a week long live fire shooting exercise, and a division line exercise will be held from Monday, February 23, 2015 to Thursday, March 5, 2015. Residents should expect increased military vehicle and air traffic.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: There were no residents'/community concerns.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Council Chair Ernie Martin: A representative was not present and a report was provided.

Governor David Ige's Representative: A representative was not present and a report was not provided.

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

- Multi-Track Campuses to Single-Track: Senator Dela Cruz introduced Senate Bill (SB)1345 which would eliminate the multi-track schedule for all Department of Education (DOE) campuses.
- Land Exchange: Senator Dela Cruz introduced SB1374, which requests funds to investigate the possibility of exchanging State lands for 15,000 acres of former pineapple lands between Wahiawa and the North Shore owned by Dole Food Company.
- University of Hawaii (UH) Presentation: Senator Dela Cruz gave a presentation to the School of Architecture at UH.
- 2015 Directory: Cho provided a 2015 Government Officials Contact Directory to the Board members.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- Population for Single-Track School: Nakasone inquired if the Mililani Middle School student population has decreased. Cho answered that the population is increasing, and the DOE will have to expand classrooms to accommodate for the extra students in a classroom on the single-track schedule. Cho noted the Principal of Mililani Middle School requested the bill this legislative session.
- Uniformity: Cho answered for community member Berry Griffin that there are only four (4) DOE schools currently on the multi-track schedule, and SB1345 would create uniformity for all DOE campuses.
- Quality of Education: Costales voiced concern about the quality of education if Mililani Middle School was to switch to single-track. Cho noted the schedule change would not occur until all of the necessary classrooms are built, which would be a two (2) to three (3) year process.
- Infrastructure: Chair Hazama voiced concern that it would be expensive to retrofit the school's infrastructure into a single-track school.
- Air Conditioning: Chair Hazama requested the replacement of the air conditioning system at Mililani Ike Elementary School, and noted that the majority of the piping is underground.
- Government Operations Legislation: Tamashiro inquired which bills Senator Dela Cruz will be promoting as the Chair of Government Operations. Cho noted that the Government Operations Committee (GVO) deals with the procurement of State facilities. Senator Dela Cruz introduced a bill that would create a Farm-to-School pilot program to procure food products from local farmers rather than using mainland companies for DOE school meals.

Representative Beth Fukumoto-Chang: Representative Beth Fukumoto-Chang provided a handout and reported the following:

- Multi-Track Schedule: A new building would need to be constructed in order to accommodate for the classroom sizes if Mililani Middle School changed to a single-track schedule. Students could be moved to a different school to prevent overcrowding.
- Legislation: Two (2) contentious bills in the legislature relate to legalizing medical marijuana dispensaries and extending the half percent General Excise Tax (GET) for the rail.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Student Relocation Concern: Costales voiced concern that students could be relocated to a different school, as many families moved into the district specifically for their children to attend Mililani Middle School.
- Military Testimony: Tamashiro thanked Representative Fukumoto for her testimony opposing the Army force reductions on Oahu.
- Medical Marijuana Dispensary Concern: Community member Tom Strout voiced concern that citizens could abuse laws such as the legalization of medical marijuana dispensaries.

Alan Suwa arrived. There were nine (9) members present.

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

- 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.
- Ti Leaf Collection: The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) and the Honolulu Zoo are asking for donations of ti leaf to help repair the hale la'i. Hundreds of leaves are needed, and green, yellow or brown leaves with stems may be dropped off in plastic bags at the Honolulu Zoo entrance.
- Poster Contest: Hawaii school students grades K-12 are invited to enter the "Sew a Lei for Memorial Day" poster contest which runs from Monday, January 26, 2015 to Friday, February 27, 2015. For more information contact Alex Ching at 768-3028 or email aching2@honolulu.gov.
- Crosswalk Stickers: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will begin placing stickers on crosswalk signal poles to inform pedestrians about crosswalk safety.
- Bus Shelters on Wikao Street: There are no immediate plans to install bus shelters on the opposite side of Wikao Street of the two shelters that were recently installed. The ridership numbers do not support the installation of bus shelters along this side of the street. The installation of the two (2) bus shelters was undertaken by Castle and Cooke Properties in compliance with a conditional zoning approval.
- Crosswalk for Wikao Street: DTS completed their investigation, which concluded that the minimum pedestrian volume to warrant a marked crosswalk was not met. DTS does not recommend the installation of a marked crosswalk across Wikao Street at Waikalani Drive.
- Wikao Street Paving Work: Manhole adjustment work on Wikao Street started on Thursday, January 22, 2015 and has an anticipated completion date of Friday, February 13, 2015. Weather permitting, striping of Wikao Street will start on Monday, February 9, 2015 and has an anticipated completion date of Friday, February 13, 2015.
- Fallen Trees: On Wednesday, January 28, 2015, DPR contacted State Department of Transportation (HDOT) regarding fallen trees. HDOT forwarded photographs of State eucalyptus trees that appear to be the trees reported. Contact the Department of Urban Forestry (DUF) at 971-7151 if the photographs do not correctly identify the trees.
- Comfort Stations: Nakasone had reported the comfort stations at A'ala Park prior to the Honolulu City Lights Parade reeking of urination and lacking toilet paper. The Department of Community Services (CSD) reported that five (5) portable toilets are provided for the parade participants at A'ala Park, and the parade coordinator will request additional units for next year. DPR reported that the A'ala Park comfort station is serviced twice daily, including the removal of all litter and debris in and around the comfort stations, the washing down the inside area of the facility, and the restocking of toilet paper.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Comfort Stations: Nakasone requested more frequent service to comfort stations during special events.
- Hand Countdown Signal: Costales clarified that the hand countdown signal on the crosswalk means a pedestrian should not begin entering the crosswalk.

- Crosswalk Safety Concern: Chair Hazama voiced concern that the lack of a crosswalk on Wikao Street is a safety concern because residents would have to cross a busy street to get to the bus stop. Oishi inquired who decided on the location of the two (2) bus stops. Community member Strout noted that residents cannot safely cross the street to the park on Waikalani Drive. Deputy Director Ishikawa noted she would follow up.

Representative Marcus Oshiro: No representative was present and a report was not provided.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 20, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **The January 20, 2015 regular meeting minutes were ADOPTED as amended by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (Aye: Agader, Costales, Hazama, Lau, Nakasone, Oishi, Suwa, Tamashiro, and Yoshimura).** Amendments include the following:

- Page 2: Program: "Mililani Mauka Elementary" should be changed to "Mililani Ike Elementary". "54" should be changed to "24."
- Page 5: Education Committee: "'November 6' with 'November 8'" should be changed to "'December 8' with 'November 6.'"
- Page 5: "Nakasone moved and Costales seconded" should be changed to "Nakasone moved and Lau seconded."
- Throughout the Minutes: "Choe" should be changed to "Cho."

REPORTS: There were no reports for Mililani Town Association, Education Committee, Military/Civil Defense Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, Planning and Zoning Committee, and Recognition Committee.

Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park: Nakasone noted that Bill 75 (2014) CD1 relating to a Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park Fund has passed first and second reading in the Budget Committee.

Treasurer's Report: Suwa read the financial statement for February 2015. The remaining balance is \$287.49. The report was filed.

Transportation Committee: Suwa noted the Citizen's Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 18, 2015. There will be an update on the Honolulu Transit system.

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 on Friday, February 20, 2015. Residents are concerned about the lack of pine trees; the pine trees are on private property and maintenance of the trees would require a landscaping permit. There are currently no plans to replace the trees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted By: Lori Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant I
Reviewed By: Stephen Saito, Neighborhood Assistant I
Reviewed and Finalized By: Dean Hazama, Chair