



MILILANI MAUKA/ LAUNANI VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 35

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015** **MILILANI MAUKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dean Hazama called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., **with a quorum of five (5) 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: Luella Costales, Dean Hazama, Teresa Lau, Alan Suwa, and Keith Tamashiro.

Board Members Absent: Dana Agader, Shelly Nakasone, Stanton Oishi, and Lance Yoshimura.

Vacancies: None.

Guests: Boy Scouts Troop 664, Jeanne Ishikawa (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative), Thomas Strout (Board of Water Supply), Corey Silva (Honolulu Fire Department), Sergeant Eli Walters and Sergeant Eric Tonouchi (Honolulu Police Department), Heidi Tsuneyoshi (Council Chair Ernie Martin's Office), Major Glen MacDonald, Major Scott Miller, and Major Ed Gomez (U.S. Army), Steven L. Melendez, Micah Chinen, Martin Chinen, David Cho (Senator Donovan Dela Cruz's Office), Stephanie Burgess (Representative Beth Fukumoto Chang's Office), and Risé Doi (Neighborhood Commission Office).

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Corey Silva reported the following:

- **May 2015 Fire Statistics:** There were 3 structure fires, 4 wildland fires, 36 medical emergencies, 25 search and rescues, and 17 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** Call 911 in case of an emergency. Do not drive to the nearest fire station, as the fire company may not be at the station due to other emergencies or performing other duties such as fire inspections, training, and educational activities. When calling 911, give the operator the initial need and after being transferred to the appropriate agency, provide an accurate description of the need and address or location.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD)

- **April 2015 Crime Statistics:** Sergeant Eric Tonouchi reported that there were 3,220 calls for service.
- **Crime Prevention Tip:** Sergeant Eli Walters advised the public to lock and secure all doors and windows of homes to deter break-ins.
- **Traffic Safety Tip:** Sergeant Walters reported that officers are enforcing the Click It or Ticket seatbelt campaign from Monday, May 11, 2015 to Monday, May 25, 2015. Hawaii has a 92% compliance rate of wearing seatbelts. The law requires that the driver and passengers wear a seatbelt. The fine for not wearing a seatbelt is \$102. Sergeant Walters reminded the public that graduation season is approaching and encouraged the public to celebrate responsibly, do not drink and drive, and to use seatbelts.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: **Traffic Light:** Suwa noted there was construction work in Waipahu on Kamehameha Highway and asked if HPD could override the signal and direct traffic. Sergeant Walters explained that HPD can control the traffic flow when the traffic light signal is in flash mode, otherwise the City Traffic Control Center operates the traffic lights. Sergeant Walters noted that HPD can do an inspection of the traffic site to determine a plan of action.

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

- **Main Break Report:** There were no main breaks in April 2015.

- 2015 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contest Winners: Mahalo to more than 1,400 student artists and 275 poets who participated in the 2015 Water Conservation Week poster and poetry contests. The contest winners were announced and recognized at an awards ceremony in April 2015. The full list of winners and an online art gallery are available at www.boardofwatersupply.com. Posters and poems will be on exhibit at Kapolei Hale from Tuesday, May 19, 2015 to Thursday, May 28, 2015; Kahala Mall from Monday, June 1, 2015 to Thursday, June 11, 2015; Windward Mall from Monday, June 15, 2015 to Thursday, June 25, 2015; and BWS Public Service Building lobby from Monday, June 29, 2015 to Friday, August 14, 2015.

Military – Major Glen MacDonald from the 130th Engineering Brigade reported the following:

- Schofield Prescribed Burn: The prescribed burn at the Schofield Barracks firing range complex began on May 11, 2015 as a safety measure to remove flammable foliage and reduce fires in the area. Approximately 75% of the planned 1200 acres had been burned, and the other 25% of the acres contained vegetation that was difficult to ignite. The fire will be called out after 72 hours when the last hot spot is extinguished. There were no fires outside of the designated area.
- Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony: The Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Schofield Barracks post cemetery. The public may enter through Lyman Gate. For more information, call 656-3159.
- Proposed Biofuel Plant: The U.S. Army invites the public to provide input on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed 50-megawatt power generation plant. The power plant will be constructed, owned, and maintained by Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) on the 8.13 acre parcel of land to be released by the U.S. Army. The power plant will supply power to the island-wide grid during operating hours and provide energy security service to Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield, and Field Station Kunia during power outages. The draft EIS is available at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil and at local libraries. The public comment period is from Friday, April 24, 2015 to Monday, June 8, 2015. There will be public meetings on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Mililani Mauka Elementary School from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at Wahiawa District Park recreation center from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call 656-3160 or 656-3158.
- Leilehua Concert Series: The Leilehua Concert series continues at Leilehua Golf Course and is open to the public. The concerts are from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Hurricane and Anti-Terrorism Exercises: Troops will be training for hurricane and anti-terrorism exercises.
- Introduction: Major MacDonald noted tonight would be his last night as the military representative and introduced Major Ed Gomez and Major Scott Miller.

Question, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Traffic: Tamashiro asked and Major Miller answered that the exercises should not affect traffic on the base.
2. Moving: Major Gomez reported that 1,000 soldiers have returned and 4,500 soldiers will return within the next three (3) weeks. 3,700 families will be moving in or out of post.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS – There were no concerns.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Jeanne Ishikawa reported the following:

- "Sew a Lei" for Memorial Day: There will be a Memorial Day service held on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The goal is to collect 40,000 lei to be placed on graves of veterans at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Lei must measure 24 inches before tying and can be dropped off at City fire stations from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Puppet Show: "The Journey Home" puppet show will be shown on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at Waipahu Public Library at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday, May 31, 2015 at Kaneohe Public Library at 2:00 p.m.
- Mililani Mauka District Park Lighting Project: There was a previous concern raised regarding releasing of funds for the lighting project at Mililani Mauka District Park. The administration manages its capital improvement budget based not only on funding, but by priority. Staff levels are also considered to complete the projects. When projects are added to the budget that may require more staffing than the administration has available to work on the task, the project cannot start until it is designated as a priority and staff resources become available. At this time, Mayor Caldwell has not made a decision on whether these funds will be released.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Priority Determination: Chair Hazama asked and Ishikawa answered that the Mayor's Office, the City Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS), and the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) determine if a project is a priority.

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

- Wikao Street: The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) added striping on Wikao Street to define the shoulder lane clearly.
- Bill 75 (2014) CD 1: Bill 75 (2014) CD1 was certified by Council Chair Martin on location at the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park on Wednesday, May 13, 2015. This bill created the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park fund that will support proper maintenance and improvements to the park. All revenues generated from the park will go into the fund.
- May Day Program: Mililani Mauka Elementary School held a May Day program on Friday, May 15, 2015. Council Chair Martin thanked the faculty and staff for keeping traditions like the May Day program alive.
- Budget: The budget will close on Monday, June 15, 2015. Real property taxes are not likely to increase.

Governor David Ige's Representative – There was no representative present; no report was provided.

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

- Whitmore Project: \$10 million has been allocated for the acquisition of an additional 500 acres of agricultural land that will be used for the Whitmore Project.
- Land Exchange: \$500,000 was appropriated to investigate the feasibility of exchanging state land for agricultural parcels currently owned by Dole Food Company. Dole is currently looking to liquidate 15,000 acres of land, of which more than 5,000 acres are agriculture land.
- Mililani Middle School: \$1.5 million was appropriated to plan and design 15 additional classrooms at Mililani Middle School. Additional classrooms will allow Mililani Middle School to transition from a multi-track to a single-track school. SB 1345 passed and the State Department of Education (DOE) appropriated \$200,000 to conduct a study investigating the elimination of all multi-track schools.
- After School Programs: SCR 185 passed, which requests that the DOE organize and coordinate out-of-school programs, also known as after school programs, for kindergarten through twelfth grade. Currently, most middle schools do not receive funding for after school programs.
- State Capitol Visit: Students from Mililani 'Ike Elementary School recently visited the State Capitol.

Representative Beth Fukumoto Chang – Stephanie Burgess distributed a newsletter and explained why there was not funding for air conditioning at Mililani 'Ike Elementary School. Burgess reported that Representative Fukumoto Chang focused on getting Mililani Middle School the funding it needed to transition to a single-track school. There are four elementary schools in Representative Fukumoto Chang's district, three (3) of which are older than Mililani 'Ike Elementary School. Air conditioning for Mililani 'Ike Elementary is not on the DOE's priority list so no funding was available. Under the House Finance Committee chair, funding is based on need. Additionally, the Governor is not likely to release money for projects where the need is not proven. Other schools need funding for repairs and aging buildings. There are also other older schools in warmer parts of Oahu that need air conditioning.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Air Conditioning: Chair Hazama commented that other schools need air conditioning, but Representative Fukumoto Chang should fight for air conditioning for the schools in her district. Burgess noted that requests for capital improvement projects (CIP) are submitted based upon the requests of the schools. Chair Hazama noted that the next legislative session, he will remind the principal of Mililani 'Ike Elementary School to submit a request for air conditioning. Community member Steven Melendez asked that unused money for a project at Mililani Middle School be reallocated to Mililani 'Ike Elementary School for air conditioning. Costales commented that there are other schools that need air conditioning, but there is a lack of school maintenance. Costales noted the importance of keeping newer schools maintained before the schools fall into disrepair and require more costs.
2. Attendance: Chair Hazama commented that he had read Representative Fukumoto Chang's letter to the Board members, and noted that he does not personally invite elected officials to show up at Board meetings. Chair Hazama noted that elected officials should attend because it is their duty to their constituents.

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

BOARD BUSINESS

Approval for Expenditure of Board Funds: Chair Hazama noted that the Board will have about \$190 remaining for the fiscal year and suggested purchasing items for recognition. **Suwa moved and Tamashiro seconded to spend the remainder of the Board's funds on items for recognition. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 5-0-0 (Aye: Costales, Hazama, Lau, Suwa, and Tamashiro).**

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 21, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **The April 21, 2015 regular meeting minutes were ADOPTED as published by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 5-0-0 (Aye: Costales, Hazama, Lau, Suwa, and Tamashiro).**

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

Treasurer's Report: Suwa read the financial statement for May 2015. The remaining balance is \$240.67. The report was filed.

Education Committee: Lau reported the following:

- Mililani Middle School: The Beginning Music Ensembles Concert will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mililani Middle School cafeteria. Both the boys' and girls' soccer teams claimed their fourth respective Central District title. Both teams had undefeated seasons. The ending of the fourth quarter for the yellow track ends on Wednesday, June 3, 2015. The red, blue, and green tracks end on Tuesday, June 25, 2015. The new school year for the yellow, red, and blue tracks begin on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, and the green track will begin on Tuesday, July 28, 2015.
- Mililani 'Ike Elementary School: The Mililani 'Ike Elementary School robotics team participated in the First Lego League Robofest 2015 competition. The team placed fourth and received the Judges' Choice Award. In the National History Day state competition events, students placed in several categories: Second and third place in the essay category; first place in the website category; and first and third place in the exhibit category. One of the students received the Proteolinda Farm \$50 scholarship. The last day for students is Wednesday, June 3, 2015 for students and Thursday, June 4, 2015 for teachers. The next school year will begin on Thursday, July 23, 2015 for teachers. A meet-and-greet meeting for families will be held on Monday, July 27, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The first day of school for students will be on Wednesday, July 29, 2015.
- Mililani Mauka Elementary School: Mililani Mauka Elementary School will not have summer school this year. The last day of school for students and teachers as well as the beginning of the new school year are the same as Mililani 'Ike Elementary School.

Military/Civil Defense Committee: Tamashiro reported that the Vigilant Guard disaster preparedness exercises, similar to exercises in Makani Pahili, will take place from Monday, June 1, 2015 to Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

Transportation Committee: Suwa reported that the next Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting will cover the draft of the 2016-2017 overall work program and the Central Oahu Transportation Study.

There were no reports from the Parks and Recreation and Recognition committees. There was no Chair's report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: The next Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board No. 35 meeting will be on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mililani Mauka Elementary School Cafeteria, 95-1111 Makaikai Street.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted By: Risé Doi, Neighborhood Assistant II; Reviewed By: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant I; Reviewed and Finalized By: Dean Hazama, Chair