

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the Members of the
Hawaii Community Development Authority
State of Hawaii

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

KALAELOA BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Kalaeloa Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (“Authority” or “HCDA”), a body corporate and a public instrumentality of the State of Hawaii, was called to order by Chair Whalen at 11:03 a.m. July 8, 2015, at the Authority’s principal offices at 547 Queen Street in Honolulu, Hawaii, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Authority’s Bylaws.

Members Present: Tom McLaughlin
John Whalen
Mary Pat Waterhouse
David Rodriguez
Michael Golojuch, Sr.
Shirley Swinney
D. Kalani Capelouto
George Atta

Members Absent: Beau Bassett
Scott Kami (B&F)

Others Present: Aedward Los Banos, Acting Executive Director
Lori Tanigawa, Deputy Attorney General
Tessa Malama, Kalaeloa Planning Director
Pearlyn Fukuba, Kalaeloa Specialist
Lindsey Doi, Compliance Assurance & Community Outreach Officer
Shelby Hoota, Media Specialist
Tommilyn Soares, Secretary
Laura Savo, Court Reporter

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Kalaeloa Regular Meeting of June 9, 2015

Chair Whalen asked if there were questions or corrections to the minutes of June 9, 2015

Member Swinney corrected KLF as it should be KHLF, Kalaeloa Heritage and

Legacy Foundation.

Chair Whalen noted there were no corrections and the minutes were approved as presented.

III. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kalaeloa Planning Director Tesha Malama summarized the Kalaeloa report from the packet.

Chair Whalen commented at the June 9th board meeting the board expressed concerns with the MOU language pertaining to the design as Complete Streets for Roosevelt Avenue and asked that language be amended before being executed because the way it's written, it's not Complete Streets.

Ms. Malama commented, she will present the staff report as it address language revisions to the MOU as the action item comes up on the agenda.

There were no additional comments on this item from board members or the public.

IV. KALAELOA BUSINESS

2. Decision Making: Shall the Authority Authorize the Executive Director or His Designee to Negotiate and Execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation and the City and County of Honolulu (CCH) for the Conveyance of a Portion of Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) Avenue Between the West Perimeter Road and Enterprise Avenue to HCDA?

Ms. Malama reported four key provisions in the MOU are, the Department of Transportation will transfer its ownership of the portion of FDR from West Perimeter Road to Enterprise Avenue and the Mauka portion of West Perimeter Road; 14 feet will be set aside on each side of the proposed 80-foot right-of-way for the future widening of FDR to 108 feet; City and County of Honolulu's approval of HCDA's construction plans for the FDR improvements shall be construed as said improvements being in accordance with CCH standards for dedication; and the MOU acknowledges the anticipated closure of the Mauka portion of West Perimeter Road and the transfer of this portion from the HCDA to the adjoining landowner in exchange for the construction and dedication of the new Kamokila Boulevard extension. The exact design is still yet to be determined.

Chair Whalen remains concerned about the language in the draft MOU and doesn't see the necessity of having prescriptive design standards if the purpose is to develop a flexible design.

Ms. Malama stated the final version will ensure Chair Whalen's concerns are addressed and also mentioned RM Towill and Hunt, consultants working on the MOU are in the audience along with Director Atta who were involved in discussions to accomplish the MOU.

Member Atta noted Chair Whalen’s concerns and mentioned the City’s corporation counsel has reviewed the MOU and confirmed the MOU is not final and that HCDA should receive the City’s comments within a week.

Member Capelouto commented holding a community transportation meeting regarding the MOU and the committee did not take a vote on the issue. The biggest concern was the handling of the Chinese Banyan trees. DOT started putting White Tecomas for the trees that were diseased and removed. Looking for other alternatives were possible repropagating the Banyans into a portable type, portable pots or other was to continue the legacy of those trees. The City and County has their own policies on what kind of trees they consider “exceptional trees policy”, the Chinese Banyans were not on the list of exceptional trees. The Outdoor Circle was invited but did not attend.

Michelle Matson provided public comment and noted her concern about the idea of building a new road and bulldozing through the trees and questioned why the A’ali’i is not on the exceptional tree list. Ms. Matson urged the board not to build a road and discard the trees.

Arvid Youngquist provided public comment on the MOU and encouraged the board to give thought to the local community’s concerns and not vote against or for it, but how well their concerns can be incorporated in the documentations.

3. Decision Making: Shall the Authority Authorize the Executive Director or His Designee to Negotiate and Execute a 40-Year Lease with a 20-Year Option to Extend with the Kalaeloa Heritage and Legacy Foundation for the 77-Acre Kalaeloa Heritage Park, Tax Map Key Nos. (1) 9-1-013: 067 and 069, Consistent With the Terms Identified in the Term Sheet?

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Whalen adjourned the regular meeting at p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
John Whalen
Chair

Note: The transcript of this meeting contains a verbatim record and should be consulted if additional detail is desired.