

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

MEETING NO. 387
Wednesday, July 3, 2013

HEEIA

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Heeia Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (“Authority”), a body corporate and public instrumentality of the State of Hawaii, was called to order by Mr. Brian Lee, Chairperson of the Authority, at 1:26 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2013, at the Authority’s principal executive offices at 461 Cooke Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Authority’s Bylaws.

Members Present: Mahealani Cypher
Mary Alice Evans (DBEDT)
Randy Grune (DOT)
Brian Lee
Amy Luersen

Members Absent: Luis Salaveria (DBF)
Dean Seki (DAGS)

Others Present: Anthony Ching, Executive Director
Lori Tanigawa, Deputy Attorney General
Shelby Hoota, Program Specialist
Patricia Yoshino, Secretary
Holly Hackett, Court Reporter

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:

1. Report of the Executive Director.

Chairperson Lee introduced Member Cypher as the newest member of the Heeia board.

II. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Ching reported that staff has been working on developing interim rules for the Heeia Community Development District (“HCDD”). Archaeological Inventory Survey (“AIS”) is being conducted to gear up for an Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”). He showed a video created by HCDA Program Specialist Shelby Hoota to show the activities and changes in the HCDD.

Member Cypher thanked HCDA for creating the video, which was an excellent reflection of the spirit of that community. The community has been participating in restoring land that has not been productive for a long time, which is good for the whole island. You cannot just building buildings, you need to feed the people in those buildings. Restoration of productivity on the 400 acres can provide food for the Island of Oahu. They are looking at other types of food in addition to the kalo.

Member Luersen commented that a side benefit of having an active group there has allowed the community to be more nimble with other opportunities. There is a pilot project that is pulling 10,000 pounds a week of alien limu out of Kaneohe Bay, but you also have to figure out what to do with it. The project would provide compost for the farmers in the area. It supports agriculture not just in Heeia, but also within the Kaneohe Bay watershed, because The Nature Conservancy does not want the alien limu to get outside the watershed. She appreciated that there is an organization that exists with the support from the HCDA that can help the broader community take advantage of those opportunities.

Chairperson Lee remarked that there is agreement between Kakoo Oihi and HCDA.

Mr. Ching explained that there is a 38 year lease with Kakoo Oihi to restore the 400 acres to productive agricultural economy.

Chairperson Lee asked if a Master Plan needs to be developed.

Mr. Ching stated that Kakoo Oihi has a Master Plan. The next step after the AIS is to conduct an EIS. It would open up the necessary regulatory conduit to pursue the appropriate Army Corps of Engineers permit to allow commercial agricultural development to occur.

Kalaeloa Member Swinney extended her mahalo to the Heeia members and their community. The food basket feeds more than just our “opu”. It feeds the whole spirit and culture and keeps it alive for all of us.

There were no public comments offered on the agenda item.

III. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Luersen and seconded by Member Cypher. By a show of hands vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Brian Lee
Chairperson

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