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

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

## AUTHORITY GENERAL BUSINESS KAKAAKO, KALAELOA AND HEEIA

## I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Kakaako, Kalaeloa and 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 11:26 a.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 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

Randy Grune (DOT)

Miles Kamimura (for Kakaako and Kalaeloa)

Brian Lee

Lois Mitsunaga Dean Seki (DAGS) Brian Tamamoto Luis Salaveria (DBF)

Members Absent: Linda Chinn

Mary Alice Evans (DBEDT)

Amy Luersen Shirley Swinney

Others Present: Anthony Ching, Executive Director

Sandra Ching, Deputy Attorney General

Lindsey Doi, Compliance Assurance and Community

**Outreach Officer** 

Shelby Hoota, Program Specialist

Ann Shimamura, Secretary Holly Hackett, Court Reporter

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. General Meeting of November 6, 2014

Chairperson Lee asked whether there were any corrections to the minutes of the November 6, 2014 meeting. There were no comments or corrections from Members, and the minutes were approved as presented.

### III. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Mr. Ching noted a correspondence received by HCDA from Jonathan Ortiz, representing Kakaako Land Company, who asked for an opportunity to respond to the public testimony given at the October 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting. He stated that the Authority is not allowed to take action on items that are not on the agenda and will be discussed at a future date.
- Mr. Ching noted that on December 6<sup>th</sup>, HCDA will be hosting Kakaako Parks Peeks, a sneak peek at the future of Kakaako Makai Park. This event will feature Eat the Street, music, games, entertainment, and volleyball tournament, to name a few activities.

Member Tamamoto requested a report of the Victoria Ward Harbor Leasing at the next meeting.

#### IV. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

2. <u>Decision Making: Adopt the Recommendations of the HCDA Reserved Housing</u> Committee.

Mr. Ching explained in detail the Reserved Housing Committee's report. The Reserved Housing committee was made up of Brian Tamamoto (Chairperson), Rodney Funakoshi, Luis Salaveria and Brian Lee with the assistance of HCDA staff.

**Public Testimony** 

1. Wayne Takamine - support

Member Tamamoto asked if the Authority could convene to Executive session to ask the advice of the Deputy Attorney General regarding this Reserved Housing report.

The motion to move to an executive session was made by Member Tamamoto and seconded by Member Cypher.

Chairperson Lee stated that the Authority would be convening an Executive Meeting pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(2) and Section 92-5(a)(4). He requested that this meeting be joined by Tony Ching, Lindsey Doi and Ann Shimamura. He stated that the executive session will take at least 45 minutes and the Authority would not convene earlier than 12:30 p.m.

Board convened to an executive session at 11:45 a.m. Chairperson Lee reconvened the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Member Tamamoto, chairperson of the Reserved Housing Committee, made a motion requesting the Authority to adopt the following recommendations:

- 1) Build more low income rental units.
- 2) Have more moderate income units built.
- 3) Preserve existing qualified income units.
- 4) Support the construction of housing units for all residents of Hawaii.
- 5) The Reserved Housing Committee will bring forth to the Authority, specific techniques to address the above 4 items. These techniques will be forthcoming at another Board meeting.

Member Cypher seconded this motion.

Member Tamamoto explained in detail the intent of the Reserved Housing Committee to develop techniques on how to achieve the four recommendations that they had made.

Chairperson Lee thanked Member Tamamoto for his efforts on this Committee. He also invited the community to continue to share their ideas via the HCDA website and to view the Authority's ongoing discussion of reserved housing.

Member Salaveria expressed his thanks to Member Tamamoto and the Reserved Housing Committee for their commitment to continue pushing these types of initiatives. He stated that this is a very serious concern facing our state.

Member Cypher stated she was happy to see that this Authority was pursuing this vision and look forward to the work of the Reserved Housing Committee.

A roll call vote was conducted.

Ayes: Members Tamamoto, Cypher, Salaveria, Seki, Grune, Mitsunaga, Kamimura (Kakaako), Kamimura (Kalaeloa) and Lee.

Nays: None.

The motion passed 9 to 0 with 7 excused (4 absent, 3 vacant positions).

3. Decision Making: Adopt the Recommendations of the Executive Director Evaluation Committee to retain the Executive Director and to increase his annual salary by five percent (5%) effective January 1, 2015.

**Public Testimony** 

1. Wayne Takamine - oppose

Member Tamamoto explained to Mr. Takamine that this increase will be effective January 1, 2015 and will not have overlap or retroactivity. The evaluation performed earlier this year was for the year 2013 and this current evaluation is for 2014. He also addressed Mr. Takamine's concern about lack of transparency regarding the Hinamari item that was discussed at the last meeting and appeared in the newspaper. He explained any action taken will be part of a public agenda.

A motion was made by Member Cypher and seconded by Member Tamamoto.

A roll call vote was conducted.

Ayes: Members Cypher, Tamamoto, Salaveria, Seki, Grune, Mitsunaga, Kamimura (Kakaako), Kamimura (Kalaeloa) and Lee.

Nays: None.

The motion passed 9 to 0 with 7 excused (4 absent, 3 vacant positions).

### V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s

Miles Kamimura, Secretary

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