

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

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

GENERAL BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular business meeting of the 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 John Whalen, Chair of the Authority, at 9:04 a.m., January 4, 2017, at Authority’s principal offices at 547 Queen Street in Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Authority’s Bylaws.

Members Present:

1. John Whalen
2. David Rodriguez
3. Jason Okuhama
4. Steven Scott
5. Shirley Swinney
6. Amy Luersen
7. Beau Bassett
8. Scott Kami
9. Derek Kimura, DHHL (non-voting)
10. Kathy Sokugawa, DPP (non-voting)
11. Mary Pat Waterhouse
12. William Oh

Members Absent:

13. Donna Camvel
14. Mike Golojuch, Sr.
15. Wei Fang
16. Vacant – Heeia
17. Vacant – Kalaeloa

Others Present:

Jesse Souki, Executive Director
Aedward Los Banos, Administrative Services Officer
Mike Wong, Deputy Attorney General
Lori Sunakoda, Deputy Attorney General
Lindsey Doi, Asset Manager
Deepak Neupane, Kakaako Planning Director
Tessa Malama, Kalaeloa Planning Director
Tommilyn Soares, Secretary
Laura Savo, Court Reporter

Chair Whalen notified the board that Ms. Kathy Sokugawa will be attending the HCDA board meetings as the City Department of Planning and Permitting 's representative.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. General Meeting of December 7, 2016

Minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

III. ACTION ITEMS

2. Shall the Authority Adopt Recommendations Provided by the 2017 Legislative Taskforce on Legislation that May Affect the Hawaii Community Development Authority?

Chair Whalen noted that the Legislative Taskforce include Member Swinney, Member Waterhouse and Chair Whalen who met with HCDA staff Garrett Kamemoto.

Mr. Garrett Kamemoto, HCDA Coordinator for the 2017 Legislative Session presented the staff report provided in the board packet and highlighted the recommendations agreed to by the taskforce:

1. The HCDA Board supports any measure seeking additional help from other state agencies to address the issue of homelessness.
2. The HCDA Board supports any measure that would support infrastructure improvement projects within its districts as long as it is coupled with staffing and necessary funding to support implementation.
3. The HCDA Board is unable to support any measure that expands HCDA's development districts unless it is coupled with staffing and necessary funding to support implementation.
4. The HCDA Board opposes any measure to repeal its special funds as the HCDA relies on the funds for its operations.

Chair Whalen noted the board was not prepared to provide positions at last year's legislative session which caused some of the legislators to question why the board didn't have a voice on some of the proposals. The task force, this year, felt the board should be responsive but to provide general positions (at this point) because the board does not know yet what bills are being introduced.

Member Luersen suggested revising the third recommendation the ways its currently phrased to "HCDA board would support measures expanding the HCDA's development

districts if coupled with staffing and the necessary funding in support” to provide a more positive statement.

Member Waterhouse said during the task force meeting there was a discussion about issues that may come up during session where the board may not be able to meet and vote on a recommendation (due to time sensitivity) and asked the Deputy Attorney General if the task force is able to meet or have a discussion via email.

Jesse Souki, Executive Director stated an established task force can freely speak to each other about issues by email and make recommendations but not take a position as the full board would need to meet and vote on a position. He also noted for the board that as the Executive Director, he could attend the legislative hearings to state the board’s concerns; not speaking for the board as they have not convened but stating concerns expressed through the legislation task force. Deputy Attorney General Mike Wong agreed.

Vice Chair Scott stated he’d like to continue the updates the board received from last year with staff emailing all updates during the legislative session and keeping the format of the spreadsheet.

Mr. Souki noted that Garrett will continue to track legislation and update the board with the reports periodically via email.

Member Swinney asked if the legislative tracking sheet would be posted online. Mr. Kamemoto responded yes, that is the intention so that others who are interested can access the link through the HCDA website as well.

Member Sokugawa suggested that the board build on Member Luersen’s suggestion on recommendation #3 and take a more substantive position as there is a pending bill that to expand the authority of the board on Transit Oriented Development (TOD). The statewide interagency task force to coordinate state matters regarding TOD just commenced and recommended the board take a position and state that it’s premature at this time to entertain any further role for the HCDA on TOD.

Member Rodriguez noted there were discussions last year that may come up again this session that pertain to:

1. Criminal Trespass;
2. Kalaeloa power grid; and
3. Disputed roads

There were no other comments from the public or board members.

Chair Whalen called for a motion and possibly rephrasing the third item per Member Luersen’s comment.

Member Luersen commented that before the motion is made the intent of Member Basset’s comment to keep on the wording on the motion is the same and the way it’s

presented doesn't necessarily call for an amendment.

MOTION

Chair Whalen called a motion for the board to adopt the recommendations provided by the 2017 Legislative Task Force on legislation that may affect the Hawaii Community Development Authority?

Member Luersen motioned and Member Basset second. Mr. Garrett Kamemoto conducted the roll call vote. All members unanimously approved with 10 votes.

IV. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Jesse Souki noted that to make the agenda clearer for the public the "Action Items" will be in one section and under the "Director's Report" the nonaction items will be listed in that section. The board packet information will also be made available online for the public prior to the meeting.

3. Information: Monthly Financial Report for November 2016.

Mr. Aedward Los Banos noted that he is present for any questions board members may have.

Member Kami asked when the funding for salaries were changed from GO bond funds to the general funds and when that will be effective?

Mr. Los Banos stated that salary funds were recently switched from bond funds to CIP general funds that should be reflected in the January 20, 2017 pay period.

There was no further discussion or public comments.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Whalen adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John P. Whalen,
Chair