



MAKAKILO/KAPOLEI/HONOKAI HALE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 34

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017
KAPOLEI HALE – CONFERENCE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pro Tem Evelyn Souza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with seven (7) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Evelyn Souza, Troy C. Cullen, Dean Kalani Capelouto, Kioni Dudley, Melanie Gonzalez, Scott Stensrud and Kanani Wond.

Board Members Absent: Jack Legal.

Guests: Lieutenant William Beckley (Honolulu Police Department); Timothy Hiu (Deputy Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting, Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); Rock Riggs (Senator Mike Gabbard's Office); Pat Lee (Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transit); Steve Vendt (Hawaiian Railway); Richard Levine (Councilmember Kymberly Pine's Office); Wendee Wilson (Representative Sharon Har's Office); Kaeo Kealoha Lindsey (Representative Andria Tupola's Office); Maile Alau (Hawaii Maoli); Kawika McKeague, Ryan McCully (G70); John Bond, Frank Genadio, Thad Spreg, Addison Houston, Kevin Rathbun, (Residents); Aran Wilson (Neighborhood Commission Office).

ROLE CALL: Chair Pro Tem Souza took the role. Seven (7) members were present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Wond moved and Souza seconded that the item be deferred until later in the meeting. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 7-0-0; (AYE: Gonzalez, Capelouto, Stensrud, Cullen, Wond, Dudley, Souza; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None.)

FILLING OF BOARD VACANIES (Five (5) votes required to fill the vacancy)

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Hearing no objections, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS

Capelouto moved and Souza seconded that John Bond be added to the agenda under Board Business. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 7-0-0; (AYE: Gonzalez, Capelouto, Stensrud, Cullen, Wond, Dudley, Souza; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None.)

G-70 Presentation Proposed Five (5) Megawatt Solar Generating Facility in Kalaeloa – Kawika McKeague and Ryan McCully: ECC Energy Solutions is a wholly owned subsidiary of ECC focused on the development of renewable energy projects. Founded in 1985, ECC is an employee owned company with offices in Hawaii for the past 20 years. ECC Energy Solutions has been one of the most successful utility scale solar developers in Hawaii, with 22 Megawatts of projects completed to date. Aloha Solar Energy Fund II (ASEF) is proposing a five (5) Megawatt solar system on Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) owned land. The project helps with the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative goals and provides value for HCDA lands in Kalaeloa for 20 years. The project consists of the photovoltaic (PV) array substation, and 12 kilovolt (kV) distribution line. This will provide a reliable source for the district. Major issues addressed were Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) obstruction analysis, archaeological and

cultural resources, biological resources, drainage and flooding, public facilities, utilities, traffic, as well as plans and policies.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Customers: Capelouto asked who will be serviced with the power generated. McCully answered that when the power line is built it will be turned over to the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) to determine its use. Capelouto asked if the system is isolated, and it was answered that it will be powered to HECO so all customers on the grid will benefit.
2. Environmental Concerns: Wond asked to be provided with the parties involved in the excavation determinations and McCully provided the names. Wond asked what times of the day the environmental assessments were conducted concerning the plants and animals, and McCully responded that he will have to check but believes it was around noon. Wond commented on the best times of the day to observe the pueo population in the area. It was answered that the findings did not show any signs of pueo.
3. Size of Development: Wond asked how large the development is and it was answered that the development is 44 acres.
4. Reception of Projects: Cullen asked what the public reception to their other projects are, and it was answered that they have been received well.
5. Fences: Dudley asked if there will be plants on the fences, and it was answered that those are the plans.
6. Aircraft Obstruction: Cullen asked how the glare is blocked to prevent obstructing pilots, and it was answered that they had to comply with FAA guidelines, and all of those were met including the implementation of anti-reflective coatings.
7. Facing Direction: Dudley asked which way the facility will face, and it was answered that it will face south.

Hearing no objection, HPD presented their report.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant William Beckley reported the following:

- September 2017 Statistics: There were 70 motor vehicle thefts, 50 burglaries, 197 thefts, 61 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles (UEMV), and 7,797 total calls for service.
- Wal-Mart Incident: Lieutenant Beckley followed up on a concern at the previous meeting about an incident at Wal-Mart and reported that there is no credible evidence, but cautioned people to be safe and aware, noting the "Run, Hide, Fight" tactic.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Kapolei Regional Park: Stensrud thanked HPD for patrolling the park and addressing the issue brought up at the previous meeting.

Kapolei City Lights – Maile Alau: Kapolei City Lights will happen on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The street festival will begin at Kapolei Hale at 5:00 p.m. with the parade beginning at 6:00 p.m. The lighting of the tree will take place at 7:15 p.m. with the festivities concluding at 9:00 p.m. There will be road closures and parking prohibitions in the surrounding area.

Pueo Update: Dudley read a letter from Tom Berg concerning Senator Gabbard's proposal to allocate funds to extend the study, and stated opposition to the extension and believes the money could better be used to secure and preserve the pueo habitat.

Coral Crater Adventure Park Presentation: No representative was present.

John Bond: Bond was not present at this time of the meeting. Dudley provided a letter to be accompanied with a Board resolution passed on Wednesday, May 25, 2016.

Dudley moved and Capelouto seconded that the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 send a letter accompanying the Wednesday, May 25, 2016 resolution saying, "This land transfer of Navy Parcels to the City should require: a reopened Navy Section 106 consultation process and a Cultural Landscape Report and Preservation Plan to ensure an adequate and legally enforceable restrictions or conditions to provide long-term preservation of the property's historic significance. The Board supports the addition of historic Ewa Field to the NPS World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument and making it a National Historic Landmark as an important legal nationally recognized protection."

Discussion followed:

- Content: Stensrud asked how this letter is different from the resolution, and Dudley answered that this would be a cover letter to go with the resolution. Stensrud asked if the resolution was already sent, and Dudley answered that this letter with the accompanying resolution is being sent to a different party.
- Recipients: Stensrud asked who the letter is being sent to, and it was not known at the moment.

The motion was ADOPTED by MAJORITY VOTE 6-0-1; (AYE: Gonzalez, Capelouto, Cullen, Wond, Dudley, Souza; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Stensrud.)

COMMUNITY/BOARD CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ka Makana Alii and Consolidated Theatres: An update was given about the first year of business at the theatre including the numerous local jobs that were made available and the more to be added during the holiday season. Capelouto and Wond expressed their thanks to those at Ka Makana Alii and Capelouto mentioned how he hopes the shopping center and the Hawaiian Railway Society can work together in the future.
- Hawaiian Railway Society: Steve Vendt gave an update regarding the railway and reported that they still cannot repair damage done to the track, but regular maintenance can continue. Chair Pro Tem Souza asked if he has heard from the Department of Transportation (DOT) or the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), and Vendt responded that he has not.
- Panana Street: Frank Genadio commented that a light at Panana Street has sensors that are not set correctly.
- HECO Letter: Chair Pro Tem Souza noted a letter from HECO concerning underground erosion that has forced the closure of a 25 to 30 foot section of the concrete walkway fronting Hawaiian Electric's Kahe Power Plant intake basin.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) Deputy Director Timothy Hiu reported the following:

- Newsletter: Deputy Director Hiu highlighted the Mayor's priorities from the October 2017 newsletter including updates on housing that has seen 64 veterans moved into permanent housing in September 2017, the reopening of parks at Palolo and Manoa Valley, updates on the Rail project, and the \$80 million for improvements at the Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Concern from Previous Meeting – Physical Assessment of Area Roads: Board Member Wond asked for a physical assessment of the roads in area in regards to pedestrian and student traffic in the area. She wants signs to be updated to inform drivers of upcoming crosswalks and other measures deemed fit. Wond submitted the follow roads for the assessment: Kamaaha Avenue – east of Fort Barrette Road to Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei Parkway – east of Kamokila Boulevard to Kamaaha Avenue, and Kealanani Avenue – Farrington Highway to Kamaaha Avenue. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) responded that Kamaaha Avenue, east of Fort Barrette Road to Kapolei Parkway has varying jurisdictions. The portion between Fort Barrette Road and Kealanani Avenue, is privately owned by the developer and has not been turned over to the City. The portion between Kealanani Avenue and Kapolei Parkway, is under the jurisdiction of the State Housing and Finance Development Corporation. DTS will conduct an investigation regarding the crossings along Kapolei Parkway between Kamokila Boulevard and Kamaaha Avenue and will inform the Board of their findings by the February 2018 meeting. Kealanani Avenue is under the jurisdiction of the State Housing and Finance Development Corporation (HHFDC).
- Concern from Previous Meeting – Affordable Housing Funds: A concern was brought up about misuse of federal funds for affordable housing, and a resident wanted reassurance the remaining funds will not be squandered. The Office of Housing (HOU) responded that the City has been aware of timeliness issues in the expenditure of certain federal funds and has been taking action. Changes have been made in the City system, and further changes are in the process of implementation to ensure timely expenditure of federal funds going forward.
- Concern from Previous Meeting – Rising Sea Levels: Dudley wanted to know what can be done to halt development on areas that are vulnerable to sea level rise such as Waikiki, Kakaako and Ala Moana. The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) responded that currently the City and County requirements for new developments to be constructed are that they are flood proof by either elevating the structure or by constructing in the manner accepted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). To properly address future development in vulnerable areas affected by sea level rise, the newly created Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (CCSR) will be visiting each Neighborhood Board to provide

a report and to respond to this specific question. CCSR Executive Director Josh Stanbro has been in contact with Dudley directly and will be meeting with him and the Board to discuss climate change and resilience issues soon. (The Resilience Office recently launched an aggressive campaign to visit all 33 Neighborhood Boards and will be asking Chair Pro Tem Souza for an opportunity to present before the board sometime in the next few months.)

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Clarification of Response to Rising Sea Levels: Dudley asked how high they are raising the buildings for flood proofing and Deputy Director Hiu responded that the current maps provided show flood elevation, and new proposals will require an ordinance.
2. Farrington Highway Repair Schedule: Dudley asked for an update on the repairs being done at Farrington Highway and Deputy Director Hiu responded that he will follow up on the request.
3. Grass Roots Institute of Hawaii: Chair Pro Tem Souza referenced an inquiry from the Grass Roots Institute of Hawaii and Deputy Director Hiu informed her that he does not have the information to respond to her question.

Governor David Ige's Representative: No representative was present; a newsletter was provided.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART): No representative was present; a report was not provided.

Senator Mike Gabbard – Rock Riggs reported the following:

- North Korea Nuclear Threat: Senator Gabbard and Senator Espero will be hosting a Townhall Meeting on the North Korea Nuclear Threat on Monday, November 13, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The location of the meeting is still being finalized and more information will follow. Vern Miyagi, the Administrator for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA), will be giving a presentation to update the community on the situation.
- Kamokila Boulevard Repaving: Senator Gabbard is very happy to announce to the community that he got word from the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) that the City will finally start working on the repaving of Kamokila Boulevard/Farrington Highway from the Kapolei Golf Course to Zippy's in Kapolei on Monday, November 6, 2017. The portion from Zippy's to Fort Barrette Road will be done at night to minimize traffic impacts to area residents. Farrington Highway from Walmart to Kapolei Golf Course will be repaved during the day due to the proximity to nearby residents.
- Kalaeloa Heritage and Legacy Foundation: Senator Gabbard wanted to give a shout out to President Shad Kane and Board Member Dwight Victor of the Kalaeloa Heritage and Legacy Foundation on behalf of the Kalaeloa Heritage Park for receiving the 2017 Cultural Stewardship Award from the Society of Hawaiian Archaeologists at their 2017 Annual Convention on Friday, September 29, 2017.
- Safe Harbor Agreement Follow Up: Resident Mike Lee asked at the last meeting for an update with what happened to the legislation related to Safe Harbor Agreements. In 2016, Senator Gabbard helped shepherd Senate Bill 2906 (SB2906), which became Act 37, and made it so the use of new safe harbor agreements, habitat conservation plans, and incidental take licenses as recovery options for conserving and protecting the State's threatened and endangered species would be approved and issued beyond Sunday, June 30, 2017 because of the passage of this law.

Legal arrived at 8:23 p.m.; eight (8) members present.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro: No representative was present; no report was provided.

Representative Sharon Har: Wendee Wilson reported the following:

- Congratulations: Representative Har's newsletter congratulated Kapolei students on their recent achievements including honors for National Bus Safety Week, Strive HI Performance System, the Kapolei High School Mauna Kea Scholars Program, and the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. The Lady Hurricanes of Kapolei High School took second place in the Oahu Interscholastic Association's (OIA) Division I, and the Kapolei Boys Bowling Team took top honors in the 2017 OIA Bowling Championships.
- Embassy Suites Grand Opening: On Wednesday, October 18, 2017 there was a celebration for the grand opening of the Embassy Suites in Kapolei. Representative Har is glad to announce 92% of Embassy Suites employees are from West Oahu.

Representative Andria Tupola: Kaeo Kealoha Lindsey reported the following:

- Aviation Caucus Visit: On Thursday, September 28, 2017 members of the Aviation Caucus visited Kalaeloa Airport and Honolulu Airports to listen to members of the general aviation community.
- Tax Conference: On Thursday, November 2, 2017 Representative Tupola's office will be hosting a conference featuring tax experts who will inform the public on ways to make Hawaii's economy better.

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA): No representative was present; no report was provided.

State Representative Ty Cullen: No representative was present; no report was provided.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine: Richard Levine reported the following:

- Bill 79 – Property Tax Relief for Organic Farmers: The purpose of this bill is to promote organic farming through real property tax relief. This bill is one (1) of many ways to incentivize the development of more organic farms to encourage the growth of sustainable foods and healthier lifestyles in the community.
- Bill 80 – Property Tax Relief for Ocean-Friendly Restaurants: The purpose of Bill 80 is to encourage ocean friendly practices in Hawaii's restaurants by providing these types of businesses real property tax exemptions if they meet certain criteria, including the proper recycling practices, reusable tableware and compostable takeout boxes. Both of these bills passed the first reading at the Wednesday, October 25, 2017 Budget Committee Meeting.
- Makakilo Drive Repaving: Makakilo Drive repaving is scheduled to be completed by Friday, November 30, 2017.
- Pilot Project: Levine mentioned a pilot project that will look into utilizing native drought resistant plans.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair: Chair Pro Tem Souza opened the nominations. Capelouto nominated Kioni Dudley. Legal nominated Scott Stensrud.

Chair Pro Tem Souza took a ROLL CALL VOTE. There were FOUR (4) VOTES for Dudley (Souza, Capelouto, Dudley, Wond); **FOUR (4) VOTES for Stensrud** (Cullen, Legal, Gonzalez, Stensrud). **The requisite number of votes was not reached for either candidate.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Wednesday, October 25, 2017 regular meeting minutes were approved by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 8-0-0; (AYE: Capelouto, Legal, Stensrud, Cullen, Wond, Dudley, Cullen, Souza ; NAY: None; **ABSTAIN**: None.) Amendments are as follows:

- Page 2: Removal of "the".
- Page 7: Residents name was Maedea Timpson.

FILLING OF BOARD VACANIES (Five (5) votes required to fill the vacancy)

Chair Pro Tem Souza opened the nominations. Dudley nominated Thad Spreg. Stensrud nominated Kathy Davenport.

Chair Pro Tem Souza took a ROLL CALL VOTE. There were FOUR (4) VOTES for Kathy Davenport (Cullen, Legal, Gonzalez, Stensrud); and **FOUR (4) VOTES for Thad Spreg** (Capelouto, Dudley, Wond, Souza). **The requisite number of votes was not reached for either candidate.**

Discussion followed: Additional Seats: Capelouto asked about adding more seats to the Board, and the Neighborhood Assistant said he will follow up on the inquiry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at Kapolei Hale Conference Room A at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Aran Wilson, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Anela Kekoolani, Neighborhood Assistant