

**STATE OF HAWAII
HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
KAKAAKO MEETING**

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (“Authority” or “Board”), a body corporate and a public instrumentality of the State of Hawaii met virtually (utilizing the state-supported Zoom Meeting platform) for a Regular meeting on April 6, 2022.

Chairperson Susan Todani called the April 6, 2022, HCDA Kakaako Authority Regular meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. Chair Todani stated HCDA Staff will go over the meeting protocols.

Acknowledgement that the Meeting is Being Convened Virtually

HCDA Interim Executive Director, Mr. Craig Nakamoto, reiterated the wording contained in the Meeting Agenda regarding the guidelines and directives provided by Section 92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes to enable public boards and commission to conduct business virtually with meeting site open to the public.

With regard to the foregoing, Mr. Nakamoto reiterated wording contained in the Meeting Agenda noting that HCDA welcomes public attendance via the Zoom link provided and also at the meeting site, located at The American Brewery Building, 547 Queen Street, 2nd Floor Board room, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. He noted that the meeting would be live streamed on HCDA’s YouTube Channel contained in the Meeting Agenda and that HCDA also welcomes public comment and public participation via submission of written and or verbal testimony. Mr. Nakamoto stated that individuals, if any, from the public who have requested to provide testimony are on standby and will be permitted to speak during the public testimony session of the specific agenda item.

Chair Todani conducted the roll call. Those present were as follows:

Members Present:

Wei Fang
Chason Ishii
Peter Apo
David Rodriguez, DOT (Ex Officio)
Craig Hirai, B&F (Ex Officio)
Kevin Sakoda
Phillip Hasha
Vernon Inoshita
Susan Todani, Chairperson

Members Excused:

Dean Uchida, DPP (non voting)

Legal Counsel: Lori Sunakoda, Deputy Attorney General

Staff Present: Craig Nakamoto, HCDA Interim Executive Director
Lindsey Doi, HCDA Asset Manager
Francine Murray, HCDA Program Specialist
Tommilyn Soares, HCDA Executive Secretary

A quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2021

Chair Todani asked for comments or corrections. There were none. The meeting minutes were approved as presented.

III. DECISION MAKING

Request to Authorize the Interim Executive Director to Amend the Right of Entry Agreement with Bikeshare Hawaii, dated June 14, 2017, for the Operation and Maintenance of a Bikeshare program Located at Kolowalu Park, Honolulu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key No. (1) 2-3-004:076 (portion), to Extend the Term by Three (3) Additional Years.

Ms. Lindsey Doi Leaverton, HCDA Asset Manager, presented the staff report for this item.

The HCDA Board approved a five-year Right of Entry (ROE) Agreement with Bikeshare Hawaii for the installation, operation, and maintenance of a new bikeshare station at HCDA's Kolowalu Park in June 2017. On February 25, 2022, Bikeshare Hawaii requested an additional three-year extension of ROE 7-17 under the same terms and conditions, including free rent. Bikeshare Hawaii notes that its Biki stations are hosted by local partners and have been rent-free since the start of operations. The current ROE will expire on May 31, 2022 and the Kolowalu Park Biki station will need to be removed if the current ROE is not amended to extend the term.

Bikeshare Hawaii's Biki System is consistent with HCDA's Mauka Area Plan, which provides provisions for multi-modal transportation to move people and goods safely and efficiently and to service the demands of district activities.

The Kolowalu Park Biki station is located within an otherwise under used makai portion of Kolowalu Park and has been well received and used in the last five years. The ROE requires Bikeshare Hawaii to maintain the premises underlying the Biki station, and thus far there have been no complaints or problems associated with such maintenance. Aside from extending the term for another three years, all other terms and conditions of the ROE will remain unchanged.

Member Fang recalls some opposition from neighboring residents when Bikeshare Hawaii

sought to establish the Biki station at Kolowalu Park in 2017 and asked if there have since been any “stirrings” that the board should be aware of, since the bike station has been in place?

Mr. Todd Boulanger, Executive Director of Bikeshare Hawaii, responded and said the situation that Member Fang may be referring to is the one set of landscaping (or shrubs) that were removed for the Biki station, however, there have been no complaints since then. Mr. Boulanger added, he believes HCDA may start to receive complaints if the Biki station were removed.

Ms. Leaverton confirmed HCDA has not received any more complaints or comments since the Biki station was installed in 2017.

Member Sakoda asked Mr. Boulanger if the Bikeshare program is “financially sound” and can Bikeshare increase pricing to help the program financially. Member Sakoda noted he would like perspective on whether the bike station at Kolowalu Park will be “rent free forever” and whether the Biki station can provide self-funding assets for Kolowalu Park, if HCDA were to charge a rental fee.

Mr. Boulanger said the program is “treading water” as well as many other local businesses are. Bikeshare is eagerly awaiting the return of tourists and has reinvested an additional 140 bikes into the system. Bikeshare is not where it projected it would be 5 years ago; however, they did not completely close, unlike many stations on the mainland due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He added that Bikeshare Hawaii does not receive any State or City subsidies, and if HCDA were to charge Bike Share Hawaii rent, the Kolowalu Park Biki station would mostly likely be removed as 50 other organizations would likely want to charge a rental fee as well.

Member Rodrigues asked if Bikeshare Hawaii is considering dock-less stations and offering electric bicycles?

Mr. Boulanger noted during the initial community outreach, Bikeshare Hawaii asked the community, especially the Waikiki community, if the businesses and property owners, wanted dock-less stations or docked stations. The feeling at the time, and in addition to proven history, was that dock-less stations would be a mess. He added that most dock-less stations on the mainland have closed or have started to incorporate docked stations into their service. There are two scooter companies that are dock-less that have scooters scattered over right of ways and private properties. He further added that Bikeshare Hawaii recently contacted one of the scooter companies to inform them they would be towing some of their scooters that were parked at a few of Bikeshare Hawaii’s stations. Therefore, based on the history of dock-less stations especially in Waikiki, Bikeshare Hawaii decided to continue with docked stations within the city, as that is the cleanest model they have seen thus far. Mr. Boulanger noted that Bikeshare Hawaii is working with its partners to offer electric bikes and it’s something that Bikeshare would love to work with HCDA on.

Member Rodrigues further asked how Bikeshare is communicating with its users regarding

road safety.

Mr. Boulanger said Bikeshare Hawaii offers classes to new users as well as information on its website.

Member Rodrigues thanked Mr. Boulanger and encouraged expanding its services island wide.

*** Member Hirai left the meeting.

Member Inoshita expressed his support for Bikeshare Hawaii and its Kolowalu Park Biki station.

Chair Todani thanked Bikeshare Hawaii for the benefit to the Community.

There were no further questions from board members.

Public Testimony

There were no inquiries to provide verbal testimony, and no written testimonies were received.

Chair Todani asked for a motion.

MOTION:

Member Sakoda motioned for the board to authorize the Interim Executive Director to amend the Right of Entry Agreement with Bikeshare Hawaii, dated June 14, 2017, for the operation and maintenance of a Bikeshare program located at Kolowalu Park, Honolulu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key No. (1) 2-3-004: 076 (portion) to extend the terms by three additional years.

Member Fang seconded the motion.

Chair Todani asked the Board if there were discussion on the motion. There was no discussion.

Ms. Leaverton conducted the roll call vote.

The motion passed with 8 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 excused.

V. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Monthly Report and Other Status Report

Approved permit applications that did not require HRS 206E-5.6 public hearings.

Interim Executive Director Nakamoto deferred to the written report provided in the board packet.

Chair Todani asked the Board if there were any questions. There were none.

Public Testimony

There were no inquiries to provide verbal testimony, and no written testimonies were received.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Todani thanked those who joined the meeting on Zoom and then adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Wei Fang, Secretary

Date Board Approved

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