



MAKAKILO/KAPOLEI/HONOKAI HALE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 34

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017 KAPOLEI HALE – CONFERENCE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Evelyn Souza called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 – Dean Kalani Capelouto, Kioni Dudley, Michael Madix, Brandon Mutchek Christopher Pierce, Thad Spreg and Evelyn Souza.

Board Members Absent – Jack Legal and Kanani Wond.

Guests – Lieutenant Farrel Sojot and Sergeant Elizabeth Sojot (Honolulu Police Department); Meg Turner (Senator Mike Gabbard's Office); Geanine Gomes (Senator Maile Shimabukuro); Kelli Timoteo (Representative Andria Tupola's Office); Dylan Waterfall (Representative Sharon Har's Office); Rian Adachi (Board of Water Supply); Pat Lee (Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transit); Jason Tayros (Nan Incorporated); Heidi Armstrong (Department of Education); Steve Vendt (Hawaiian Railway); Victor Flint (Naval Facilities Engineering Command); Frank Genadio; Mikiala Lidstone (Ulu A'e); Teri Heede; Matt Flash; Mindy Buck; Michael Ferreira; Rich Levine; Patricia Ulloa-Curcio; Gloria Maugi; Scott Stensrud; Keoni Fernandez; Gabriel Hartford; Byron Deguzman; Cynthia Spencer; Delta Westcot; Hal Wilkerson; Relley Araceley (Neighborhood Commission Office); and videographer (DVDModo).

Roll Call/Statement of Order and Decorum – The Neighborhood Assistant (NA) took a roll call attendance. Chair Souza apologized that the January 2017 meeting was unfortunately not going to be available online due to a technical error.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 25, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – **The board moved to approve the JANUARY 25, 2017 minutes as amended. The motion was APPROVED, 5-1-1. (AYE: Capelouto, Dudley, Madix, Pierce, and Souza; NAY: Spreg; ABSTAIN: Mutchek).**

Amendments are as follows: **Page 1: CALL TO ORDER:** Clarification that Board Member Dudley was absent from the meeting.

The Neighborhood Assistant (NA) explained that the Neighborhood Plan allows all board members a vote on any matter put before the board.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – No representative was present; no report was available.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Farrel Sojot reported the following: **Crime Statistics:** There were 58 motor vehicle thefts, 55 burglaries, 183 thefts, 73 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles (UEMV), and 7,690 total calls for service.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. **Fatality:** Capelouto asked and Lieutenant Sojot responded that no arrests occurred in regards to the firework-related fatality that occurred in the Campbell Industrial area. Lieutenant Sojot clarified that the incident occurred at a commercial establishment with individuals using commercial-grade fireworks and a homemade engine. The engine malfunctioned and the shrapnel caused the damage. Capelouto asked if the incident occurred on private property and Lieutenant Sojot responded that it was likely.
2. **Speed Enforcement:** Madix asked how often random speed enforcement is done along Kapolei Parkway between the new elementary school and Kapolei Middle School. Lieutenant Sojot responded that it depends on the officers patrolling the area but that there is a focus on enforcement based on complaints in the area. Lieutenant Sojot encouraged Madix to visit the station to help setup possible enforcement

measures. Chair Souza asked and Lieutenant Sojot responded that the speed limit for the area is 25 miles per hour. Chair Souza noted the signs seem misleading in their verbiage that the speed limit applies when school is in session. Lieutenant Sojot explained that motorists receive higher fines if found speeding in the area. Madix asked if there is a form that is used to file an official complaint. Madix requested the beat officers for the 7:30 a.m. timeframe end their route along Kapolei Parkway near the new elementary school and Kapolei Middle School so that there is some HPD presence to deter speeding. Lieutenant Sojot will follow up with the day watch lieutenant. Chair Souza requested a speed trailer in the area. Lieutenant Sojot will follow up.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Rian Adachi reported the following:

- Water Main Breaks: There were no main breaks to report.
- General Water Announcements
 - Rain Water Recapture and Reuse: The BWS is partnering with the City Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) – Storm Water Quality Branch in an effort to encourage water conservation with rain water recapture and reuse. The BWS estimates the average home uses half of their water outdoors. A rain barrel catchment system allows you to capture rain water for use with outdoor, non-drinking water activities, such as non-edible plant irrigation. The BWS encourages its use because it reduces the amount of drinking water used for non-drinking purposes. For information about rain barrel catchment systems, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com/conservation and for more information about reducing storm water run-off, visit www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com.
 - Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshops: BWS and Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden continue to offer workshops that highlight the concept of xeriscaping – an innovative means of conserving water through efficient landscaping. A full listing of xeriscape workshops is available at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Desalination Plant: Capelouto asked if Adachi would be present for the board presentation regarding the Kapolei Base Yard Desalination Plant. Adachi noted he could be present but clarified that he would not be able to answer many questions as he was not briefed on the project. Adachi noted that a presentation from BWS would not be timely in regards to the comment deadline, but urged the board to submit some comments before the deadline to attain standing on the issue.
2. Ewa Watershed Plan: Dudley asked for an update on the Ewa Watershed Plan. Adachi will follow up.

BOARD BUSINESS

Update and Action Concerning Puu 'O Kapolei: Kapolei Regional Park Updates – Mikiala Lidstone, with the Ulu'ae Learning Center, gave a short visual presentation and reported the following:

- Signage: Two (2) signs have been completed. Two (2) more signs are being requested.
- Irrigation: Unpermitted tents and their pegs/stakes have pierced the sprinkler system lines and have led to dying vegetation in the surrounding area. Puu 'O Kapolei conducted volunteer work to dig up the area and cut the damaged pipe. The City was contacted in December 2017 to patch the pipe. Lidstone noted that Glenn Kajiwarra of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) was contacted and visited the site. Lidstone stated that Kajiwarra informed his staff to patch the area but it was not done. A volunteer fixed the pipe and patched the area. Lidstone showed images of the dying plants surrounding the Puu 'O Kapolei.
- Homelessness: Weekend workdays have been scheduled to pick up trash in the area. The trash is then picked up by the City either on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. The homeless steal the trash bags that leads to scattered trash in the area. Lidstone noted that there seems to be more homeless in the park area and that some of the individuals exhibit signs of mental instability. Lidstone noted that the nearby forested area is planned to be cut back.
- Bunker: Lidstone stated that there are plans to fix the abandoned bunker, possibly making it into a usable building to deter illegal activity.
- Work Day: Lidstone announced that the next work day will be Sunday, March 19, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Graffiti: Spreg asked and Lidstone clarified that the difference in the images shown regarding the bunker is the graffiti.
2. Councilmember: Chair Souza asked and Lidstone responded that she did speak with Councilmember Pine. Lidstone stated that she did attend Councilmember Pine's recent Safe Parks meeting and noted that a meeting is scheduled with Councilmember Pine for Wednesday, March 1, 2017 where Lidstone will request

a joint meeting with the DPR staff designated to the park. Chair Souza encouraged Lidstone to work with the board's committee as well.

3. Closing: Chair Souza asked and Lidstone responded that the Puu 'O Kapolei is quite active in the evening.
4. Request: Chair Souza asked and Lidstone answered that she would like to have a regular meeting/"get together" between the DPR staff and the community. Chair Souza clarified the Neighborhood Assistant (NA) will be able to forward the City concerns from Mikiala. The NA clarified that any resident with city concerns can have them forwarded through the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO). Chair Souza asked if "graffiti proof" paint has been an option moving forward in regards to the bunker graffiti. Lidstone responded that it would be expensive. Madix noted that security cameras could be placed on the property.
5. Crime Stoppers: Chair Souza noted that the board previously requested the City Council pass a resolution to partner with Crime Stoppers to allow them to be the deterrent for illegal activities at the park.

Discussion and Action: Establishment of Cannabis Dispensaries in Kapolei – Resident Patricia Ulloa-Curcio distributed various handouts and reported the following:

- Handouts: Ulloa-Curcio highlighted the Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and noted opposition of having a medical marijuana dispensary in the Kapolei area. Ulloa-Curcio noted that traffic fatalities have increased dramatically in Colorado.
- Legislation: Currently there are nearly 20 bills circulating the legislature regarding marijuana. One bill would address marijuana edibles.
- Community: An online petition will be created. Ulloa-Curcio noted that a sign-in sheet was available and that interested residents could be added through the Pono Kapolei mailing list. Ulloa-Curcio noted that she would distribute all the information to any interested residents that sign up or contact her.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Opposition: Dudley voiced opposition to having a marijuana dispensary in the area.
2. Medicinal Need: Spreg asked and Ulloa-Curcio responded that there is not enough research to demonstrate the medicinal propensity of marijuana and that the process of obtaining marijuana cards may be too easy. Ulloa-Curcio noted that several legislators have noted support for legalizing marijuana.
3. Committee: Chair Souza requested the issue be taken up by a committee meeting. Ulloa-Curcio requested the chance to give a full presentation at an upcoming meeting.
4. Process: Chair Souza asked and Ulloa-Curcio responded that there may be eight (8) dispensaries opening in April 2017. Mutchek reported that there will be eight (8) locations statewide and that there may be only one (1) on Oahu.
5. Perspective: Spreg requested both perspectives of the issue be addressed at the necessary meeting. Genadio asked if Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has weighed in. Resident Teri Heede noted that the packets distributed showed incorrect facts and that the issue is being discussed by the Department of Health (DOH) and should not be discussed by the board. Capelouto noted that there are various sides to the issue and that both sides should be given an opportunity to present their case.

Updates and Announcements for the Kapolei Complex of Schools – Heidi Armstrong reported the following:

- Kapolei High School: The Department of Education (DOE) is requesting \$30,840,000 for a new building at Kapolei High School.
- East Kapolei Middle School: \$133,640,000 is being requested for the construction of an East Kapolei Middle School located behind the KROC center. Designing and planning has been completed but funding for construction was not awarded last legislative session.
- East Kapolei High School: \$3 million is being requested for additional design funding for the East Kapolei High School. \$2 million was previously awarded.
- Project Lead the Way: On Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Kapolei High School Cafeteria, representatives from each of the Kapolei area school will be showcasing what their respective students are doing with the program.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Design/Build: Madix asked and Armstrong answered that the new elementary school in the area was a design/build contract but that the DOE is unprepared to undertake a design/build contract for the upcoming high school project.
2. High School: Dudley asked and Armstrong responded that nothing is certain but it seems that the new high school will be located on the parcel on Ho'opili that was already designated for a school. Armstrong noted that there was other land available but that the DOE was unable to acquire that land. Dudley voiced opposition to the development of Ho'opili and noted that the area may remain farmland.

3. Capacity: Chair Souza noted concerns with the capacity of the upcoming school as previous projects have not addressed the issue completely.
4. Representative Mark Moses: Chair Souza announced that former State Representative Mark Moses previously passed away and that a memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 11:00 a.m., to 3:00 p.m. at the Fleet Reserve Association Branch 46.

BWS Kapolei Base Yard and Brackish Water Desalination Plant – Capelouto gave a visual presentation and reported the following:

- Personal: Capelouto reported his personal background with the Navy and noted his experience with desalinated water through reverse osmosis (RO) aboard the ships.
- Proposed Action: The Board of Water Supply Kapolei Base Yard and Brackish Desalination Plant Master Plan includes administrative, operations, and warehouse buildings; storage and vehicle parking areas; a brackish water desalination plant and water tank; as well as associated utility infrastructure and landscaping. The proposed improvements will facilitate a more efficient use of Board of Water Supply resources, as they will allow the base yard to accommodate trucks, machinery, and office space for BWS operations in the 'Ewa and Wai'anae districts. This will improve water service response times for the repair of main breaks and maintenance of water sources and distribution system facilities. The Base Yard will also provide a hardened centralized facility for natural disaster response. The improvements will resume a former use of the Site, brackish water desalination using reverse osmosis technology which will increase BWS capacity to meet the growing water demand of West O'ahu. Capelouto provided images that showed the project is located near the Kapolei Costco.
- October/December 2015: Capelouto noted that the board's October 2015 minutes state that, "all output from the demonstration plants in Kapolei will be utilized in the Campbell Industrial area when the desalination project goes online." An amendment to the minutes was then provided at the December 2015 meeting to clarify that, "Desalinated Water: should read 'Based on water demands, location of the proposed plant and estimated production, ALL output would be utilized within the industrial park'".
- June 2016: Capelouto noted that Adachi responded at the June 2016 meeting that it is indeterminate when and if the West Side of the island could be drinking desalinated water.
- Reverse Osmosis (RO): RO is a water purification technology that uses a semipermeable membrane to remove ions, molecules, and larger particles from drinking water.
- Pros: Capelouto noted that the information being presented was taken from the website of a company selling RO systems and could be biased. The following are the listed pros:
 - RO water has the ability to remove 95 to 99 percent of total dissolved solids (TDS), as well as chlorine, fluoride, and other impurities, reverse osmosis filtration can greatly improve the odor, appearance, and overall taste of water.
 - Better tasting water.
 - Better tasting food cooked with water.
 - Energy efficient.
 - Cost effective.
 - Simple maintenance with filter changes
- Cons:
 - Tiny pores of an RO system can become clogged if not properly maintained. Even common chlorine can damage an RO system.
 - Takes time. RO operates by using pressure to push water through a semi-permeable membrane and isn't speedy process. Capelouto noted that there are various ways to do RO and noted that one (1) such method is to place an RO plant next to an electrical plant to utilize the spare energy. The other method is to utilize a solar energy system.
 - Expense of filter replacements.
 - Must be cleaned and sterilized once per year
- General Comments: Consultation has already happened with members of the community but not with elected officials and not with the current neighborhood board members. Capelouto noted a risk of contaminants from Campbell Industrial plant seeping into the RO supply lines and that two (2) locations in Campbell were capped due to being contaminated beyond the ability to be corrected. Capelouto noted concerns regarding storage areas for dry salt minerals and noted that the process splits salt water into one (1) part water and one (1) part high density salt and minerals. Permits are required for mountains of salt and minerals (like in the Arabian Gulf). Capelouto noted that razor wire and barbed wire will be used to cordon off the site. Capelouto requested more details on why the original desalination plant failed. Data from the original desalination plant could be extrapolated from the eight (8) hour days it previously ran. Advancement in RO technology is mentioned in the environmental assessment (EA) but nothing specific to what has changed in the master plan. Capelouto noted lumber treatment rain runoff from Hardware Hawaii

(next door) seeping into ground water and questioned if it could enter the RO supply line. Capelouto stated that a "retention basin (5000 square feet x 3.5 feet)" and a "slurry pit" (66 feet x 54 feet) are noted but that there is no clarification on their uses. Cameras are noted but not whether the facility will be manned 24 hours a day. Capelouto stated there should be clarification regarding differences between CAPROCK and BASEL wells. Three (3) wells are on the site.

- History: The property was deeded to BWS from Campbell Estates and that the requirement of the deed was to have a desalination plant on the property and questioned whether the requirement can be changed. Capelouto noted that the board listed a desalination plant as a problem in the Ewa Development Plan and that it is unfair to force the leeward coast to drink desalinated water.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Action: Chair Souza asked and Capelouto responded that the board has the options to do nothing, make comments, or to take action against the project. Capelouto noted that there are many questions that need answers and that the board should comment on the project in order to inform BWS of the boards concerns. Dudley noted that it was previously reported that BWS would lose the funding if the project does not move forward. Dudley stated that the desalination plant will allow more housing development in the area. Dudley voiced opposition to the project and noted that the natural carrying capacity of the island is being tested. Spreg voiced opposition to the desalination plant.
2. Clarification: Hal Wilkerson thanked Capelouto for the presentation and asked if the desalination plant is the same plant that was proposed in 2003. Capelouto responded in the affirmative and noted that the plant began running in about 1990/19991 and ran for about five (5) years. Capelouto clarified that the data he is requesting could come from the hours the previous plant was operating. Wilkerson asked and Capelouto noted that it may cost \$85 million but was not sure.
3. Previous: Chair Souza noted that she believed the desalinated water would be used to cool the engines at the Campbell Industrial area and voiced displeasure with the idea that the area may be forced to drink desalinated water.
4. Resource: Capelouto reported that water must be picked up from the source as opposed to electrical resource distribution.
5. Waste: Mutchek voiced concerns with how the waste of the RO systems will be dealt with. Capelouto noted the difference is an evaporation system leaves the salt and minerals while the RO system uses filters to strain materials. Capelouto noted that a study showed that for every two (2) gallons of salt water will produce one (1) gallon of clean water and one (1) gallon of high salt density water. Capelouto stated that he is unaware of where the waste would go. Mutchek noted that the large scale of the project would lead to large scale waste and requested more information on the process of eliminating the waste. Chair Souza noted that the waste product of RO is saline sludge and that BWS has stated that the sludge may be deposited into the ground. Chair Souza noted that glass can be made from the saline sludge.
6. Support: Wilkerson voiced support for the desalination plant to support infrastructure to address growth. Chair Souza noted understanding the sentiment but voiced concern with being the only area that will be drinking the desalinated water.

Dudley moved and Mutchek seconded that the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 submit a letter of testimony opposing the resurrection of the desalination plant in Kapolei.

Discussion followed: Clarification: Capelouto noted that he would have to abstain from the current motion as it does not fix the root issue of population growth. Chair Souza noted that a list of issues in regards to the EA should be included. Madix voiced similar concerns.

Capelouto moved and Madix seconded the motion be amended to state that the board is currently opposed to the Desalination Plant due to a list of concerns relating to waste associated with the system, contaminants getting into the system, costs associated to the system, reasons why the previous system failed, root problems of growth not being addressed, and the board's previous position on the Ewa Development Plan. The amendment was APPROVED by SHOW OF HANDS VOTE, 6-1-0 (AYE: Capelouto, Madix, Mutchek, Pierce, Spreg, and Souza; NAY: Dudley; ABSTAIN: None).

Discussion continued: Opposition: Dudley noted opposition due to the issue of not being able to use the concern of outgrowing the natural carrying capacity of the island in future discussions.

The amended motion was APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Capelouto, Dudley, Madix, Mutchek, Pierce, Spreg, and Souza; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

Kalaeloa Deep Draft Harbor Fuel Pier Project – Chair Souza announced that the more information would be provided when it becomes available.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO): Frank Genadio reported that following:
 - Leadership: The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) recently met and elected Dick Poirier of the Mililani-Waipio Neighborhood Board No. 25 as the new Chair and Joe Migaldi as Vice Chair. The meeting time and place will continue to be the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the Honolulu Hale.
 - Terms: The CAC will continue with the one (1)-year terms.
 - Code of Conduct: Currently a CAC member can testify on transportation issues but must indicate that he or she is not speaking on behalf of the CAC. A motion was approved for a meeting with the Policy Board to discuss modifying the code.
 - Executive Director: Elvin Au is the new OahuMPO Executive Director.
 - Revision 15: Revision 15 to the Transportation Improvement Program covers four (4) state-sponsored road projects and one (1) city-sponsored request to add 50 buses that are under 30 feet in length. Linda Blair commented that City buses keep breaking down and that a previously planned acquisition of 100 HandiVans was not approved.
 - Central Oahu Transportation Study: Amy Ford-Wagner and Dick Porrier briefed the CAC that the study began in June 2016 and will cover the rapid development, increased congestion, and need for multi-modal transit in the area from Wahiawa to Waipahu. The outcome is to identify key transportation improvements. A permitted interaction group (PIG) is being requested from the CAC. \$90,000 is allocated for the study. The study has a year and a half remaining.
 - Rail: Steven Melendez met with rail officials on safety concerns and will brief the results at the CAC's March 2017 meeting.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Rail: Capelouto asked about Melendez concerns with rail safety. Genadio reiterated that Melendez will make a presentation at the March 2017 CAC meeting.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS (continued)

- Neighborhood Board: Hal Wilkerson, Scott Stensrud, and Mikiala Lidstone announced that they are currently running in the upcoming Neighborhood Board elections. Madix announced he would not be running for re-election but that he would continue to stay involved in the community.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell – No representative was present; a report was provided.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine – No representative was present; a report was provided.

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present; a report was provided.

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) – Capelouto noted that Kalaeloa Community Network (KCN) has not been posting any meeting minutes or agendas and has asked Tesha Malama if KCN must abide by Sunshine Law. Malama responded that she will speak with Executive Director Jessie Souki. Capelouto will ask the Office of Information Practices (OIP) for an opinion of no response is received.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) – Pat Lee reported the following:

- Thanks: Lee thanked the board for their work for the community.
- West Oahu-Farrington Highway Guideway: The West Oahu-Farrington Highway Guideway (East Kapolei to Pearl Highlands) contract is wrapping up with road repaving being completed. The West Oahu Stations Group (East Kapolei, UH West Oahu and Ho'opili), being constructed by Nan Incorporated (Nan Inc.), is under construction and anticipated to be completed by fall of 2018. The Farrington Highway Stations Group (West Loch, Waipahu Transit Center and LCC), being built by Hawaiian Dredging, is also underway with anticipated completion by the end of 2018.
- Kamehameha Guideway: The Kamehameha Highway Guideway (Pearl Highlands to Aloha Stadium), constructed by Kiewit Infrastructure West, should be completed by this summer, 2017. The final span for this portion of the guideway was set on December 22, 2016. Tracks are now being installed and almost finished. The Kamehameha Highway Stations Group (Pearl Highlands, Pearl Ridge and Aloha Stadium), which is under contract with Nan Inc., is scheduled for completion by summer of 2019.

- Rail Operations Center (ROC): The ROC, built by Kiewit-Kobayashi Joint Venture, is finishing out final work. Testing of the ground equipment including the wheel press, wheel lathe, train wash facility, and test track are underway. The test tracks will be energized soon. For the Core Systems contract, train vehicles and controls, train testing and signaling field work has started and should be concluded by the summer of next year, 2018. The trains will be tested at the ROC, followed by train testing up on the guideway. Once the trains are certified and the west side stations are completed, revenue passenger service can start on an interim basis between Aloha Stadium and East Kapolei by 2021.
- Airport Guideway: The Airport Guideway and Stations (Aloha Stadium to Middle Street), contracted to Shimmick/Traylor/Granite Joint Venture (STG), is underway and STG is proceeding with construction. The final leg of the 20 mile rail route, from Middle Street to Ala Moana Center including eight train stations, is pending additional funding so that a contract can be offered for that work. HART and the City and County of Honolulu are seeking an extension of the half percent general excise tax surcharge from the State Legislature to obtain more funds to complete the 20-mile, 21 station rail project.
- Shims: In response to a question last month about shims, they are spacers installed between the concrete guideway and the tracks to keep the tracks level. They are less than two (2) inches in height. HART staff discovered that the shims that were installed were defective and cracked, and not meeting the material specifications as required by HART, so they will be replaced. The shims are made of a high tech plastic that is also used in piping for jet fuel and hazardous wastewater. Other rail projects that have used this same shim material report lifespans of 20-25 years.
- Pedestrian Bridge: NAN will be doing a concrete pour and installing a five (5) foot diameter rebar cage in the median that will be 20 feet tall. This is part of the pedestrian bridge that will connect the University of Hawaii at West Oahu (UH West) campus to the rail station. Work is in the median of Kualakai Parkway and does not require lane closures. Motorists are urged to drive cautiously in the work zone.
- Information: For general project information, traffic updates, meeting notices and more information, please visit the website www.honolulutransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at info@honolulutransit.org.

Questions, comment, and concerns followed:

1. Overpass Parking: Dudley asked if there will be an overpass for the East Kapolei station parking lot. Lee responded in the negative and Dudley asked if the parking lot is still located across the freeway. Lee will follow up.
2. Pearl City Parking Lot: Dudley asked about possible problems with the Pearl Highlands station and its parking lot. Lee clarified that due to the funding shortfall the recovery plan (Plan B) is designed to construct the rail to budget which would allow the rail to be constructed to a little past Middle Street but would eliminate various stations and the 1600 stall parking lot at Pearl Highlands. Lee noted that HART would prefer the tax extension to allow full funding for the project (Plan A). Dudley noted that the 1600 cars that would have parked will now be back on the freeway. Lee clarified that the Plan A would construct an off-ramp from the H-2 freeway (H-2) to the Pearl Highlands rail station parking lot and that a bus shuttle for Central Oahu to the station is also planned.
3. Ho'opili: Dudley asked if there are plans to divert H-2 traffic to the Ho'opili station. Lee responded that he has not heard anything regarding that.
4. Casting: Chair asked and Lee answered that STG will be taking over the rail casting yard and that the current contracts with STG requires that they bring their own equipment.
5. Shims: Chair Souza stated that Kiewit decided to use the plastic shims due to a recommendation from HART.
6. Casting (continued): Spreg voiced concerns for the workers who are no longer working due to the closing of the casting yard. Spreg also voiced concern with a HART storefront at Pearlridge Shopping Center.
7. Road Closure: Spreg noted that several community members voiced concerns with road closures relating to rail construction and that traffic cameras were being placed in various places within the community to compare travel times. Spreg stated the rail is a boondoggle.
8. Response: Lee responded that Kiewit's contract was a design/build contract and that Kiewit proposed shims in place of splints and HART approved. Lee introduced Jason Tayros with Nan Inc. Lee responded that the license plate recognition cameras being installed are a State Department of Transportation (HDOT) project that have been included to some of HARTS traffic signalization updates along the rail project.
9. Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) – Capelouto thanked Lee for his attendance. Capelouto asked if the FFGA completion date is a hardliner. Lee responded that the FFGA had a revenue service completion date of 2020. Lee state that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) would likely grant the extension but are firm on the 20 miles of guideway, 21 stations, and 80 cars.
10. Taxes: Capelouto noted that the legislature seems to pushing for increased taxes. Capelouto also noted a current bill that seeks to up-zone all the land along the rail route. Lee responded that the Department of

Planning and Permitting (DPP) has undertaken the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and is responsible for planning development around the rail stations. Lee apologized for not having more information regarding the legislative bills. Chair Souza stated that all properties within a 1/4 mile of TOD will see increased property taxes.

11. Magnetic Levitation: Genadio voiced frustration that magnetic levitation for the rail has not been considered and that former HART Chair Colleen Hanabusa's suggestion of a peer-review for rail has not taken place.
12. FTA: Genadio asked and Lee responded that he has no information regarding the administration changes at the FTA.
13. Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART): Resident Mick Ferreira introduced himself and gave some personal background information regarding the BART system. Ferreira made comparisons between the rail project and BART and noted support for some kind of rail system to get vehicles off the roads. Chair Souza asked Ferreira responded that BART runs from Bay Point to South Fremont. Chair Souza asked how many miles long the BART is and noted that the information would help understand how much money was spent per mile. Ferreira stated he did not have the information.

Senator Mike Gabbard – Meg Turner distributed a newsletter and reported the following:

- Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC): There are no Kalaheo sites as finalists for the replacement of OCCC.
- UH West: Discussion will begin soon regarding developing 183 acres of vacant land near UH West which will include housing, retail, and recreational development. Revenue from the completed project will help sustain the growing campus.
- Focus: Senator Gabbard's focus as Chair of the Senate Agriculture and Environment Committee will be local food production, fighting invasive species, and better protection of our natural environment. Turner noted Senate Bills (SB) 356, SB 226, SB 773, SB 776, SB 778, and SB1259.
- Listen Story: The next Listen Story will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Ewa Mahiko Park.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: SB 1259: Victor Flint, with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), stated that SB 1259 relating to the Red Hill Underground Storage Tanks will not work and that double-hulling the containers with still could cause major problems. Flint voiced concerns that some of the committee votes were from Senators who were not present for the presentation.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro – Geanine Gomes provided a handout and was available for questions. Chair Souza noted that DPP responded to last month's concern and stated that they are having staffing issues.

Representative Sharon Har – Dylan Waterfall noted that the legislature is currently on a five (5) day recess and that the next deadline, first crossover, is Thursday, March 9, 2017.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Recess: Dudley asked why the legislature has a five (5) day recess.

Representative Andria Tupola – Representative Tupola distributed a handout and reported the following:

- Marijuana: Representative Tupola suggested that the board reach out to Hawaii Dispensary Alliance for the discussion regarding marijuana.
- OCCC: House Bill (HB) 462 would suspend the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the relocation of OCCC to garner more sites. The community is urged to keep aware of the bill.
- Tax Extension: Debate Hawaii will be holding a discussion regarding the general excise tax (GET) extension for rail proposal on Friday, February 24, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Senator Stanley Chang will be hosting the discussion.
- HB 943: HB 943, regarding the Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program, is proposing a boost in the enterprise zones which is a ploy to increase business in Kapolei. The bill would help with new businesses being created in the Kapolei area.
- Suggestions: Representative Tupola urged the community to be aware of the toll roads bill, which would make the zipper lane a toll road. Representative Tupola noted that the bill would obviously affect Leeward commuters. Representative Tupola also noted the GET extension bill and the bills relating to vehicle registration and fuel tax should be monitored.
- Recess: Representative Tupola noted that the five (5) day recess is intended to allow the representatives the opportunity to communicate with their constituents. Member of the House Finance Committee (FIN) use the recess to discuss fiscal matters.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. GET Discussion: Capelouto asked if the debate will be broadcast live and be available to be viewed by the public. Representative Tupola noted that Civil Beat will be covering the event and will forward the flyer to Capelouto.
2. Rail: Chair Souza asked if SB 1183 (GET extension for rail) could include audits of HART at different times during the project. Representative Tupola will follow up. Dudley reiterated his concerns with the 1600 stall parking lot at Pearl Highlands and noted it could be used as a counter argument to extend the GET. Representative Tupola noted that the legislators have had serious questions for Governor David Ige regarding the rail tax extension. Capelouto noted the 10% of the tax is held by State to cover administrative cost when it has been reported that closer to 3% is necessary. Capelouto asked if the remaining 7% could be given back to the City. Representative Tupola responded that the concern has been discussed and will continue to be discussed in the FIN committee.

State Representative Ty Cullen – No representative was present; no report was provided. Chair Souza and Dudley noted frustration with the absence of public officials at the board meetings and requested a representative.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at Kapolei Hale Conference Room A at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

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