



## MAKAKILO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 34

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### **INITIAL CONVENING MEETING** **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020** **KAPOLEI HALE**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Legal called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. **Quorum was established with eight (8) members present, four (4) members on the Board were present via Webex.** Note – This 9-member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present** – Jack Legal, Thad Spreg, Mike Frank, Kioni Dudley (arrived at 7:30p.m. in person), Troy Cullen (via Webex), Scott Stensrud (via Webex), Mick Ferreira (via Webex), Robert Helsham (via Webex).

**Board Members Absent** – Moon Kahele.

**Guests** – Louis Galdeira, Kymberly Pine, Johnny Reid (HART Representative), Michael Iosua (Kalaeloa Rental Homes Project, Imanaka Asato LLC), Jeff Overton (Farrington Highway Improvements Project, Principal with G70), Karen Chun (Department of Transportation, Highways Division), Hannah Azouz, Shane Peters (AES Distributed Energy), Kirstin Punu, Carl Vicenti, Resident Mikiala Lidstone, Brandy Clark (Neighborhood Commission Office). **Name was not included if not legible on the attendance sheet.**

### **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Regarding Feedback via Webex:** Chair Legal told the community that those who are joining the meeting need to mute themselves so it does not create feedback while the person is speaking.

### **BOARD BUSINESS RELATED TO CONVENING OF SECOND YEAR OF TERM:** **ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO SERVE FROM JULY 2020 TO JUNE 20, 2021**

**Stensrud nominated Legal to be Chair, vote was APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT (7-0-0), (Aye: Spreg, Helsham, Cullen, Frank, Ferreira, Legal, Stensrud; Nay: None; Abstain: None)**

**Stensrud nominated Spreg to be Vice Chair, vote was APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, (7-0-0), (Aye: Stensrud, Ferreira, Frank, Legal, Cullen, Spreg, Helsham; Nay: None; Abstain: None.)**

**Ferreira nominated Helsham for Secretary, vote was APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, (7-0-0), (Aye: Frank, Cullen, Spreg, Legal, Stensrud, Helsham, Ferreira; Nay: None; Abstain: None.)**

**Spreg nominated Ferreira for Treasurer, vote was APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, (7-0-0), (Aye: Cullen, Frank, Helsham, Stensrud, Legal, Ferreira, Spreg; Nay: None; Abstain: None.)**

### **CITY MONTHLY REPORTS**

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD) –No representative was present, no report was given.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD)—No representative was present, no report was given.

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Tim Hiu was not present, Chair Legal read the following report:

- a. **Kapolei Regional Park:** Stensrud was concerned about the basic lack of maintenance, water fountain was vandalized shortly after being newly installed, Stensrud attempted to contact someone from Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) all they say is “they will try”; noted that there is all this downtime so the parks should be pristine; Ferreira stated that parks should be cleaned on a regular schedule. Chair Legal will follow up on the issue with Hiu.
- b. **Update Regarding Makakilo Sign Face:** Hawaii Department of Transportation Services (HDOT) stated there are no plans to purchase any land for the Makakilo Drive Extension but once the sign project has been completed the City will know for sure if properties will need to purchase the extension, still waiting for the assessment.
- c. **Crosswalks:** Concerns were raised about the lack of crosswalks due to students jaywalking to get to Kapolei High School. HDOT services have been contacted with HELE directly and will be working on addressing these crosswalk concerns.

Councilmember Louis Galdeira: Galdeira sent over a report which addressed the following highlights:

- Intersection of Kapolei Parkway and Kunehi Street: Galdeira mentioned putting in an intersection on Kunehi Street and Kapolei Parkway that will contain a crosswalk, and traffic lights.
- Delineators on Makakilo: There has been a request for plastic delineators to be installed, which are plastic three (3) feet tall, on the bottom of the hill to reduce the speed. Galdeira made HDOT available on their website in order for everyone to know where HDOT will be placing the delineators.
- Sidewalk Preservation: repair, rehabilitation, road pavement on their existing sidewalks; considering; Kuma'aha stated there has been issues with the contractor but the project is still ongoing despite the lag.
- Abandoned Vehicles: His office has teamed up with the Department of Customer Services (DCS) to take care of the abandoned vehicles (hot spots include Campbell Industrial Park and Kalaeloa), noted there have been issues taking out abandoned vehicles off the island because no one was paying for those cars to be taken off the island.

Questions, comments and observations followed:

1. Agricultural Presentations: Dudley mentioned Councilwoman Pine regarding agricultural presentations and asked Galdeira if there is a meeting regarding agriculture available to the public, Galdeira mentioned the information is available via Zoom on Facebook Live under Pine's account.
2. Abandoned Vehicles: Strensrud commented about the abandoned vehicles that he has reported since January and wanted to know about whether or not that will be resolved, has not noticed abandoned vehicles in Campbell Industrial Park despite Galdeira mentioning said park as a hotspot for abandoned vehicles.
3. Complete Streets Project: Strensrud expressed his frustration about the lack of community input regarding the Complete Streets Treatments that were supposed to be happening with this project; no opportunity to be asked for input, how is it that such a major project goes without any community input? Galdeira mentioned a meeting with Nouchi, information was relayed to their office, but they did not have a set time to commit to a presentation, so they needed to pass that information on without sending it to every Board. Strensrud asked if an area is up for bid, they will restripe the intersection exactly the way that is, does not understand why people are not concerned about the highly trafficked area near Kapolei High School, believes has been no thought process that has been executed in the planning and is "sick" of this administration putting this district last. Councilwoman Pine responded to Strensrud's comment, stating that Mayor Caldwell refused to fund this project because it is a State road. Pine also stated that she just reviewed the letter and that this Board is the first to know of this information. Pine asked Galdeira who the contact is from the State so she could make a request, Galdeira mentioned the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation is working with Grace Pacific LLC. Pine stated she will contact Grace Pacific and involve interested Board members regarding the construction plans put in place. Chair Legal asked for clarification from Strensrud, then mentioned a letter received from the State about the Villages of Kapolei commencing; stated that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation will commence construction of the Villages of Kapolei.
4. Delineators on Makakilo Drive: Vice Chair Spreg voiced his opposition regarding delineators put on Makakilo Drive because it puts an unnecessary strain on the drivers, claiming it is stressful. Pine responded that it is not a "done deal" but it is the latest proposal, expressed that the Board could take a position on that for the next meeting if there are members on the Board who disagree/agree on having them. Pine strongly disagreed with Vice Chair Spreg's position on having the delineators because it would serve as a temporary solution, since it is near an elementary school, and also mentioned a proposal requesting for a traffic light in said location.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – No representative was present, report was given to Chair.

**Vice Chair Spreg departed at 7:44p.m., returned at 7:50p.m.**

Johnny Reid–Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) Representative: Mentioned Stephen Cayetano as the new Deputy Executive Director and Project Director for HART, explained construction progression percentages regarding completion of the 21 different rail stations built on O'ahu. The closest stations to being completed are Kamehameha Highway and Farrington Highway, with their results at 98%. Reid gave the website for more

information on this project: [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org). Reid also included a 24-hour hotline number (808-566-2299) and gave another link for individuals who want to inquire further about the rail transit project at [info@honolulutransit.org](mailto:info@honolulutransit.org).

Questions, comments and concerns followed: HART Reconsideration: Dudley asked where Rick Blangiardi stood because there are talks of Blangiardi reconsidering the rail if elected due to the pandemic. Reid reaffirmed his position with HART, has stated there is support for construction in the field, considers HART an essential service and will continue to move forward with this project. Dudley expressed his wish for HART to “back off” and wait until Blangiardi is elected, Reid said he would forward that to the appropriate person.

MEETING DETERMINATION—DATE/TIME/LOCATION (AUGUST 2020 to JUNE 2021)

Chair Legal skipped this portion of the agenda, hearing no objections, this agenda item was deferred due to COVID-19.

DETERMINATION OF BOARD RECESS SCHEDULE (AUGUST 2020 to JUNE 2021)

Chair Legal requested to put this item of the agenda on hold, hearing no objections, this agenda item was deferred due to COVID-19.

REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OLELO BROADCAST PROGRAM

**The MOTION to keep Olelo broadcasting was MOVED by Dudley and SECONDED by Ferreira, HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, the motion was APPROVED to keep Olelo Broadcasting by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, (7-0-0), (Aye: Cullen, Frank, Helsham, Stensrud, Legal, Ferreira, Spreg; Nay: None; Abstain: None.)**

ADOPTION OF ORAL TESTIMONY RULES

Chair Legal skipped this portion of the agenda.

MOTION TO RETAIN COMMITTEES, SUBCOMMITTEES, AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP

**The MOTION to retain committees, subcommittees and their membership was MOVED by Ferreira and SECONDED by Frank, HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, the motion was APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT. (7-0-0), (Aye: Cullen, Frank, Helsham, Stensrud, Legal, Ferreira, Spreg; Nay: None; Abstain: None.)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 26, 2020 BOARD MEETING

**The motion for minutes approval was MOVED by Ferreira and SECONDED by Frank, HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, the MOTION was APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT. (7-0-0), (Aye: Cullen, Frank, Helsham, Stensrud, Legal, Ferreira, Spreg; Nay: None; Abstain: None.)**

COMMUNITY/BOARD CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Announcements – Dudley mentioned that he spent an hour trying to log onto the Webex application to join the meeting and was unsuccessful, noticed that Councilwoman Pine also had similar issues. Chair Legal deferred this issue to the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) to address technical issues.

Community/Board Member Concerns: Helsham mentioned a water main break that happened on his street. Helsham stated it took Board of Water Supply (BWS) 23 hours to respond for crews to come and repair the leak, BWS supervisor stated the water main leaked around 40 gallons of water per minute. Helsham mentioned the supervisor did not turn it off but slowed it down so as to not waste more water. Helsham commented that it was disheartening to see 48,000 gallons of water wasted and despite BWS fixing it, it took at least four (4) hours to fix, going from Sunday night to Monday morning. Helsham mentioned that certain processes need to be reviewed in order to ensure that incidences like these do not happen again. Ferreira mentioned that with the lockdown, there is a garden within the skate park that prevents Resident Mikala Lidstone access to her sacred plants and was hoping if there was a way to have access to maintain those plants so her hard work does not go to waste. Chair Legal deferred this issue to Councilmember Galdeira, who replied that he will follow up on this issue.

STATE MONTHLY REPORTS

Governor David Ige's Representative—no representative was present, no report was given.

Karen Chun, Highways Division, State Department of Transportation (DOT): stated there was nothing to report yet, mentioned working on a project with the City that will be addressed later on the agenda (Farrington Highway

Project). Chun wanted to introduce herself as the new replacement for Curtis Matsuda, she is now officially the Design Corporate Manager. Chun stated that if there were questions, she will collaborate with Jeff regarding State DOT issues.

Rock Riggs, State Senator Mike Gabbard Representative: Riggs spoke of the following topics below:

- a. Construction Funding for Kapolei: Riggs mentioned 30.1 million dollars allocated by the legislature funding for the construction of Kapolei Veterans Home. Honouliuli Middle School (formerly East Kapolei Middle School) will be receiving 46 million dollars in State funding for fiscal years 2019-2021; it will serve 1,050 sixth to eighth grade students once it is finished being built with sixth graders starting August 3, 2020. Kapolei High School received six (6) million dollars for classroom renovations as well as \$400,000 for Adults with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements; also mentioned 100 million dollars allocated for the widening of lanes on Farrington Highway, from Kapolei Golf Course to Fort Weaver Road, will include sidewalks and a complete streets-type project.
- b. Bills Passed (Senate Bills 1819, 2701, 2060): Riggs mentioned a bill (SB 1819) passed that allows farmers to apply to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), promoting diversity and tourism within the economy. Riggs mentioned a bill called SB 2701 which explains the idea behind it preventing fake farms; the aforementioned bill allows appropriate agencies (such as the County Fire Department and County Permitting Agencies) to enter the property within reasonable notice to the owner and/or occupant to investigate agricultural buildings for compliance with current law. Riggs mentioned SB 2060 which will strengthen its resilience to climate change, as well as the state's coastal zone management policy; this bill identifies sea level rise as one of the coastal hazards that the state has to address; improves the protection of beaches and beach ecosystems that are under threat from sea level rise as well as prohibition of shoreline erosion structures on sandy beaches unless the granting of a variance is of interest to the public.

Patrice Tanna, State Senator Maile Shimabukuro Representative:

- a. Transportation: Kalaeloa Airport will be receiving 13.4 million for upgrades and improvements
- b. Water Land and Agriculture: Kalaeloa will be receiving five (5) million dollars for a harvesting facility.
- c. Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL): will be receiving 1.2 million dollars for lot development, infrastructure, and statewide land acquisition.
- d. Covid-19 resources: mentioned briefly resources from the newsletter regarding rental assistance, enrolling children in a free or reduced-price school lunch program, and drive-thru testing for the coronavirus.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Dudley asked Tanna if the next session for legislators will be in January or will they continue with small sessions in between, Tanna responded there may be smaller sessions in between but will follow up with Dudley with a response to that question.

Dennis Galolo, Representative for State Representative Sharon Har:

- a. Regarding Order from Mayor: mentioned the stay-at-home-work-from-home order that will take effect Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and will continue for two (2) weeks until September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020; the State Capitol Building will remain closed to the public during the lockdown. Galolo explained that her office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the weekday. During this time, legislators and staff will implement safety precautions put in place (wearing masks, social distancing, etc.), gave direct line (808-586-8513) and email ([rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov)) for any questions that may be had from the community.
- b. Covid-19 Testing: Galolo explained that the Federal Government has partnered up with the State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu for COVID-19 surge testing. For the next 12 days, the Federal Government hopes to give out 60,000 coronavirus tests, and will cover all costs. The nearest testing site for Kapolei residents is located at Ewa Mahiko District Park, located on 91-1145 Renton Road in Ewa Beach. The park will be open on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 9a.m. to 4p.m., and Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m. to 4p.m. for testing, extended the option for the community to apply online at [www.doineedacovid19test.com](http://www.doineedacovid19test.com).
- c. Road Improvements for the Villages of Kapolei: Since being hired in 2006, Representative Har has pushed Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Finance Corporation (HHFDC) and the City to help finish the roadwork for the Villages in Kapolei that will start in October 2020 and will finish by 2022.

State Representative Ty Cullen: no representative present, no report was given.

State Representative Stacelynn K.M. Eli: no representative present, no report was given.

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA)—Francine Murray: explained plans to consult with the Neighborhood Board regarding updates on Kalaeloa Plan and Roads, wants to be sure that the Board contact information on the City and County Neighborhood Board Commission Office (NCO) website is current so that participation is possible, also stated to email directly to HCDA in case of individuals whose information is not listed on the website. Murray stated the next Board meeting is September 2nd, 2020.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

2020 Census—Sharlette Poe, Chair Waianae Neighborhood Board No. 24: no report was given.

P3 Memorial Update—Carl Vincenti:

- a. Location of P3/Issues with Memorial Site: explained that the refurbished P3 aircraft and its components are secured at Kaneohe Marine Corps Base. Vincenti continued that he received final authorization from the director of the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) to start the construction phase. Vincenti stated that he has heard back from most of the service military organizations regarding where the aircraft could go, and is waiting on the Neighborhood Board for a response as to where the aircraft could be. Vincenti spoke to the auxiliary guard, airport director, communicated with the navy and various commanders and they have problems with parking and accessibility to the new site for the memorial, as well as security issues and vagrants in front of the proposed site.
- b. Construction: Vincenti stated the people are ready to build the memorial and include the signage within the memorial, and was waiting to see if there were any questions from the Board.
- c. Approval from the Neighborhood Board: Vincenti refuses to proceed with plans as a facilitator to put up the memorial without approval and input from the Makakilo Neighborhood Board.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Ferreira mentioned a memorial for the Hawaii National Guard but never went anywhere due to the confidence he had for the memorial to be where it was supposed to. Ferreira mentioned that it may be a situation where the memorial may be taken out of the hands of the State, suggested he talk with Vincenti offline to discuss this issue further, noted that based on Vincenti's recent report, he is running into resistance with this project.

Environmental Services, Refuse Division—Lori Kahikina, Director of Environmental Services: no show, no report was given.

Makai Apartments Parking Lot Improvements Project—Michael Iosua, Imanaka Asato LLC:

- a. Kalaeloa Rental Homes: Iosua gave a brief background of the complex on Kalaeloa that is on a 44.5 acre parcel made up of 284 homes that include two (2), three (3), and four (4) bedroom homes. Constructed in 1973.
- b. Application with HCDA: Iosua explained the purpose of having an application from HCDA, which is to improve the parking stalls situation with 215 additional stalls, to restripe and repave the parking area. Iosua also stated that the current parking stall count is 413; 215 stalls are unofficially used as tandem parking. This project, Iosua stated, will increase the total stall from 413 to 795, which includes changing the configuration of 464 stalls to tandem parking and increasing the number of single stalls to 331 (a net increase of 167 stalls).
- c. Parking Issues: Iosua explained a survey regarding tenants saying they were concerned about individuals who were not residents of Kalaeloa Rental Homes parking in their stalls, there was no security patrolling the area so safety issues rose. Iosua mentioned there would be a new system in place where each resident would be assigned two parking stalls assigned per unit with the option for additional stalls based on a first come-first served basis. Guests and tenants would be required to register for a parking sticker prior to parking at the facilities.
- d. Parking Upgrades: Iosua stated the purpose of this project is to provide fair distribution of parking stalls among residents and guests, courtesy patrol and proper maintenance of parking facilities. Its purpose is also providing installation of additional non-structural parking stalls to existing parking and minor modifications of the concrete sidewalks and surrounding landscapes.
- e. Construction: explained the crux of the project, expanding the parking lot on the grounds and making sure residents have parking for their guests. Iosua also explained the process of restriping and repaving, adding that it should not take down any utility lines nor any other infrastructure.

Farrington Highway Improvements Project—Jeff Overton (Principal with G70):

- a. Project Location and Surrounding Uses: Overton explained the location of the improvement, which will be on Farrington Highway between Fort Weaver Road and Kapolei Golf Course Road. Overton explained that the major land uses include the Agricultural Lands, Grace Pacific Quarry, UH West O'ahu, the Ho'opili Community (which contains more than 600 families), and the HART Elevated Rail.
- b. Purpose: Overton explained that the purpose is for three (3) reasons:
  1. To enhance sub-regional roadway connectivity and mobility,
  2. To increase capacity for future transportation demands from adjoining developments, and
  3. To accommodate multimodal transportation options
- c. Alignment Route: Overton explained that it will cover the three (3) mile section of Farrington Highway in the 'Ewa region; widening (of four (4) lanes) and highway improvements will follow the existing alignment of said highway.
- d. Proposed Roadway Section: Overton explained that it will be a four-lane divided highway (separated by eastbound and westbound roadbeds); will be a typical 140-foot wide right-of-way (allows for the potential for additional widening of lanes needed in this cross section, median would be made out of grass on either side), new sidewalks, bike lanes, a 44-foot wide landscaped median strip, LID drainage infrastructure, new bridges, culverts and major utility relocations.
- e. Environmental Assessment and Site Studies: Overton explained there was a Draft Environmental Assessment that was published by the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) on June 23, 2020. Overton stated the environmental study/impact included the Natural Resources Survey, Air Quality Study, an Acoustic Study, a Traffic Impact Analysis Report, an Archaeological Literature Review and Field Inspection, a Cultural Impact Assessment, and Land Acquisitions.
- f. Anticipated Schedule: Overton explained that the completion of the final Environmental Assessment/Finding Of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) will be in September of 2020, the completion of Design and Permitting will conclude in December of 2020, and that construction could start in May of 2021.
- g. Email to Contact: Overton gave email for individuals who want to inquire about the project, [farhwy@g70.design](mailto:farhwy@g70.design).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- A. Complete Streets/Agricultural Continuation: Helsham asked how this project ties into the Complete Streets Project regarding development of the roadway that it is supposed to be maintaining, with his main concern being the protection of agricultural land during this project. Overton answered that the project is in the transitional mode. Overton also explained that the City and State have approved most lands, although it has been used for agricultural lands during the plantation days, it is slowly being phased out as increments of the Ho'opili Community are joining online regarding this project, elements of agriculture are sustained during this process, explained that there will be a processing facility put in place. Overton concluded that agriculture will continue on these lands.
- B. Bike Lanes: Strensrud noted that bike lanes are sparingly used and inquired about how the bike lanes will be safer to use. Overton responded that bicyclists would have six (6) feet of coastal lane on both sides of the road for travel instead of riding on the road. Overton added that it would not be considered a separate area, but it would be appropriate for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- C. Timing of Project: Strensrud inquired and Overton responded why now when the area was closed for construction, believed in perfect timing and moved fairly quickly with wrapping up with the Environmental Assessment and the design process; explained that the plan for this project will be moving ahead next year.
- D. Support Expressed for Project: Vice Chair Spreg expressed his support for this project, commented to Overton that this project is well-needed for this community, as he has observed it is incredibly dangerous to walk on that stretch of road on Farrington Highway as a pedestrian; commended Overton for handling this project.
- E. Ahead of Makakilo Extension Project: Dudley inquired of Overton if this project is being put ahead of the Makakilo Drive Extension Project. Overton responded that he could not speak to that but from his understanding, there is a real opportunity to make improvements regarding this project, redirecting that question to the City or the State.

Resolution for Community Gardens Expansion to Leeward Coast—Hannah Azouz: explained that she has a background in Environmental Sociology from the University of Hawaii, is currently in the Waiialua Gulf Food Program to fulfill the food gap on O'ahu. Azouz explained that during Covid-19, there have been a lot of food gaps within the



food bank; noted that there are community gardens that have long wait-lists through the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR); DPR is proud to serve over 2000 community gardens but represents a small percentage (0.0014% of the population on this island), sent resolution to Neighborhood Boards on the Leeward Coast; mentioned that Councilwoman Kym Pine helped put together Bill 59 (in support of community gardens island-wide), and read draft of the resolution to the Board. Azouz implored the Makakilo Board to implement gardens, requests that of the Mayor to implement and identify the need for DPR to extend gardens within the Leeward Coast. Azouz gave contact information for individuals with questions regarding the resolution: [hanouz@hawaii.edu](mailto:hanouz@hawaii.edu).

**The MOTION to support BILL 59 was made by Strensrud and SECONDED by Ferreira, discussion ensued: Strensrud made a MOTION to amend resolution to support the resolution by Azouz and SECONDED by Ferreira, discussion followed:**

1. **Clarification of Motion:** Chair Legal explained that Azouz believes resolution is complete but is allowing the Board to make changes to the resolution. Helsham asked if there is support for the amended motion, will another vote be put in place, Chair Legal responded “no”, the vote is supporting Bill 59. Dudley expressed his support of the resolution, how would it be handled moving forward? Helsham asked and Azouz answered if there needs to be added corrections to the resolution, because of the similarity to Bill 59, voiced that he does not support the resolution at this time. Chair Legal clarified that according to Azouz, the resolution is finished but is giving the Makakilo Board the option to amend it when necessary.

**The MOTION to support Bill 59 was APPROVED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE, (7-1-0), (Aye: Legal, Strensrud, Cullen, Dudley, Frank, Spreg, Ferreira; Nay: Helsham; Abstain: None)**

**MOTION to support the amended resolution was APPROVED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE (7-1-1), (Aye: Strensrud, Legal, Cullen, Dudley, Frank, Spreg, Ferreira; Nay: Helsham; Abstain: Frank)**

Develop Utility-Scale Solar + Battery Storage on University of Hawaii West Oahu's Mauka Land—Shane H Peters (On Behalf of AES Distributed Energy): Peters introduced Kirsten Punu who gave a presentation about the West O'ahu Solar and Storage Project.

- a. **Location of solar and battery storage:** this project will be partnered with University of Hawaii-West O'ahu on State land owned by the University of Hawaii, it will provide revenue stream to support the University's higher education goals, will support the University's goals of a comprehensive sustainability program and curricula; project will utilize around 60-70 acres of land. It will be built adjacent to Makakilo.
- b. **Project Specifications:** it will include 12.5 megawatts photovoltaic solar power, and a 50 megawatts containerized lithium-ion battery system. Both will feed into the Hawaiian Electric utility electrical grid; will have compatible agricultural activities (i.e. livestock and honey production); will include decommissioning and return of project area to its existing condition at the end of 25-year lifespan.
- c. **Economic and Environmental Benefits:** It will create around 118 jobs, with an economic output of \$20 million, contribute to approximately 0.5% of O'ahu's energy needs, will provide clean reliable source of power for about 4,600 homes while avoiding nearly 550,000 barrels of oil and will tack on a low-cost renewable energy at \$0.106 per kilowatt.
- d. **Construction/Operation/Decommission:** Construction will begin in 2021 only after necessary County, State and Federal approvals and permits are obtained. The guaranteed commercial operation year will be in 2022. At the end of the project's operational life, the project area will be decommissioned by 2047 and plans to return to existing or comparable condition.
- e. **Contact Information:** Punu offered up two (2) email addresses for individuals to either contact the company ([aeswestoahusolar@aes.com](mailto:aeswestoahusolar@aes.com)) and/or to check out updates for the project site at [www.aeswestoahusolar.com](http://www.aeswestoahusolar.com).

Questions, comments and concerns ensued:

- a. **Decommissioning Project:** Frank asked Punu what happens after the term of 25 years are finished, Punu explained that with the land owner there was a power purchase agreement that was approved with a term of 25 years, after the term is finished the project will then revert back to its original state. Dudley asked why the project would be decommissioned, Punu explained that there is a power purchase agreement with the utility that was approved by the Public Utilities Commission. Punu noted according to the current statutes it states that at the end of that term, the State requirement is to decommission the project by removing the project components. Peters explained that there is an option to extend the project after 25 years but stated that such technology has a lifespan. Peters

- continued that the hope is there will be more efficient renewable energy 25 years into the future, but the standard practice is to decommission the project once completed.
- b. Land Designation/Agricultural Importance: Dudley asked about the land designation for the property, Peters responded it is within the State Land District BDE. Dudley looked at the map and stated that it all looked the same to him, Peters replied that he could email Dudley a detailed map of the area so Dudley could see specifically where the project will take place. Dudley stated he was upset that this project is taking place because, was a line drawn on the freeway and that the significance of the area above the line meant that it was meant to be agricultural. Dudley wanted to emphasize the importance of the area for agriculture because it has the best soil in the state, claiming the land could be used for an entirely different purpose with its focus on agriculture. Dudley did not understand why this project was not meant for agricultural purposes; Peters acknowledged Dudley's comment and replied that with the compatible agricultural land use, the project is returning its agricultural use in the area that is not being currently utilized for agricultural activities. Dudley continued that it is "insane" to put livestock on a quality land, stressing the importance of agriculture.
  - c. Special Permit Process: Chair Legal clarified with Peters about the application status of the project; Peters responded that the project is embarking on the State Special Use Permit Process, which means having a few upcoming public hearings where residents will be encouraged to participate, the Planning Commission will be the first public hearing that is set to resume. Peters continued to explain that it will be proceeding to the City Land Use Commission, throughout that process, it will also be up for Departmental Planning and Permitting (DPP) reviews of those requirements. Peters stated he will update the Makakilo Board regarding the process behind this project so that the Board is able to participate accordingly.
  - d. Funding: Ferreira asked Peters if there was adequate funding provided for the project, Peters responded that the cost savings are taxed down in the form of rates that AES will supply energy to Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) for. The fossil renewable generated power is about \$0.80 cents per hour. Ferreira expressed concern for the project, believes renewable energy benefits HECO because the company can buy their energy cheaper; noted that as consumers, people do not see any savings in their bill and it continues to increase. Ferreira suggested a building for homeowners to have systems on their roofs and storage systems in their homes rather than having several central areas and consumers changing their pay at the market price. Ferreira believes the public does not benefit from projects like these.
  - e. Research: Cullen asked Peters wanted to know if there was any research done on this project, that the project is very similar to solar farms, has there been a concerted effort with the community to work on this project. Peters responded that their company has met with the Legislators to set the goal of 100% of funding to be generated from renewable sources; is meant to assist Hawaii off of fossil fuels. Cullen continued, saying it is about location that is the issue, noted it is the worst friction point, Peters responded that there have been a number of projects that have been 16 projects selected in this latest renewable project. Peters continued that it is impactful to all the communities across the island that have to share these resources, directed any future questions and concerns to HECO.
  - f. Regarding Space on University of Hawaii: Strensrud wanted to know why this university is not utilizing the space on its own buildings. Peters responded that he cannot speak to UH's plans but knows that they have been looking at integrated leases as well as additional solar options on their campuses.

An Introduction to the Barbers Point Solar Project—Jody Allione: introduced Juia Mancinelli who talked about the solar project on Barbers Point; affiliated with the Innergex Renewable Energy Company.

- a. Timeline: In August of 2019, the request for proposals were issued, November of 2019 the request for proposal bids were submitted. The final award group selection and contract negotiations began in May of 2020, and were successful in obtaining it in September 2020. There is a timeframe of 25 years in the Power Purchase Agreement. In the third quarter of 2020, Innergex will execute the power purchase agreement. Construction estimation start date will happen in the fourth quarter of 2022 with a commercial operation date in the fourth quarter of 2023.
- b. Required Government Permits and Approvals: Mancinelli explained that there are a collection of 11 permits and approvals necessary to continue the project, among them an Easement for Use of Coral Sea Road Right-Of Way, Federal Aviation Administration Determination of No Hazard, a Construction Noise Permit, as well as grading, grubbing, building and electrical permits from Honolulu County.
- c. Equipment: the company will be using battery storage (made from lithium-ion, it improves grid



- resiliency with major benefits like load shifting to deliver power when most-needed), solar single-axis trackers (increasing energy outputs by 10-20% compared to fixed tilt foundations and have proven reliability under severe weather conditions) and solar panels (that are high efficiency, with over 400 watts providing the optimal energy production while minimizing the footprint of the solar project).
- d. Community Benefits: Scott Abrigo, president of the Kapolei Community Development Corporation (KCDC), states that this corporation has its support of the solar project at Kalaeloa due to aligning with Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' (DHHL) guiding documents and because its project provides DHHL, its beneficiaries, KCDC and the Kapolei Homesteads with the resources for a sustainable future. There will be memberships and activity in community organizations, a support training program at the Center for Native Hawaiian Advancement in partnership with the Makaha Learning Center, dedicated funding to Kapolei Community Heritage community during operations; Sponsorships and donations for local events, festivals, conferences, fundraisers, and opportunities for local workforce and businesses.
  - e. Contact Info: Mancinelli gave an email address to submit questions, comments, concerns and/or support at [barberspointsolar@innnergex.com](mailto:barberspointsolar@innnergex.com); also noted that she will update the Board with the project as it progresses.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Vice Chair Spreg reported the total printing and postage cost for the month of July 2020 was \$0.52 and \$23.50. The total monthly expenditures for July 2020 was \$24.02 with the remaining balance of \$491.98.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next Makakilo Neighborhood Board No. 34 Regular Meeting is scheduled on Thursday, September 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., location to be determined.

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ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

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Final approval by: