



MAKAKILO/KAPOLEI/HONOKAI HALE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 34

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020 KAPOLEI HALE – CONFERENCE ROOM A

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

Board Members Present: Jack Legal, Scot Stensrud, Thad Sprog, Mick Ferreira, Robert Helsham, and Troy Cullen (arrived at 7:07 p.m.).

Board Members Absent: Kioni Dudley, Mike Frank, and Moon Kahele.

Guests: Rock Riggs (Senator Mike Gabbard's office), Patrice Tanna (Senator Maile Shimabukuro's office); Councilmember Kymberly Pine and Louis Galdera (Councilmember Kymberly Pine's office), Johnny Reid (Hawaii Authority for Rapid Transit); Frank Genadio and J. Schaedel (Community members), Chris Naylor (Neighborhood Commission Office). **Note: Name was not included if not legible or on the guest attendance sheet.**

ROLE CALL: The neighborhood assistant carried out a roll call. Quorum was established with five (5) members present.

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 Kirk Caldwell's Representative: No representative was present; Naylor gave the following report:

- **2021 Neighborhood Board Elections:** Beginning, Tuesday, December 1, 2020 through Friday, February 19, 2021, residents across O'ahu may register to become a candidate in the 2021 Neighborhood Board Election. Any O'ahu resident who is 18 years of age can become a candidate. The Neighborhood Board Election will be held online from Monday, April 26, 2021 through Friday, May 21, 2021. For more information call 768-3710 or visit www.honolulu.gov/NCO.

Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine – Louis Galdera was present; no report was given.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – No representative was present; Chair Legal read the following report:

- **Update:** While the Board of Water Supply's Halawa Xeriscape Garden remains temporarily closed in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are excited to share our wreath-making video with you this year. Join us and learn how to craft an eye-catching and colorful holiday wreath using plants that conserve water in outdoor garden areas. This popular workshop has been offered at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden for almost 30 years during the holidays. Although we are unable to meet in person, we hope you can enjoy this holiday tradition. Click the link to view our Xeric-Holiday Wreath Workshop and other Xeriscape Workshops: www.boardofwatersupply.com/workshops.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART): Johnny Reid was present; reported the following:

- **Construction Progress:** The full 20-mile, 21 station rail system is 59.3% complete, West Oahu Stations Group (Kualaka'i, Keone'ae, Honouliuli) is 98% complete, Farrington Highway Stations Group (Ho'ae'ae, Pouhala, Halaulani) is 99% complete, Kamehameha Highway Stations Group (Waiawa, Kaluaao, Halawa) is 96% complete, Kamehameha Highway resurfacing is 99% complete, Airport Guideway and Stations Group (Makalapa, Lelepaua, Ahua, Kahauiki) is 78% complete, and the City Center Utilities Relocation is 7% complete.

- Train Testing Service: The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) will be conducting dynamic testing of its trains on the elevated guideway 24 hours a day, from Monday to Friday. Testing will be conducted in three shifts from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (shift 1), 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (shift 2), and 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. (shift 3). In addition, the trains running during the second and third shifts will be scheduled on Saturday and Sunday as required for system integration testing of the trains and training of operations and maintenance staff. The specific area of system testing includes Kualaka'i (East Kapolei) to Halawa (Aloha Stadium) Stations. Testing may occur in sections of the alignment.

Cullen joined at 7:07 p.m.; six (6) members present.

Questions and comments followed: Maintenance Costs: Genadio asked about the estimated \$160 million dollar maintenance and operational fees for the rail system. Reid will report back. A representative noted that the estimated \$160 million dollars would be the fees related to maintaining the entire line and stated that the fees related to interim services would be lower. Chair Legal asked and the representative noted that a limited portion of the funds would come from ride sales and stated that remaining fees would come from subsidies.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO): Frank Genadio gave the following report:

- OMPO Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Update: Genadio reported that OMPO would not be meeting until January 2021.
- Stakeholders: Genadio noted that Senator Morawaki will be the Chair of the OMPO Policy Board. Genadio reported that Councilmember Pine was the only Leeward stakeholder that was on the OMPO Board. Genadio was unsure if Councilmember-elect will be placed within the Transportation Committee or Policy Board.
- Telework Survey: Genadio noted that OMPO employees will be surveyed to determine the long-term viability of telework for State employees. The employees will also be testing the options for a congestion pricing program.
- 2045 O'ahu Regional Transportation Plan: OMPO has added 17 project plans to the 2045 O'ahu Regional Transportation Plan. Genadio noted there are no discussions about the Makakilo Drive Extension Project.

Questions and comments followed: Project Updates: Chair Legal asked and Genadio noted that the Makakilo Drive Extension Project has not been recently discussed. Chair Legal asked about the Farrington Highway Widening Project and Genadio noted that the project would occur in the Nanakuli and Waianae region. Chair Legal asked and Genadio noted that the project would install a fifth lane.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Helsham MOVED and Ferreira SECONDED the MOTION to APPROVE the October 2020 meeting minutes. The October 2020 meeting minutes were approved as written by unanimous consent, 6-0-0. (Aye: Cullen, Legal, Spreg, Stensrud, Kahele, and Ferreira; Nay: None; Abstain: None.)

COMMUNITY/BOARD CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) Violation: Chair Legal noted a resident concern about a construction project near Palailai Street. The DPP did a site visit on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 and issued a violation in November 2020 for illegal grubbing and grading.

Hearing no objections, Chair Legal returned to Agenda Item: Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine.

Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine: Councilmember Pine was present; the following report was given:

- Illegal Fireworks: Councilmember Pine noted that a distributor of illegal fireworks was caught by HPD but noted the need for additional inspectors to deter illegal shipments.
- Infrastructure Improvement Projects: Councilmember Pine noted her efforts to fix the Kapolei Hale A/C system but asked that Councilmember Tupola is contacted with future concerns. Councilmember Pine noted her efforts to improve the infrastructure at Kapolei Regional Park and the Makakilo Fire Station. Councilmember Pine thanked the community in assisting her while garnering Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding.
- Food Sustainability: Councilmember Pine noted her legislative packet to improve food sustainability within Oahu and stated her concerns about the Leeward region not having any community gardens. Councilmember Pine noted her desires to expand this project through Bill 59.
- Affordable Housing: Councilmember Pine noted her attempts to expand affordable housing through Transient Oriented Development (TOD) and farming housing subsidies. Councilmember Pine noted that the housing subsidies would assist in expanding the community's desire for additional agriculture sector jobs.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Appreciation: Chair Legal noted appreciation for the installation of the retaining wall at Makakilo Community Park and Councilmember Pine noted that the wall was installed to deter runoff. Chair Legal thanked Councilmember Pine for her efforts to maintain regional green spaces. Helsham thanked Councilmember Pine for all of her efforts within the community. Schaedel thanked Councilmember Pine for her efforts and noted his concerns with the lack of safety reports from HPD.

STATE REPORTS

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present; no report was given.

Senator Mike Gabbard: Rock Riggs was present; the following report was given:

- Legislative Session: Riggs noted that the 2021 Legislative Session will begin on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Riggs noted that Senator Gabbard would be the Chair of the Agriculture Committee and a member of the Environment Committee; Government Operations Committee. Riggs stated that testimony will be taken via Zoom for the upcoming session.
- Humane Society: Riggs reported that the D.R. Horton has donated five (5) acres to the Hawai'i Humane Society for a new facility and dog park. The land is located on Fort Weaver Road and will be a \$9 million dollar project. Riggs noted that groundbreaking for the project will be March 2021 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2022.
- Hawai'i Housing Finance & Development Corporation (HHFDC) Letter: Riggs reported that the HHFDC has engaged in meetings to improve the infrastructure with the City and County of Honolulu. The contractors have been mobilized to begin construction. HHFDC noted that they would need to hire engineers to better design the requested modifications which would lead to delays to the project. The requested changes would equal more than a million dollars that have not been planned for within the project's budget. HHFDC noted that they would not be completing the requested modifications at this point of the project.

Questions and comments followed: HHFDC Concern: Stensrud asked why these HHFDC concerns were not considered during the planning phase. Stensrud noted that these concerns could have been easily rectified during the planning phase and stated that these should not have been an additional cost. Stensrud asked why there are protective laws in place if contractors do not need to follow these mandates. Chair Legal noted the need to follow Complete Streets regulations when planning these projects.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro – Patrice Tanna was present; the following report was given:

- Ho'oulu Waiwai: Tanna noted that the Ho'oulu Waiwai program would be accepting applications for a nine (9) week cohort. Tanna noted that part one (1) of the project would be business finance while part two (2) would be a business development program.
- Farrington Highway Fifth Lane Extension: Tanna noted that the project would be an extension of the existing fifth lane. Tanna noted that the project would occur between Helelua Street and Hakimo Road.
- Happy Holidays: Tanna wished the community a Happy Holidays.

State Representative Sharon Har – Kim Scott was present; the following report was given:

- Introduction: Scott introduced herself as the new Office Manager for Representative Har's office and noted her family's history within the Makakilo community.
- Community Garden: Scott noted that Representative Har joined the Better Tomorrow team and Keahumoa Place to open their community garden November 2020. The garden consists of 18 garden beds that would allow for the community to grow a variety of plants and vegetables.
- Food Drive: Scott noted that Representative Har attended the Makakilo Elementary School's Thanksgiving Food Drive that provided fresh food and canned goods to over 60 families. Representative Har extended her gratitude to Sugarland Farms and Makakilo Baptist Church for their donations of fresh produce and canned goods.
- Flu Shots: Scott noted that the Department of Health (DOH) is asking that elderly residents still get flu vaccination. Scott noted that the flu shot will not prevent COVID-19 but stated that it is still pivotal for elderly residents to be wary of the dangers of seasonal flu symptoms.
- Legislative Session: Scott noted that there will be no opening ceremonies for the 37th Legislative Session and stated that the State Capitol will be closed to the public to deter the spread of COVID-19. Scott noted that Representative Har will be a member of the Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee, Health Committee, Human Services & Homelessness Committee, and the Tourism & International Affairs Committee.

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

State Representative Stacelynn Eli – No representative was present; no report was given.

BOARD BUSINESS

Palailai Community Solar: Barbara Natale, Kawika McKeague, and Ryan McCauley were present; the following report was given:

- Project Details: McKeague noted that the project would be a 4.5 megawatt solar installation and is currently undergoing assessment by Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO). The project would be located at the base of Makakilo Drive near the H-1 West on-ramp. The project would support Act 100 and the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative goal of 100% renewable energy by 2045. The project would connect to existing 12 kilovolt power lines. The area is currently used for grazing horses. The State Urban zoned land would use 13 of the possible 40 acres on-site install the Community Based Renewable Energy (CBRE) project. CBRE projects are a way to allow residents to access the use of solar energy where solar panels are not available or feasible. Residents would use credits from HECO to offset the costs for using the project and would allow residents to "pay as they go." The project site has already completed an archaeological study that found 10 possible sites on property and the archaeological site is currently going through the needed evaluation process. There will be attempts to restore the regional dry land forest.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Project Location: Chair Legal asked and McKeague noted that their site would be located across from St. Jude's Hospital. Chair Legal asked and McCauley noted that it is owned by the Campbell estate.
2. Solar Panels: Chair Legal asked and McKeague noted their attempts to keep solar panel heights low and out of sight of the community. Chair Legal asked and McKeague noted that the site may have up to 12,000 panels.
3. Project Participation: Chair Legal asked and McKeague noted that anyone on Oahu can participate in the project but stated that there will be a preference for Ewa, Kapolei, and Makakilo residents.

New Site for Copart Auto Facility: Vincent Shigekuni and Naomi Kuwaye were present; the following report was given:

- Project Details: Kuwaye noted that the new site would be an I-2 zoned, 10-acre site located along Hanua Street. Kuwaye noted that the Special Management Area (SMA) site would require a SMA minor permit, a Solid Waste Management Facility Permit from the Department of Health (DOH), will not have any development within 40 feet of the shoreline setback, and that permits would be required for the installation of fencing to deter vandalism. Kuwaye noted that this site would be in addition to their current site within Campbell Industrial Park.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Environmental Concerns: Stensrud asked how runoff will be kept out of the ocean. Kuwaye noted that Copart does checks for leaks and repairs them before storage. Kuwaye noted that vehicles are stored with oil catchment systems and stated that employees are trained in oil spill cleanup regulations.
2. Vehicle Storage: Helsham asked how long vehicles are stored and Kuwaye noted that vehicles are usually auctioned off within three (3) to six (6) months. Apolonia noted that some of Copart's vehicles are repos, donations, or totaled vehicles. Apolonia noted that some of the vehicles are sold to local dealers or overseas. Helsham asked for an estimate of the vehicles stored and Apolonia they have an estimated 400 vehicles on site. Chair Legal asked and Apolonia noted that the facility would be an additional overflow lot.

TREASURER'S REPORT – There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Scheduled Meeting – The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2020, 7:00 p.m. via Webex.

ADOJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Christopher Naylor, Community Relations Specialist

Reviewed by: Lindon Valenciano, Neighborhood Assistant