

SUMMARY - PUBLIC HEARING

HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

State of Hawaii

November 7, 2007 – 9:00 a.m.

Hawaii Community Development Authority
677 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 1000, Conference Room
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: C. Scott Bradley; Amanda Chang; Grady Chun; Joseph Dwight, IV; Barry Fukunaga (DOT); Paul Kimura; Christopher Kobayashi; Jonathan Lai; Theodore Liu (DBEDT); Kay Mukaigawa; Robert Piper (for Georgina Kawamura, B&F) and Russ Saito (DAGS).

Members Absent: Dexter Okada (recused himself).

Others Present: Kalaeloa Members: Stanton Enomoto; Micah Kane (DHHL); Kathy Sokugawa (for Henry Eng, DPP); Evelyn Souza; and Maeda Timson. Teney Takahashi; Melvin Nishimoto (Deputy Attorney General); Pearlyn Fukuba; Neal Imada; Annette Kawasaki; Richard Kuitunen; Cal Machida; Tesha Malama; Steve Miyamoto; and Jill Sugihara (also, see Meeting Attendance Record).

Vice Chairperson Kimura called the public hearing to order at 9:05 a.m.

Vice Chairperson Kimura explained that the public hearing was being held pursuant to Chapters 91 and 206E, of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and HCDA authorized the convening of the public hearing to receive testimony and public comment on the subject matter. Notice of the public hearing was published on September 24 and October 8, 2007, in newspapers Statewide. In addition, the owners and lessees of the property, the owners and/or lessees of the adjacent properties, state and county agencies and various interested community groups were notified of this hearing by mail and e-mail. The notice was also posted on the HCDA website and pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes 206E-5.5b, notice was provided to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House.

Member Okada recused himself from the Public Hearing as the improvement district project dealt directly with his property.

Vice Chairperson Kimura requested that the minutes reflected that Members Bradley and Timson were in attendance.

Repeal of Subchapter 10 from Chapter 20 of Title 15, Hawaii Administrative Rules, for the Kakaako Improvement District 11 (ID-11)

Steve Miyamoto summarized the Information Item report distributed to the Authority concerning this matter. Subchapter 10 established the assessment area for Improvement District 11 (ID-11) and the final property assessments. The ID-11 project would have placed new infrastructure (water, sewer and drainage systems and sidewalks) on Queen Street between Kamakee Street and Ward Avenue. The repeal is being proposed as a follow-up to the cancellation of the ID-11 construction by the Authority on February 7, 2007. The project was cancelled because additional funds were not available to cover the increase in construction costs associated with necessary design changes.

Vice Chairperson Kimura asked whether there were any questions. There were none.

Vice Chairperson Kimura requested that the minutes reflected that Members Kobayashi and Chun were in attendance.

Vice Chairperson Kimura asked whether there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on the matter.

The following individuals presented oral testimonies.

1. Taryn Wong, Optimum*
2. Jack Hamada, concerned citizen, asked whether the infrastructure in this portion of Queen Street between Kamakee Street and Ward Avenue supported developments in the area such as Hokua, Kooloani and the Ward project.

Mr. Miyamoto responded that the existing infrastructure in this portion of Queen Street between Kamakee Street and Ward Avenue does not support any of the developments mentioned.

*Provided an e-mail statement that is part of the official meeting record.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the public hearing was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.