

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the Members of the
Hawaii Community Development Authority,
State of Hawaii

MEETING NO. 345
Wednesday, September 2, 2009

Members Present: Barbara Annis
C. Scott Bradley
Steve Bretschneider
Grady Chun
Joseph Dwight, IV
Michael Formby
Paul Kimura
Kay Mukaigawa
Dexter Okada
Sandra Yahiro

Members Absent: Amanda Chang
Christopher Kobayashi
Jonathan Lai

Others Present: Anthony Ching, Executive Director
Eugene Won, Deputy Attorney General
Deepak Neupane, Director of Planning and Development for Kakaako
Patricia Yoshino, Secretary
Loretta Ho, Secretary
Holly Hackett, Court Reporter

I. ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (“Authority”), a body corporate and public instrumentality of the State of Hawaii, was called to order by Mr. Paul Kimura, Vice-Chairperson of the Authority, at 12:33 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, at the Authority’s principal executive offices at 677 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 1001, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Authority’s Bylaws.

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Report of the Executive Director;
2. Action: Shall the Authority Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Lease Agreement with Kako`o `Oiwi for the Restoration and Agricultural Development of the He`eia Meadowlands;
3. Action: Shall the Authority Approve the Erection of a Memorial at Kewalo Basin Park in Honor of Mother Marianne Cope;

4. Written public testimony regarding the Memorial for Mother Marianne Cope (distributed at the meeting) ;
5. Action: Shall the Authority Authorize the Executive Director to Expend Hawaii Community Development Revolving Funds to Create Subdivisions of the Hawaii Community Development Authority Land Parcels in Various Improvement District Projects and Other Projects for Dedication to the City and County of Honolulu.

II. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Anthony Ching summarized his report via a PowerPoint presentation (see Exhibit A).

There were no questions from Members on the report.

III. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Shall the Authority Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Lease Agreement with Kako`o `Oiwī for the Restoration and Agricultural Development of the He`eia Meadowlands?

Mr. Ching summarized the written report included in the packet distributed to Members.

Vice-Chairperson Kimura asked whether Members had any questions for Mr. Ching.

Member Yahiro asked whether the Neighborhood Board had been included in discussions.

Mr. Ching replied that presentations had been made to the Neighborhood Boards and that the project would facilitate continuing dialogue in that area. For instance, there are problems with illegal access and activities within the particular area. In entering into the stewardship arrangement with the community nonprofit and active participation with adjacent landowners, such as Kamehameha, it was hoped that more appropriate arrangements and controls and protections to ensure against the illegal activities would become established.

Member Yahiro asked how the lease would be affected if the planned uses did not come to fruition.

Mr. Ching responded that the first lease term was 5 years to do all the necessary consultation with Corps of Engineers and then figure out how to best protect nearshore water quality as well as the ecosystem there. Kako`o `Oiwī has already established lo`i in the area with community sweat equity. The land was historically used for rice paddies and taro cultivation, should still be suitable and fertile for that kind of agricultural activities. With the engagement of the

kupuna associated with Kako`o `Oiwī (who are an irreplaceable resource), we can understand how it was done in their time, and will look to restore it appropriately in these times, with those activities that people historically expected from these lands.

Vice-Chairperson Kimura asked whether any members of the public wished to testify on the agenda item.

Ms. Mahealani Cipher, member of the Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club and Kako`o `Oiwī, stated it was an ideal win-win partnership between HCDA, the communities, and many agencies that have worried about this property for a long time. She felt it was the right direction to go and was definitely going to be a plus for the Authority. Her group would work hard to make the project a successful one.

Ms. Leialoha Kaluhiwa stated she was on the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board, and they unanimously supported the project. They also had the full support of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board and all of the schools in the Windward side. She stated she was president of the Koolau Foundation and a member of the Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club. She stated she was a descendant of a family who ran the taro and rice mills that have been idle or over half a century. Just a few years ago, she lost a 98 year old uncle who was the last one to drive the buggies over the Pali. There were still people alive, such as Auntie Alice, who as a young girl swung the bags of poi. She had written some things down, but Mr. Ching had suggested that they capture the oral history on film before it becomes lost. They wished to restore not only agriculture, but also aquaculture in the area.

Mr. Kanekoa Kukea Shultz, from the Nature Conservancy and the Kaneohe Bay Marine Coordinator, stated he was also part of Kako`o `Oiwī and the Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club. He stated that the resources of Kaneohe were the highest and most valued resource for the marine side. The project was actually one of the largest fresh water mitigation, flood mitigation, and climate change mitigation projects, which is why they were able to garner the support of the Senators, State legislators and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Vice-Chairperson Kimura entertained a motion for the Authority to authorize the Executive Director to execute a lease agreement with Kako`o `Oiwī for the restoration and agricultural development of the He`eia Meadowlands.

A motion was made by Member Yahiro and seconded by Member Dwight.

A roll call vote was conducted.

Ayes: Members Annis, Bradley, Bretschneider, Chun, Dwight, Formby, Kimura, Mukaigawa, Okada and Yahiro.

Nays: None.

The motion passed 10 to 0 with 3 excused (Members Chang, Kobayashi and Lai).

2. Shall the Authority Approve the Erection of a Memorial at Kewalo Basin Park in Honor of Mother Marianne Cope?

Mr. Ching summarized the written report included in the packet distributed to Members.

Member Yahiro asked for the dimensions of the statue.

Mr. Ching responded that it would be no higher than 6 feet.

Member Yahiro inquired whether the connection to the Catholic Church would be a problem.

Mr. Ching responded that the rules are silent on faith-based relationships. The nexus to the Kakaako area was more important, similar to the memorials for Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Ehime Maru.

Vice-Chairperson Kimura stated that written testimony had been received from Holly Huber, Mitch Kahle, Ronald Iwami and Nancy Hedlund.

Vice-Chairperson Kimura entertained a motion for the Authority to approve the erection of a memorial at Kewalo Basin Park in honor of Mother Marianne Cope.

A motion was made by Member Chun and seconded by Member Bradley.

A roll call vote was conducted.

Ayes: Members Annis, Bradley, Bretschneider, Chun, Dwight, Formby, Kimura, Mukaigawa, Okada and Yahiro.

Nays: None.

The motion passed 10 to 0 with 3 excused (Members Chang, Kobayashi and Lai).

3. Shall the Authority Authorize the Executive Director to Expend Hawaii Community Development Revolving Funds to Create Subdivisions of the Hawaii Community Development Authority Land Parcels in Various Improvement District Projects and Other Projects for Dedication to the City and County of Honolulu?

Mr. Ching summarized the written report included in the packet distributed to Members.

Member Mukaigawa asked whether bids from surveyors had been solicited.

Mr. Ching responded that services had not yet been secured and it was an estimate based on the number of parcels. Preparation of the subdivision maps was the primary cost item.

There were no comments from the public on this agenda item.

Vice-Chairperson Kimura entertained a motion for the Authority to authorize the Executive Director to expend Hawaii Community Development Revolving Funds to create subdivisions of the Hawaii Community Development Authority land parcels in various improvement district projects and other projects for dedication to the City and County of Honolulu.

A motion was made by Member Annis and seconded by Member Chun.

A roll call vote was conducted.

Ayes: Members Annis, Bradley, Bretschneider, Chun, Dwight, Formby, Kimura, Mukaigawa, Okada and Yahiro.

Nays: None.

The motion passed 10 to 0 with 3 excused (Members Chang, Kobayashi and Lai).

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Member Dwight and seconded by Member Annis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 10 to 0 with 3 excused (Members Chang, Kobayashi and Lai).

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

C. Scott Bradley
Secretary

Note: The transcript of this meeting contains a verbatim record and should be consulted if additional detail is desired.