

PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, October 17th 2019
EWA MAKAI MIDDLE SCHOOL - CAFETERIA
91-6291 KAPOLEI PKWY, EWA BEACH, HI 96706
7:00 P.M.

Parks Committee Members present: John Rogers (Chair), Penelope Parnes (co-chair), Jason Locke, Fidmetka Limani, Alexander Gaos.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Committee Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Robert Kroning – Department of Design and Construction

2.1 Mr. Kroning briefed that there are three projects currently in the pipeline at Oneula Beach Park: 1) Access road and parking lot – currently in production, work will transpire over the next few months. Work will be done in phases to allow for uninterrupted beach access. 2) Ballfield irrigation – request for bid will be issued in November, work is projected to begin summer of 2020. 3) Erosion prone area improvements- work will be done along the high water mark. Request for bid will be issued in 2021, work forecasted to start late 2021.

2.2 Other current projects in the Ewa area include: 1) Restoration of three historic dwellings on Renton Road, bidding begins February 2020, work scheduled to commence fall of 2020. 2) Renovation of the old fire station for use as the lifeguard training facility, request for bid will be issued in November. 3) Ewa Villages – golf course restroom is currently out for bid. 4) West Loch Golf Course – drainage projects. 5) Kapolei – expansion and upgrades to existing skate park.

2.3 COMMUNITY Q&A:

- Q1. How does the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) fit in?
- A1. The process first starts with ideas from the community, city, Neighborhood Board, Mayor etc. Identified projects are submitted for funding at the City Council CIP (March). Budget is approved in June. DDC executes the projects that are approved. Prioritization is somewhat dependent upon how much the City determines can be spent in one year. Project scopes are fairly well defined before being submitted for approval (DDC assists with scope and cost estimate). Minor changes can occur after funds are allocated; major changes cannot. A project can be cancelled; however, the funds allocated to the project are returned. DDC acknowledges that it is difficult to allow enough time for community involvement before selecting projects.
- Q2. Is the Oneula Master plan still in effect?
- A2. Yes. A Master Plan is a good idea as it gets community input and all environmental assessments can be done at one time to take in the cumulative effect of all projects. It's best if money is allocated immediately after plan construction. Problems arise when the plan remains unfunded for a long period of time. If you deviate significantly from a Master Plan, it's likely that additional environmental assessments will be required. Ultimately, a Master Plan is a tool.
- Q3. How big is the parking lot going to be?
- A3. 50-60 stalls.
- Q4. Is another restroom planned?
- A4. The concept of adding a comfort station has made it to the managing director, but no project is identified at this time.
- Q5. Will a backstop be added?
- A5. Ballfield project is ground level only.
- Q6. If the scope was misidentified and the irrigation cost is significantly less than the allocated amount, can the funds be re-purposed?
- A6. No because that is a major change.
- Q7. Can the community use CIP funds to accomplish a project?
- A7. This has not yet occurred.
- Q8. How flexible is the scope of the ballfield irrigation project? If not all funds are needed, can phase 2 irrigation be started?
- A8. Yes.
- Q9. Can we actively pursue phases 2 and 3 of the Master Plan now?
- A9. Yes.

3. UPDATES TO GOOGLE DRIVE

3.1 Chair Rogers explained the access and recent documents added.

3.2 Committee member Gaos distributed the contact list hosted on the drive and asked for input from the committee members and community.

4. ONEULA BEACH PARK SUB-COMMITTEE

4.1 Deferred to next meeting

5. PARKS COMMITTEE – Input from Community

5.1 Mission Statement - Deferred to next meeting

5.2 Strategic Goals - Deferred to next meeting

5.3 Base Plan - Deferred to next meeting

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Chair Rogers briefed Bills 52 and 54

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting of the Ewa Neighborhood Board Parks Committee is scheduled for November 21st, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Ewa Makai Middle School – Cafeteria, 91-6291 Kapolei Pkwy, Ewa Beach, HI 96706. As a reminder, this is NOT a Regular Board Meeting. This is a meeting of the Ewa Neighborhood Board Parks Committee. Minutes of this meeting will be submitted to the Neighborhood Commission Office within 30 days of this meeting.