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MINUTES

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2004

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
2ND FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Kapiolani Park Trust was called to order by Trust Chair Gabbard at 3:03 p.m. with Trustees Dela Cruz, Djou, Garcia and Marshall present. Trustees Kobayashi and Okino were not present at this juncture. Trustees Cachola and Tam were excused from this meeting.

STAFF PRESENT

Ron Boyer, Senior Advisor to Trust Chair Gabbard
Carole Ikeda, Analyst, Office of Council Services
Stan Kuniyuki, Attorney, Office of Council Services
Gary Takeuchi, Deputy, Department of the Corporation Counsel
Tess Morimoto, Committee Clerk, City Clerk's Office

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR DISCUSSION

STATUS REPORT ON THE KAPIOLANI PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE PROJECT
BY PROJECT CONSULTANT MIYABARA & ASSOCIATES AND THE DEPARTMENT
OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

Administration/Others Present

Clifford Lau, Chief of Facilities Design
Department of Design and Construction

Michael Miyabara, President
Miyabara & Associates

The following individuals provided general comments on the Kapiolani Park Master Plan Update:

Alethea Rebman, Kapiolani Park Preservation Society
Robert F. Gentry, President, Gold Coast Neighborhood Association
Michelle Matson, President, Kapiolani Park Advisory Council
Regina Luna

The following communication was circulated at the meeting and filed:

M-994 from Michelle Matson, Kapiolani Park Advisory Council, providing comments and recommendations relating to the Kapiolani Park Master Plan.

At this juncture, Trustees Kobayashi and Okino arrived at the meeting.

Last prepared in 1993, the Kapiolani Park Master Plan has been under review for updating by consultant Miyabara & Associates for approximately seven years. The scope of the update commissioned by the City encompasses the entire Kapiolani Park ("the Park"), with the exception of the Waikiki Shell and the Honolulu Zoo. Its focus is on improving cultural and recreational opportunities within the Park.

Major proposals include:

- Under-grounding of utility lines along Kalakaua Avenue, Paki Avenue, Monsarrat Avenue and part of the Honolulu Zoo.
- Natatorium area improvements, consisting primarily of adding walkways for added accessibility to the San Souci beach area and possibly extending the existing driveway to improve traffic circulation. It was noted that the Natatorium itself is not part of the

current review project, as there was already a plan to reconstruct the Natatorium when Miyabara & Associates first began its review in the late 1990s.

- Installation of a water feature at the Kalakaua and Monsarrat Avenue Park entry that would be reminiscent of the wetlands and marshlands historically located in the area.
- Construction of a new Honolulu Zoo entrance. Proposals included the addition of an elevated walkway, ponds and sculpture. As an alternate to the use of water features, a serpentine pathway with various points of interest along its route was suggested.
- Widening and improvement of the walkway located along the mauka portion of Kalakaua Avenue.
- Acquisition of remnant parcels to complete the Park property.
- Improvements to the Paki Avenue parking lot.
- Improvements to alleviate the haphazard parking situation along Paki Avenue and to protect the trees along the Avenue.
- Addition of parking sites, such as in the former tree nursery area.
- Accessibility improvements to the Park's Archery Range.

Many minor improvements are included as part of the plan for the Park, including the replacement of Park trees and furnishings, as well as the addition of bicycle and moped parking.

Mr. Miyabara estimated that the improvements, which would be financed through the City's capital improvements budget, could total approximately \$15-20 million. While still in the information gathering and planning stage, Miyabara & Associates hopes to complete the review by the end of 2004 for presentation to the Kapiolani Park Trustees for adoption.

Testifiers spoke in favor of sidewalk improvements, as well as the proposal to under-ground area utility lines. Opposition was expressed to the installation of additional water features within the Park, as it would be costly to maintain and would

take away precious green space within the Park. Concerns were also expressed about the carrying capacity of the Park and the availability, aesthetics and location of parking for Park visitors and area residents. It was suggested that the scope of the work should be redefined to include the entire Park so that the Trustees will have a more comprehensive plan to examine.

Both the Kapiolani Park Preservation Society and the Kapiolani Park Advisory Council provided in-depth recommendations, as detailed in Communications M-862 and M-994.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



DENISE C. DE COSTA
City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED

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