

CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND CUSTOMER SERVICES

Voting Members:

Joey Manahan, Chair
Ron Menor, Vice-Chair
Stanley Chang
Carol Fukunaga
Breene Harimoto

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014

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

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Parks and Customer Services was called to order by Committee Chair Joey Manahan at 11:20 a.m. Voting Members Chang, Fukunaga, Harimoto and Menor were present at the meeting. Nonvoting member, Councilmember Anderson, also attended the meeting.

STAFF PRESENT

Dennis Arakaki, Community Liaison for Committee Chair Manahan
Lisa-Ann Kimura, Attorney, Office of Council Services
Dean Minakami, Analyst, Office of Council Services
Dawn Spurlin, Deputy, Department of the Corporation Counsel, assigned to the Committee
Joanne Tachibana, Council Committee Aide, Office of the City Clerk

ORDER OF BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee on Parks and Customer Services meeting on January 14, 2014 were approved as circulated.

AYES: CHANG, FUKUNAGA, HARIMOTO, MENOR, MANAHAN – 5.
NOES: None.

FOR ACTION

1. RESOLUTION 14-75 – COMMITTEE REPORT 99

NOMINATION OF MICHELE K. NEKOTA AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. Relating to the nomination of Michele K. Nekota as Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu.

Administration/Others

Michele K. Nekota, nominee, Director Designate, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

Director Designate Nekota after providing her background and experiences, expressed willingness to service as the Director of DPR.

In response to Committee members' questions, Ms. Nekota stated that as the Director of DPR she would be:

- ◆ Interested in pursuing sports marketing feasibility studies for the Patsy T. Mink Regional Park and the Waipio Soccer Complex to attract national and international competitors to the locale.
- ◆ Seeking business partnerships in the community to assist in funding programs or projects needed by the City.
- ◆ Sharing the internal prototype bullying policy developed for the Salt Lake City Parks and Recreation Department.
- ◆ Reporting on the Waipio Soccer Complex repairs by July 4, 2014.
- ◆ Reporting on the usage of Synagro pellets in the City parks.
- ◆ Introducing the very popular "Pickle Ball" game to the local community as it includes all age groups.

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The following individuals testified in support:

1. Sandra Wright
2. Vince Goo
3. Blyth Kozuki
4. Randy Cadiente
5. Delcinda Saito

Committee Member Menor and Councilmember Anderson spoke in strong support of the nomination of Director Designate Nekota's nomination.

Committee Chair Manahan stated that he is looking forward to working with Director Designate Nekota in the Parks and Customer Services Committee.

Resolution 14-75 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CHANG, FUKUNAGA, HARIMOTO, MENOR, MANAHAN – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

MM-38 Mayor Kirk Caldwell, requesting Council's confirmation of Michele K. Nekota as the Director of the Department of Parks and Creation.

The following communications in support:

M-928 Agenhart K. Ellis, Jr.
M-929 Robert Berardy
M-930 Gary H. M. Loo, RD III
M-931 Mike Peterson, Director, Cottonwood Heights, Parks & Recreation
M-932 John A. "Jack" Hoag
M-933 Juvenna M. Chang, Ed. D
M-934 Sandra K. Wright
M-935 Agnes (Aggie) Kamana
M-936 Randy Cadiente
M-937 Jessie Hashimoto
M-938 Ted Y. Hashimoto
M-939 H. Thomas Kay, Jr., Attorney-at-Law
M-940 Donna Rego Ede
M-941 Sharin Y. Sakurai Burton, MD, Ph.D
M-942 Bradford S. Burton MD MBA

2. BILL 62 (2013)

RELATING TO HELMETS. The purpose of this ordinance is to address helmet requirements for minors when operating a skateboard, roller skates, including inline skates, a toy vehicle or a similar device upon the public sidewalks, alleys, malls parks, grounds, parking lots and other public places where such operation is permitted.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

PROPOSED CD1 TO BILL 62 (2013) – (OCS/032814/11:05/YL) – The CD1 makes the following amendments:

- A. Eliminates the penalty provision and provides that HPD shall issue a warning to non-compliant persons, and such persons shall cease their offending activity.
- B. Makes technical and non-substantive amendments.

Administration/Others

Major Calvin Tong, Honolulu Police Department (HPD)

Committee Chair Manahan explained that the CD1 removes penalties for minors.

Major Tong expressed HPD's concerns and noted that the Bill has "no teeth" to enforce the law with minors. Family court would have to set up procedures for handling criminal citations for juveniles because HPD cannot issue criminal citations to minors.

Committee Chair Manahan commented that the "Helmet Law" mirrors the State Bicycle law.

Committee Chair Manahan recommended that action on the Bill be deferred until he gets input from the proponents who requested the Bill.

Action on Bill 62 (2013) was deferred.

AYES: CHANG, FUKUNAGA, HARIMOTO, MENOR, MANAHAN – 5.
NOES: None.

DISCUSSION

3. UPDATE ON HOOMALUHIA BOTANICAL GARDEN

Administration/Others

Michele K. Nekota, Director Designate, Department of Parks & Recreation

Director Designate Nekota stated that the Department of Corporation Counsel review of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Pig Hunters Association of Oahu should be completed in a few weeks.

The following individuals provided testimony:

1. Ollie Lunasco, President, Pig Hunters Association of Oahu (Pig Hunters)
2. Mitchell Tynanes, Second Vice President, Pig Hunters

Mr. Lunasco and Mr. Tynanes provided background information on the Pig Hunters and responded to questions raised by Committee members:

- ◆ The City has unnecessarily expended over \$305,000 for feral pig eradication because they did not accept the offer for the free services from the volunteers of the Pig Hunters.
- ◆ A number of licensed hunters in the Pig Hunters are willing to assist in the eradication of feral pigs for the island-wide community.
- ◆ Mr. Lunasco's telephone number is listed for feral pig eradication on the State Department and Land and Natural Resources website.
- ◆ When Mr. Lunasco receives a call, he asks the individual if the pig should be killed or captured alive. A licensed hunter is called to carry out the task of removing the pig.
- ◆ The feral pig population cannot be completely eradicated because a new litter is born every six months. The hunters take measures to help to control that population.
- ◆ The State conducts a Hunter Education Program and all members in the Pig Hunters have received his/her diploma and are duly licensed.
- ◆ Most hunters have liability insurance.

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Mr. Tynanes requested that the hunters assisting in the feral eradication be given waivers to enter City property.

Committee Chair Manahan expressed appreciation to the testifiers for their willingness to do the feral pig eradication service for free.

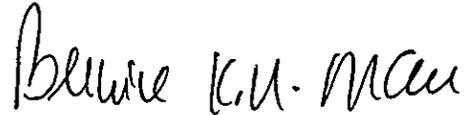
Related communication:

M-943 Pig Hunters Association of Oahu, brochure of services

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



BERNICE K. N. MAU
City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED

~~May 20, 2014~~