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Subject Matter: Testimony in SUPPORT WITH PROVISIONS for Bill 18(2008), CD1 - Relating to executive operating budget and program for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 PROVIDED that certain provisions are included as contained in this testimony of the Kailua Neighborhood Board No 31.
Testifier: Linda C. Ure, Secretary
Representing: Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31

In an effort to follow up on budgeted (and under-budgeted) CIP requests from the Kailua Neighborhood Board the following recap is submitted from the April 3, 2008 regular meeting.

When examining the budget for operating and for CIP these items and issues need careful scrutiny to assure their inclusion in both budgets; Executive Capital Budget and Program, and Executive Operating Budget and Program, as appropriate. Unfortunately the Department of Parks and Recreation is often times unable to address current issues of repairs and maintenance because of funding not being sufficient in the budget year, we ask that the City Council address District 3, Kailua especially, to address the proper funding for these long-standing issues that impact the health and safety of the residents and visitors enjoying the parks in Kailua.

Further, the Kapaa Quarry Road issue needs proper funding to stay on track with the short, middle, and long term phases to mitigate a long neglected roadway used more and more frequently by travelers for access to businesses, schools, and as detours to ongoing sewer rehabilitation work in Kailua.

And finally, the bus shelters for lower Auloa Road, both sides of the highway, to allow rain cover and safe waiting for ridership from the Maunawili Valley, Maunawili Estates and transfer riders both to and from Honolulu, Kaneohe, Waimanalo, Kailua. We understand the number of times you have placed this item in the budget for Kailua and Maunawili, however, one misunderstanding was that the shelters need not be excessively large. The lower Auloa stops are well inside the rain shadow of the Ko'olau mountains and ridership can be increased to these two location for residents now taking the 70 to Castle Medical Center and Olomana stops which adds 45 minutes to their commute in each direction. It is unfortunate that the feasibility study was for such a large shelter and has caused such turmoil between the City Council, the Administration and the State of Hawaii. This issue remains a top priority for Maunawili and the KNB. Lack of communication between Administration and the Maunawili citizens over the years did not assist in uncovering the difficulty the feasibility pictured so clearly that the oversized shelter was not what was requested by the community. Now that we have that behind us and the Memoranda of Agreement remains between the City & County and the State of Hawaii, the proper planning, design, and construction can be properly budgeted in the current budget and the long awaited project can come to pass. The residents of Maunawili and the transfer travelers, as well as the students of local and Honolulu-side schools and universities will thank you.

Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 Capital Improvements Projects as of April 3, 2008

A) Kailua District Park roof repairs-multi-purpose, gym, and exercise room. While some of the repair monies are in the 2006 budget cycle, all three roofs at the District Park are in need of repairs as flooding of the exercise room and the multi-purpose room is creating a safety hazard to the public. If the 2006 budget amounts are not sufficient, then a supplement budget must be included in this years request to augment complete repairs.



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- B) Placement of recycling bins (for cans and bottles) at all State and City beach parks has been requested and the Board notes the issue is addressed in Reso08-17, CD1 and on 3-19-08 both CR-63 and Res0 08-17, DC1 were adopted by City Council. Funding in the current budget must be addressed.
- C) Repair and placement of Lifeguard stations and staffing at Kalama and Kailua Beach Parks. As the sand erosion has impacted the Kailua Beach lifeguard stand the proper repair of this installation is required. The Kalama Beach Park location still has no life guard stand, or staffing, and the City and County of Honolulu needs to follow-up for monies from the state legislature to properly staff and construct a lifeguard stand at that location. This current budget cycle must address both issues so as to not loose site of the health and safety of our residents and visitors alike or place the City & County in a libelous situation.
- D) Repair or replace Children's play equipment in active and passive Kailua parks. While the Parks and Recreation budges have staff and maintenance monies, there are no assurances the much needed play equipment has been order for timely replacement, nor its parts for maintenance. The Board has requested of your offices and the Department of Parks and Recreation to address this issue in this current budget.
- E) Repair or replace tables and benches in all passive and active Kailua parks. While the Parks and Recreation budgets have staff and maintenance monies, there are no assurances the much need tables and benches that are missing slats or have been removed altogether will be repaired or replaced in a timely manner. The Board has requested your offices and the Department of Parks and Recreation to address this issue in this current budget.
- F) Budget intent to DPR/DFM regarding Kailua Beach Park pavilion repairs, including but not limited to graffiti removal from roof and the repairs to the Maunawili Valley Neighborhood Park Pavilion Roof and ceiling lights and dry wall ceiling due to water damage must be specifically addressed in this current budget as the issue of leaky roofs persists. The board has addressed this issue to your offices and the Department of Park and Recreation as well as the Department of Facilities Maintenance.
- G) Repaving of parking lot at Kailua Beach Park has become a major budget issue as the pot hole repairs are not effective or long lasting. The Board has addressed this issue to your offices and to the Department of Parks and Recreation as well as the Department of Facilities Maintenance. Funding in the current budge must cover this repaving of the Parking lot at Kailua Beach Park.
- H) Install new sprinkler system (PVC) with re-grassing at the pavilion end of Kailua Beach Park know as Park A. Despite the on-going efforts of residents to assist with watering, the grasses are now so deteriorated the pick-up game area is becoming unusable and a hazard to users for injury. This issue has been addressed to the Department of Parks and Recreation as well as your offices. The liability the City faces by not addressing this issue is of concern.
- I) Kapaa Quarry Road improvements to include short and long term solution are steep hill modifications, guard rails, blinking lights, paving road shoulders area at the turn, stronger adhesion for the road reflectors. This is an issue the Board has been addressing with your offices, the Department of Transportation Services, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and the State Department of Transportation to mitigate, through tangible short and long term measures to modify the road to enhance safety of travelers. Monies must be set aside in the current budget to address the phases of this mitigation.
- J) Bus stop shelters at lower Auloa Road on both sides of Kalaniana'ole Highway.

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