

COUNCIL MEETING

April 8, 2009

The Council Meeting of the Council of the County of Kaua'i was called to order by the Council Chair at the Council Chambers, Historic County Building, 4396 Rice Street, Room 201, Lihu'e, Kaua'i, on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 10:32 a.m., after which the following members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Tim Bynum
Honorable Dickie Chang
Honorable Jay Furfaro
Honorable Daryl W. Kaneshiro
Honorable Lani T. Kawahara
Honorable Derek S.K. Kawakami
Honorable Bill "Kaipo" Asing, Council Chair

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Furfaro moved for approval of the agenda as circulated, seconded by Mr. Chang, and unanimously carried.

MINUTES of the following meetings of the Council:

Council Meeting of March 25, 2009
Public Hearing of March 25, 2009 re: Bill No. 2303

Mr. Kaneshiro moved for approval of the minutes as circulated, seconded by Mr. Furfaro, and unanimously carried.

Chair Asing: Next item please?

PETER A. NAKAMURA, COUNTY CLERK: The next matters are items for receipt. On page 1 of the Council's agenda is communication C 2009-133, C 2009-134, C 2009-135, C 2009-136, and C 2009-137.

C 2009-133 Communication (02/20/2009) from the Mayor, transmitting for Council information, a copy of the Kaua'i Humane Society's Second Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2009, which includes Cash Flow Analysis, Percentage Change Report, Field Services Statistics, a Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2010, and Financial Statements by an Independent Auditor for the year ended June 30, 2008: Mr. Kaneshiro moved to receive C 2009-133 for the record, seconded by Mr. Furfaro, and unanimously carried.

C 2009-134 Communication (02/27/2009) from the Housing Director, transmitting for Council action a Resolution to authorize the filing of the 2009 Action Plan for the County's 5-Year Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to appropriate funding for the 2009 HOME Investment Partnerships Program projects for which the County expects to receive an allocation of \$989,345 to carry out the 2009 HOME Action Plan: Mr. Kaneshiro moved to receive C 2009-134 for the record, seconded by Mr. Furfaro, and unanimously carried.

C 2009-135 Communication (03/02/2009) from the Chief, Building Division, Department of Public Works, transmitting for Council information, the Building Permit Information Reports for February 2009 that includes the following:

- 1) Building Permit Processing Report
- 2) Building Permit Estimated Value of Plans Summary
- 3) Building Permits Tracking Report
- 4) Building Permits Status

Mr. Kaneshiro moved to receive C 2009-135 for the record, seconded by Mr. Furfaro, and unanimously carried.

C 2009-136 Communication (03/27/2009) from the Mayor, transmitting for Council confirmation, his appointments of the following:

Ms. Paula M. Morikami	Planning Commission	4/1/09 to 12/31/10
Ms. Sally A. Motta	Board of Ethics	4/1/09 to 12/31/10

Mr. Kaneshiro moved to receive C 2009-136 for the record, seconded by Mr. Furfaro, and unanimously carried.

C 2009-137 Communication (03/24/2009) from the Housing Director, transmitting for Council approval a Resolution recognizing April 12 – 18, 2009 as National Community Development Week and celebrating the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: Mr. Kaneshiro moved to receive C 2009-137 for the record, seconded by Mr. Furfaro, and unanimously carried.

Chair Asing: Next item please?

Mr. Nakamura: The next matters are communications for approval. On page 2 of the Council's agenda starting with communication C 2009-138.

C 2009-138 Communication (02/17/2009) from the Chief of Police, requesting Council approval to accept the donation of twenty-two (22) room safes, three (3) tables, and two (2) ashtrays valued at approximately \$1,000 from Princeville Hotel to be used at the Lihue headquarters: Mr. Bynum moved to approve C 2009-138 with a thank you letter, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro, and unanimously carried.

Chair Asing: Next item please?

Mr. Nakamura: The next communication for approval on page 2 of the Council's agenda is communication C 2009-139.

C 2009-139 Communication (03/05/2009) from the Chief of Police, requesting Council approval to expend approximately \$3,060 from the Kaua'i Police

Department's Asset Forfeiture Fund Account Number 206-1001-551.30-00, to allow for two (2) Officers to travel to Honolulu to attend a Basic SWAT course scheduled for April 13 – 24, 2009: Mr. Kaneshiro moved to approve C 2009-139, seconded by Mr. Furfaro, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Nakamura: At the bottom of page 2, the next matter for approval is communication C 2009-140.

C 2009-140 Communication (03/09/2009) from the Chief of Police, requesting Council approval to expend approximately \$46,000 from the Kaua'i Police Department's Asset Forfeiture Fund Account Number 206-1001-551.30-00, to purchase equipment for various Bureaus for training of Police Officers to become Field Training Officers: Mr. Furfaro moved to approve C 2009-140, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro.

Chair Asing: Any discussion?

Mr. Furfaro: Yes Mr. Chair, I just want to make note that after these 2... prior to these 2 approvals, the asset forfeiture account had a balance of \$100,445 in it just for general information.

Chair Asing: Thank you. Any other discussion? If not, all those in favor say aye?

The motion to approve C 2009-140 was then put, and unanimously carried.

Chair Asing: Next item please?

Mr. Nakamura: The next matter for approval at the top of page 3 of the Council's agenda is communication C 2009-141.

C 2009-141 Communication (03/19/2009) from the Executive on Aging, requesting Council approval to receive and expend American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds, and indemnify the State Executive Office on Aging to award the County of Kaua'i \$34,292 for congregate meals (\$22,979) and home delivered meals (\$11,313) which funding covers the period from March 18, 2009 through September 30, 2010: Mr. Furfaro moved to approve C 2009-141, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro, and unanimously carried.

Chair Asing: Next item please?

Mr. Nakamura: The next matter for approval is communication C 2009-142.

C 2009-142 Communication (03/19/2009) from the Director of Parks & Recreation, requesting Council approval to accept funds from the State of Hawai'i,

Department of Defense, in the amount of \$12,500 for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 for the maintenance and upkeep of the Kaua'i Veteran's Cemetery: Mr. Furfaro moved to approve C 2009-142, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro.

Chair Asing: Any discussion?

Mr. Furfaro: Yes, Mr. Chair, as a carryover item from previous discussions with the Veteran's Administrator Mr. Moses, I just wanted to point out that we are still waiting for a joint agreement between Parks & Recreation and the Veteran's Administration on the priorities and funds earmarked to accomplish a certain task at the cemetery. I was hoping that we could get an update from Parks & Recreation.

Chair Asing: Do you want to refer this to Committee?

Mr. Furfaro: Yes, possibly refer to Parks & Recreation, but I have no problem approving this. I just wanted to use the discussion that sometime soon, we should have this understanding of the moneys we earmarked for the improvements we committed. We have not gotten that as of yet and that is a carryover item from last year.

Chair Asing: Well, why don't we approve this communication and then we will also send an additional communication and then have that placed on the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Mr. Furfaro: Thank you very much Mr. Chair.

Chair Asing: With that, any further discussion? All those in favor say aye?

The motion to approve C 2009-142 was then put, and unanimously carried.

Chair Asing: Thank you.

Mr. Nakamura: The next matter for approval on page 3 of the Council's agenda is communication C 2009-143.

C 2009-143 Communication (03/19/2009) from the Executive on Aging, requesting Council approval to receive and expend State funds and indemnify the State Executive Office on Aging to award the County of Kaua'i, Agency on Elderly Affairs State General Funds \$1,161,168 for KUPUNA CARE services which funding covers the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011: Mr. Bynum moved to approve C 2009-143, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro, and unanimously carried.

Chair Asing: Next item please?

Mr. Nakamura: The next matter on page 3 is communication C 2009-144.

C 2009-144 Communication (03/27/2009) from the Housing Director, requesting Council approval to apply for and receive funds pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 which is available from the Community Development Block Grant Program, and for indemnification in relation to the County's receipt of these funds in the amount of \$215,156: Mr. Kaneshiro moved to approve C 2009-144, seconded by Mr. Chang, and unanimously carried.

Chair Asing: Next item please?

Mr. Nakamura: The next matter for approval is communication C 2009-145.

C 2009-145 Communication (04/01/2009) from the Director of Parks & Recreation, requesting Council approval to accept the donation of a peace pole from The Interfaith Roundtable of Kaua'i to be placed at Lydgate Park in the amount of approximately \$1,000 which covers the sign and installation: Mr. Kaneshiro moved to approve C 2009-145 with a thank you letter, seconded by Mr. Furfaro.

Chair Asing: With that, I am going to suspend the rules.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

Chair Asing: Would you like to come up?

ANNALEAH ATKINSON: My name is Annaleah Atkinson...

Chair Asing: Do you want to repeat that again for the captioner in Honolulu?

Ms. Atkinson: First of all, greetings to you Chair Asing and Councilmembers. My name is Annaleah Atkinson and I am the President of the Interfaith Roundtable, but I am also on Friends of Kamalani, so I thought 2 birds with 1 stone, and I didn't want to talk a lot, so I thought a picture is worth a 1,000 words. So I brought about 4,000... I have 4 pictures for one side and here is another set of them and then this is also for the... it explains a little bit about the roundtable. But this was a gift and it says, may peace prevail on earth and we thought it would be a lovely gift for the... to be in front of the Kamalani Playground. It is written in actually 7 different languages indigenous or relating to Hawai'i, specifically Kaua'i... Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, Tagalog which is the official Filipino language, Brail, English, and Samoan. So there has been a little bit of change of that picture, but you can see from that where it would be placed... Mr. (Lenny) Rapozo of Parks & Recreation asked me or said that it would also have to be ADA approved. So it is not going to be just a pole now, but we are going to

have the 4 feet around, so that people in wheelchairs can go around and look at it. I know that the Aloha Beach Resort is wanting to have children come in and learn cultural aspects because it is such a rich area there with the heiau. So we thought that this would be a great addition. Any questions?

Chair Asing: Councilmember Bynum?

Mr. Bynum: Good morning Annaleah. Thanks for coming. Thanks for your efforts for this peace pole. I think it will make a nice addition to that area and I know that Friends of Kamalani are committed to doing the maintenance as they build the playground in the area.

Ms. Atkinson: So is the roundtable...

Mr. Bynum: So I appreciate your community efforts and thank you very much.

Ms. Kawahara: Can you tell us about the creators? I mean the people that did the work on the pole.

Ms. Atkinson: There is actually a worldwide group of and you can get these peace poles in any language that you want to. I think they print them in 250 languages. The story is that at the Hindu Monastery, this beautiful blue gum tree fell over and one of the members brought it to the roundtable said that, you know, we want to honor this beautiful tree and we stand for peace, you know, for all of the people on the island. And then we thought, wouldn't it be wonderful to make a peace pole out of something really alive. These other ones are plaques with plastic on them and, so they have spent quite a bit of time and through the roundtable, then I am also a member of Friends of Kamalani. I thought, well, wouldn't it be lovely to plant one at Lydgate. There is also another one going to go to the Sparks Matsunaga peace garden on the westside, so we felt that was nicely balanced, so we offered it.

Mr. Furfaro: Very nice.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Thank you.

Chair Asing: Councilmembers, any other questions or comments?
Go ahead.

Mr. Chang: I am sorry, what is the pole made of?

Ms. Atkinson: It is blue gum, but you can see that the plaques are of cedar and they were hand painted... the writing in them was hand painted... one of the brothers told me with a tiny little brush to get that... like there is a lot of love in those already.

Mr. Chang: You know, I just had a question because Kamalani playground, most of the materials are recyclable materials. Are we considered about like weather like warping from the rain or even termites? Does that... has that come into consideration?

Ms. Atkinson: Apparently, blue gum is an extremely strong wood and so is cedar and, as we know, a little plug, Friends of Kamalani is always putting weather proofing materials on them as we will be doing April 18 at Earth Day, and we will keep that going.

Mr. Chang: Thank you.

Chair Asing: Councilmember Bynum? Go ahead.

Mr. Bynum: Thanks for that plug and I wanted... I was anxious to answer Dickie's question as well that for over 15 years now, the Friends of Kamalani have been putting wood sealer which is basically linseed oil which is kind of a natural product on the wood pieces, and I am sure that this will be part of that maintenance schedule. Now that playground has a good 10 or 15 years left in it and if we haven't been doing that maintenance, we would be tearing it down this year. So I know that commitment has been sustained. That volunteer commitment had been sustained for 15 years. I am confident with people like Annaleah and others and it is April 18, Earth Day is our next community workday. It is not uncommon to have a hundred people come and we do lunch and...

Ms. Atkinson: We had over 205 for make a difference day. It is volunteers and it is such a beautiful thing... of all ages and diverse ethnicities in groups from... Home Depot sends people and, you know, different churches send people, and different organizations... we had many people from Mayor Carvalho's campaign team. Lenny Rapozo himself cooked 3 ½ gallons of chili and 200 hamburgers, and I don't know how many hot dogs. You know, it is just the community coming together.

Mr. Bynum: Thank you.

Ms. Atkinson: Thank you.

Chair Asing: Any other comments Councilmembers? If not, thank you very much, I appreciate it. I'd like to call the meeting back to order.

The meeting was called back to order, and proceeded as follows:

Chair Asing: We have a motion to approve with a thank you letter also. With that, any further discussion? If not, all those in favor say aye?

The motion to approve C 2009-145 with a thank you letter was then put, and unanimously carried.

Chair Asing: Next item Peter please?

Mr. Nakamura: The matter for approval on page 3 of the Council's agenda is communication C 2009-146.

C 2009-146 Communication (04/01/2009) from Bill "Kaipo" Asing, Council Chair, submitting for Council approval the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 board nominations to the Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC): Mr. Furfaro moved to approve C 2009-146, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro, and unanimously carried.

Chair Asing: Next item please?

Mr. Nakamura: The next matter on page 4 is a communication for approval which is communication C 2009-147.

C 2009-147 Communication (04/02/2009) from Derek S.K. Kawakami, Councilmember and Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) Vice President, requesting Council approval of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 board nominations to the Western Interstate Region (WIR) and the National Association of Counties (NACo): Mr. Kaneshiro moved to approve C 2009-147, seconded by Mr. Furfaro.

Chair Asing: Any discussion?

Mr. Bynum: Yes Mr. Chair.

Chair Asing: Yes, go ahead.

Mr. Bynum: I just want to... just for the general public's idea that there is a Hawai'i State Association of Counties and also a National Association of Counties that really effectively represents our County and helps us work together with other neighbor counties in the island and nationally to put forward the interest of municipalities. I want to recognize that our representatives will be Derek Kawakami and as an alternate Dickie Chang, and they already have done good work to represent us. It is extremely worthwhile I learned. Previously, Councilmember Rapozo and Councilmember Iseri-Carvalho were involved in. At first I didn't understand it and now I know it is a very productive and appropriate (inaudible). Thank you.

Chair Asing: Councilmember Furfaro?

Mr. Furfaro: I would also like to comment. First of all, also show my appreciation for Kawakami and his service and willingness to be the Vice

President of the organization, but a small correction. I believe Mr. Kaneshiro is the alternate to HSAC and what we have in front of us is the Western Region portion of that acknowledging Mr. Chang as the Western Regional representative for us.

Mr. Bynum: Thank you for that correction.

Chair Asing: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, all those in favor say aye?

The motion to approve C 2009-147 was then put, and unanimously carried.

Chair Asing: Next item please?

Mr. Nakamura: The next matter on page 4 are claims.

CLAIMS:

C 2009-148 Communication (03/31/2009) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kaua'i by Jean Fahey for medical expenses, loss of income, and pain and suffering, pursuant to Section 23.06, Charter of the County of Kaua'i: Mr. Furfaro moved to refer C 2009-148 to the County Attorney's Office for disposition and/or report back to the Council, seconded by Mr. Kawakami, and unanimously carried.

C 2009-149 Communication (04/01/2009) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kaua'i by Charles A. Rogers for damages to his vehicle, pursuant to Section 23.06, Charter of the County of Kaua'i: Mr. Furfaro moved to refer C 2009-149 to the County Attorney's Office for disposition and/or report back to the Council, seconded by Mr. Kawakami, and unanimously carried.

Chair Asing: Next item please?

Mr. Nakamura: The matter on page 4 for approval are Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

A report (No. CR-B&F 2009-08) submitted by the Budget & Finance Committee, recommending that the following be received for the record:

"B&F 2009-3 Communication (3/02/2009) from Committee Chair Daryl W. Kaneshiro, requesting that the Administration be present to update the Committee on the Housing Agency's suggested corrective action plan for

the following Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Single Audit Findings and Questioned Costs:

- Finding No. 07-13, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
- Finding No. 08-03, Suspension and Debarment
- Finding No. 08-04, Eligibility,”

Mr. Kaneshiro moved for approval of the report, seconded by Mr. Furfaro, and unanimously carried.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:

A report (No. CR-PL 2009-03) submitted by the Planning Committee, recommending that the following be approved on second and final reading:

“Bill No. 2303 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING CONDITION IN ORD. NO. PM-2002-358, RELATING TO ZONING DESIGNATION IN WAIMEA, KAUA‘I (Kikīaola Land Company, Applicant),”

Mr. Furfaro moved for approval of the report, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro, and unanimously carried. (*See later for Bill No. 2303*)

PUBLIC SAFETY/ENERGY/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

A report (No. CR-SEI 2009-04) submitted by the Public Safety/Intergovernmental Relations Committee, recommended that the following be received for the record:

“SEI 2009-3 Communication (3/06/2009) from Committee Chair Derek S.K. Kawakami, requesting that the Director of Economic Development be present to provide an update on the County of Kaua‘i’s Energy Sustainability Plan, and to hear from the consultant, Douglas Hinrichs, Sentech Hawai‘i Inc.”

Mr. Kawakami moved for approval of the report, seconded by Mr. Furfaro, and unanimously carried.

Chair Asing: Next item please?

Mr. Nakamura: Next matter for approval are Resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2009-31 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE KAUA‘I COUNTY 2009 ACTION PLAN (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT) WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR A GRANT UNDER TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 AND 1987 (PUBLIC LAWS 93-383 AND 100-242), AS AMENDED: Mr. Furfaro

moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-31, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro, and carried by the following vote:

FOR ADOPTION:	Bynum, Chang, Furfaro, Kaneshiro, Kawahara, Kawakami, Asing	TOTAL - 7,
AGAINST ADOPTION:	None	TOTAL - 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL - 0.

Chair Asing: Next item please?

Mr. Nakamura: The next Resolution for approval is Resolution No. 2009-34.

Resolution No. 2009-34 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE KAUAI COUNTY 2009 ACTION PLAN (HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM) WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR A GRANT UNDER TITLE II OF THE CRANSTON-GONZALEZ NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT (PUBLIC LAW 101-625), AS AMENDED: Mr. Furfaro moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-34, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro, and carried by the following vote:

FOR ADOPTION:	Bynum, Chang, Furfaro, Kaneshiro, Kawahara, Kawakami, Asing	TOTAL - 7,
AGAINST ADOPTION:	None	TOTAL - 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL - 0.

Chair Asing: Next item please?

Mr. Nakamura: The next matter for approval is Resolution No. 2009-35.

Resolution No. 2009-35 - RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-08, TO REPLACE AND CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF A MAYORAL APPOINTEE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION (Paula M. Morikami, Partial Term (Business)): Mr. Chang moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-35, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro.

Chair Asing: Any discussion? If not, I'd like to say that I did not attend the meeting this morning on the interview, but in talking to Councilmembers, I am confident that I am going to be supporting this Resolution. I also had the opportunity to serve with Paula on the County Council, so I know of her background and her interest, so I will be supporting this Resolution also. Thank you. With that, any further discussion? If not, roll call please.

The motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-35 was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR ADOPTION:	Bynum, Chang, Furfaro, Kaneshiro, Kawahara, Kawakami, Asing	TOTAL - 7,
AGAINST ADOPTION:	None	TOTAL - 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL - 0.

Chair Asing: Next item please?

Mr. Nakamura: Next Resolution for approval is Resolution No. 2009-36.

Resolution No. 2009-36 - RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-29, TO REPLACE AND CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF A MAYORAL APPOINTEE TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS (Sally A. Motta, Partial Term): Mr. Chang moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-36, seconded by Mr. Kaneshiro.

Chair Asing: Any discussion? Again, I did not attend the interview this morning, but in talking to Councilmembers, I am confident that the report that I get from them is that she looks like she is going to be an excellent candidate. So with that, I will also be supporting this Resolution. Any further discussion? If not, roll call please.

The motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-36 was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR ADOPTION:	Bynum, Chang, Furfaro, Kaneshiro, Kawahara, Kawakami, Asing	TOTAL - 7,
AGAINST ADOPTION:	None	TOTAL - 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL - 0.

Chair Asing: Next item please?

Mr. Nakamura: At this time Mr. Chair, if we can go to page 6 of the Council's agenda for a bill for second reading which is Bill No. 2303.

BILLS FOR SECOND READING:

Bill No. 2303 - A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING CONDITION IN ORD. NO. PM-2002-358, RELATING TO ZONING DESIGNATION IN WAIMEA, KAUA'I (Kikīaola Land Company, Applicant): Mr. Bynum moved for adoption of Bill No. 2303 on second and final reading, and that it be transmitted to the Mayor for his approval, seconded by Mr. Furfaro, and carried by the following vote:

FOR ADOPTION:	Bynum, Chang, Furfaro, Kaneshiro, Kawahara, Kawakami, Asing	TOTAL - 7,
AGAINST ADOPTION:	None	TOTAL - 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL - 0.

Chair Asing: What I would like to do is call for a short recess.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Take the caption break at the same time.

Chair Asing: We will take the caption break now then. Thank you.

There being no objections, the Chair called for a recess at 10:55 a.m. The meeting was called back to order at 11:11 a.m., and proceeded as follows:

Chair Asing: With that, Mr. Clerk, next item please?

Mr. Nakamura: We are on page 5 of the Council's agenda on Resolution No. 2009-37.

Resolution No. 2009-37 – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 12 – 18, 2009 AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK 2009:

Chair Asing: I'd like to suspend the rules.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

Chair Asing: Can I have housing up please?

EUGENE JIMENEZ, DIRECTOR OF HOUSING: Mr. Chair and members of the Council, I just want to express my thanks and my mahalos for all of you in coming up with this Resolution. As many of you are aware, we have been implementing this program for 34 years and it is with the (inaudible) of the Council and the Administration, we have been able to come up with projects that... what we feel are very beneficial to our community. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the previous actions that you have taken in approving some of our request to you for some of the ARRA funding and also for our block grant program, for the HOME program. We really appreciate that and, you know, we are trying our best to try to get as much funds to the County as possible. Before I go on, I want to take this opportunity to introduce my staff who has been working very, very hard in not only for this block grant program, but also in looking at other funding sources. I have with me Ken Rainforth who is my Executive Assistant, Gary Mackler who is in charge of community development and is the Development Coordinator, and last but not least, the Program Manager for the block grant program, and her assistant... well, the Program Manager is Jo Shimamoto and her assistant is Sharon Kelekoma. So with that, I hope that you acknowledge all of them and

through them, they make me look good. I am the first to give kudos where it is due. So with that, I thank you again and are there any questions, concerns, opinions, or ideas?

Chair Asing: Councilmember Bynum?

Mr. Bynum: Eugene, thanks for coming up here today and, you know, we have had the opportunity to see Gary and Ken here a number of times, and we know of what valuable people they are, so I am really glad. I see Jo here today. I think we should make her come up and give a 20 minute presentation. Jo Shimamoto... I have worked with on a couple Community Development Block Grant things and she is just a shining example of competence and somebody who makes this program work. For a Community Development Block Grant is a great program as you mentioned for 34 years. You know, it is not an earmark, it is money that comes through to the County and the decisions are made here in an appropriate and good manner to address moderate and low income people on our island. We make the decisions locally about how those funds are made. Jo administers that decision process and does an outstanding job. If we had that 20 minute project, the people would be amazed the things that CDBG has done for our community in a variety of different manners. So Jo, thank you very much for your work and I am glad that you took the time to acknowledge her.

Chair Asing: Any other comments? Councilmember Furfaro?

Mr. Furfaro: Eugene, thank you for being here. I think as Mr. Bynum had mentioned, housing, the effort that has been put into addressing our needs here are really second to none. The group that is behind you, the frame work that is in place, I really can't say more than how much I personally appreciate it. I think you mentioned earlier as we go forward on the American Recovery and Investment Act, the ability to get money. I think I was somewhat misquoted in the Garden Island yesterday where I said, make sure we are going shopping. The reality is, these opportunities appear through the Federal government, through Housing, through HUD, and even though yesterday I was referencing equipment for the Fire Department, the reality is that we have some fine projects on this island that are under County management and they are very quality projects. The effort that goes into repair and maintenance, the management of the projects, the effort put behind working with the people that have the greatest needs, are very impressive from Housing. I want to personally thank you for those efforts under these community block grants. It is exactly that. It is shopping on what we can apply for and what we can turn them into as far as tangible projects. I just want to say thank you for your effort, but there is a whole team behind you.

Mr. Jimenez: We thank you for your kind comments also.

Mr. Kaneshiro: May I add some comments to that also?

Chair Asing: Councilmember Kaneshiro?

Mr. Kaneshiro: The amount of money that probably came into the County for the past 34 years is unbelievable, and I know Eugene could probably trace this back to the early 80's when we were part of the Administration. Always, this program, has been a real integral part of our government for us to be able to bring this kind of moneys in to help those areas that need it, this type of money. You know, just to reflect back and to think about it, you know, Eugene, in the 80's, I can imagine Kaipō knows... he has been here almost 26 years now and he sees the benefit that we have from this program. It is just unbelievable. For 34 years that we have such a program like this going on and it gives the counties the choice or the opportunity to go out and see what areas we can use this money to spend on. It is just an amazing project, but to see that we have such funding going on for this long period of time is amazing. Housing has always been the entity that has been initiating this program. Is that correct?

Mr. Jimenez: That is correct.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Through the many years, it has always been coming through the housing area, right? So yet, the moneys that particularly come in sometimes also help other areas besides housing, the CDBG moneys, so I just wanted people to know that. It was a great way or opportunity to bring us... for the County to give better services, not only for housing, but for... I remember several other things we use this for like the Fire and so forth... Fire Department and what not, so it is amazing just to recognize this as 34 years of something that we have had, you know, good work.

Mr. Jimenez: Thank you very much.

Chair Asing: Thank you. Any other comments Councilmembers? If not, I'd like to also thank you and the rest of your staff. You know, I believe today, the funds are \$793,056 I believe and in the communication that we approved earlier to add to the Community Development Block program, we had \$215,156, so that is a sizable amount of money. I can only hope and pray that this continues and the reason I say that is I believe that a number of years ago, not too many years ago, we stood a chance of losing that or being substantially reduced, but hopefully we can sustain this area of money coming in. Also, I would like to... if you look at the Resolution on the second WHEREAS, let me just read that. WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant program has as its primary objective, the development of viable communities by providing different decent housing are suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income. That is really the target group, but Housing has been able to, you know, help everyone in this area, so I am very appreciative of what the Housing group has done. With that, anything else? If not, thank you Eugene.

Mr. Jimenez: Thank you very much.

Chair Asing: I'd like to call Glenn.

GLENN MICKENS: Thank you Kaipō. For the record, Glenn Mickens. I just want to sincerely thank these people for the outstanding work that they do. I echo everything you said. I think they are probably the most... for me anyway, they are the most efficient program run on Kaua'i. The things that they do are just completely outstanding. Every organization on Kaua'i should take a page out of their book. So anyway, I just want to thank them Kaipō.

Chair Asing: Thank you. With that, I'd like to call the meeting back to order.

The meeting was called back to order, and proceeded as follows:

Chair Asing: Can I have a motion to approve please?

Mr. Furfaro moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-37, seconded by Mr. Bynum.

Mr. Furfaro: The item that you were referring to was item 144 on today's agenda where we actually... through the American Recovery Investment Act, we got this additional \$215,000. Again, I just want to reiterate that the Housing Department's quick compliance, applications, all of those are second to none. Thank you.

Chair Asing: Thank you. With that, any further discussion? If not, roll call please?

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-37 was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR ADOPTION:	Bynum, Chang, Furfaro, Kaneshiro, Kawahara, Kawakami, Asing	TOTAL - 7,
AGAINST ADOPTION:	None	TOTAL - 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL - 0.

Chair Asing: Thank you. With that, I'd like to adjourn this meeting and we will be back at 1:30 for the public hearing. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter A. Nakamura', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

PETER A. NAKAMURA
County Clerk

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