

**Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 309
July 21, 2006
Minutes**

Members Present: Senator Russell Kokubun, Representative Lyla Berg, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Ian Costa, Henry Eng, Michael Foley, Donald Fujimoto, David Goode, Senator Fred Hemmings, Senator Gary Hooser, Keith Kurahashi, Kem Lowry, Keith Rollman, Roy Takemoto, Jane Testa, Laura Thielen, Pamela Tumpap, Representative Ryan Yamane

- I. Call to Order.** A quorum was established to begin the meeting. The task force meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by Chair Russell Kokubun on Friday, July 21, 2006, in Room 309 at the Hawai'i State Capitol. Introduction of task force members and support staff.
- II. Review and Approve Minutes.** A copy of the "DRAFT" minutes for June 16, 2006 was distributed to members of the task force. Chair Kokubun opened discussion on the "DRAFT" minutes of the June 16th task force meeting. Jane Testa moved to approve the minutes; Henry Eng seconded the motion. The June 16, 2006 minutes was unanimously approved by the task force.
- III. Report on Task Force Participation in Community Sustainability Activities.** Chair Kokubun noted that the concept of sustainability is gaining momentum throughout the state as well as nationally and internationally. Hawai'i is in the forefront of putting a plan together. There have been many opportunities to meet with various organizations to discuss their sustainability efforts. The Department of Defense is focusing on Hawai'i as a pilot project or model to have all facilities of the armed forces to become more sustainable in terms of energy, water use, and management of resources. The environmental and business communities, as well as many others, have embraced the concepts of sustainability.

Upcoming events that will focus on sustainability include:

- Hawai'i Conservation Conference (O'ahu), July 26-28, 2006. Chair Kokubun will be one of the panelists at the conference.
- International Small Islands Association Conference (Maui), July 31-August 4, 2006. The conference is being put together primarily by Maui Community College with participants from various Maui businesses. Chair Kokubun and Mike Foley will be attending the conference.
- Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce meeting. Information on the task force's efforts will be presented at chamber's September 6, 2006 or October 4, 2006 monthly meeting.

The counties reported on their planning activities and sustainability efforts.

- *Hawai‘i County*. Various Community Development Plans (CDP) meetings are being held as part of an implementation step to their recently adopted General Plan. They are currently in North and South Kona. CDP meetings have been initiated in Puna, with Kohala to follow. The planning department is preparing remaining communities for their CDP meetings. Roy Takemoto reported that the current county process does not address the principles of sustainability in a systematic way. They would like the task force’s assistance in integrating the principles of sustainability into their planning process.
- *Kaua‘i County*. Beth Tokioka and Donald Fujimoto have scheduled a meeting with Chair Kokubun and Mayor Baptiste to discuss the task force’s efforts on sustainability. A meeting has also been scheduled with the County Council’s Committee on Economic Development on August 2, 2006. Chair Kokubun is unable to attend the meeting but Senator Gary Hooser will present an update of the task force’s efforts to the committee. Beth Tokioka and Donald Fujimoto will also attend the committee meeting.
- *City and County of Honolulu*. The Chair has requested that the legislative task force members from O‘ahu assist in arranging meetings on O‘ahu.
- *Maui County*. Meetings with various county agencies are being arranged by Pamela Tumpap and Stacie Thorlakson. Mike Foley informed the task force that the county’s General Plan (GP) is in the process of being updated to the year 2030. For the first time, their GP will consist of four documents—a county-wide policy document for all four county islands and island plans for Maui, Moloka‘i, and Lāna‘i. Sustainability will be the theme for the GP update.
- *State Office on Planning*. A series of workshops was recently completed on the four major islands of the State. Workshops focused on planning policies and standards for rural areas (low density areas), how to prepare for growth, and principles to be used in planning. Designed for engineers, technical workshops were held on low-impact design, including tools that can be used at the county level—transfer of development rights, purchase of development rights, open space, design guidelines, etc. The counties are currently being surveyed to determine areas of interest for technical support. A guidebook on these tools will be developed. A low-impact design manual has been completed.

IV. Update on August 26 Kick-off Event. The formal invitation of the Kick-off Event was distributed to task force members. The invitation outlined the program for the conference. The moderator for the kick-off is Robbie Alm, Senior Vice President for Public Affairs, Hawaiian Electric Company. Event speakers include the Honorable George Ariyoshi, former state governor; Ramsay Taum, Sustain Hawai‘i; the Honorable Bill Bradbury, Oregon Secretary of State; and Senator Russell Kokubun, Chair of the Hawai‘i 2050 Sustainability Task Force. The program will also include special presentations and experiences produced by the Hawaii Research Center for Futures Studies, University of Hawai‘i (An Experiential Glimpse into Hawai‘i Future), Waianae Searider Productions (Video Vignettes of Hawai‘i’s Future), and Kanu Hawai‘i (Backcasting to Hawai‘i’s Future).

Two thousand invitations were mailed on July 20th and another 6,000 extra invitations were printed. HIPA is requesting the assistance of task force members to distribute invitations to their network of community associations, ethnic organizations, churches, schools, etc.

Senator Fred Hemmings suggested that HIPA contact Neighborhood Boards for lists of contacts. State Librarian Jo Ann Schindler has expressed interest in attending the kick-off as well as using the libraries as venues to promote the conference. Senator Gary Hooser inquired if transportation would be provided from the airport to the event for neighbor island participants. The Chair will address Senator Hooser's concerns in the discussion on event scholarships.

\$10,000 was allocated in the budget to support scholarships, which primarily includes travel arrangements. The task force was presented with a proposal to distribute the scholarship moneys as follows: \$1,000 for O'ahu and \$3,000 each for the counties of Hawai'i, Maui, and Kaua'i. Most of the neighbor island counties' allotment would go towards air transportation. HIPA will look into Senator Hooser's earlier request by costing out ground transportation to and from the event. From their \$3,000 in scholarships, neighbor island counties would receive approximately 20 round-trip air fares. HIPA will seek other resources. Neighbor island task force members will determine how the scholarships are to be issued. The Chair opened discussion on the proposal.

Mike Foley stated that Maui County appreciated the \$3,000 in scholarships but noted that Maui County is comprised of three islands which may create more complicated flight arrangements with participants coming from Moloka'i and Lāna'i, in addition to Maui. He also agreed with the suggestion of providing ground transportation to and from the airport and noted that not everyone would be arriving from the same terminal. Henry Eng volunteered to check the City and County of Honolulu's bus schedule as a means of transportation to and from the event. The task force also discussed approaching airline companies for sponsorship with respect to travel.

Senator Fred Hemmings suggested that the task force also contact the leaders of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA). They may be able to provide sponsorships for neighbor island participants with regards to preserving the Hawaiian culture. Ramsay Taum, Co-facilitator of Sustain Hawai'i and audience participant, will meet with OHA representatives and the Association of Hawaiian Civil Clubs and volunteered to mention the desire for sponsorships from OHA.

At a Kaua'i community workshop, participants expressed interest in having live feeds from the event or tape-delayed broadcast to the neighbor islands. A private sector business has offered to underwrite to cost of broadcasting the event to the neighbor islands. The task force should take advantage of the offer and in doing so work with the University of Hawai'i team in taking the experiential activity "on the road." Jake Dunagan, UH research team, noted that the experiential activities involve actors and that

it may be difficult for them to travel, but they will have artifacts, short films, and images that will be able to travel.

Henry Eng volunteered to initiate discussion with businesses that deal with sustainability. The City and County of Honolulu has had discussions with a large number of firms that use emerging technology. One firm which the city has had discussions with uses deep sea water for air conditioning. These businesses may be interested in participating in the kick-off event, as well as sponsorship.

Task Force members should refer all contact lists to Bill Kaneko of HIPA.

Task force members raised a concern about having a representative of Hawaiian Electric Company as the moderator. Bill Kaneko explained that a business sector representative was included since many of the other speakers are from government. Robbie Alm was selected too because of his moderating and facilitation skills, as well as his commitment to the community.

Donna Ching from the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawai'i and Lily Bloom Domingo from the Hawaii Community Services Council provided advice and insights on the community engagement, facilitation and community building process.

Glenn Booth from Capitol TV outlined broadcast options for the kick-off event. Two proposed options for broadcasting the event would be via microwave or satellite. He will conduct a site visit of Dole Ballrooms, meet with technicians, and submit a proposal to broadcast the kick-off event live to all islands

- V. **Report of the Hawai'i 2050 Governance Working Group.** Chair Russell Kokubun, Karl Kim, Kem Lowry, Roy Takemoto, Jane Testa, Beth Tokioka, and Pamela Tumpap participated in a Governance Working Group (GWG) meeting held on July 5, 2006 on Oahu. A follow-up conference call was conducted on July 17, 2006. Dr. Kim was unable to participate in the follow-up conference call. Bill Kaneko presented to the task force the GWG's recommendations on developing a community engagement, research and governance process for the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan.

The objectives of the GWG were to provide recommendations for the process that will be the basis for the Hawai'i 2050 Plan, including:

- An integrated community engagement, and research process;
- A process that will guide the task force in developing a governance structure to implement and evaluate the Hawai'i 2050 plan; and
- The timeline, venue, subject matter, and responsibilities for community engagement meetings, research benchmarks, and governance development through June 2008.

The GWG presented its recommendations:

- **Community Engagement.** Two types of engagement processes were suggested: small group sessions and larger community meetings on each island.
- **Research Process.** Preliminary research should commence on items HIPA and the UH research team determine to be baseline information and items likely to be priority issues.
- **Governance Process.** A stakeholder group should be identified and selected (state/county government, labor, community and private sector participants) to conceptualize a governing and implementation scheme and select benchmarks and indicators.
- **Timeline, Venue & Subject Matter.** Further discussion between HIPA and UH research team to elaborate on the timeline, venue, and subject matter for moving forward on the community engagement, research, and governance activities.

The GWG also raised issues relating to the Hawai‘i 2050 Sustainability Plan for task force discussion which included:

- What is the relationship between the H2050 and the Hawai‘i State Plan and Functional Plans?
The H2050 plan *should not* replace the Hawai‘i State Plan and Functional Plans. Kem Lowry suggested that 6-7 principles of sustainability be identified and for each principle identify 4-6 implementing actions to be undertaken by private sector, households, or public agencies. Each initiative should have specific indicators of success and timeframe. Keith Kurahashi would like to have the various state and county plans referenced and consolidated into one plan and then used as a guide to long-range planning. Laura Thielen commented that developing a sustainability plan may be a two-step process—develop principles then look at existing statutes to see how they can be rewritten and consolidated. Mike Foley also commented on having a common understanding of the meaning of sustainability. Suzanne Chun Oakland suggested forming a subcommittee to develop the principles of sustainability.
- How does the H2050 plan relate to county planning activities?
Roy Takemoto commented that prior to meeting with administration and council officials, an understanding of the relationship between the two needs to be established. Most members agreed that they do not foresee conflicts between the county planning activities and the development of the H2050 plan except in the implementation of the plan—where will the funds come from (state or county), who will be responsible for implementing the plan, etc.
- What are the issues relevant to H2050 and the counties?
Pamela Tumpap asked if documentation exists on overlapping functions between the state and county. Chair Kokubun stated that documents do exist. Roy Takemoto recommended combining the current question with the above question since they are closely related.
- Do we want H2050 to be visionary & aspirational versus an action-oriented plan?
Most members agreed that they would like the H2050 plan to be action-oriented. However, visionary and aspirational aspects are important. Donald Fujimoto

added that a process that is visionary and aspirational leads to an action-oriented plan.

Chair Kokubun addressed requests to developing a working definition of sustainability. There are varying definitions used by other jurisdictions, but not one that would fit Hawai'i. He suggested that Bill Kaneko work with Kem Lowry, Lyla Berg, Laura Thielen, and Ramsay Taum to develop a working definition and present their recommendations to the task force.

- VI. Report on Community Outreach and Public Education Activities.** Chair Kokubun, Pamela Tumpap, Suzanne Chun Oakland, and Bill Kaneko attended the Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet on July 20, 2006. David Cole of Maui Land and Pineapple Company was the keynote speaker at the banquet. Mr. Cole's presentation focused on sustainability. He spoke about the direction his company is taking, how they are turning the company around their focus on reinvesting in people. Mr. Cole's presentation also included slides of the upcoming Kick-off event.

Bill Kaneko arranged meetings with the Hawaii Business Roundtable and most recently with Actus Lend Lease. Actus Lend Lease has just been awarded a 50-year contract to improve and develop the military housing in Hawai'i. The basis of the company is sustainability, with an emphasis on energy efficiency. The company's sustainability resource person will be here in September conducting a global workshop and arrangements are being made to meet with her. The task force has also been invited to visit the Schofield and Hickam projects. Since site visits are being planned for military installations, Suzanne Chun Oakland also suggested visiting other sectors such as the Hawai'i Baptist Academy's Middle School and Harley Davidson store.

Bill Kaneko also met with the Economic Development Alliance of Hawai'i, which is comprised of the economic development boards from various counties. As a result of the meeting, the members of the alliance voted to endorse the work of the task force and offered their assistance in the task force's efforts. In addition, a meeting has been scheduled with environmental organizations including the Sierra Club, Life of the Land, and other environmental groups on July 24th.

Chair Kokubun asked that task force members help promote the Kick-off event by distributing the brochures at meetings they will be attending prior to August 26th.

The task force will continue seeking private funding for its efforts.

- VII. Next Steps; Plan for Future Meetings.** At a previous meeting, the task force agreed to set the task force meetings to the third Friday of each month. Since the third Friday in August falls on Admissions Day, a state holiday, it was agreed that the meeting would be moved a week earlier to Friday, August 11. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for September 15, October 20, and November 17.

- VIII. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. by Chair Kokubun.