#### **CONDOMINIUM REVIEW COMMITTEE**

REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

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### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Date: July 8, 2009

Time: Upon adjournment of the Laws and Rules Review Committee meeting scheduled

to convene at 9:30 a.m.

Place: State Office Building

Conference Rooms A, B, & C

3060 Eiwa Street Lihue, Kauai

Present: Michele Sunahara Loudermilk, Chair, Public / Honolulu Commissioner

Louis Abrams, Broker / Kauai Commissioner Trudy Nishihara, Broker / Honolulu Commissioner

Carol Ball, Broker / Maui Commissioner

Stanley Kuriyama, Broker / Honolulu Commissioner

Annette Aiona, Broker / Hilo Commissioner

Frances Gendrano, Broker / Honolulu Commissioner

Neil Fujitani, Supervising Executive Officer Cynthia Yee, Senior Condominium Specialist Diane Choy Fujimura, Senior Real Estate Specialist

Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General Tammy Norton, Recording Secretary

Others: Marsha Shimizu, Hawaii Association of REALTORS®

Dimples Y. Kano, Kauai Board of REALTORS® Karen Ono, Kauai Board of REALTORS® Rowena Cobb, Kauai Board of REALTORS® John Connelley, Hawaii Institute of Real Estate

Steven A. Hunt, County of Kauai Real Property Assessment

Absent: Mark Suiso, Vice Chair, Public / Honolulu Commissioner

Walter Harvey, Broker / Honolulu Commissioner

Call to Order: Chair Loudermilk called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m., at which time quorum

was established.

Chair's Report: No report was presented.

The Chair announced that the Commission may move into executive session to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for licensure in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(1), HRS, and/or to consult with the Commission's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with Section

92-5(a)(4), HRS.

Commissioners Suiso and Harvey were excused from the meeting. Prior notification of their non-attendance was received.

Condominium Specialist's Report:

# **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Abrams, seconded by Commissioner Gendrano, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2009 Condominium Review Committee meeting as circulated.

Condominium Governance and Management:

#### **Mediation and Arbitration**

Specialist Yee submitted a written report on her attendance of the "Neutral Evaluation; A Powerful Addition to the ADR Toolbox" seminar sponsored by the Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) on May 29, 2009 in the Hawaii Supreme Court Conference Room. Robert K. Wrede, JD, LLM, a practicing commercial lawyer actively involved in ADR as a mediator and arbitrator, conducted the session.

Commissioner Nishihara questioned whether Neutral Evaluation Mediation and Evaluative Mediation were the same.

Specialist Yee responded in the negative and clarified that in neutral evaluation, the parties come to the table and lay out all of the evidence. Generally, in evaluative mediation, each party makes a presentation about their position without necessarily sharing any evidence.

# **AOUO Registrations**

Specialist Yee reported that as of June 30, 2009 1,461 projects have submitted their 2009-2011 AOUO biennial registration. Of the 1,461 project registrations received, 1,373 applications are complete and are thus registered for the 2009-2011 biennium.

# **Case Law Review Program**

The following articles from the June 2009 issue of *Community Association Management Insider* were distributed for informational purposes: 1) "Association Not Liable for Defamation"; 2) "Association Allowed to Hold Special Meeting"; and 3) "Association Not Liable for Discrimination".

# **Condominium Related Articles**

The following articles from the May/June 2009 issue of *Common Ground* were distributed for informational purposes: 1) "home front - Law Drywall Dilemma", 2) "home front - Law Dog Fight"; 3) "home front - Law Alpaca Feud"; 4) "Curiouser & Curiouser"; 5) "Good Medicine".

## **CDR Pilot Program**

The following CDR cases were distributed for informational purposes: 1) *In the Matter of Alice Clay, Petitioner vs. One Kalakaua Senior Living Association, Respondent,* CMDR 2008-2 Hearing's Officer's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision; and 2) *In the Matter of John K. Wong, Member, Board of Directors, AOAO Waikiki Banyan, Petitioner, vs. Association of Apartment* 

Owners of Waikiki Banyan, Respondent, CMDR 0809-3 Hearing's Officer's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision; Appendices "A" and "B"

Condominium Project

# **Condominium Project Registration - Public Reports Issued**

Registration: A list of those condominium projects issued effective dates during the month of June 2009 were distributed for informational purposes.

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Program of Work:

## Rulemaking, Chapter 107

Chair Loudermilk announced that both she and Commissioner Abrams met with staff and Condominium Consultant Lloyd Sodetani via teleconference regarding the drafting of proposed rules. A letter will be sent out next week to stakeholders requesting comments. Information will also be posted on the Commission's website regarding the rulemaking project. The group is looking to provide a draft by October or November, with a more polished version in December or January 2010.

# **Legislative Acts and Resolutions**

The following condominium related Acts were distributed for informational purposes: Act 009 (SLH 2009) extends the CDR pilot program to June 30, 2011; Act 010 (SLH 2009) increases the amount that condominium associations may recover in maintenance fees from the foreclosure of a condominium unit from \$1,800 to \$3,600; Act 128 (SLH 2009) expands limitations on association's liability for elderly unit owners or residents aging in place to include disabled persons; and Act 129 (SLH 2009) merges the condominium management education fund into the condominium education trust fund.

#### **Consumer Education**

The Commission is currently working with its consultant to update the brochures, "Condominium Owners Rights and Responsibilities" and "Condominium Board Members Powers and Duties." The current draft required more work thus staff did not post this draft to the Commission's website as originally targeted. A final draft is due to the Commission in approximately one month to allow the consultant time to incorporate the new laws.

# Rulemaking, Chapter 53, Fees

It was reported that currently AOUOs of five or more units are required to register with the Commission and biennially pay into the condominium education trust fund \$4 per unit. The Commission currently expends more than the \$4 per unit on education. The Commission previously approved an increase from \$4 to \$7 per unit for the AOUOs and an increase to developer's from \$5 to \$10 per unit. The Department is moving ahead with the rulemaking process and will be going through public hearings in the near future.

Condominium
Organizations Forum:

No comments, recommendations or concerns were received from the following: Community Associations Institute Hawaii Chapter, Alakahi Foundation, Hawaii Council of Association of Apartment Owners, Hawaii Independent Condominium and Cooperative Owners, Hawaii State Bar Association/Real Property & Financial Services Section, Land Use Research Foundation, Condominium Council of Maui, Hawaii Association of Realtors/Institute of Real Estate Management Hawaii Chapter/ Oahu Arm Committee, others.

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Open Forum:

Steven Hunt of the County of Kauai Property Tax Assessment Office was present. Mr. Hunt requested that the Commission require developers to submit to the Kauai Real Property Assessment office a letter sized copy of the map during initial registration and for any supplemental amendments updating the map.

Chair Loudermilk responded that the official record keeper of the maps is the Bureau of Conveyances and noted that not all projects are registered with the Commission.

Mr. Hunt noted that the Assessment office does not have any authority to require a map be submitted to their office and would appreciate the Commission's assistance.

Specialist Yee responded that the Commission cannot require a developer to provide the Real Property Assessment Office with a letter sized copy of the map, but it can make the suggestion. Specialist Yee noted that she believed this issue was addressed previously and that our REC instructions do suggest that the developer provide a copy to the Kauai Planning Department, Kauai Real Property Assessment Division, and the Kauai Department of Water.

Mr. Hunt noted that in some cases, his office receives a copy from the Planning Department, but would like to receive the copy in a reduced size. He noted that the Real Property Assessment Office is also able to receive this information in electronic format.

Chair Loudermilk thanked Mr. Hunt for attending the meeting and informed him that staff will look in to the matter to see how we can be of assistance.

CETF Budget & Finance Report:

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No report presented.

Next Meeting: August 12, 2009

Upon adjournment of the Laws and Rules Review Committee meeting scheduled

to convene at 9:00 a.m.

Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room

King Kalakaua Building

335 Merchant Street, First Floor

Honolulu, Hawaii

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Loudermilk adjourned the meeting at

10:12 a.m.

Respe	ctfully submitted:	
/s/ Cyr	nthia M. L. Yee	
	a M. L. Yee Condominium Specialist	
July 14, 2009		
Date		
[X] [ ]	Minutes approved as is. Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of	