

**Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 309  
November 17, 2006  
Minutes**

Members Present: Senator Russell Kokubun, Representative Pono Chong, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Ian Costa, Henry Eng, Donald Fujimoto, David Goode, Senator Gary Hooser, Karl Kim, Millie Kim, Keith Kurahashi, Representative Colleen Meyer, Keith Rollman, James Spencer, Roy Takemoto, Jane Testa, Laura Thielen, Beth Tokioka, Pamela Tumpap, Ryan Yamane, Stacie Thorlakson (via telephone)

Members Not Present: Representative Lyla Berg, Michael Foley, Senator Fred Hemmings, Marion Higa

- 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, November 17, 2006, in Room 309 at the Hawai'i State Capitol. Chair Kokubun formally introduced and welcomed the two new members of the task force—Representative Colleen Meyer and Dr. James Spencer. Representative Meyer and Dr. Spencer replaced Representative Corinne Ching and Dr. Kem Lowry who resigned from the task force. Introduction of task force members. Chair Kokubun welcomed Stacie Thorlakson, who was joining the meeting via a telephone conference call, and clarified that she would not be able to take part in official task force business conducted at the November 17 meeting.

Chair Kokubun updated members on the status of the task force membership. Communication was received from member Donald Fujimoto, Chief Engineer, County of Kaua'i, which indicated that his participation on the task force may be limited and that Mayor Baptiste would like his department heads to focus on the task at hand on the island of Kaua'i. The status of the two other Kaua'i County representatives are also pending. With the election of a new mayor for the County of Maui, Chair Kokubun indicated that he will be in contact with Mayor-Elect Charmaine Tavares to discuss her appointments to the task force.

Chair Kokubun acknowledged the presence of members Representative Ryan Yamane, Beth Tokioka, and Donald Fujimoto. Donald Fujimoto confirmed that the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be the last meeting he will be participating in. Beth Tokioka clarified that at this time she will remain as a member of the task force. Chair Kokubun also acknowledged Ian Costa to the meeting.

Chair Kokubun informed the task force and members of the audience that public comments are welcomed on any issue on the agenda, but would like to limit public input to three minutes due to a heavy agenda.

**II. Review and Approve Minutes.** A copy of the “DRAFT” minutes for September 15, 2006 was distributed to members of the task force. Chair Kokubun entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15<sup>th</sup> task force meeting if no questions or clarifications were needed. Pamela Tumpap noticed that agenda item VII (Social Marketing Techniques) of the September 15<sup>th</sup> minutes deferred discussion until the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting but does not appear on today’s agenda—will it be placed on a future agenda or will it be covered in a different way? Chair Kokubun responded that it will probably be covered in a different way. Millie Kim moved to approve the minutes; Ian Costa seconded the motion. The September 15, 2006 minutes was unanimously approved by the task force.

**III. Recap of Army Hawai‘i Family Housing Tour at Schofield Barracks.** Chair Kokubun informed task force members that the October 20<sup>th</sup> task force meeting was canceled since quorum could not be established. However, he also informed the task force that since arrangements had already been made with the Army and transportation companies, he proceeded with the tour but cautioned members prior to going on the field visit to Schofield that the no official business would be conducted and that the visit was strictly for informational purposes to gain an understanding of housing development in terms of sustainability. Chair Kokubun acknowledged that the tour was excellent and thanked those who were able to attend. He also commented that the Army is incorporating outstanding sustainability features in their housing. One example is that whenever they demolish an existing housing unit with a new housing unit, 97% of the materials being demolished are being recycled. Another example is that 30% of the electricity for each of the units is generated on-site by incorporating solar water heaters and photovoltaic units for the housing units. Also, instead of having one central meter for all of Schofield, individual residences will have their own meters. The military can now chart individual usage and encourage energy conservation by giving residents reward or rebates for saving energy.

Pamela Tumpap shared her experiences with the task force. She commented that she expected to see newer and emerging technologies but didn’t quite see it. However, she thought that one of the project’s successes was the recycling of materials being demolished. She was amazed at how thin the photovoltaic units on the garages were. Also, what she thought was very interesting was how they looked at community development in terms of sustainability. For every 1,000 to 1,500 residences, community centers were being built all within walking distance. The housing complexes were designed with opens spaces (like mini parks) between neighborhoods and the homes were designed with their front yards facing each other. There seemed to be a real sense of community. Pam also commented that when they were developing these communities, they kept the existing trees and built around them. She saw a lot of unique things, for example, she noticed seams in the tub and shower unit and was told that the panels for the shower enclosure were separate and could be folded into the tub resulting in tremendous savings in shipping costs. The developers have designed the homes to last throughout their 50-year contract.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland asked how the recycled materials were used and if the recycled materials were used on the site. Chair Kokubun and Pamela Tumpap responded by saying that the concrete was chopped up and used for roadways and structural foundations and wood was turned into mulch. The demolished materials were reused in some manner but not necessarily on site. Senator Chun Oakland also inquired if the rebates for energy consumption would be given to individual homes. Chair Kokubun confirmed that residents that showed the savings would receive rebates. Senator Chun Oakland would like to see some kind of energy savings rebate for public housing. Pamela Tumpap clarified that the Army gives families a power allowance and the rebates are an added incentive to save energy which in turn saves the government money on energy costs.

Chair Kokubun noted that he will be seeking more opportunities to tour facilities that utilize sustainability practices. Senator Chun Oakland mentioned the Mauna Lani Resort and Harley Davidson Store as businesses that use sustainability practices.

**IV. Update and Discussion of Community Engagement/Public Education Activities.**

Chair Kokubun informed the task force that community meetings held on the neighbor islands have been completed and asked Leland Chang, facilitator for the community meetings, to report the task force on the meetings.

Mr. Chang reported that he and Janis Reischmann coordinated the meetings on the neighbor islands and utilized the assistance of facilitators for each respective island. The neighbor island meetings were divided up between Mr. Chang and Ms. Reischmann, but Chair Kokubun, Bill Kaneko, and Sharon Miyashiro attended all neighbor island meetings. Mr. Chang thanked the neighbor island task force members for their assistance with the meetings. One hundred fifty participants attended Kaua‘i’s meeting, 50 on Hilo, and about a dozen each on the other islands. Mr. Chang acknowledged Senator J. Kalani English who attended all three Maui County meetings.

A summary of discussion notes from the neighbor island community meetings were distributed to task force members. Common concerns received from participants attending the meetings were sustaining the native Hawaiian culture, building local economies, renewable resources, energy, stewardship of resources, and education. These notes are posted on the H2050 website.

Chair Kokubun shared his observations of the meetings held on the neighbor islands in particular Moloka‘i and Lāna‘i. The residents on these islands are ready for this sustainability process. Being smaller islands with smaller populations, it sets them up to be leaders in sustainability from an island-wide basis. The residents of Moloka‘i has shown much enthusiasm in this sustainability process that they would like to form their own committees to move forward.

Bill Kaneko, consultant to the task force, commented that more feedback will be collected from the O‘ahu meetings to be held from November 28 to December 5. Sustainability has a lot to do with where communities are in terms of their quality of life.

Residents are ready to take on this issue and the task force needs to step up community activities so that it peaks when it really needs to in the fourth quarter of 2007 and moving forward to 2008.

Leland Chang added that the neighbor island meetings provided the opportunity to begin discussion with communities on what they think a sustainable Hawai'i will look like. Similar discussions will be held at O'ahu meetings and Mr. Chang invites all O'ahu task force members to participate in the O'ahu meetings. Chair Kokubun also acknowledged and thanked the members of Kanu Hawai'i who accompanied the task force to all of the neighbor island meetings to do their presentation on backcasting.

The Community Engagement Working Group met on November 13, 2006 and a report dated November 15, 2006 was distributed to task force members. The working group is comprised of members Representative Lyla Berg, Keith Rollman, Jane Testa, Stacie Thorlakson, and Beth Tokioka. The group is also assisted by Leland Chang, Janis Reischmann, Bill Kaneko, and Sharon Miyashiro. Leland Chang reported that the working group discussed the layout plans for the meetings, where the group is on the elements for discussion, neighbor island meetings and upcoming O'ahu meetings, and recruitment of island coordinators. Island coordinators have been recruited for the Big Island, Kaua'i, Moloka'i, and Lāna'i. The island coordinators will be asked to solicit various community groups and organizations to host meetings around sustainability. Leland Chang and Janis Reischmann will develop tool kits for hosting community meetings. Providing facilitators for these meetings may be difficult due to limited budget resources. The H2050 website will also be used as a tool for the community to provide input to the task force. The working group is looking at the website ready to receive input by December or January, at the latest. The group also discussed conducting a public opinion survey. This would be a statistically significant survey of the general population statewide. Leland and Janis have begun reviewing other sustainability-related planning processes and activities. The working group will be meeting again after the conclusion of this task force meeting to discuss island coordinators for Maui and O'ahu and the development of special activities such as reaching youths through the schools.

Beth Tokioka added that the working group also discussed the community engagement portion of the budget. Since the working group was unclear of the details of the overall budget, they expressed concern that their portion of the budget may be small for this very important part of the process. If the plan is to be based on community input, the community engagement process should not be shortchanged. Beth also commented that a request for briefings on the task force's budget has not yet been made and if the task force is to be held accountable for the outcome, the task force should know how its resources are being allocated.

Chair Kokubun responded that he will ask Marion Higa and Bill Kaneko to provide the information. The Chair also added that members need to keep in mind that to this job right, the task force needs to submit a request for an additional appropriation to the next legislative session. Discussion should focus not only on the current budget but also the needs for the upcoming legislative session. We need to formulate a good plan for our

appropriation request to justify additional appropriations. Discussion on current and future expenditures will be put on the December agenda.

Pamela Tumpap added that prior discussions were held regarding segmenting certain activities to sell sponsorships for—getting businesses involved to sponsor various components such as an educational piece, community development piece, or brochure. As the plan is developed, look for ways to create partnerships to bring in private moneys.

Bill Kaneko is looking at different modalities for community engagement. In addition to the large meetings currently being conducted, discussions with Representative Lyla Berg have been held to develop a mechanism similar to Hawaii Kids Vote. He is also working with the Girls Scouts Council of Hawaii to collect input from our youths. A statewide random phone survey will also provide a sampling of community concerns. The data collected through various modalities will be qualitative as well as quantitative as to justify the recommendations of this task force.

Karl Kim inquired if, with the recent earthquake that the State recently experienced, was the issue of emergency preparedness as it pertains to sustainability discussed. Leland Chang responded that the issue did come up at the meetings and it was the top-ranked issue on Lānaʻi. Lānaʻi residents rely on shipping for their supplies and were very concerned that each county needs the ability to rebound from natural disasters. Pamela Tumpap clarified that the earthquake occurred after the Lānaʻi meeting and the shipping issue was a big concern because Young Brothers almost lost the container load shipping. Representative Pono Chong asked how we could prepare a plan for 2050 while making sure that the input collected is not time related. Leland Chang responded saying that some discussion at the community meetings had to be redirected to look at 45-50 years out and not focus on immediate term issues. Chair Kokubun added that to help guide people toward looking to the future is to remind them that, yes, they may not be here fifty years from now but the goal that is set for 2050 cannot be met unless you achieve certain benchmarks along the way.

James Spencer asked how the expectations of participants in these meetings will evolve and what they expect to come out of this process. In addition to crisis-driven expectations, whether related to disasters, etc. which is time dependent, outcomes will be compromised and any one community will be disappointed. Are the meetings or participation addressing or cognizant of this? Leland Chang responded that the goal of the meetings is to bring participants along through the entire process so that they are educated on the issues and where we stand on all the substantive areas. When participants express their opinions six month from now, it'll be a more informed expression than now.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland asked the feedback received at the community meeting were being provided to interested parties and if email addresses were collected so that continued contact could be made. Leland Chang responded that comments from the meetings are posted on the H2050 website and participants are asked to provide contact

information to the task force. Bill Kaneko added that approximately 2,000 emails have been collect so far.

Chair Kokubun informed the task force that a community meeting is being planned for Hana. Senator J. Kalani English had expressed a desire to hear from the Hana community.

## **Public Education:**

With respect to public education, Chair Kokubun was able to outreach to various sectors of the community. Meetings have been held with Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education; Gail Hannemann and Barbara Blomgren, Girl Scouts Council of Hawaii; and Paul Berry, who is working with Superintendent Hamamoto in developing a curriculum for students with respect to sustainability. Paul Berry informed the task force that they are seeking outside funding to produce an hour-long television piece and 12-part curriculum. Chair Kokubun requested that neighbor island schools not be forgotten. Doc Berry confirmed that all educational institutions—charter and private schools—will be included.

Senator Chun Oakland inquired if the budget discussion of the December meeting will include marketing education outreach since it is a critical component of creating a sustainable Hawaii. Senator Chun Oakland also inquired about the cost of producing the educational piece. Doc Berry responded that it would probably be at least \$100,000 and he will work on a budget.

Barbara Blomgren informed the task force that the Girl Scouts will help in gathering information from our youths and possibly work with Kids Voting to also gather information. They are looking at coordinating a youth meeting during the community meetings and asking youths similar questions being asked of the adults.

Representative Ryan Yamane asked if it was possible to seek feedback from people who are incarcerated and in drug treatment groups or programs. They have a very different perspective of what is going on, which might be insightful for us to know what struggles they face. The website may be an avenue which could be used to get input from this group. Leland Chang commented that he and Janis Reischmann have had discussions on how to reach disenfranchised individuals.

Chair Kokubun commented on opportunities to engage with other sectors of the community. In addition to the site visit at Schofield, the military has invited Chair Kokubun, Senator Gary Hooser, and Representative Marcus Oshiro to address their Hawai'i Environmental Forum scheduled for December. The forum will focus on sustainability efforts. Chair Kokubun identified the business community, labor, environment, state and county government, foundations, native Hawaiian community, as sectors to engage in this process. Chair Kokubun requested the Community Engagement Working Group to compile a list of various sectors the task force should engage with.

Bill Kaneko informed the task force that he has partnered with Hawai'i Business Magazine in creating an eight-part series on sustainability as it relates to business. A handout was distributed on the conceptual framework of forums. The sessions will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Bill noted that the audience for the forums is business leaders. At the suggestion of Pamela Tumpap, Bill will look into having the forums videotaped. He will also try to schedule the forums on Fridays so neighbor island task force members can attend. Chair Kokubun added that Hoyt Zia, Publisher for the Hawai'i Business Magazine, has indicated that he would like to write monthly columns on sustainability based upon presentations made at the breakfast meetings. Chair Kokubun also requested if Mr. Zia would consider outreaching to the neighbor islands. Bill will follow-up on Chair's request.

Bill Kaneko mentioned that on December 22 the Chair will be meeting with Mitch D'Olier, Chairman and CEO of Kaneohe Ranch, Hoyt Zia, Jim Tollefson, President and CEO of Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and Bennette Evangelista, Actus Lend Lease. A meeting with Randy Perreira, AFL-CIO/HGEA, is also being scheduled.

Some task force members requested video taping the forums so that it could be used as educational pieces or presented at other community meetings.

Bill has also been in contact with Michael Fisch, President and Publisher of the Honolulu Advertiser, and he will make a request to have a year-long series on the task force and its efforts published in the newspaper.

Chair Kokubun recommended that a Public Education Working Group be established to form some strategy on what kind of outreach should be conducted and who we should outreach to. Pamela motioned to establish a Public Education Working Group and Jane Testa seconded the motion. The task force unanimously voted in favor of establishing a Public Education Working Group. Chair Kokubun would appointment members of the public education WG.

- V. Report of the Community Engagement Working Group.** The following general recommendations regarding the community engagement process were presented to the task force (the report was distributed to the task force earlier in agenda item IV).

Purpose of community engagement: 1) obtain meaningful and credible input on H2050 plan including developing a vision, definition and values for sustainability; identify choices to be made; confirm benchmarks and priorities; identify action steps; and confirm oversight in the future; and 2) begin an education and motivational process to ensure that communities take responsibility for actions related to sustainability and begin behaving differently.

Deliverable of community engagement process: 1) overarching definition of sustainability including examples or components of sustainability; 2) vision of sustainable Hawai'i including values or guiding principles; 3) choices to achieving sustainability; 4) progression of steps and stages to achieve greater sustainability –

identify what can or should be done by various sectors; 5) what can or should individuals do; 6) what is already going on to support sustainability; 7) indicators and benchmarks; 8) ensure sustainability vision drives future planning and decision making; and 9) areas where there were significant “minority” ideas.

Timeline: November 2006 to February 2007—community engagement; February to May 2007—discussion on community engagement priorities and issue paper; June 30, 2007—community engagement report submitted.

Community Engagement Process: Phase I (August 2006 to January 2007) and Phase II (February 2007 to May 2007).

Millie Kim motioned to adopt the recommendations presented by the Community Engagement Working Group. Pamela Tumpap seconded the motion. Chair Kokubun noted that an important component of this process is the budget as previously stated by Beth Tokioka and will be discussed at a future meeting. Leland Chang added that the process recommendations being presented are within current budget expenditures. The task force unanimously adopted the report and recommendations presented by the Community Engagement Working Group.

- VI. Update of Research Activities.** A Research Update report was distributed to task force members. Dr. Sharon Miyashiro, UH research team, presented an update on the issue book and development of indicators.

IssueBook: A citizen’s guide to engage the community in discussions on Hawai‘i’s sustainability into the future. Issue papers on 11 topic areas will be included in the IssueBook: population, water, land use, energy, agricultural production, environmental quality, economy, quality of life, culture, futures/environmental scan, overview of sustainability/best practices. The IssueBook is scheduled to be ready for distribution at community meetings by February 19, 2007.

Pamela Tumpap noticed that Jim Dator is not involved on the “Futures/Environmental Scan” and asked if there was a reason he was not providing the issue paper? Dr. Miyashiro responded saying that Dr. Dator suggested Vincent Pollard author the issue paper. Pamela thought it would be nice to have something from Dr. Dator since he has been involved with this process from the beginning and in the 1960s. Pamela suggested having Dr. Dator prepare the foreword for the IssueBook.

Indicators: The governance group and task force decided that the UH research team should build upon the themes to have “buy-in” from communities as we move forward on indicators that are used to monitor progress on the principles and goals that arise from the community engagement meetings. Four potential indicators were previously identified by the task force: 1) sustainable communities, 2) sustainable environment, 3) sustainable economy, and 4) sustainable quality of life.

With respect to the indicators and outlines already submitted, Chair Kokubun asked how the process would work—the issue papers will be submitted to the editor, the editor will make it readable to the public, then what would be the next step? Dr. Miyashiro clarified that she would also like the task force to review the preliminary draft prior to press proof. The indicators would be presented separately at a later time.

Jane Testa asked if the task force would receive a copy of the draft prior to the next meeting to have time for review. Dr. Miyashiro responded that the draft would not be ready for review by the task force before the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting since preliminary drafts are not due to the editor until the end of December. A request could be made to the editor to have the text portion of the draft ready for distribution before the January meeting. Dr. Miyashiro also suggested that if task force member preferred, the preliminary drafts could be routed in piecemeal as they are received from the authors and editor.

Laura Thielen commented that looking at the outlines, inquired about the tone or direction given to the authors. Dr. Miyashiro responded saying that the papers should include background on the topic, trends and it affects the future if continued, and technologies and considerations. Communities would receive the information and look at it as a springboard for discussion, in terms of parameters that they all are different in terms of the authors. Laura Thielen also commented that some the outlines, particularly the land use outline, seemed to be driven by the author's opinion rather than fact. Considerable discussion was provided about the need to have the issue briefs be fact-based rather than opinion pieces for university researchers. Dr. Miyashiro will take comments back to the authors.

Chair Kokubun commented that the papers are intended to be factual, information based that individuals can read and formulate their own opinions and positions on the future. The Chair also emphasized that the papers be based on fact and not perceived as one's opinion.

Henry Eng expressed that how the data is presented would be important as well.

Keith Kurahashi agreed with Laura Thielen's comment on the land use outline and when looking at the other outlines, they seem to be more factual-based and information driven.

Beth Tokioka commented that the project overview was well written and this is where we can interest people in the opportunity to become involved in the process. This is where the task force's message would be in the IssueBook.

Additional comments from task force members may be emailed to Dr. Miyashiro at [sharonmi@hawaii.edu](mailto:sharonmi@hawaii.edu).

Karl Kim inquired as to whether urban design issues would be considered. Sharon responded that it would be covered under the section on land use.

If task force members are aware of any particular projects that state, cities, or countries are doing to test lessons of what to do or not to do, Dr. James Spencer would like them forward to him at [jhs@hawaii.edu](mailto:jhs@hawaii.edu).

- VII. Action on Sustainability Definition Working Group Recommendations.** The report from the Sustainability Definition Working Group dated August 11, 2006 was distributed to task force members. Bill Kaneko reported that the working group felt a need for a common definition of sustainability along with some guiding principles. The working group concluded that the definition should come from the community. Communities have expressed common themes through the community engagement meeting already held. The working group will reconvene after the conclusion of the O‘ahu meeting to review the input received and begin to draft a working definition of sustainability and relating guiding principles.

The Chair entertained a motion to adopt the Sustainability Definition Working Group report with the caveat that the group will reconvene at the conclusion of the first round of community engagement meetings. Ian Costa motioned to adopt the report from the SDWG, Jane Testa seconded the motion.

Henry Eng made a comment that the definition should include guiding principles. Pamela Tumpap commented that at previous meetings the subject of guiding principles of sustainability were discussed and her understanding was that the principles were universal and that the task force would be given a copy of those principles. Kirsten Baumgart Turner could provide the task force with those principles.

Donald Fujimoto commented that a big challenge ahead for the task force is to decide what our futures will be and what the definition of sustainability is—should the issues be compounded. He suggested that maybe the task force should rethink this and define what the task force feels sustainability is so that the task force can concentrate on the main issues which is what is our future and how do we get there.

Dr. James Spencer commented that it seems like sustainability is an adjective turned into a noun. He suggests that if possible have a noun connected to “sustainable” such as “sustainable community,” or “sustainable Hawai‘i.” This gives a sense of an end point or place that can be made sustainable.

Ian Costa clarified with Dr. Spencer that the question should be how do you define a sustainable Hawai‘i and not so much what is the definition of sustainability. Dr. Spencer confirmed Ian’s understanding and further clarified by saying to define a place.

The motion to adopt the report of the Sustainability Definition Working Group was unanimously approved by the task force. Chair Kokubun confirmed members on the SDWG: Laura Thielen, Dr. James Spencer, Bill Kaneko, Ramsey Taum, and Representative Lyla Berg. Karl Kim informed the task force that on Monday, November 20, at the Center for Korean Studies, there will be a panel discussion on the definition of sustainability.

**VIII. Report of the Stakeholder Expansion Working Group.** The report from the Stakeholder Expansion Working Group dated November 17, 2006 was distributed to members. Bill Kaneko reported that the working group met via a conference call on November 8. Participating in the conference call were Chair Kokubun, Millie Kim, Pamela Tumpap, Davide Goode, and Bill Kaneko. Representative Pono Chong and Donald Fujimoto were unable to participate. The purpose of the working group is to look at meaningful ways to engage stakeholders and discuss the possible expansion of membership on the task force. The working group felt the need to broaden participation in meaningful ways. Chamber of Commerce, military departments, Department of Education, Farm Bureau, and others have expressed interest in participating with the task force. As a result of the community engagement meetings held on the neighbor islands, residents of Lāna‘i and Moloka‘i have also expressed an interest to participate. The working group felt if task force membership was expanded it may be difficult to establish quorum for meetings. The task force had two occasions where business meetings were cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

The SEWG presented the following recommendations: 1) task force membership as adopted in Act 8 shall remain the same (25 members); 2) create opportunities for stakeholders and sector representatives through existing and proposed working groups; and 3) integrate stakeholder participation through activities and coordination with Community Engagement Working Group.

Chair Kokubun noted that action on the recommendations presented in the report from the SEWG will be taken at a future task force meeting.

Keith Kurahashi suggested adding major land owners to the list of stakeholders. Millie Kim requested that the task force reconsider the “three strikes” policy—give members a little flexibility given their busy schedules. Chair Kokubun stated that discussion on attendance policy be put on the December agenda. Pamela Tumpap commented that past discussions on broadening the task force with groups that expressed interest concluded that if you keep adding groups, where do you draw the line. With the creation of the various working groups, there is numerous opportunities for groups to become involved and also not be subject to the sunshine law.

**IX. Update and Discussion of Other Sustainability Activities.** Many activities relating to sustainability are scheduled throughout the State. Chair Kokubun mentioned a list of sustainability events.

- Hawai‘i Congress of Planning Officials, October 3-5
- Hawai‘i Insurers Council (panel discussion), October 4  
Chair Kokubun and Colonel Killian addressed and were well received by the council. Chair Kokubun is really excited that many sectors of the business community has taken interest in these efforts.
- ULI Hawai‘i Sustainability Conference, October 13

Chair Kokubun and many other task force members attended the conference and felt it was an excellent conference.

- Aloha Peace Forum, October 14-15
  - Children & Youth Summit, October 20
  - Focus Maui Nui, October 21
- Pamela Tumpap commented that part of the general plan update, Maui County is working with the Maui Economic Development Board, who together with Focus Maui Nui has coordinated the PlanStory workshops. One of the exercises conducted at the workshop was on housing density. In terms of housing, they look at the possibly expanding into rural areas or increase density in existing housing areas. As they looked at various trade-offs, one interesting consensus was to increase density and leave rural areas rural. It was an exercise to get people thinking of trade-offs and what sustainability means to them and engage them to attend community meetings and share their input.
- School of Travel Industry Management Workshop, October 24
- Beth Tokioka attended the workshop and commented that the four scenarios presented at the workshop were different from what was presented at the Kick-off Event. The scenarios were very good and plausible in many ways that Beth suggested having similar workshops on Kaua'i using the same scenarios.
- Sustain Hawai'i/World Business Academy Workshop: Fostering Sustainable Behavior, December 12-14
  - Energy Working Group meeting (Open Space), November 28

**X. Next Steps; Plan for Future Meetings.** The next task force meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 15, 2006. The December meeting will address many important issues including the budget as well as take actions on issues before the task force. Chair Kokubun encourages all members to schedule the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting on their calendars. Although the Legislature will be in session from January to May, Chair Kokubun would like to continue to hold task force meetings on the third Friday of the month. Further discussion will continue at the December meeting. Stacie Thorlakson suggested that the January meeting be held on the Tuesday before or the Thursday after opening day so that neighbor island members can attend Opening Day of the Legislature.

**XI. Adjourn.** Chair Kokubun thanked members and the audience for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. by Chair Kokubun.