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4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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CONVENE: 10:00 am

PRESENT: Raphael Boritzer, Chair
Jina Lawler
Duke Sevilla
Wanda McMaster
Karen Wolfe
Elaine Yamashita
Felicia Shin (10:15 am)

EXCUSED: Wayne Yamashige

GUESTS: Mayor Charmaine Tavares
Lori Tsuhako, Deputy Director

STAFF: Mel Dadez

ADMIN.: Ed Kushi, Jr., Corporation Counsel

CHAIR BORITZER: . . . from me? You've been already on the job for almost a year.

MAYOR TAVARES: Almost a year, 8 months – it seems like a lifetime. Laughter. But actually today is not quite 8 months. We started on the second so. . .

VARIOUS VOICES – GREETING EACH OTHER

CHAIR BORITZER: I will give the Mayor the first access, if she can come in monthly. . . (inaudible) let us know what you expect from us.

MAYOR TAVARES: Well, have fun, for one. I've been trying to – I thought I had this great goal when I first started in January that I was going to go visit all the boards and commissions in the first quarter. And the first quarter ended March 31st and I. . . there are 35 boards and commissions. And I've been to, I think this is the 12th – so making some in roads but not as quickly as I thought I would be. And I wanted to take the opportunity to, you know, welcome you all to this Administration basically and to thank

you, first of all for your willingness to serve on a board or commission or this board or commission particularly.

And as far as the goals and objectives, I think that Department of Housing and Human Concerns program budget outlines what its mission and goals are for the County Department and for the County of Maui. And if those are referred to frequently then I think that gives the direction for the County as a whole and as approved by the County Council sees the goal of like this board and commission in the realm of children and youth. So it's looking at childcare issues, youth programs, like I think you have one of the Paia Youth Center, the Youth and Cultural Center on the agenda today. Looking at the youth programs and of course you've got Duke over here who knows youth programs inside and out, backwards and forwards and you of course have lots of experience in childcare issues.

I think it's a really great group, the members that are in here – terrific. But that's basically what it is. It's not particularly my, as the Mayor, my goals and objectives, it's really the County's goals and objectives and how those goals and objectives are delineated in that program budget so that might be one of the things you want to request if you don't already have it, is the statement of the mission and the goals and objectives for the Department of Housing and Human Concerns. So that you don't – you can see where it is where your interests are in particular and I know all you come with a special interest, I mean there's – that's probably the reason why you're on this – you have an agenda or you have something that you would like to see become better. And see how that fits into what the goals and objectives are that exist. If you think there's something missing or that it's not clearly enough defined in the goals and objectives, then make those recommendations to the Department of Housing and Human Concerns so that at the next budget they can consider changing some of those goals and objectives. So it's not that you run independently of – oh, we're this and they're that - we're together, and the more we work cooperatively on projects, on missions and things like that, the better it's going to be throughout the County. All the (inaudible) that I have to drop today. Hi Lori. Welcome back. (Inaudible). . .

MS. TSUHAKO: Thank you.

FEMALE: I think having Lori involved (inaudible) helpful to us.

MAYOR TAVARES: Yes. And we, you know, we managed to, I think, have attracted some really great people to work in the Administration. And we were happy to snag Lori from – they call me the Body Snatcher – (laughter) – we snagged her from the Big Island and brought her back here. I kept stealing people from private sector and other places and it got to be where when I walked in the door they didn't want to let me in or they wouldn't want to open the door (inaudible) we heard you were stealing people from all over. But I was trying to put together a team of people that I thought would really be focused on serving the community and who can work with others and that was my goal in looking for people to run the different departments that I could appoint to. And I think

that we've got some great people and (inaudible) concerns and Vanessa and Lori. You've got a great department to work with. You have any questions?

CHAIR BORITZER: I tell you, one of the things that I wasn't able to serve on this Commission with the previous Administration was that as a professor in UH and at MCC, and I'm sure there are other people here who come from the same background, I get to see the end product of children when they come to us and something in the cooking process hasn't gone well, even if the recipe was followed but perhaps, the oven or something else didn't work correctly or wasn't the correct temperature, we get the products to deal with. And there lots of issues that we face every day at the (inaudible) level, above high school level but we have no control over.

One of my interests is to see if we can become a little bit more active in terms of our thinking and philosophical output or perhaps policies, ideas that might be incorporated, not as (inaudible) a budgetary process but also perhaps in the policy arena. So that when we get these children and youth coming to us, where really change is very difficult at that point – that they come more ready to undertake. One of the things County – having lived in Hawaii for 15 years, most of it on Oahu and having spent residence in (inaudible) other countries, one of the issues that I see is almost a philosophical issue and it's nothing that we're going to be able to correct by (inaudible) commission here and have someone here to have some discussion on it and that is the expectations of children that come out of high schools here. Perhaps the philosophy (inaudible) at earlier levels, they come expecting that there'll be continuing to be (inaudible) a paternalistic culture once they enter college. And since we started this 4 year program at MCC, we've noticed that they think that's going to continue past that and maybe even went to graduate school and in the work place and so on. And we were just talking before the meeting, that things are changing so rapidly, technology and the commercial things and we need some (inaudible). That's a luxury we can't afford and perhaps if we had some input into the child and youth culture in terms of self reliance. I was just thinking this morning, even just perhaps encourage something like Outward Bound for children, some kind of activity of self reliance where they would be – because there's not much else we could do to (inaudible) but perhaps incorporate that idea. That's just a personal idea, I've not discussed it.

MAYOR TAVARES: Right now our programs are I know are just familiar with the (inaudible) and how that's building teamwork, character, self-confidence all of those things and that's why I think this Commission is important because it's easier to teach kids when they're – the younger they are the better. The older they get they get more stodgy and they're in boxes and they don't want to get out. So it is important to look at what kinds of things can we do to ensure that we all, the whole County of Maui and what we do is, in this area particularly, is to prepare people to become productive citizens of our community and to be contributing members of the community and that's not to start at the very youngest age. And I was going to say, the hope of our future rests with kids. And that's you know, the leaders of our community that we have today. And that's very true. So those kinds of programs where they're going to instill in those kids a confidence, an independence where they can think independently, we don't want

to just have all yes people around you. We want them to be analytical, to just not take things at face value and let's say somebody tells you that oh, okay, make, is it right, is it not right for you or for your community, your family, whatever. Those kinds of things sometimes are (inaudible) and yes, you're correct about the paternalistic feeling that kids have and they don't break away from it (inaudible) sometimes you see the ones that are, like the antisocial ones that break out too far to the left or whatever, you know.

You know, I can say, it starts with the parents – that, you know, how many parents take their kids to college? I mean, my parents put me on a plane and said see you later. I had never been to the campus before I went there and now they take them on FAM tours before they decide which college and then when they decide which college they're going to go to, they take them to the college and take them shopping and get them set up and all the whatevers. I mean, I think it's a – we're not doing a service to our kids when we do things like that because they're never forced into a situation where they actually have to be on their own. And that's what I liked about the Upward Bound program at Maui Community College that I was the director of. We had those kids, who needed to learn how to live on their own, well, you know, making recipes and menus and going shopping and washing clothes. Kids didn't even know how to wash clothes. You know, so I mean, some do need to be independent, is got to be taught some where along the line so the earlier you catch them (inaudible) preaching to the choir. So the earlier you catch them, the better.

FEMALE: I saw the meaning of paina (?) this summer. Laughter.

CHAIR BORITZER: I think what happens, unfortunately, that the kids who do get this kind of support, they usually go and study on the mainland afterward. We're trying – really, we should be reaching to the kids who don't go to the mainland to study and are (inaudible) by circumstances to come to study with us in Maui. And we have to make it, sure that they reach the same level at some point or get close to it to MS. MCMASTER: We end up with Upward Bound kids and also, my godson for survive (inaudible).

example, was in the Kamehameha Summer Explorations program in culinary arts and now he's a freshman at MCC because of that experience. So we – a number of kids go on to (inaudible) they have other programs (inaudible).

FEMALE: There isn't enough.

FEMALE: There aren't, no.

MR. SEVILLA: For me, I think it's a real - it's a balance that we really have to look at. It's not only for kids that don't have the opportunity but you have kids that (inaudible) and these are the kids that are successful that had that (inaudible) we still got to recognize them too. You know what I mean, so there is a balance where we really got to look at it as, you know, as a Commission, what is the right avenue to take because we cannot be (inaudible). We got to give, you know, (inaudible) to kids that do make it

(inaudible) to be (inaudible) the kids that having hard time that when they make it, then we have to (inaudible) also. So it's a real big balance.

MAYOR TAVARES: Right.

MR. SEVILLA: It all comes down to choice anyway. Because you can have the greatest parents in the world but your kids can (inaudible) choice, you can (inaudible) where is that (inaudible) after that – is something we really got to look at. The way I look at it is, as long as we, as community, that we try to do all the best things that we can and give all the kids alternatives, to make choices on what is right and what is wrong, then I think we (inaudible).

MAYOR TAVARES: Right. Thank you very much. You guys are (inaudible) group and the (inaudible).

MS. WOLFE: I'd just like to say, you know that I've been thinking a lot about children interacting with the elderly and helping out in the community that way because sometimes that empowers them to feel important, if you will. We did some of that on the Big Island, and the kids couldn't wait to, you know, putting screens up, helping somebody that's less fortunate than you, and then having a little barbeque afterwards and the kids couldn't wait, you know, when are we going to do this again, you know. And I think that empowers kids in a way that we don't even understand sometimes.

MAYOR TAVARES: Yeah, well, there's some of those programs that are going on now that you don't really hear about too often. You know, Hana High School has a program like that where they go and help the elderly with whatever in their homes and you know, building ramps or whatever and that has just brought that community so, so much tighter, closer – it's awesome. And I see also there are programs that are looking at this intergenerational experiences for some of the agencies are or non-profits that are doing programs, are starting to include that intergenerational, just like what they're going to do at the Nisei Center. They have the day care center there and the senior center there. I think that's a really good opportunity and you give that opportunity so that the kids can interact and everybody, each of the age groups gains something. And you know, that's what it's about, it's about the ohana approach.

MS. WOLFE: Is there anything in the schools like, I remember, in Dallas, Texas, I became aware of the seniors coming in to (inaudible) had a small, what do you call, like a nursery, where the parents would bring the children to the school and the upper students, like the junior and high school, would come in and take care of those students and you had very hostile students that were in charge of these children and they saw parent and children relationships and parent and teacher and they saw all that and it was very rewarding to the students because you could the most hostile student, put them in that situation, give them some power, if you will and you suddenly saw this wonderful child emerge who maybe wasn't that way when they weren't in that program. So – wondering if things like that can go on too here.

MAYOR TAVARES: Well, we don't control the DOE particularly, so we're kind of limited on what we can do but I think that as we talk in the community and talk to people that are in the Department of Education or teachers who may be interested in programs like that, then that's the way that you folks can influence those kinds of programs.

I know at MCC they're trying to do that now - daycare thing where it's going to be like a laboratory for kids that want to go into childcare fields. And I know Wanda was very instrumental in trying to get that off the ground and (inaudible).

FEMALE: (Inaudible). . . actually implemented.

MAYOR TAVARES: Yeah, right. So you know, these things takes a while but you keep working and working and you see some good results. And I think also, you know, a lot of the non-profits organizations that are providing some sort of youth program or childcare or whatever things that they're aware of those programs that have been successful. I think the sharing amongst those non-profits is very valuable. They can see, there's something that we can do, that's not that hard, you know. I mean, if they can - to get to the Big Brother Big Sister mentoring program or the - the whole tutorial that they do, (inaudible) farm was another organization that I was involved with that was doing an intergenerational thing with kupuna. And the kids just loved it and the kupuna loved it, they couldn't wait for the next session. So it was - we were trying to help the kids but the unintended consequence was that we were helping the kupuna. They're feeling more valuable and more worth it and they've got lots to share and they love being with the kids. And I had some lady say, you know, oh I feel 20 years younger since (inaudible). And you know those kinds of things are, I think what we're about here. And so whatever we can do to promote those kinds of programs I think is really good.

FEMALE: We're fortunate you have social service background as you do.

LAUGHTER - UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE - INAUDIBLE

MAYOR TAVARES: That's true. Because you know, I think my greatest claim is the PALS program. When we took that program and made it what the community needed which was, you know, childcare from the time the parent has to drop the kid off someplace to go to work from the time they get off (inaudible). The other summer fun programs were at the hour that was convenient for the employees. Well, you know what, we're not about that. So we changed it and it's been one of the most successful programs around in this County. So if that's my claim to fame, I'm fine. I was just reacting and responding to what a community need was and trying to see how we could, how we could accommodate the need, you know, within reason and it kind of worked out. And I wanted it for the whole time, from the half day school got out to the day before school started but I think it's cut back on the later end because of the kids having to go to school earlier - the workers, you know they've got to go to school before the public school kids go in so it was a little difficult. So I think they only run it 10 ½ weeks now instead of 12 ½ weeks. But then now we have intersession and we were -

PALS was adjusted so then we have intersession programs for when those kids are off for those two weeks or whatever. So you kind of – you know, see what the community needs are and try to respond for, respond to those needs in a thoughtful way, not just oh throw money at this thing and it's going to happen. No – it's not going to happen just by doing that. Okay, well, thank you very much for letting me come here and by all means please stay in contact with the department - you folks want me to come another time or any other time, just schedule me in and stuff and I'll be happy to talk with you whenever.

MS. SHIN: Hi.

MAYOR TAVARES: Hi. This meeting starts too early? Laughter.

MS. SHIN: Laughing – You come on the boat – the traffic is (inaudible).

MR. SEVILLA: Plus to find parking. . .

MS. SHIN: Yeah, the traffic and the parking.

MAYOR TAVARES: So do you have a parking pass for this meeting?

MS. SHIN: Yes, I do. Thank you.

MAYOR TAVARES: Oh, okay. Just some mundane (inaudible). . . laughter.

CHAIR BORITZER: So I think this is first time we've had almost everyone. What I'd like to – the first item on the agenda is approval of the May 22nd minutes. Do we have a motion to approve?

MS. WOLFE: I make a motion to approve the May 22nd minutes.

CHAIR BORITZER: And second?

MR. SEVILLA: Second.

CHAIR BORITZER: Okay. All those in favor?

MS. MCMASTER: I'm wondering about the minutes. Most of the organizations I'm involved with have more of a summary rather than a text.

CHAIR BORITZER: I agree. I think this is the first time we've had them – we haven't had this meeting for a long time so – where's Melvin. . .

FEMALE: It would save on trees and (inaudible).

CHAIR BORITZER: It is requested we could kind of summarize the minutes instead of blow by blow description that's issued to the Commission members, is that okay? Is there a problem with that?

MR. DADEZ: Well, were working on that.

CHAIR BORITZER: And also if I may ask if we can get the communications in Word format instead of WPS because I don't have WPS. Whatever that is, I don't know what it is.

FEMALE: Yeah, maybe that's why (inaudible) the minutes (inaudible).

MS. WOLFE: Mmm-hmm. Maybe.

CHAIR BORITZER: So I think the rest of the world has moved on to Microsoft Office Word.

FEMALE: Or RTM.

CHAIR BORITZER: Or RTM is fine also, yeah. So consider the minutes passed. Any correspondence? None that I got. Did anybody? Melvin, did we get any correspondence?

MR. DADEZ: No.

CHAIR BORITZER: No, okay.

MS. MCMASTER: I (inaudible) the part of the minutes but I know we had gotten a question from the County Council about – I kind of remember was it that they wanted our opinion on curfews and (inaudible) remember that come up at the last meeting that (inaudible). . .

MS. WOLFE: Are you talking about the some ideas about Maui County Commission Division of Public of Health?

MS. MCMASTER: No. There was a communication from the County Council asking us our opinion about a law that had been passed on the mainland, I think Seattle or something. And it took us a lot of time to get it – by the time we actually – I actually received it, it was already passed the date that they had asked for a response.

CHAIR BORITZER: I don't think we discussed (inaudible).

MS. MCMASTER: So I think that's an issue – maybe if there is correspondence that comes in, if you can give it to us as soon as (inaudible).

CHAIR BORITZER: Under the new business we seem to have a presentation by Susan White.

FEMALE: Can I just interrupt for a second?

CHAIR BORITZER: Sure.

FEMALE: The staff at Big Brothers Big Sisters somehow got an invitation to also appear so we have two groups out there, Susan White individually and a few people from Big Brothers & Big Sisters. So if you guys would entertain the idea (inaudible) they'll give you a really brief overview of what they do and their outreach efforts and then you all can ask questions at that time.

MS. TOMAS: I'm Char (sp?) Tomas from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Maui. I'm the Program Coordinator.

MS. TAEZA: I'm Kassel Taeza (inaudible) Big Brothers Big Sisters.

MS. GUILLERMO: Jayna Guillermo, I'm the interviewer at Big Brothers Big Sisters.

FEMALE: For people applying to be a Big?

MS. GUILLERMO: Yes.

CHAIR BORITZER: Perhaps you can (inaudible) and tell us a little bit about your mission, what you do.

MS. TOMAS: Yes. Big Brothers Big Sisters we – our mission at Big Brothers Big Sisters is to make a positive difference in the lives of our children here on Maui through professional support and one on one mentoring services. The relationship with the caring volunteer who provides a role model in the lives of the child and to assist them with achieving their potential goals. They become responsible men and women when we provide these types of services. So currently we are servicing 250 children here on Maui as well as Molokai and we have 4 different programs here that we offer these children. The community based program, afterschool mentoring program, the Lunch Buddies program which is a site visit program at the elementary school and Big Reader program where the volunteer goes to the Lihikai school and reads for the classroom. So Jayna will be able to share the community based and the afterschool program with you.

JAYNA: Our afterschool school program which is also known as a site (inaudible) program is one of our newer programs and it's geared specifically towards our high school volunteers that want to become involved with the community. And currently we have students from Baldwin, Maui High, Lahainaluna and a couple from St. Anthony that come to our afterschool programs and they are matched with their Little for one year for the school year commitment. If everything goes well they're more than

welcome to come back and continue being a Big with the program. On that level, I truly feel that it is important because it does give the high school volunteers (inaudible) a sense of pride in themselves and what they do and also it gives them experience to know that it's not, you know, life is not just about them. But it is about the child next door, it is about the student that they may sit next to in class but never talk to. It really does give them a sense of pride, especially you know, responsibility. It also gives them an opportunity to fulfill credits at school. I know at Baldwin, if I'm not mistaken, has a senior project and a lot of them choose to do their volunteer experience as their senior project. So you know, it does give them an opportunity to fulfill educational requirements (inaudible) their school.

So on that level, we do have a good turnout. I think sometimes you know, the community, you know, oh kids do this, you know, always the negative. Sometimes the positive is often overlooked. And so I think this gives them the opportunity to do something within the community just to be responsible for themselves and somebody else.

Community based programs, our longest running program, I think statewide it's been around for 101 years. And in that program it's specifically adult volunteers who are 18 years and older. And they're matched with their Little and they go out into the community to do activities such as going to the beach or going to the park. In that program sky's the limit as long as the parent or the guardian of the child is – agrees to that activity then by all means no barriers as far as that goes. We do feel that every child deserves to have a mentor in their life, I think sometimes the stereotype is that we serve disadvantaged children, disadvantaged families but we do service from one end of the spectrum to the next. We do have children that do come from two parent households, parents or for kids that are being raised by grandparents, the kupuna. And in that aspect, we do help them, give them the added support because you know, it is difficult sometimes to (inaudible). . . We always have a (inaudible) and a lot of them, they get their Little from 6 years old and they watch them, they're matched until graduation. And even after graduation, even though they might not be with the program anymore they still have that relationship where it carries them on throughout their whole lives. So we're blessed with that – to be able to see that kind of (inaudible) continue to develop.

FEMALE: What kind of funding do you guys get from the County?

MS. GUILLERMO: That well, we have our new Executive Director on board so she's getting her foot into (inaudible) that will depend on how (inaudible). And we've been blessed by the Maui United Way, the community has been generous to us and for that we are (inaudible). Without the funding, we can't do our jobs.

FEMALE: Inaudible.

MS. GUILLERMO: Exactly, yeah, exactly. It's just a small part of . . .

CHAIR BORITZER: I think we had contact with (inaudible). . .

MR. SEVILLA: Who is your guys new ED?

MS. GUILLERMO: Melissa Ross.

MS. WOLFE: And Char, your last name is Tomas?

MS. TOMAS: Yes, Tomas. T-O-M-A-S.

MS. WOLFE: And who's that cute girl with you?

MS. TAEZA: Laughter. Kassel Taeza.

MS. WOLFE: How do you spell your name?

MS. TAEZA: K-A-S-S-E-L. Taeza, T-A-E-Z-A.

FEMALE: So what is your (inaudible)?

MS. TAEZA: I do the volunteer processing. The way you become a volunteer is you sign an application and the minute we get that application we connect you to Jayna to do a (inaudible) interview. After the interview, we do reference checks. For afterschool volunteers and Lunch Buddies we do two reference checks, for community based we do three. Then we do the background check and traffic abstract for our community based because they have to take out the Little in their car. And throughout this whole process we always flag as a team, if there's any red flags or concerns and it doesn't, it's not a fast process and it usually takes 6 months to a year for you to be matched – it's not you get it (inaudible). That's what everyone thinks – that you can just get a Little just like that – no. We screen the volunteers through (inaudible).

FEMALE: I was thinking a volunteer, that your volunteer screening process, do you still have that (inaudible)?

FEMALE: Mm-hmm.

FEMALE: Yeah, it's not just one person, it's definitely a team discussion.

MS. WOLFE: So if you want to get other seniors or PhD's out there that aren't doing anything, you guys would be willing to help us screen them?

MS. TOMAS: That would probably have to – with Melissa. But I don't see why not.

MS. WOLFE: Because there's a lot of people out there who aren't doing anything that could be doing something but they don't know where to go to do it. And I think it's

wonderful that it takes that long to screen somebody, 'cause that means that you're really thoroughly looking at that person. So that's wonderful.

MS. TOMAS: And usually when someone is really eager to be matched and keeps on calling back (inaudible) you know, you can wait the six months (inaudible).

MS. WOLFE: Right. Excellent.

CHAIR BORITZER: You mentioned that you service 250 children, do you consider yourself pressed for more volunteers or are you at your capacity or are you underutilized? How would you characterize (inaudible)?

MS. TOMAS: We can always use more.

CHAIR BORITZER: So you have enough children? You may not have enough volunteers or do you have too many volunteers and not enough children?

MS. TAEZA: We have (inaudible) Littles waiting to be matched. Especially little boys. We have a lot of little girls (inaudible) are not being (inaudible) little boys, it's really hard because they prefer guys. A lot of them don't have the father figure so the parents come in and show up and give them that. But there's not a lot of guy volunteers.

CHAIR BORITZER: Oh really? I always thought it was just the opposite – there were a lot more male volunteers. The ones I know (inaudible). I think after what happened this morning (inaudible). I heard your Executive Director do a presentation at the Rotary Club and she was (inaudible). . . So you have a waiting list of little boys and what kind of activities do you typically take them out on?

MS. TOMAS: Who, the volunteers?

CHAIR BORITZER: Yeah.

MS. TOMAS: The beach, the park, the movies. Or they just . . .

CHAIR BORITZER: Is it a weekend thing?

MS. TOMAS: It just depends on the volunteer. But we require that you meet at least twice a month.

CHAIR BORITZER: I see.

FEMALE: Regular family activities (inaudible).

MS. TOMAS: Mmm-hmm.

CHAIR BORITZER: What about the lunch program?

MS. TOMAS: They meet once a week at a specific school and have lunch with them.

CHAIR BORITZER: Oh I see, it's not that you take them out to lunch. . .

MS. TOMAS: No.

FEMALE: How long has that been going on?

FEMALE: This is the third school year.

CHAIR BORITZER: I hope it's a healthy lunch. Laughter. Are there any other questions we have for our guests?

MS. WOLFE: Umm, I have one about the – I mean, what about going to like churches where you – I mean not that everybody that goes to church is as pure as the driven snow but – what about putting out some things at the churches to let them know you have boys waiting on a waiting list so that you can start the process of getting those people qualified since it takes so long.

FEMALE: Yeah, that's a good idea.

MS. WOLFE: I mean not to say everybody in church is who they say they are but you know, that would be a place to start.

FEMALE: You mentioned seniors too and that Kanoa Senior Center puts out a monthly (inaudible) and they have a RSVP, you know returns that you can (inaudible). And they have little blurbs in there every month of different agencies are looking for a variety of assistance. So it wouldn't always necessarily need to be Bigs but you know, other kinds of whatever, support. You might call Kanoa and get into that because you know, a lot of people get that.

CHAIR BORITZER: (inaudible) how feel about people like snowbirds, like if they're looking to commit to six month (inaudible). Would that disrupt the continuity of the contact with the children?

MS. GUILLERMO: One of the criteria to become a volunteer you need to be able to make a one year commitment.

CHAIR BORITZER: Because my (inaudible) we have a membership changes all the time because the Canadians leave for the season. And so we have the same problem. But people seem to have nothing to do as you mentioned, you know, just sitting there waiting, twiddling their thumbs.

MR. SEVILLA: Well, they can maybe give a donation. Laughter.

MS. TOMAS: And we do network with outside agencies as well if we cannot meet the needs of the people that we serve. We'll always network with other agencies as well. Give them resources . . .

MS. WOLFE: And do you have fundraisers?

FEMALE: Yes.

FEMALE: The Bowl for Kids Sake is my (inaudible). It's the annual bowling event where you do (inaudible) and raise money to bowl. There's a \$50 minimum to bowl but you get lots of prizes, grab bags and it's going to be happening in February, next year. So we will keep you posted.

FEMALE: At where?

FEMALE: At the old bowling alley. Laughter.

FEMALE: The only bowling alley. Laughter.

FEMALE: We're still working on getting (inaudible) and the Mayor to get us a new one. She always forms a team. And we've got the Gingerbread House where we work with the Sheraton and it's a match activity where the Big and the Little goes and they work on the house together. We get sponsorships from our sponsors. And the annual dinner which we just had in June.

FEMALE: And our clothing drives on the weekend. Every third weekend at Wal-Mart or Kaahumanu Shopping Center.

MS. WOLFE: And people bring their clothes. . .

FEMALE: They bring their clothes. . .

MR. SEVILLA: Don't you guys get some money from that Saver's also?

FEMALE: Yeah, we have a partnership with Saver's.

FEMALE: That's where the clothes go.

FEMALE: You mentioned that you had some activities on Molokai?

FEMALE: Yes.

FEMALE: Is that still going on?

FEMALE: Yes, we have an afterschool program going on on Molokai.

FEMALE: But not the matching of the Littles and the Bigs?

FEMALE: Not yet. We're working on getting it to the community base but we're starting off with the afterschool . . .

FEMALE: 'Cause you had all of that about a year ago, right?

FEMALE: Yes. And then the staffing changed and . . .

FEMALE: So you actually have staff on Molokai?

FEMALE: Yes, we do.

FEMALE: You do? Who's that person?

FEMALE: Taylor, Taylor Kaawa.

FEMALE: Because I know the last person was like Solomon or . . .

FEMALE: Uhh – Sybil?

FEMALE: Sybil, yeah.

MS. WOLFE: What about Lanai? Do you have representation over there?

FEMALE: A few years ago we did have a Lanai program but I think we're going to be working with that and getting that in the works as well. Because that includes the whole County of Maui, Lanai and Molokai so . . .

MS. WOLFE: So Kassel, is that how you say your name? How would you come to this? I mean, what capacity did you come to this in? Were you like, mentor to someone or . . .?

MS. TAEZA: No, I graduated from a college a year ago and I always knew that I wanted to give back and work with children. I didn't want to be those business money making people, it didn't interest me and I always knew I wanted to work with kids so when that opportunity was open to me I just (inaudible).

MS. WOLFE: Bless your heart.

MR. SEVILLA: You answered that question because I was going to ask you what high school you go? Laughter.

VARIOUS FEMALE VOICES: Thank you.

MS. WOLFE: Anything we can do to help. . .

VARIOUS FEMALE VOICES: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR BORITZER: You must be Susan White.

MS. WHITE: I'm Susan White.

CHAIR BORITZER: Okay, the floor is yours. Let us know what you do, how you do it and how we can help.

MS. WHITE: Okay, well, I'm Susan White. I'm the Executive Director of the Paia Youth and Cultural Center. And I have been there 15 years. Basically we run a drop in program for youth at ages 9-21 years old. Our primary target group has been for many, many years ages 16-21, which were rare for that on Maui County (inaudible – telephone ringing). However this year we got a big grant from the State of Hawaii and we are going to start targeting middle school age kids – Kalama youth kids. We've always them in our membership, they just haven't been the bulk of our membership. So our membership is free and we're kind of odd because we're the only youth center in Maui County that is not on County owned land; we have our own – we rent from A&B Properties. We also are not near a school so our kids have to really want to come to the Youth Center. I think that's one of the reasons why we started attracting older youth because most of them actually drive themselves there. We are – we have some youth that do come down right now from Kihei and Kalama on MEO bus and we are going to also start transporting them (inaudible) special program.

We have the radio station there, 89.5 which is youth directed. It is the only radio in the nation (inaudible) for that age. pretty (inaudible) – it's getting a lot of attention for that. It's been up one year as of July 15th this past July. It took us 7 years to get the license for it.

We have stone race skate park which took 6 years to build and that's also a state of the art skate park known nationwide. It was built and designed by Blaise (sp?) Anderson who's been with us for 15 years also. He built it intentionally to attract that certain crowd so that we could get them into the Youth Center, which normally these kids would normally never come to the Youth Center.

And then we have a lab, multi-media lab, very high tech and (inaudible) continually updating, upgrading equipment. Video production and now also doing music and also all the broadcast, recorded broadcast for the radio station is done there.

And we have our Ocean Beach Club and we also have the Paia Bay Café which has gone through one million transformations. It started out as an entrepreneurial program; it didn't work as an entrepreneurial program because I had too difficult of a time finding people to staff it that had business acumen and also were program people. So now it is program based first and entrepreneurial second. It is open to the public three days a week and the other days the kids are (inaudible).

We do activities like any other youth center, take them where they want to go, all over Maui. Pretty much our membership averages about 350 kids a year and our daily drop in averages anywhere from 40 to 80 kids (inaudible).

CHAIR BORITZER: I know you're successful because anytime I tried to get to Paia, the traffic jam out of your parking lot, in both directions is pretty intense so it always seems to have activity even in the evenings or early morning. I always see people there.

MS. WHITE: We're very fortunate our location because we are on Paia Bay and that's body boarding bay of pretty much Maui, all of Maui. So we attract all those kids that do body boarding so that traffic and the skate park (inaudible).

CHAIR BORITZER: That's good exposure to those kids who might know (inaudible).

MS. WOLFE: And do any of the children come back and help?

MS. WHITE: Yes. We have an alumni which is very big actually. I don't have the exact numbers but I know that it's over 70 alumni now. I've been there long enough, since the first year it opened I've been there. They come and they organize and help us do our annual body board festival every year we have it. And that's what we run by alumni (inaudible). We don't every turn anybody ever away, they keep coming – 21's our official age but they can come (inaudible).

MS. WOLFE: So what things do you need help with? I mean what would you like to see more of or how can we help as a council, as a Commission? Cookie cutter needs everywhere?

MS. WHITE: No, I don't think it's cookie cutter 'cause I think, I'm a real believer in center's being community based. It's more about being . . .

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MS. WHITE: . . . we have West Maui as well as Upcountry, Haiku, Central and Waiehu. And then the ones that are not boys and girls club is Hana, Molokai, Lanai and us. Oh and Kihei as well.

MR. SEVILLA: So how each youth center was designed was each community was supposed to have their little own niche and the community supposed to take care of that youth center. Things are changing in a sense but I kind of like, where Susan guys are at, (inaudible) maintain that community based thing. Takeover (inaudible) that's the way I look at. So I kind of like what you guys have. I kind of want you guys to stay like that and not change as much as possible.

MS. WHITE: Well, we're not. We're not connected to the merchants and to the parents of the broader community.

MR. SEVILLA: 'Cause it's special that's why.

CHAIR BORITZER: What's your funding structure?

MS. WHITE: Our funding structure is I have two, three right now, three contracts with the State of Hawaii (inaudible) youth services and a grant with the County of Maui and then we have the skate park which makes revenue itself, the Café makes revenue and private foundations, donations and then I also teach and conduct the (inaudible) program and I get revenue from that. We charge for the (inaudible) and we charge for (inaudible) \$3 (inaudible) the adults (inaudible) they have to pay. We just grab it where we can get it. We do a big huge annual fundraiser every year which is coming up September 29th, A Taste of North Shore is run by the Paia Youth Council.

CHAIR BORITZER: What's your staffing?

MS. WHITE: My staffing is – a number of years ago I started getting wiser in the business game and I have all contracted employees now which are not really employees but the skate park was contracted out, the radio station is and also the labs, like, we contracted workers. And then I have 7 or 8 staff, 2 other full time besides me and all the rest part time.

CHAIR BORITZER: What about the operation? What hours are you operating?

MS. WHITE: We're open 5 days a week from 11 – 7, I mean – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 11 to 7 and then Friday nights 'til 9 and then Saturdays 11 to 7. The skate park has different hours; they are open 'til (inaudible) every night. (Inaudible). . . We allow kids to come in at 11 – they have to have their home school exemption papers or their early release from school. We started that a number of years ago because of our lab. We let them come in; we have quite a few older youth that come in in the early hours of the day.

CHAIR BORITZER: I'm curious do you have any MCC students come in?

MS. WHITE: We have tried for years to get MCC students to come over and internship and it's never been successful. I've gone through two of their program directors over there. They had an outreach program starting at MCC a number of times and it's never . . .

FEMALE: Inaudible.

MS. WHITE: We've done that twice already.

FEMALE: Oh, okay.

MS. WHITE: I'm on that board.

FEMALE: (Inaudible). . . get that conversion class going. . . (inaudible).

MS. WHITE: But to get them to come through the internships, it's never panned out. We did get from UH, it was fabulous, two years ago, I had a social worker on board that is no longer with us but she was (inaudible) internship (inaudible). Her job was to go, 'cause I don't know if you guys are familiar with Paia Bay, but we are also known not the Youth Center but the bathrooms there are a heavy drug area - very well known for that and we've been trying to clean it up for 15 years. Her job was to go out in outreach to those people and see what their trip was and become really familiar with the homeless and the drug addicts in that area. And also inform them of the boundaries. We started enforcing a couple of years ago, seriously enforcing them. Anybody within the 500 feet boundary line of the Youth Center we turned them in (inaudible) because we have to.

CHAIR BORITZER: Has that had an effect?

MS. WHITE: Well – it comes and goes. You know, we have to get really hard core and to have an effect. But it's one of those things that you can never relax about. They don't have anywhere to go. So it's like, we move them along and then wherever they go they move them back (inaudible). It's gotten less so though, I think in a lot of different areas (inaudible).

FEMALE: Have you talked to Maui Employment (inaudible) at MCC does a service (inaudible) . . .

MS. WHITE: (Inaudible)? Yeah . . . (inaudible). But our biggest outreach that we do has been successful as far as getting kids that – you know, kids are really programmed these days. They – the last thing they want to do when they get out of structured schools is go into another structured program. It's really difficult for them unless they're mandated to do that. So to get kids that wouldn't normally attend a youth center, I have a very creative employee that's contracted out, Blaise (sp?) Anderson, Duke knows him, that we brought in the heaviest punk bands and activities like that that you wouldn't normally bring in to attract these kids to get them to come to the Center so they can see that it was a place that maybe they could have a fun time at and enjoy themselves. The outreach has always been a real difficult thing for us. We've gone in and out of the schools a number of times and the schools are not very receptive to us. It's like pulling teeth to get them to allow us to get in there.

MS. WOLFE: Why is that?

MS. WHITE: 'Cause they have no system for it. You know, the only system that they have – grade school's a different thing – but once you get into middle school age and high school the only thing they have is the general assembly and then lunch time. Well, when they invite you to speak at lunch time, I mean (inaudible). . . laughter.

CHAIR BORITZER: Yeah, got 'ya.

MS. WHITE: So they don't have a system in place. And our biggest success has always been trying to find who the teachers are and go into the classrooms. We've gotten a number of youths into our media program through the classrooms (inaudible). That's our grant right now. It's a contract for Hawaii (inaudible) youth services is that. So we are going into Kalama knowing - into the teachers, into the classrooms and trying to get the Kalama kids to come and do that. We figure if we get them earlier, earlier age then by the time they graduate. . .

CHAIR BORITZER: Let me ask you something that just dawned on me as you were speaking that three main activities you've got the skating, you've got the media lab, you've got the radio station, you've got the restaurant, 4 activities, right?

MS. WHITE: And Ocean Beach.

CHAIR BORITZER: Okay. To me that all seems to be the perfect type of activities for collaboration with some of our students at MCC and with the outreach college we do at MCC as well. Because they could possibly even learning situation, they could be interns and provide you with some warm bodies under some of the courses. I'm just thinking you mentioned, it took you all these years to get the business and (inaudible) and management skills to realize what works and what doesn't. But in the 4 year program, we have (inaudible) all the time looking for places where students can get a hands on kind of experience where they practice or learn about the concepts and have projects.

MS. WHITE: Well, we've been on the list for years and on developing the corporate (inaudible) and it's like. . . My husband even, who owns a retail shop in Paia went and begged for an intern and couldn't get one.

CHAIR BORITZER: Really.

MS. WHITE: Yeah, so it's not as easy as it seems.

CHAIR BORITZER: I don't mean exactly an intern, someone who come and perhaps give you some assistance some of the things that you know you would not get in social service agencies almost like a management consultant or a marketing consultant, a human resource consultant as they're learning those topics they could provide services like (inaudible) because they're looking all the time.

MS. WHITE: Yeah, but see, I don't have anything in place - what the dilemma becomes for all the non-profits is when you have to have a staff person that manages these people and I don't have that, nor can I get funding for that.

CHAIR BORITZER: I see.

MS. WHITE: To manage a volunteer system and to train these people. . .

CHAIR BORITZER: What if you had someone who could offer to give you help to prepare a marketing plan for your organization either to attract funds to attract clients?

MS. WHITE: I'd have to take a look at that and run it by my board.

CHAIR BORITZER: We've done that for other places.

MS. WHITE: I'm open to any suggestions, it's just, you know . . . I don't accept anything unless it's a written proposal. Spell it out. Laughter.

CHAIR BORITZER: I'm curious about your radio station because I used to own a radio group on the mainland and I came here I went right away to MCC to open up a non-profit broadcast license but I couldn't get anybody to understand how that works or put their weight behind it, you know, how important that is for every institution, especially non-profits, like Pacifica Foundation or (inaudible).

MS. WHITE: Like I said, I'm (inaudible) that I have very strict and I make my staff adhere to it. Anybody that wants to volunteer at the Youth Center or anybody that just needs (inaudible) they need to write it down and have it clear in their mind before I present it to my staff and board. It's always a long time (inaudible). You know, somebody can always have a great idea but when it comes to really implementing it and what it takes to do that, it's huge (inaudible).

CHAIR BORITZER: Yeah, a huge graveyard of wonderful new ideas. I talked to Kamehameha seniors trying to get them to come to UH, I always tell them look at the ocean and look at – that's the graveyard of great ideas right outside your windows. A great idea is not enough. You got to have an opportunity and also someone willing to work hard to implement those ideas.

MS. WHITE: Right. (Inaudible).

MS. WOLFE: So what do you need, Susan – what are your needs right now – like today?

MS. WHITE: Well, today, when I walked out this door, I'm going across the hall there to talk to Vanessa 'cause I'm trying to get money for another grant so we can do a route from Kalama to the Youth Center.

MS. WOLFE: And somebody volunteers to drive the van or. . . ?

MS. WHITE: I have an assigned staff member, three, that share the (inaudible) take one day a week each.

MS. WOLFE: So they pick up the kids at various locations?

MS. WHITE: We're just going to take them home – we're trying to get MEO bring them down. (Inaudible). . . take them home because MEO – they can come down on the DOE Board bus or MEO – two ways they can actually get out. Going back is an issue because MEO wants (inaudible). Well they've only done that (inaudible).

MR. SEVILLA: By the time the kids get home, I think it's going to be like ,7 or 8 o'clock or something. It's ridiculous.

MS. WOLFE: Oh, I see.

MS. WHITE: So we need to be able to take them home when the program's done so we won't – more on their time schedule than MEO's time schedule. Because they're servicing the Boys & Girls Club along with us and they have multiple drop off points.

MS. WOLFE: So do you need more drivers?

MS. WHITE: A driver would be good, if you have a driver that would be wonderful.

MR. SEVILLA: I think for like, youth centers like for instance the Paia Youth Center, Kihei Youth Center, and even the Lahaina Youth Center, I know it's down by the Boys & Girls Club, their problem has been transportation (inaudible), because like you said their way away from school. You know so the transportation from getting to and from, that's the problem. And it's been there for years and years ever since the youth center started coming into play. (Inaudible) that's a good (inaudible) – get a van (inaudible).

MS. WHITE: Yeah, we need another van.

MR. SEVILLA: I'm very supportive of that – that's a no-brainer that, you know what I mean?

MS. WOLFE: But you have somebody to drive it once you get it?

MS. WHITE: I have a van, we have two vans. It's going to be a stretch to get somebody to drive it (inaudible).

FEMALE: (Inaudible). . . basically take one (inaudible) three days a week and have a (inaudible) . . . without (inaudible) program.

MS. WOLFE: So what can other areas like, I live in Kapalua and Lahaina, is where I live but you know, what can we do to be more like, you're situation?

MS. WHITE: I think that anybody, again, I always go back to community and hear direct community, go to your home, start there. See what is needed in your own community, there's something needed there. Because the youth center in Lahaina, there's one pretty much in every area of Maui County right now and start there. And keep it simple that way because anybody – if you walk in – we have this one elderly woman, she's

wonderful – you might know her (inaudible). She just turned eighty years old and she walked into the Youth Center a number of years ago, “Give me something to do! I want something to do, you know.” It was like, bless this person two ways, oh my God, what a wonderful gift that walked in the door. Well, you know, we placed her and she’s wonderful and she’s done a lot of different things for the Youth Center, from writing letters to dealing with a child that’s having a breakdown to whatever. You can’t help unless you’re there.

MS. WOLFE: Right.

MS. WHITE: Most of our help, to be quite frank with you, right now, we love (inaudible).

MR. SEVILLA: I think another area that you could use the (inaudible) would be get down to where they have the fundraiser, the Taste of Lahaina whatever, stuff like that. Put of the (inaudible) to people in Lahaina to come down to Paia and check it out.

MS. WOLFE: Is it September?

MS. WHITE: It’s September 29th, unfortunately the same weekend as the Fair. This is the first since I’ve been one Maui that they haven’t had the Fair the first weekend in October. It wasn’t on any calendar. So this was a big (inaudible) to our board but it’s, you know, they have the Taste of Lahaina, the Taste of South Maui, the Taste of North Shore, it’s really fun. It’s well done – you have to be over twenty one to attend it. Good music, (inaudible).

MS. WOLFE: So how would we get ahold of you? Do you have a business card?

MS. WHITE: Yes, I do.

MS. WOLFE: I would like your business card. I might want to come out and visit your operation.

MS. WHITE: Oh, you can come out any time; you don’t even have to call – just any time after 11, just drop on in.

MS. WOLFE: I have – I’m just going to put this out here, I have two cards here from Tony Roma’s and they just opened in downtown Lahaina and well, I think they want to give back to Lahaina but they also want to become part of the community, they need to put back, okay. So I would be willing to share these with you because they want to be contacted by anybody where they feel like they could help. I want you to have those just because I think your program’s working and even though they’re in Lahaina. . .

MS. WHITE: We actually went on a field trip to the Kihei site.

MS. WOLFE: Oh you did?

MS. WHITE: A couple years ago, our Café did, yes. Their old manager, Eric, came, quit them and came and ran our Café.

MS. WOLFE: Okay, well, Juan (inaudible) that is the general manager there and he's very interested and he handed me those cards one night and said you know, we are looking for places to give back. So that may be a good lead for you.

MS. WHITE: I'll have the board attack him for the (inaudible) – laughter.

MS. WOLFE: There you go – and then also I just wanted to bring up this one thing. I was watching Oprah one day and she has mentor.com or mentoring.org and there's a phone number, (914) 390-2327 and I was going to put this out there too just because it's a resource that – hand that over to her (inaudible) – it's just a resource and coming from Oprah – she's full of resources, I always pay attention because you never know, you could go outside of the County or the State and you know, bring things (inaudible) to bring awareness to it. So I just wanted to give that to you too.

CHAIR BORITZER: Do we have any additional comments for Susan or questions? We want to thank you very much (inaudible). And I think all of us are going to stop by – I've been there actually because one of your staff members found my cell phone off of Kaahumanu, Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center.

MS. WHITE: Really?

CHAIR BORITZER: Called me up to pick it up so (inaudible). . . laughter.

MS. WOLFE: Thank you so much Susan for coming, it's a pleasure.

MS. WHITE: Well, thank you.

CHAIR BORITZER: We have a few more items on the new business but I know that some people are pressed for time, and what I'd like to do if possible, is on the items – I think all of you received this some ideas on (inaudible) so everybody should have that.

FEMALE: I don't have it.

CHAIR BORITZER: Okay, well, we'll make sure that Melvin makes you a copy or (inaudible).

FEMALE: Okay.

CHAIR BORITZER: The new ideas for Maui County Commission – I think I gave (inaudible) it to everybody - yeah – and that's what I put on the new agenda to discuss but I think it's a – my feeling and I want to know if everybody agrees – is to kind of look at those ideas and make comments, perhaps send them to Mel to put together as a document that we can discuss at the next meeting so that we don't spend time going

over before we formulate our own ideas (inaudible) some of these issues. If possible, (inaudible) areas that we might want to (inaudible) explore or (inaudible) or support. Especially also, Mel, if we can get the budget for this department so we can also see how that works together what the Mayor was talking about, the allocations. So if you wouldn't mind being the coordinator of just getting that information together for the different commission members.

FEMALE: Is it possible to get an updated list of commission members and their emails and all of that?

CHAIR BORITZER: So if it's okay with everybody, we have some unfinished business but I don't think we'll be able to get to it today, like homelessness, and I don't think we'll be able to solve that problem. Certainly not in 5 or 10 minutes and affordable housing is another thing that may take at least an hour to solve. Laughter.

Next meeting, Wanda mentioned that you'll be unable on September 25th.

MS. MCMASTER: I also requested we schedule some meetings now so we know well in advance when (inaudible) look at least for the rest of the year.

CHAIR BORITZER: Okay, any ideas or suggestions?

MS. WOLFE: So you can't make the next meeting? Could we change the date?

MS. MCMASTER: No. It depends on other people. I can make the 2nd in October. I won't be able to make the first Tuesday after that but in October I can.

CHAIR BORITZER: October 2nd is also on a Tuesday?

MS. MCMASTER: Tuesday, yeah.

CHAIR BORITZER: The following Tuesday. Is everybody amiable to October 2nd?

MS. WOLFE: Yeah, I'm one of these people, you set the dates and I'll work around you and be there. I have a job too but this is very important to me so if we can – I'm like you, if we can set the dates up, maybe 'til December.

MS. MCMASTER: Is there an issue with the time (inaudible) - we used to meet – Hospice and then we also met over at the Santos Center, you know, Wailuku (inaudible) Center, and parking there is quite easier in those places so I wonder if that's a possibility. 'Cause for me, there are only two handicapped parking places that – so if those two are full then I have to (inaudible).

CHAIR BORITZER: Do you have the parking pass where you can park in (inaudible)?

MS. MCMASTER: Well, it's depends on how accessible it is. I can park in the one in the middle, on the right hand side as you're coming in because if there's too much of a slant, I have to hold on to my car to get back to get my scooter out 'cause (inaudible) flat place and I need room on the side to get around.

CHAIR BORITZER: Oh, I see.

MS. MCMASTER: And downstairs there's a curb, so there's not access for me.

CHAIR BORITZER: I guess I didn't think about that.

MS. MCMASTER: So in this whole area, there's only two places I can park.

FEMALE: So handicapped parking spaces, there's not enough?

MS. MCMASTER: You mean downstairs? When I was here interviewing for Good Beginnings, there was a curb, I was using my wheelchair and a strong friend of mine around and brought me up.

MR. DADEZ: But there's some ramps by the loading zone.

MS. MCMASTER: Oh, down around, downstairs? Okay.

MS. WOLFE: So October 2nd, November 6th and December . . . December 4th.

MS. MCMASTER: I can't do it on November - . . . December 4th. I can do December 4th, I can't do it on November 6th.

MS. WOLFE: Okay, what about the – 'cause that's Election Day according to the . . .

MS. MCMASTER: Not this year.

MS. WOLFE: So what about um. . .

FEMALE: So we're going to change it to the second – October 2nd and then . . .

CHAIR BORITZER: Is that okay with everybody?

MR. SEVILLA: October 2nd. . . oh, okay. So what about the 25th? September. Is that going to be changed to October 2nd?

CHAIR BORITZER: Yeah, yeah.

MS. MCMASTER: So September will be changed to October 2nd and then November . . .

MR. DADEZ: No, October – what would October be changed to? Would it be the last Tuesday?

MS. WOLFE: October will be November 2nd.

MR. DADEZ: No but I would think for. . .

FEMALE: No meeting in September basically.

CHAIR BORITZER: No meeting in September, October 2nd (inaudible).

MR. DADEZ: No but the September meeting would be on October 2nd. What about the October meeting?

FEMALE: We don't need to meet every month.

MS. WOLFE: Well, I disagree. I think you get more done when you meet consistently.

MS. MCMASTER: But if you have a quorum and that's what we should – we went to fewer meetings because we were just showing up and there was no quorum and people would come all the way from Lanai and so we have to be realistic and say when we can and can't come. That's why it's important to schedule ahead.

CHAIR BORITZER: So how about November? When can we meet in November?

MS. MCMASTER: For me, any Tuesday – but the 6th.

CHAIR BORITZER: How about the following Tuesday – the 13th? Is that okay for everybody?

MS. WOLFE: November 13th?

CHAIR BORITZER: Yes.

MS. WOLFE: Okay.

CHAIR BORITZER: And then December 4th – how is that for everybody?

FEMALE: Yeah, that's okay for me.

MS. WOLFE: Is that a Monday?

FEMALE VOICES: Tuesday.

MS. WOLFE: Okay, December 4th. So October 2nd, November 13th, December 4th.

MS. MCMASTER: And if we could get these dates out to the commission members that aren't here also as soon as possible.

MS. WOLFE: And can we have a meeting in September or no?

MS. MCMASTER: Well, we're having one the next month, (inaudible) next week.

MS. WOLFE: Okay.

CHAIR BORITZER: 'Cause we're actually, right now, almost at the beginning of September, today is the 28th.

MS. WOLFE: I know.

MS. MCMASTER: Right, so you know, we're really not missing a month.

MR. SEVILLA: I'd agree.

MS. WOLFE: So, we can put these out and let everybody know. And Elaine Yamashita is not here (inaudible).

FEMALE: Yes she is.

CHAIR BORITZER & FEMALE: She's right next to you.

MS. WOLFE: Oh! Laughter. Oh, you're Elaine. Okay, thank you.

MS. MCMASTER: And then what about meeting in a different place? I mean, here is good with the (inaudible), I know it's easier for Lori but parking really is a hassle.

FEMALE: Yeah, parking is hard.

MR. DADEZ: I'll work on that.

MS. MCMASTER: Okay, thanks Mel.

CHAIR BORITZER: So I think we (inaudible) adjourn. Does anybody make a motion to adjourn?

MS. WOLFE: Okay, one minute. The homelessness and affordable housing. . .

CHAIR BORITZER: That will be on our next agenda. (Inaudible). . .

MS. MCMASTER: They'll still be there.

MS. MCMASTER: But the sooner you let people who aren't here know these dates because that's what's happened to me since I was in the hospital and then I didn't hear about the next date until about 3 days before and you know. . .

CHAIR BORITZER: We'll try to (inaudible). I think also with the new Mayor (inaudible). . . I think we've got also the support of the social services and housing department (inaudible) . . . Thank you all for coming. Oh – can I get a motion for adjournment?

VARIOUS VOICES: Inaudible.

FEMALE: And I second it! Laughter.

Respectfully submitted by,

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