

MINUTES

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

Council Chamber

June 30, 2004

CONVENE: 2:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Dain P. Kane, Chair
Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Charmaine Tavares, Member

STAFF: Richelle K. Kawasaki, Legislative Attorney
Pauline Martins, Committee Secretary

ADMIN.: David DeLeon, Senior Executive Assistant to the Mayor
John D. Kim, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation
Counsel

CHAIR KANE: Let's call to order the Council's Committee of Government Relations for the June 30, 2004 meeting. For the record, we have Vice-Chair Hokama and Committee Members Danny Mateo and Mike Molina. Excused from this meeting is Committee Member Charmaine Tavares. Good afternoon, members.

GR-10(1) NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS
(VARIOUS) (C.C. No. 03-25)

CHAIR KANE: We have one item for your disposition this afternoon. It is GR-10(1), nominations to boards, committees, and commissions. Specifically, we have receipt on June 4th--excuse me--June 1st of this year, a May 28th memo from the Mayor with respect to the nominations to three specific entities. We have for the Board of Ethics, Florence Endrina (replacing Michael Inouye) for a term expiring on March 31, 2005; the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission, we have Camellia Hamakua-Napoleon (replacing Milton K. Pa) for a term ending March 31, 2006; and finally for the Grants Review Committee, we have Mr. Kenneth Rothman (replacing Michael Kaleikini) for a term expiring on March 31, 2006. Members, the Chair will open it up for discussion prior to the Chair's recommendation to this body. Discussion? Mr. Hokama?

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. This afternoon, I would like to speak in support of Florence Endrina. I know Ms. Endrina quite well. She and her family have been on Lanai for generations and I think that she would make an excellent representative on our Board of Ethics. And again, I am in complete understanding that she is replacing Mr. Michael Inouye of Molokai and that the term is till March 31, 2005. Again members, if I can, I would be happy to answer your questions regarding her but I can tell you that she is a strong communicate *[sic]* advocate regarding women's rights, women's programs, and that I think again she would make an excellent choice and she is very conscientious in my dealings with her and I would be able to say that I expect her to maintain that same level of conscientiousness in attending Board of Ethics meetings as well as to also help maintain the board's integrity in reviewing concerns before it, officially. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR KANE: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Any further discussion? Member Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you, Chairman. Chairman, I too will be speaking in support of Camellia Hamakua-Napoleon, who will be replacing Milton K. Pa. The Hamakua-Napoleon family on Molokai is a longtime family on Molokai. Camellia is fluent in the language. She works currently for Alu Like, the Hawaiian organization that provides multiple services specifically to the Hawaiian community. Her activities also include numerous events and activities relative to preservation, protection, and enhancement of the Hawaiian culture. I think this is definitely a most appropriate replacement for Milton Pa, and I would strongly support her filling his uncompleted term. Thank you.

CHAIR KANE: Thank you. Any further discussion? Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will be supporting all applicants to the various boards and commissions that we have here today (Board of Ethics, Maui County Cultural Resources Commission, and the Maui County Grants Review Committee). Also to those who have served, thank you to them as well. It is my hope that the replacements can make it to as many meetings as possible. As you know, some of our boards and commissions have a difficult time meeting because of the lack of people attending the meeting, meaning a lot of difficulty in establishing quorum. So it was just my hope that these applicants have as much time possible to make it to the meetings. Thank you.

CHAIR KANE: Thank you, Mr. Molina. Any further comments before the Chair makes his recommendation?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Question please, Chair?

CHAIR KANE: Mr. Hokama?

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I would just like to ask Mr. DeLeon if at all possible in any type of communication with Mr. Rothman, if he did have an . . . uh . . . past opportunities to serve on a nonprofit or any . . . um . . .

MR. DeLEON: Mr. Rothman is a 25-year resident of West Maui. He just moved to Kula.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. DeLEON: I was looking for a West Maui person and the application spoke to his former address. That is why I originally picked him up. This position has been empty. This is the one that has been circulating. This is like the second time around with this one and I was really, really hoping to find a West Maui person. He came strongly represented from the members in the community of West Maui.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: That is real good to hear. Did you . . . uh . . . were you given any information of maybe past opportunities to serve on nonprofits, any other type of nonprofit, United Way . . . uh . . . whatever, Boy scouts or anything else, Mr. DeLeon?

MR. DeLEON: My conversation with him suggested he has been involved with a variety of community groups in West Maui but not in a very formal capacity. He is a member of the Board of Realtors.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much.

CHAIR KANE: Thank you. Any further comments/questions? Hearing none. The Chair's recommendation is pass forward to the full Council for favorable consideration of all three nominees to the respective board and commission positions. That is the Chair's recommendation.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Second.

CHAIR KANE: Moved and seconded by Members Molina and Mateo. Discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No discussion.

CHAIR KANE: Hearing none. The Chair's only discussion would be if we note that these are replacements and hopefully, we can do whatever we can as individuals and collectively as a body, as well as from the Administration's side to help inspire people to come out and participate with County government and the functions that these boards and commissions serve. Obviously, when we have a replacement, it is because the folks being replaced were (for whatever reasons) were unable to continue their service. Hopefully, it is not a sign of deterioration of members of our community losing interest in participating and feeling

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disenfranchised. So the Chair just makes that comment. Keep that in the back of our minds and hopefully Mr. DeLeon can assist us with providing, again, that impetus for people to come out and participate. With that being said, further discussion? Hearing none. All in favor say "aye".

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOICED AYE.

CHAIR KANE: Opposed?

VOTE: AYES: Chair Kane, Vice-Chair Hokama, Councilmembers Mateo and Molina.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Tavares.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE ALL NOMINEES.

CHAIR KANE: Let the record show, four "ayes", no "noes", one excused. Members, this will be a recommendation on to the full Council by this body. We have no further business for this afternoon. Are we with any announcements, members? Hearing none. This meeting for June 30, 2004 for the Government Relations Committee is adjourned.

ADJOURN: 2:40 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



DAIN P. KANE, Chair
Government Relations Committee

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