

MINUTES

of the

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

September 2, 2011

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII, WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KALANA O MAUI BUILDING, WAILUKU, HAWAII, ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2011, BEGINNING AT 9:05 A.M., WITH CHAIR DENNIS A. MATEO PRESIDING.

CHAIR MATEO: Council of the County of Maui, regular meeting of September 2, 2011 will come to order.

Mr. Clerk, may we have the roll call please.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS GLADYS C. BAISA, ROBERT CARROLL, ELEANORA COCHRAN, DONALD G. COUCH JR., G. RIKI HOKAMA, MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, MICHAEL B. WHITE, VICE-CHAIR JOSEPH PONTANILLA, AND CHAIR DENNIS A. MATEO.

EXCUSED: NONE.

COUNTY CLERK JEFFREY T. KUWADA: Mr. Chairman, all nine Members of the Council are present.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you. Members, this morning our colleague from the East Maui sector, Mr. Carroll, from Hana will be doing the opening remarks for us.

Mr. Carroll.

OPENING REMARKS

The opening remarks were offered by Councilmember Robert Carroll.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Members of the Council, and others in attendance, rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you very much, Mr. Carroll.

Mr. Clerk, proceed.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chairman, proceeding with testimony on ceremonial resolutions. We have received a request from Jocelyn Perreira to offer testimony on ceremony, the ceremonial resolution.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you.

Prior to Ms. Perreira coming up, just a reminder, housekeeping measures. There is three minutes to provide testimony, a minute to conclude, and please come forward.

PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN OR ORAL TESTIMONY

MS. JOCELYN A. PERREIRA, TRI-ISLE MAIN STREET RESOURCE CENTER:

Aloha Council Chair Mateo, Councilmembers. My name is Jocelyn Perreira, I'm the Executive Director and the Program Coordinator for the Wailuku Main Street Association, Tri-Isle Main Street Resource Center, the home of all of our nine small towns under our umbrella including the Makawao Main Street Association.

On behalf of the Makawao Main Street Association and the Tri-Isle Main Street Resource Center, we wish to congratulate and thank St. Joseph Church and School on its 150th Anniversary of its founding of its parish and this year's centennial celebration.

The parishioners and their families, our priest and sisters provide a wonderful contribution to community life that brings long standing benefits to the Upcountry region. Its public outreach efforts foster care for the needy and the downtrodden. It's educational endeavors resulting in many notable alumni including those sitting among you who have achieved worthy positions in many career paths brought with them the values learned at St. Joseph's and are leaving a mark on Maui's history.

The evolution of the building of the, a parish consisting of more than 900 families has been a remarkable one and that is attested to by the plaque in the church that . . . many, many families, hundreds of families that contributed to it.

By sharing its traditions, heritage, values, and onolicious food offerings at their annual feast and Maui events, all are able to experience a lifestyle that showcases the harmonious blending of the Portuguese, Filipino, and other cultures that are the church today.

St. Joseph's Church received our highest historic preservation award a few years ago for its notable restoration of the church. The building stands as a symbol of the commitment and dedication of its Portuguese immigrants whose artful hands and family sacrifice acquired the materials and actually built the architecturally significant French Gothic inspired church.

In closing, we extend our appreciation to Father Eric Castro and the Sacred Hearts Fathers, the Dominican Sisters, the Pastoral Council Chair Ed Ferreira, who were willing, the Sisters of course were willing to fill the void of the departing Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, who will remain in our hearts. And to all who serve the church in various capacities from church cleaners to Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, the choir, teachers, all fulfilling a living legacy perpetuating the church's honor, integrity and serving as a beacon of light in our very changing challenging world. It is fitting and proper we honor them here today. Mahalo.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you, Ms. Perreira. Members, is there a need to have any part of the testimony rephrased? Thank you, Ms. Perreira.

Mr. Clerk, proceed.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chairman, Ms. Perreira's testimony concludes the testimony on ceremonial resolutions.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you. Members, Ms. Perreira is the last, the one and only individual signed up to provide testimony for the ceremonial resolution. With no objections, we will close ceremonial testimonies at this time. Any objections?

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chairman, proceeding with ceremonial resolutions.

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
NO. 11-87

CONGRATULATING THE ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
CONGREGATION ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
ITS CHURCH, AND THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE FOUNDING OF ITS PARISH

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you.

Mr. White.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION
"CONGRATULATING THE ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
CONGREGATION ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS
CHURCH, AND THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FOUNDING OF ITS PARISH".

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA:

MR. CHAIR, I SECOND THE MOTION.

CHAIR MATEO: It's been moved by Mr. White and second by Ms. Baisa that the proposed resolution be adopted.

Mr. White.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. May I request that the resolution be read in its entirety please.

CHAIR MATEO: Mr. Clerk, please.

(The resolution was read in its entirety.)

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Mr. White.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

It's with great pleasure that we honor and celebrate St. Joseph Church's reaching its centennial and on the 150th Anniversary of its parish. The longevity of the church speaks volumes of the dedication and hard work of the leaders and members who have upheld the vision of their church founders.

From its humble beginnings as a parish in Ulumalu, Haiku in 1862, then as a small wood frame structure built in 1882 near its present location in Makawao the church has become an esteemed Upcountry landmark. Its gracious exterior is complimented by elaborately designed French Gothic sanctuary, exquisite glass, glass stained, stained glass windows and Bas Relief Sculpted Stations of the Cross.

Maintaining a historical structure is not an easy task as we all know and the clergy and volunteers are to be commended for their work in caring for this timeless treasure. The church has welcomed countless worshipers over the past 100 years for services, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals.

I'm also grateful for the many ways that St. Joseph's congregation reaches out to individuals and families in our community. Members provide vital services such as a food pantry, preschool, thrift shop, a prison ministry, and they organize the annual St. Joseph's Feast. The popular event draws thousands each year for a livestock auction, rummage sale, local foods, baked goods, flowers, fresh produce, and a lively fundraising auction. If you have ever experienced the bidding of Aunty Ann Cravalho's famous rum cakes, you know exactly what I'm talking about.

I would like to also recognize the members of the church present this morning including Parish Council President Ed Ferreira, as well as lay leaders, congregation members and supporters who have come to commemorate this occasion. Thank you for attending today.

In, in closing I would like to offer St. Joseph Church many congratulations as you look ahead to the next 100 years. Your efforts are appreciated by the community and serve as an important investment for generations to come. I commend you for upholding the church's legacy with faithfulness and aloha.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you, Mr. White. Members, further discussion?

Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair for the opportunity. It's indeed an honor to be here today to honor St. Joseph on its 100, 150 Anniversary, of the 100 Anniversary of the church.

My roots in St. Joseph are very deep. My grandparents arrived here from Madeira in 1878 and of course lived Upcountry and participated, and my mother was born in Makawao the year that the church was completed in 1911, and so she was baptized in this church as an infant.

And I heard many stories from her, she used to tell about her parents talking about how the church was built and how the members would go down to the beach in Paia with horse drawn wagons and fill them up with sand and rocks and bring them up. And you can imagine what a job that was without all the machinery that we have now days, this was just human sweat and, and devotion. And also, you know, they made a lot of financial sacrifices to, to donate to the building of the church and it still is very beautiful today.

Every important event in our family has taken place at St. Joseph, whether it was a baptism, or it was a graduation, or it was a wedding and finally burials. And most of my ancestors are, are buried in St. Joseph's graveyard which remains a beautifully kept graveyard till today because of the devotion of the parishioners.

And the last thing I want to mention is I'm very proud of Mr. Ferreira. He shared this family legacy with me. His wife is the daughter of, is the granddaughter of my grandparents, we're first cousins. Her father was Frank Freitas, my mother was Virginia Freitas, a family of nine. And so the roots go very deep into St. Joseph, it's been a part of our lives and the lives of many, many people who live Upcountry for many years and we're very proud of St. Joseph.

We remember all the fun we used to have at those wonderful old Feasts where we'd sit around, enjoy malasadas and all the good food and playing bingo, when it was allowed. I think that's not a good thing we did. We used to go to Feast and stay for days because we could sit there and play bingo for ten cents and win great prizes.

But you know, today's a very special day and this is a very special recognition especially for me. So Mr. Chair, thank you for the opportunity to share some of my comments and my best congratulations to those that are here. Mr. Ferreira, thank you for keeping the legacy alive and we wish you all the best.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you, Ms. Baisa. Members, further discussion?

Mr. Pontanilla.

VICE-CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mine is not going to be as long as Member Baisa. I, I just want to say congratulations to St. Joseph on their 100th anniversary and to parish, Pastoral Council Chairman Ed Ferreira. You know, Ed and I go back long, long ways, both of us used to work for the phone company. And when I saw him on the floor and I thought, oh my god he, from a supervisor to a priest, cannot be. But it's so wonderful to see Ed and, and his involvement in St. Joseph Church. Thank you.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you, Mr. Pontanilla. Members, further discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair.

CHAIR MATEO: Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Chair.

And I too cannot be as deep as Ms. Baisa, however, our families go back almost the same as her families. I remember my grandparents taking me to St. Joseph when I was very young and my mom grew up going to St. Joseph and it was all part of growing up in the Upcountry area.

And I remember going to the Feast when I was very young and, like it was the biggest thing in town. I mean it was about the only thing in town back then, you know. And going to the Feast was such a big event for us and, you know, as kids I don't know about spending all day, all night, but I know I didn't go home until my grand, grandmother would come and pull us all out and take us back to the house, you know, so.

We were, we enjoyed those days and Makawao has changed, has evolved, the area around it is, is no longer pineapple fields. And everything else is changing around there but the spiritual as well as the, the historic perspective of the area still remains in that, in that church and the area around it.

And, unfortunately, they closed the school a couple years ago, hopefully with the good lords will and some guidance the school will open up as far as the elementary school. I know a lot of family and friends who did attend that school and then moved on to St. Anthony in the later years.

So, there is much to be remembered but the Portuguese immigrants is really where I'll stop at because for many years, you know, being Portuguese wasn't always the,

the best thing to be. But I've seen a resurgence, and being proud of our ancestry and being proud of what we are and the things we accomplished as Ms. Baisa said, you know the sacrifices that were made by the families not only to build the church but to make it work, to be a part of the community. And I think something that 150 years of legacy is something not to be trifled with, you know, I think people need to recognize that.

I want to thank all of the families that help build it the Perreira's and others that you know, had their horses, that . . . those big stones and pushed it up the hill and helped put this together. You know, you cannot forget all those who've helped. Most importantly, may, may the church have another 100 years of centennial.

And I also want to make note that St. Joseph Church was the first church in Maui to have the prolife monument put there. You know and for a long time it was the only church, now other churches have followed, but St. Joseph was very active, Mr. Ed Vares and many others who were Knights of Columbus were very active in that program of prolife, you know. So let that not be forgotten, all their legacy and what they've done in this area.

So again I want to congratulate the parishioners of St. Joseph Church, the alumni of St., St. Joseph School, and may another 100 years bring nothing but continued good, good times and may the Feast continue to grow. Thank you.

CHAIR MATEO: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Members, further discussion?

The Chair would also like to, to weigh in and offer my own congratulations to the church on these incredible milestones that were, that you're being recognized for today.

I too am a product of St. Joseph School. You know, for myself the church played a very important part in our lives. Prior to moving to Makawao, we were, we lived in Upper Paia, so it wasn't until, you know, the later years that we relocated to Makawao and became active participants with the church. So, St. Joseph had played a major part not only in my life, but in the lives of my whole family. So, there still is a deep reverence to the church.

And for the parishioners I wish you well, congratulations and we look for continued successes, well with the church. Thank, thank you, Mr. Ferreira.

Members, additional discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion to adopt the resolution entitled "CONGRATULATING THE ST. JOSEPH CHURCH CONGREGATION ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS CHURCH, AND THE