

MINUTES

Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2017

Commissioners Present:

Carl Makino (Interim Chairman), Alan Sunio, Shannon Carrier (Maui), Alex Harris, Kawika Riley

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Malia Taum-Deenik, DHS
Chet Adessa, Administrative Asst to Commission

Others Present:

Vernon Viernes, Lili`uokalani Trust
Tara Buckley, PARENTS, Inc.
Linda Komatsu-Wong, DHS, Planning
Kathryn Mineo, DHS, Planning

I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm in the Department of Human Services conference room, 1390 Miller Street, Honolulu, HI 96813 by Interim Chairman Makino. The Commissioners present constituted a quorum.

II. Public Testimony: There were no testimonies from the public.

V. Discussion:

a. Strategic Plan update: This item was taken out of order to accommodate Planners from DHS. Ms. Komatsu-Wong and Ms. Mineo conducted a discussion on the Commission's strategic plan and how it will fit into the DHS strategic plan. Ms Komatsu-Wong explained that all DHS departments are currently going through the process of identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT). She assisted the Commission in a SWOT discussion. Findings and strategic plans will be incorporated into the DHS Plan.

III. Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Sunio moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carrier and unanimously carried.

IV. Decision Item: Commissioner Riley moved to reallocated funds within the budget from national conference travel to inter-island travel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris followed by discussion. Interim Chair Makino explained that the Commission would not be sending an attendee to the annual national conference. Those funds are therefore available to accommodate a Commission meeting to be held on Kauai. This would help fulfill the Commission's statewide purview. Since Kauai has an active fatherhood movement, it became a good selection for the Commission's first neighbor island meeting. Following the discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

V. Discussion: There was a discussion about the Strategic Plan update.

b. Celebrate Father's Day at Windward Mall: Mr. Adessa reported that Windward Mall had been contacted regarding holding the celebration and look-alike contest at the Mall again. He added that celebrity personality Mr. Kimo Kahoano had agreed to MC the event.

VI. Reports:

a. Budget: Mr. Adessa reported that the Commission had a balance of \$14,385.89 in its budget.

b. Lapel pins: deferred

c. Special committee on strategic planning: Discussed earlier in meeting.

d. Commissioner attendance at community events and meetings: No reports

VII. Commission/Public Generated Issues:

None

VIII. Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2017 (Tuesday), 1:00 pm, DHS Liliuokalani Building, 1390 Miller Street.

Prepared and Submitted by:

Date: April 5, 2017

Chet Adessa, Administrative Asst to the Commission

Approved by the Commission: _____