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DLNR HOLDS SECOND MEETING TO FIRM UP COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP ON ALA WAI HARBOR PARKING PLAN

HONOLULU – The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will hold the second of two meetings intended to solidify a community ad hoc committee to advise DLNR's Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) on development of a parking plan for the Ala Wai small boat harbor.

The meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, September 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Jefferson Elementary School Cafeteria, located at 324 Kapahulu Avenue in Waikiki.

The ad hoc committee is being formed to provide community feedback to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) regarding long-term management of the parking areas for Ala Wai SBH.

The committee's formation was proposed by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) to assist DOBOR in more effectively managing vehicle parking and public access at its Ala Wai facility.

"Following this second meeting, we expect to have a formal group of user representatives identified, and this group should have a clear understanding of their goals over the next year," said Laura H. Thielen, Land Board Chairperson.

"We hope the end result of all this consultation is a parking plan for Ala Wai that is fair for its users, and still generates income to help the facility become self-supporting."

The Board of Land and Natural Resources in May, 2008 approved a public parking plan that would provide no less than 300 free public parking stalls, set parking meter fees elsewhere in the harbor, and create an ad hoc committee to work with DOBOR to provide input on parking and enforcement issues.

On August 8, 2008, the BLNR approved DOBOR's request to issue a revocable, 12-month permit to allow a parking vendor to manage the Ala Wai SBH parking areas. That revocable permit should be issued shortly.

The first meeting in this process of convening an ad hoc committee was held on August 20, 2008.

Over the next 12 months, DOBOR will be developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a long-term parking plan.

The Jefferson Elementary School cafeteria is disability accessible. If special needs are required, i.e., large print, taped materials, sign language interpreter, etc., please call the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation at 587-1970 at least three days prior to the September 24 meeting date.

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