

Re: EO for Natatorium Blake Oshiro to: Michael Ng Cc: Wendy Clerinx

08/23/2012 08:18 AM

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Michael Ng

Did anyone find that EO to take back the Natator...

08/23/2012 08:01:54 AM

From:

Michael Ng/Gov/StateHiUS

To:

Blake Oshiro/Gov/StateHIUS@StateHiUS, Wendy Clerinx/Gov/StateHiUS

Date:

08/23/2012 08:01 AM

Subject:

EO for Natatorium

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Michael Ng Governor's Policy Office - State of Hawaii (808) 586-0295 Re: Natatorium

Wendy Clerinx to: William J Alia Jr

Cc: Dan S Quinn, Michael Ng, Paul J Conry, Sam J Lemmo

Great, Thanks very much William!

From: William J Aila Jr

Sent: 08/09/2012 05:31 AM HST

To: Wendy Clerinx

Cc: Dan Quinn; Michael Ng; Paul Conry; Sam Lemmo

Subject: Re: Natatorium

Aloha Wendy! Dan and I are currently reviewing the C&C's draft EIS. Dan Quinn should be the contact point. We will be setting up a meeting with you soon.

-----Wendy Clerinx/Gov/StateHiUS wrote: -----

To: William J Aila Jr/DLNR/StateHiUS@StateHiUS, Paul J Conry/DLNR/StateHiUS@StateHiUS, Dan S Quinn/DLNR/StateHiUS@StateHiUS, Sam J Lemmo/DLNR/StateHiUS@StateHiUS

From: Wendy Clerinx/Gov/StateHiUS

Date: 08/08/2012 05:38PM

Cc: Michael Ng/Gov/StateHiUS@StateHiUS

Subject: Natatorium

Hello William and DLNR.

As you may know, Governor has long had a vision for the Natatorium and ending the virtual stalemate over its future. There was a resolution this past session that called on DLNR to convene a task force to provide recommendations for the future of the Natatorium. The Governor supported this reso and although it didn't pass, he'd like DLNR to take on this responsibility with the idea that whatever the working group recommends, the Governor would then issue an EO to rescind Governor Ariyoshi's EO and follow through with the group's recommendation.

The City and County of Honolulu had a taskforce on the issue just three years ago. It is not the Governor's intent to make DLNR duplicate this work, rather it would be to take their work and launch off of that in a very limited scope. The past recommendation was to do some kind of a memorial beach. The Governor is not interested in revisiting the options of doing nothing, fully restoring the structure, and restoring the original shoreline. He would like to restore the area to be used as some kind of venue/recreational area such as for beach volleyball or concerts. The group could also look at future issues like where to put the Natatorium within DLNR and future funding requests that would be necessary. If the group could work quickly, it may also be possible to put in planning & design monies in the upcoming budget submittal.

I'm sorry about the wide distribution of this email. I've talked to a number of people in DLNR on the Natatorium and so I've included everyone. If it would be helpful to meet to discuss the Governor's objectives, we are happy to do that. Just let me know! And if there's someone in particular! should be directing Natatorium emails to, please let me know that as well.

Many mahalos! Wendy

Wendy Clerinx Policy Director Office of the Governor 08/09/2012 07:09 AM

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Fw: Recap of Natatorium Meeting with Governor and Staff on April 2 Michael Ng to: Wendy Clerinx 08/06/2012 04:10 PM

Hmmm - this is as close as I have. Her email says that Rick Egged would be happy to provide assistance in drafting an EO - I think that's it.

Michael Ng Governor's Policy Office - State of Hawaii (808) 586-0295

— Forwarded by Michael Ng/Gov/StateHiUS on 08/06/2012 04:09 PM ——

From:

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To:

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peterapocompany@gmall.com, rickegged@walkikiimprovement.com,

Date: 04/04/2012 11:57 AM

Subject:

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Re: Natatorium and Stan Sheriff Non -compete 🗎

Blake Oshiro to: Wendy Clerinx

Cc: Michael Ng, Bruce A Coppa, Reena Rabago

08/06/2012 01:24 PM

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08/06/2012 12:24:44 PM

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Rabago/Gov/StateHIUS@StateHIUS

Date:

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Blake Oshiro

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08/01/2012 06:06:29 PM

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Date:

08/01/2012 06:01 PM

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Re: Natatorium and Stan Sheriff Non-compete

On the Natatorium, the resolutions that you and Kate got legislators to introduce last year did not pass. The easiest path would be to reintroduce the resolutions (one was SR80) which called for the Chair of DLNR to convene a task force to study and recommend a future for the Natatorium. If you are looking for substantive movement on the issue, DLNR could just convene a task force without the imprimatur of the Legislature to accomplish the same. Muff's task force was convened just three years ago so I don't know how much excitement there would be to do the same thing again so soon and of course there's the chance that the task force would come up with a recommendation that the Governor doesn't like- the last one recommended the Natatorium structure be demolished and a memorial beach be constructed in its place. Another alternative, which I know would wildly excite you, is for Governor to issue an Executive Order that cancels Ariyoshi's EO 3261 and do whatever he wants with the site.

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Blake Oshiro

Had a meeting with Gov where Natatorium came ...

07/25/2012 09:23:15 AM

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Cc: Date:

07/25/2012 09:23 AM

Subject:

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Had a meeting with Gov where Natatorium came up again. Now that bill review is pau, please let me know status so we can start this back up again.

Also, not sure if Donalyn already asked, but Gov made public statement that there is a restriction on use of Sheriff Center that it cannot compete against venues like City's Neil Blaisdell Center. He wants to get rid of that restriction. I was surprised to hear that there was anything like that. Can you do some research and let us know what is basis? I can't imagine it's in a statute, so perhaps was it a proviso that got stuck in when we gave UH funding for the Sheriff Center?

Thanks.

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Wendy Clerinx to: Bruce A Coppa Cc: Blake Oshiro, Michael Ng, Kate Stanley 08/02/2012 05:49 PM

I'll get in touch with DLNR, I didn't see William at Cabinet today and Guy had to leave early. Speaking of task forces, has anyone/department been tapped to lead the effort to come up with a plan for implementing the incorporation of "correct" Hawaiian language markings? It was in the veto message and in the press release that Gov would do a task force. Sen English asked Governor to be on the task force and if we include legislators it will have to be someone savvy in that respect.

Bruce A Coppa I agree we have DLNR take the lead. From: Bla... 08/02/2012 09:58:53 AM

From: Bruce A Coppa/Gov/StateHiUS

To: Blake Oshiro/Gov/StateHiUS@StateHiUS.

Cc: Wendy Clerinx/Gov/StateHiUS@StateHiUS, Michael Ng/Gov/StateHiUS@StateHiUS

Date: 08/02/2012 09:58 AM

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EXCELLENCE BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

From: Angie.R.Westfall@hawaii.gov [mailto:Angie.R.Westfall@hawaii.gov]

Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 10:10 AM To: Haagenson, Sam; Pskowski, Ed

Subject: Natatorium

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Sent: Fri, Apr 6, 2012 1:48 pm Subject: RE: Natatorium

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(In Archive) Re: Natatorium Donna L. Ching to: Michael.Ng

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04/07/2012 08:00 PM

thanks Mike. Happy Easter!

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To: Donna L. Ching Bruce.Coppa < Bruce.Coppa@hawaii.gov>; Blake.Oshiro

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Sent: Sat, Apr 7, 2012 9:52 am Subject: Re: Fwd: Natatorium

We got it, Donna.

We've been a bit swamped because of the deadlines, but we're still on it! :)

From: "Donna L. Ching"

Sent: 04/07/2012 03:18 PM AST

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(In Archive) Re: URGENT: All Together Now for the Natatorium

Donna L. Ching to: Michael.Ng

04/17/2012 02:03 PM

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thanks Mike.

Hopefully there will not be too much blow-back from Bernstein for the Gov.

I wanted to rally allies to his defense proactively to squelch the naysayers before they start rattling sabers and whipping up the less informed.

Aloha, Donna

----Original Message----

From: Michael.Ng <Michael.Ng@hawaii.gov>

To: Donna L. Ching

Sent: Tue, Apr 17, 2012 10:38 am

Subject: Re: URGENT: All Together Now for the Natatorium

Thanks, Donna-

I guess we just couldn't keep the bottle closed for a bit longer...

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Date:

04/17/2012 09:28 AM

Subject:

URGENT: All Together Now for the Natatorium

Dear Friend of the Natatorium.

in response to Richard Borrecca's column in today's paper (below), we'd like everyone who wants to see the Natatorium preserved rally to support the idea of the State taking the initiative to "do something" to preserve the Natatorium.

Whether you support the concept of volleyball, a swimming venue, or another use for the Memorial, the Big Picture is this: The State expressing interest in seeing the Memorial reopened (for any use) is a step in the right direction towards preservation.

We must gather all the Friends of the Natatorium under a Big Tent for now. Let's focus on making first downs versus touchdowns. The end zone is a long way from here and the decision to pass or run the ball across the goal line is way down the road.

Therefore we are asking that everyone who may be contacted by the media to try to sing from the same sheet of music for now. Your comment might be something general like: "if the State were to partner in some way with the City to get a restoration effort restarted at the War Memorial Natatorium, I'm/we're all for it. We've studied and endlessly debated for 30 years. What we need now is leadership and a collaborative spirit. This is absolutely a step in the right direction."

In fact if you are inclined to do so, please send your comment directly to Richard and please also write a letter to the editor so that there is an overwhelming positive response to the possibility of restoring the Natatorium.

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MAHALO! Hui imua! Donna L. Ching

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By Richard Borreca

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{In Archive} URGENT: All Together Now for the Natatorium

angie.r.westfall,
Donna L. Ching to: rickegged, petera.

kiersten.

04/17/2012 09:28 AM

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mleineweber,
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Dear Friend of the Natatorium,

in response to Richard Borrecca's column in today's paper (below), we'd like everyone who wants to see the Natatorium preserved rally to support the idea of the State taking the initiative to "do something" to preserve the Natatorium.

Whether you support the concept of volleyball, a swimming venue, or another use for the Memorial, the Big Picture is this: The State expressing interest in seeing the Memorial reopened (for any use) is a step in the right direction towards preservation.

We must gather all the Friends of the Natatorium under a Big Tent for now. Let's focus on making first downs versus touchdowns. The end zone is a long way from here and the decision to pass or run the ball across the goal line is way down the road.

Therefore we are asking that everyone who may be contacted by the media to try to sing from the same sheet of music for now. Your comment might be something general like: "if the State were to partner in some way with the City to get a restoration effort restarted at the War Memorial Natatorium, I'm/we're all for it. We've studied and endlessly debated for 30 years. What we need now is leadership and a collaborative spirit. This is absolutely a step in the right direction."

In fact if you are inclined to do so, please send your comment directly to Richard and please also write a letter to the editor so that there is an overwhelming positive response to the possibility of restoring the Natatorium.

rborreca@staradvertiser.com letters@staradvertiser.com MAHALO! Hul imua! Donna L. Ching Vice President, Friends of the Natatorium

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Donna L. Ching to: Michael.Ng 04/16/2012 01:40 PM

Cc: blake.oshiro, Bruce.Coppa, marvin.wong

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Mike, I totally understand. It's definitely That Time of Year.

I wasn't concerned at all about the timing until last week, when several people (including the Star-Advertiser's Richard Borrecca) independently started inquiring with Rick Egged and me about a "rumor" that the Governor was going to "take back the Natatorium for volleyball courts."

We have NOT confirmed the rumor with anyone who has inquired, and particularly have not given Borrecca anything he can use. But I'm concerned. If the story breaks in the news before the State and City have worked out the details AND before all preservation partners and allies can be briefed on messages they can use to support the Governor's decision, two things might be in jeopardy:

1. The State's negotiating position with the City

2. The Governor's standing in the court of public opinion

On the first point:

- Under Mayor Hannemann, more than \$6 million from the restoration appropriation was returned to the general fund
- There is an estimated \$100 million scheduled/projected for the Natatorium in the FY2014 budget
- There is a need for a permanent home for the District 1 lifeguard office, which is currently in the Natatorium and which, ideally, would remain there

The City has a significant financial motive to get "help" from the State and/or PPP to preserve the Natatorium and keep the lifeguards there. It seems to me that the State could negotiate a "dowry" from the City in return for reclaiming responsibility for the Memorial.

On the second point:

Disclosure of the Governor's plan in the press before he is ready to announce it himself, and before preservation advocates are armed with the messages they need to support him, would leave the Governor vulnerable to Rick Bernstein trying – incorrectly – to paint him as anti-environment and as dismissive of the public sentiment reflected in the report of the City's (sham) task force, if the plan moves forward quickly enough for the Governor to announce it on his own terms, and with coordinated support, it will be to his political benefit.

Ideally, announcement of the transfer would be smooth and well-orchestrated, with all stakeholders (the City, Historic Hawaii Foundation, SHPD, FoN, WIA, Oahu Veterans Council, the AIA, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and others) ready to leap in and give vocal and very public support to the Governor's action. This would preempt and defuse the blowback and negative coverage that Rick Bernstein will inevitably attempt to stir up.

After Borrecca contacted Rick Egged last week, Rick arranged a meeting with Jim Boersma. We'll be talking with him at 4 p.m. today to let him know about the danger that the story could break before the administration is ready. We'd also like to strategize with him as to how all the preservation supporters can be lined up and prepared with a unified message: support for the Governor's decision as a win-win solution for everyone (except maybe Bernstein).

Angie Westfall reports that the April 12 meeting on the City's EIS process (led by Wil Chee, Mayor

Hannemann's consultant) was entirely focused on demolishing the Memorial and building a new beach. But more importantly, you should be aware that when Angie spoke on behalf of SHPD in favor of preservation, Sam Lemmo from DLNR's Conservation and Coastal Lands undermined her, asserting that her boss, Bill Aila, would not support her position. I think it would be helpful to (sooner than later) bring Bill Aila into the fold, along with all his direct reports. Our thinking is that a united front will help the Governor's position and PR.

Please feel free to call me at you have any questions or concerns.

Aloha, Donna

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To: Donna L. Ching

Cc: blake.oshiro
 blake.oshiro@hawaii.gov>; Bruce.Coppa <Bruce.Coppa@hawaii.gov>; marvin.wong

<marvin.wong@hawaii.gov>
Sent: Mon, Apr 16, 2012 9:51 am

Subject: Re: Documents from the City's April 12 Natatorium Mtg with SHPD

Donna-

We are swamped with the end of Legislative Session. This will probably last until the end of Session, which is May 3rd.

After that time, we should have more time to focus on this.

Having said that, is there anything that needs to get done in the next three weeks or we lose something?

We're still for what we discussed - it's just that things are a bit crazy now,

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From: "Donna L. Ching"

To: Bruce.Coppa@hawaii.gov, blake.oshiro@hawaii.gov, michael.ng@hawaii.gov, marvin.wong@hawaii.gov,

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Sent: Sun, Apr 15, 2012 5:36 pm

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Donna L. Ching to:

04/14/2012 12:53 PM

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Michelle.

just so you're aware (and able to spread accurate info), the Friends of the Natatorium are also opposed to the proposed violation of the trust and new life guard office. We support Ocean Safety's District 1 operations office remaining in the Natatorium, where the City's first lifeguards were housed when the Nat opened in 1927.

We are also supportive of any efforts to protect the Natatorium from demolition by neglect. Any such effort (by the City or State) would actually resolve the kerfuffle over the proposed new lifeguard office because the lifeguards are happy where they are.

While the FoN would prefer that the original use (swimming) be restored, I don't think anyone can assume that even installing volleyball courts would preclude the lifeguards from continuing to use the space they are in. Good that people seem pretty united about preventing waterfront land from being developed. But I think too much conjecture and conclusions based on rumor are not good for our preservation efforts for the park or the Nat. Misinformation is Rick Bernstein's stock in trade.

Agree the City Council needs to get more ma'a to the park and their responsibilities therein. For one thing, would people PLEASE stop randomly calling it a "regional" park. It is a public trust, NOT a City Regional Park. ACK!!!

Aloha, Donna

----Original Message-----

From: Michelle S. Matson

To: Undisclosed-Recipient:; Sent: Sat, Apr 14, 2012 10:47 am

Subject: Re: Park beachfront should stay open - Hawaii News - Honolulu Star-Advertiser

This is written out of context to read from the author's perspective. Sundays' article reads "If it requires parking, it's more than an accessory use. Also, it looks like it would be some sort of headquarters and that is unacceptable."

Capitol inside sources indicated last night that NA may be considering rescinding the Natatorium EO and converting the historic site to a practice volleyball court for UH, which has voraciously been after using the Kodak Hula space on Kapiolani Park Trust land adjacent to the Shell, despite Trust provisions and parking impacts. Apparently "KP Trust people" met with NA on the Natatorium idea, which KPPS director Sid Snyder also supports.

Ah, the irony of the public hype and frenzy.

You want volleyball on the very historic Nat site - you get relocated facilities, such as the Park shoreline's lifeguard safety operations, in the open space.

Will this become a Public Lands Development Corporation project if returned to the State? This new agency attached to DLNR is exempt from state statutes, city ordinances and building standards per Act 55, 2011. This year's proposed cumulative legislation further defines intended environmental review and shoreline permit exemptions for State projects and State-affiliated projects, and adds a "list" to be determined by the governor.

It is past time for the Kapiolani Park Trustees (aka City Council) to fulfill their fiduciary obligation to seek instructions from the Court.

Editorial in today's Star-Advertiser:

http://www.staradvertiser.com/editorialspremium/saeditorialspremium/20120414__Park_beachfront_shou ld_stay_open.html?url=147413815&url=147413815&c=n

Park beachfront should stay open

The city is looking into the possibility of building an ocean safety substation next to the Waikiki Aquarium along Kapiolani Park's beach, but the process may not be as easy as imagined. Nor should it be, given the precious nature of public waterfront sites.

The city seems to have control over the park, but several citizen groups deserve a say — and we agree with their position that the city should dismiss the idea of putting an administration building at such a sensitive shoreline area.

The city's Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services Division uses the nearby Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium offices as a substation for Oahu's southern shores but the new facilities would be needed in case the Natatorium becomes unsafe; the pool structure could fail, making it dangerous for use.

The 1,800-square-foot safety division substation and an adjacent parking and maintenance lot are being planned. The Mufi Hannemann city administration spent \$91,191 to pay for planning and design of the substation, and the present administration has added \$11,732 to pay for assessment of the cultural effect of the project, according to Louise Kim McCov, Mayor Peter Carlisle's spokeswoman.

The city has yet to budget the \$500,000 needed for construction. It should not proceed in spending any more money on this.

The Kapiolani Park Preservation Society is opposed to the project, which it estimates would take up about 13,000 square feet of park land between Kalakaua Avenue and the ocean.

"We can't let oceanfront land be taken for an administration building," society president Alethea Rebman told the Star-Advertiser's Allison Schaefers.

Lined up with the society is the Kapiolani Park Advisory Council, a park watchdog, which regards the project as "some sort of headquarters, and that is unacceptable." Others that Rebman says the city should have contacted are neighborhood boards, the State Historic Division and other interested groups.

We don't doubt the logic of planning now for a lifeguard substation site post-Natatorium — but focus should be on a site back from the beach, possibly on land already with facilities that can be upgraded.

The 166-acre Kapiolani Regional Park, including the Honolulu Zoo and the

Waikiki Shell, has been operated by the city since 1913, and members of the City Council have served as court-appointed guardians of the trust since 1991. However, Councilman Stanley Chang, whose district includes the park, said the city has moved forward without the "full knowledge" of the Council members.

"Obviously, since becoming aware of it, we are concerned," Chang said. "Should there be trustee action needed, we will certainly move forward. I'd like to convene the trustees to discuss this issue" — the "trustees" being the Council members.

The 1896 Republic of Hawaii Legislature placed Kapiolani Park's management with the city under certain terms. The state Supreme Court ruled in 1988 that those do not include allowing a Burger King next to the Honolulu Zoo, which the city tried to justify by calling a "concession" rather than a lease.

In its ruling, the court provided guidance with the help of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet": "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

With little difficulty, that standard should be applied to the question of whether to build an administrative building on Kapiolani Park's beachfront.

A building is a building is a building. And prime oceanfront, wide open for the public's use, is immeasurably sweeter than that.



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(In Archive) Re: Meeting on Natatorium with Governor, Mayor, FoN and WIA Donna L. Ching to: Michael.Ng, Bruce.Coppa, Blake.Oshiro, rick 06/07/2012 10:21 PM

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Mike, I understand and I'm sure that Carlisle's office will, too.

Do you want to pick a date after July 10th now so that everyone can set their calendars now?

Easier to do when the event horizon is far away?

Aloha, Donna

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<Blake.Oshiro@hawaii.gov>; rick <rick@waikikiimprovement.com>

Sent: Thu, Jun 7, 2012 9:08 pm

Subject: Re: Meeting on Natatorium with Governor, Mayor, FoN and WIA

Donna-

Sorry, but we are probably going to be smashed until the Governor's veto deadline, which is July 10.

So some time after that would work better. Sorryl

From: "Donna L. Ching" [

Sent: 06/07/2012 11:48 PM AST

To: Michael Ng; Bruce Coppa; Blake Oshiro; rick@waikikiimprovement.com

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From: Fulton, Jim [mailto:jfulton@honolulu.gov] Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 3:11 PM To: 'RickEgged@WaikikiImprovement.com'

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From: Donna L. Ching [mailto

Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2012 2:12 PM

To: Ito, Char; Fulton, Jim

Subject: Re: VIP Invitation for Memorial Day Observance, Sunday May 27th, 10am

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From: Ito, Char <cito@honolulu.gov>

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Cc:

Sent: Thu, May 17, 2012 1:35 pm

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Donna L. Ching Vice President, Friends of the Natatorium Re: Natatorium and Stan Sheriff Non -compete 🖹

Wendy Clerinx to: Blake Oshiro

Cc: Michael Ng

On the Natatorium, the resolutions that you and Kate got legislators to introduce last year did not pass. The easiest path would be to reintroduce the resolutions (one was SR80) which called for the Chair of DLNR to convene a task force to study and recommend a future for the Natatorium. If you are looking for substantive movement on the issue, DLNR could just convene a task force without the imprimatur of the Legislature to accomplish the same. Mufi's task force was convened just three years ago so I don't know how much excitement there would be to do the same thing again so soon and of course there's the chance that the task force would come up with a recommendation that the Governor doesn't like- the last one recommended the Natatorium structure be demolished and a memorial beach be constructed in its place. Another alternative, which I know would wildly excite you, is for Governor to issue an Executive Order that

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Blake Oshiro

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Re: Natatorium and Stan Sheriff Non -compete

Michael Ng to: Blake Oshiro Cc: Wendy Clerinx 07/26/2012 08:33 AM

Oh - Natatorium

We probably need to meet with Donna Ching again.

The Mayor's race may cloud things up a bit in the short term, though.

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Cc: Date:

08/01/2012 06:01 PM

Subject:

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On the Natatorium, the resolutions that you and Kate got legislators to introduce last year did not pass. The easiest path would be to reintroduce the resolutions (one was SR80) which called for the Chair of DLNR to convene a task force to study and recommend a future for the Natatorium. If you are looking for substantive movement on the issue, DLNR could just convene a task force without the imprimatur of the Legislature to accomplish the same. Mufi's task force was convened just three years ago so I don't know how much excitement there would be to do the same thing again so soon and of course there's the chance that the task force would come up with a recommendation that the Governor doesn't like- the last one recommended the Natatorium structure be demolished and a memorial beach be constructed in its place. Another alternative, which I know would wildly excite you, is for Governor to issue an Executive Order that cancels Ariyoshi's EO 3261 and do whatever he wants with the site.

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Wendy Clerinx to: Bruce A Coppa Cc: Blake Oshiro, Michael Ng, Kate Stanley 08/02/2012 05:49 PM

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To:

Bruce A Coppa/Gov/StateHiUS@StateHiUS, Blake Oshiro/Gov/StateHiUS@StateHiUS

Date: 08/

08/09/2012 09:12 AM

Subject:

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I talked to Mikey in Policy and he said he would be giving you guys a draft Executive Order, probably next month, that would transfer the Natatrolum from the City to the State -- but Mikey said it might be best to wait until after a new Mayor and City Council are inaugurated to give their stamp of approval, so unless you tell me otherwise, I will pass on to the Waikiki Improvement Assoc. and Hawaii Hotel Assoc. guys that the document is being developed and will be implemented with the City around year's end – they and the City will be okay to wait a few months...



Re: Natatorium

Jim Boersema to: Blake Oshiro Cc: Bruce A Coppa, Michael Ng 08/09/2012 01:12 PM

Okay - no problem.....

Blake Oshiro

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Re: Fw: natatorium Michael No to: Jim Boersema Cc: Blake Oshiro

08/22/2012 01:50 PM

No, Governor has not rescinded the Executive Order that gave the City authority to operate the Natatorium.

We cannot speculate as to the actions of the City and County.

-check this one- The Governor wants to keep the main structure intact and create a world-class venue for beach volleyball.

We probably can't keep the pool - we'd need to do something like build the volleyball court on piles IN the pool.

The Governor can come up with a plan - but we are in the VERY early stages of budget development. The deadline for budget submittal is around late December, and things will be clearer then.

So mostly just check the third answer. I don't know what we want to say as far as that one.

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EO for Natatorium Michael Ng to: Blake Oshiro, Wendy Clerinx

08/23/2012 08:01 AM

Did anyone find that EO to take back the Natatorium?

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Re: natatorium battle resurfaces Donna L. Ching to: DRJLAM

08/23/2012 08:04 AM

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Jer.

if you'd ever like a fact-based presentation on the harsh engineering and financial realities of creating an artificial beach, Jill Byus Radke (formerly of Historic Hawaii) and I would be happy to provide.

The Natatorium has a lot of people spinning stories and not so much attention on facts and studies. The reality is that the natural shoreline state in that area is the scrubbed rock that exists in front of the Aquarium. So the idea that a "lovely sandy beach" could be put there "forever" is really not possible under current marine conservation district parameters.

In fact, all the engineering studies -- even the ones commissioned by Mufi have found that removing any part of the pool would Jeopardize/destabilize Sans Souci beach. I'm attaching an aerial photo of the shoreline taken by Ron Slausen so you can see what I mean about the rocky shoreline ewa of the Natatorium and how the pool and bleachers act as a retaining system for Sans Souci. Demolition advocate, Rick Bernstein's photoshop of a sandy shoreline where the pool currently is misleading and not an ocean engineering possibility.

As for the CB article's --

http://m.civilbeat.com/articles/2012/08/22/16920-waikiki-natatorium-back-in-limbo-as-state-steps-in/--point that halting a \$750K (redundant, as there is already one in place) EIS is a waste of money, let's consider what a real waste it would be to remove the \$4.5 MILLION spent to reopen the bathrooms, ocean safety district and rescue unit offices, parking and volleyball court.

And even if you are ok with the idea of losing/removing all of that infrastructure Investment, doing so would give the City incentive to push forward with their plans to build a new replacement facility for the lifeguards on the ocean front lawn at Queens Surf next to the Aquarium, resulting in a much more egregious loss of precious open ocean front and park space. Plus the bathrooms would need to be replaced with new construction somewhere on currently open Kapiolani Park Trust land. Auwel No make sense, yeah? Aloha, Donna

----Original Message----

From: DRJLAM

Sent: Thu, Aug 23, 2012 7:26 am Subject: natatorium battle resurfaces

neil is wrong again. making money and having a small focus for volleyball enthusiasts is not thinking of the greater good. there are very few honolulu beaches to take our families to --- ala moana and kaimana. we need to think of the greater honolulu public who will benefit from a lovely sandy beach forever. and if the beach erodes, will the state replenish it like it does the moana hotel? :)) the memorial is to be moved forward and preserved!

State to regain the Natatorium from city control

Abercrombie wants a volleyball stadium for the site, which was built in 1927

By Gordon Y.K. Pang

POSTED: 01:30 a.m. HST, Aug 23, 2012

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Memorial Natatorium and then try to restore its crumbling facade and bleachers, reversing a direction taken by the city in recent years to clear the structure from the valuable piece of Waikiki Beach. The embattled saltwater pool is owned by the state but controlled by the city under a governor's executive

Abercrombie and Hono-Iulu Mayor Peter Carlisle, after a meeting in May, have "come to an agreement" that would likely lead to the rescinding of an executive order that gave authority over the Natatorium to the city, city Design and Construction Director Lori Kahikina said Wednesday.

Kahikina said she wants to meet with state Department of Land and Natural Resources officials to determine the next step.

An executive order taking the Natatorium back from the city has not yet been issued by Abercrombie. But Donalyn Dela Cruz, the governor's press secretary, said Wednesday that it's no secret Abercrombie would like to make better use of the area, including restoring the existing memorial if it's feasible.

"We're in major evaluation mode," Dela Cruz said. "It all depends on what's safe, what can be done, and what's affordable."

Dela Cruz added: "The governor believes it's time for it to be fixed, or have a purpose."

Abercrombie, in May, told Hawaii News Now that a beach volleyball stadium incorporating the existing swimming pool would be a good idea.

"I'm working on something right now," the governor said.

Jim Bickerton, attorney for the Kaimana Beach Coalition, said Abercrombie's intentions fly in the face of a recommendation by a task force that voted in 2009 to demolish the Natatorium and construct a memorial beach.

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08/29/2012 05:42 PM

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NEWS RELEASE

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McMurdo served in the State Senate from 1984 to 1994 and State House of Representatives from 1994 to 1996. She is credited for successfully leading an initiative that gained voter approval in 1984 to save moderate-income housing in the Date-La'au Street area. She was one of the leaders of the Save Sandy Beach Initiative that stopped development of this east O'ahu coastline in 1988. McMurdo also worked to preserve Fort DeRussy as open space and championed efforts to restore and protect the Waikiki Natatorium.

"Mary Jane was a dear friend who exemplified what it meant to be a public servant," stated Governor Abercrombie. "First and foremost a community leader, Mary Jane became a powerful force in the State Senate who put Waikiki at the center of Legislation. She is among the legacy of great women who participated in the Hawai'i State Legislature during a time that included Pat Saiki, Kinau Kamali'i, Mary George, and Lehua Fernandes Salling. After serving in the Legislature, she remained active and was an inspiration in public service involvement."

Memorial services for McMurdo will be held on September 1. The Governor's proclamation can be viewed here:

http://hawaii.gov/gov/newsroom/proclamations/McMURDOMaryJane.pdf

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Don't know if you folks were on this email.

From: "Donna L. Ching"
Sent: 08/23/2012 02:03 PM AST
To:
Cc
Subject: Re: natatorium battle resurfaces

Jer.

if you'd ever like a fact-based presentation on the harsh engineering and financial realities of creating an artificial beach, Jill Byus Radke (formerly of Historic Hawaii) and I would be happy to provide.

The Natatorium has a lot of people spinning stories and not so much attention on facts and studies. The reality is that the natural shoreline state in that area is the scrubbed rock that exists in front of the Aquarium. So the idea that a "lovely sandy beach" could be put there "forever" is really not possible under current marine conservation district parameters.

In fact, all the engineering studies — even the ones commissioned by Mufi have found that removing any part of the pool would jeopardize/destabilize Sans Souci beach. I'm attaching an aerial photo of the shoreline taken by Ron Slausen so you can see what I mean about the rocky shoreline ewa of the Natatorium and how the pool and bleachers act as a retaining system for Sans Souci. Demolition advocate, Rick Bernstein's photoshop of a sandy shoreline where the pool currently is misleading and not an ocean engineering possibility.

As for the CB article's --

http://m.civilbeat.com/articles/2012/08/22/16920-waikiki-natatorium-back-in-limbo-as-state-steps-in/ — point that halting a \$750K (redundant, as there is already one in place) EIS is a waste of money, let's consider what a real waste it would be to remove the \$4.5 MILLION spent to reopen the bathrooms, ocean safety district and rescue unit offices, parking and volleyball court.

And even if you are ok with the idea of losing/removing all of that infrastructure investment, doing so would give the City incentive to push forward with their plans to build a new replacement facility for the lifeguards on the ocean front lawn at Queens Surf next to the Aquarium, resulting in a much more egregious loss of precious open ocean front and park space. Plus the bathrooms would need to be replaced with new construction somewhere on currently open Kapiolani Park Trust land. Auwel No make sense, yeah? Aloha, Donna

----Original Message---From: DRJLAM
Sent: Thu, Aug 23, 2012 7:26 am
Subject: natatorium battle resurfaces

neil is wrong again. making money and having a small focus for volleyball enthusiasts is not thinking of the greater good. there are very few honolulu beaches to take our families to --- ala moana and kaimana. we need to think of the greater honolulu public who will benefit from a lovely sandy beach forever. and if the beach erodes, will the state replenish it like it does the moana hotel? :)) the memorial is to be moved forward and preserved!

State to regain the Natatorium from city control

Abercrombie wants a volleyball stadium for the site, which was built in 1927

By Gordon Y.K. Pang

POSTED: 01:30 a.m. HST, Aug 23, 2012

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The administration of Gov. Neil Abercrombie appears ready to regain control over the Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium and then try to restore its crumbling facade and bleachers, reversing a direction taken by the city in recent years to clear the structure from the valuable piece of Waikiki Beach.

The embattled saltwater pool is owned by the state but controlled by the city under a governor's executive order.

Abercrombie and Hono-Iulu Mayor Peter Carlisle, after a meeting in May, have "come to an agreement" that would likely lead to the rescinding of an executive order that gave authority over the Natatorium to the city, city Design and Construction Director Lori Kahikina said Wednesday.

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An executive order taking the Natatorium back from the city has not yet been issued by Abercrombie. But Donalyn Dela Cruz, the governor's press secretary, said Wednesday that it's no secret Abercrombie would like to make better use of the area, including restoring the existing memorial if it's feasible.

"We're in major evaluation mode," Dela Cruz said. "It all depends on what's safe, what can be done, and what's affordable."

Dela Cruz added: "The governor believes it's time for it to be fixed, or have a purpose."

Abercrombie, in May, told Hawaii News Now that a beach volleyball stadium incorporating the existing swimming pool would be a good idea.

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governor.abercrombie, mayor, klersten, Donna L. Ching to: Bruce.Coppa, Michael.Ng, Blake.Oshiro,

08/26/2012 04:23 PM

Carried Carrie

Good news preservation advocates!

We look forward to working with all of you to honor our commitment to Hawaii's more than 10,000 WWI veterans.

Aloha, Donna

Donna L. Ching

Vice President, Friends of the Natatorium

What should be the fate of the Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium?

A. Full restoration with pool (59%, 1,096 Votes)

C. Move arch and demolish to restore beach (24%, 451 Votes)

B. Beach volleyball arena (17%, 308 Votes)

Total Voters: 1,852



Archive:

{In Archive} Natatorium reso Blake Oshiro to: Michael Ng

Cc: Kate Stanley, Wendy Clerinx, Bruce A Coppa, Marvin Wong

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Mikey -

At our meeting with Gov last week, he mentioned Natatorium again. Did you get a chance to research and draft a reso per prior emails/discussion? Reso deadline is next week Wed. and we would still need to find a sponsor. Thanks.

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Cc: Kate Stanley, Michael Ng, Reena Rabago

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Bruce, Kate, Marvin, and I talked about it today. Let's just line up DLNR/UH testimony supporting intent (if can) for now. No need to affirmatively ask for reso to be heard, just leave it and see what happens. If hearing set, then we will be ready to have testimony put in.

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Wendy Clerinx

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03/21/2012 09:48 AM

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