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Re: June 18, 2019, Hagåtña Redevelopment and Restoration Authority, Board of Commissioners meeting

Buenas Yan Håfa Adai:

The Open Government Law protects the ability of the citizens to access information maintained and activities by governmental bodies and obtain a complete understanding of how their government works. The Hagåtña Redevelopment and Restoration Authority (HRRA), Board of Commissioners, is required to follow the law to help make the work of the HRRA transparent to the public.

An email notification was sent to HRRA stakeholders on June 3, 2019, advising of a board meeting scheduled for 4 pm, June 18, 2019, at the GEDA conference room. The notification disclosed that board discussions would be based on an informational meeting surrounding the Hagåtña Master Plan. A subsequent reminder was emailed on June 14, 2019, requesting the board to add or provide input to a draft agenda. As of today, no public notices are known to have been distributed that informs the public what actions the board proposes or what topics are to be discussed. Under the Open Government Law, the only time any board or commission can make a decision is in a properly called and publicly noticed meeting.

Further, the Authority should be mindful of the requirements of §8113.1 of Chapter 8, Title 5 Guam Code Annotated. In an attempt towards understanding the work of the prior board, my office could not locate any records filed with *I Maga'hågan Guåhan's* Office, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, or with the Office of Public Accountability. According to §8113.1 of Chapter 8, Title 5 Guam Code Annotated, the minutes and audio recordings must be filed at these offices. This reporting requirement has been in effect since September of 2012. It is distressing to learn that no records are available for public review on a project as immense as the Hagåtña Master Plan. Every resident of Guam should be able to access and understand the reasoning behind the government policy decisions that affect their lives.

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