



WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010 WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Scotty Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **with a quorum of six (6) members present.** Note – This nine-member Board requires five (5) members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present – Scotty Anderson, Linda Fulton, Sylvia Himeda, Kelley Roberson, Paul Saito, Chris Williams.

Members Absent – Richard Turbin.

Vacancies – There is one (1) vacancy in each of Sub-districts 1 and 4, for a total of two (2) vacancies. Boards are now able to fill vacant seats due to the recent amendment to the Neighborhood Plan Section 2-14-104(a).

Guests – Firefighter Sidney Yim (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Gary Lum Lee, Sergeant Guy Perreira (Honolulu Police Department); Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply); Kainoa Kaumeheiwa-Rego (Councilmember Charles Djou's Office); Senator Sam Slom; Craig Nishimura (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Office); Representative Barbara Marumoto; Bob Franco, Carol Hoshiko (Kapiolani Community College); Vincent Shigekuni, Grant Murakami, Melanie Wong (PBR Hawaii); Stanley Chang; Stan Johnston; and Theona Kapoi (Neighborhood Commission Office).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Those present introduced themselves.

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEATS: No candidates interested at this time.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Sidney Yim reported the following:

- **January 2010 statistics** – 4 structure fires, 1 wild land fire, 1 rubbish fire, 1 vehicle fire, 112 medical emergencies, 1 search and rescue and 11 miscellaneous emergencies. Unusual incident included a downed aircraft in Palolo Valley and took 12 companies to respond.
- **Smoke Alarms** – Smoke alarms save lives and are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms have contributed to an almost 50 percent decrease in fire deaths. According to the National Fire Protection Association, it is twice as likely to survive a home fire if there are working smoke alarms.
- **Five (5) Safety Tips** – 1) Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the house; 2) Test smoke alarms at least once a month; 3) Replace smoke alarm batteries once a year; 4) Practice home fire escape plan; and 5) Designate a safe meeting place outside the home.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Gary Lum Lee circulated the report indicating it was for January 17, 2010 through February 17, 2010. It includes HPD contact information and safety tips. This month's safety tip is to protect yourself against identity theft. Visit the HPD website at www.honolulupd.org to find more information regarding the statistics within the Board's area.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Halekoa Drive Incident – The male victim from the most recent Halekoa Drive incident is currently in intensive care. No new updates on his status are available.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – Craig Nishimura reported the following:



- Kawamoto Fines – Mr. Kawamoto has 23 Notice of Order's (NOO) still active; 21 of the 23 NOO's have been referred to Corporation Council who is in contact with Mr. Kawamoto's agent to resolve the issues. To date, 15 different NOO's have been corrected and fines still need to be collected.
- East-Honolulu Development – The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has reviewed the request and found many pros and cons. A recommendation will be made on the proposal which will be available for final review and public input tentatively scheduled for spring 2010.
- Bulky Item Bill – The Department of Environmental Services (ENV) stated the resident is responsible for the sidewalk fronting their property. If bulky waste is placed on the sidewalk fronting their property by others at inappropriate times, they need to relocate the wastes on private property and place it on the sidewalk the evening before the bulky waste collection begins. The bill is going through City Council to determine specific fines.
- Homeless Living in Waikiki – "Homeless" individuals have been receiving information and services from various agencies to assist them regarding their current disposition. Acceptance of these services is voluntary on their part. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will continue in their efforts to make the parks available to all users. HPD has used a more aggressive approach with enforcing the laws about park closures. There are different hours in effect for permitted camping and hours the public is not allowed in the park. In 2009, HPD cited 177 people for illegal camping, 140 people for park closure violations, gave 890 warnings and made two arrests. So far, in 2010 HPD has given 16 citations and arrested 10 people for illegal camping, 35 citations and arrested 18 people for park closure violations and issued 240 warnings.
- Illegal Signs – HPD stated that it is unlawful to post signs on sidewalks, medial strips and traffic or utility poles. HPD requests that when a sign is observed, to call 911 and meet with the officer. DPP wrote a letter to the Department of Education (DOE) informing them of the actions and to be more aware of the signs.
- Fireworks – HFD supports the statewide ban of consumer fireworks, with the exception of special events and professional public fireworks displays. HFD believes each county should determine the potential hazards of fireworks and the benefit to their community by further restricting fireworks use based on each county's needs and resources. Currently, Chapter 132D-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) states that no county may enact stricter laws or rules relating to the present fireworks law.
- Vehicle Noise – HPD stated that patrol officers must witness any noise violation in order to issue a citation. HPD requests residents call 911 and meet with the officer to provide information on the vehicle.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

Medal of Honor Park – Chair Anderson has not received a call from the Sony Open Coordinator to inform them of the problems caused by vehicles parking on the grass. Nishimura will follow up with the concern.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Lorna Heller reported the following information:

- Water Main Breaks – There was one six inch water main break on January 5th.
- Outdoor Water Conservation – An estimated 50 percent of the water consumed by the average single-family home is used outdoors, most of which is used for hydrating yards or gardens. There are two ways to use water efficiently outdoors to help preserve Hawaii's water supply, while cutting down on the water bill.
 - Xeriscaping – Xeriscaping offers an ideal way to minimize water waste while maintaining the beautiful landscapes of the island. It involves growing unthirsty plants (that do not need a lot of water to survive), using mulch and installing proper irrigation. Incorporating xeriscape techniques outdoors can save anywhere from 30 to 80 percent in water consumption a month.
 - Rain Barrels – Using a home rainwater catchment system can also help to conserve water. At BWS, promoting rain barrels to collect rainwater to use for non-drinking activities such as landscape irrigation. In partnership with the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden, BWS hosts Rain Barrel Water Catchment workshops that teach people how to build, install and maintain rain barrels

at home. Keep an eye out on the BWS website for the next available workshop. More information can be found at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

- Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshops – Workshops are held each month at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden and are geared toward community education about how to conserve water outdoors. The BWS education team has found a creative and fun way to merge activities for parents and children about water conservation through Xeriscape. To register for these classes, call Diane Moses at 748-5363 or email tours@hbws.org.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

BWS Work at Night – A resident is concerned with work being done at a water pump station near his home. Heller is unaware of night work happening in the area and will follow up with the residents concern. If necessary, Heller advised the resident to call 911 and report suspicious activity.

Councilmember Charles Djou – Kainoa Kaumeheiwa-Rego distributed a report and highlighted the following:

- Shangri La (09-347) – This Shangri La SMA permit was approved unanimously on January 27, 2010.
- Bill 51 – Relating to a new homeowner classification, has some homeowners uneasy. Bill 6 would permits dedication for residential use in mixed-use zoning and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) for real property tax purposes. Resolution 10-14 would ask departments for a clear and accurate procedure to determine whether properties improved with two or more homes qualify for the new Homeowner property tax class.
- Bill 78 – Relating to bulky items passed out of the Public Infrastructure Committee for second reading. Councilmember Djou is weary that this bill does not address what will happen if people leave bulky items fronting other homeowners' properties. In the CD1, the fine amount has not been made specific.
- Bill 7 – Would make tents with one or more walls illegal without the proper camping permit. This bill has passed out of the Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee for second reading.
- Bill 8 – Would make shopping carts in City parks illegal. This bill has passed out of the Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee for second reading.
- Full Council Meeting – Will meet on February 24, 2010 and Committee meetings will follow March 2nd through March 4th.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Sign Waving – A resident requests Councilmember Djou's supporter's sign wave on the opposite side of the street they are currently at. As residents drive town bound on Kalaniana'ole Highway, motorists taking the exit to get on the freeway it is difficult to see other cars with sign wavers in the way.
2. Canal Overflow – Information was given to Djou's office regarding a concerned resident's home and the overflow of an adjacent canal.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Representative Barbara Marumoto – Representative Marumoto circulated a report and highlighted the following:

- Legislative Issues – Representative Marumoto noted the following:
 - Gambling – One bill sets up a Gaming Commission to establish a Waikiki casino and another bill allows gambling on Hawaiian Home Lands.
 - Civil Unions – Passed by Senate and sent to the House where the bill was postponed indefinitely.
 - Education Restructuring – Some bills will have the Governor select the Board of Education and there have been bills to require more teaching days. No action has been taken to end furloughs because it is a collective bargaining issue. Representative Marumoto stated appointing a superintendent would be a positive move as they would report only to the Governor.

- Fireworks Ban – Only “total ban” bill is moving through the Senate, but, it has a county “opt out” provision, which Representative Marumoto thinks the “opt out” option will not work.
- First Friday – Several legislators will open their offices on First Friday, March 5th, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to showcase the artwork acquired by the Art in Public Places program that is funded by the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.
- Grievance Bill – This bill would allow residents to sue neighbors for not maintaining their property and depleting the value of their own property.

Questions, comments and concerns:

Appreciation – Roberson commended Representative Marumoto for acknowledging his years of service on the Neighborhood Board although he has not officially left the island.

Representative Lyla Berg – A report was circulated, no representative present.

Senator Sam Slom – Senator Slom circulated a report and highlighted the following:

- Tax Bills – Many of the tax bills are coming from the House of Representatives. It is likely the State will see a tax increase. To calculate the exact increase, contact the Tax Foundation of Hawaii. Senator Slom is against any tax increase and noted no country has taxed their way into prosperity.
- Legislative Session – Senator Slom noted February 18th marked the 20th day of the State Legislature. The session is a third done and critical decisions impacting Hawaii’s future will be made in the next 40 days.
- New Judges – Will be sworn in as First Circuit Court Judge on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Supreme Court courtroom. Lawrence F. Reifurth is the new judge to the Intermediate Court of Appeals. The Senate Judiciary and Government Operations (JGO) committee will hear from two judicial nominees, Robert M. Browning to the First Circuit Court and Liza M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.
- Akaka Bill – During the week of February 22, 2010, the United States House of Representatives will bring forth a version of the Akaka Bill that was discussed behind closed doors for three months. This version of the bill will basically turn Native Hawaiians into an Indian Tribe and it does not require a vote from the Native Hawaiians to do so.

RESIDENTS’/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Community Concerns – A resident requests that all members of the community be heard fairly and not over looked.

Halekoa Drive Robbery – A resident’s house was recently burglarized. HPD recovered the victim’s car in Pearl City and felt the burglar was only there to steal the victim’s vehicle. The resident wanted community members to be aware of what has been going on. The resident also stated many car break-ins happen on a long weekend because people are more relaxed about what is left in the car. Chair Anderson stated having a garage door is the best investment to make to prevent burglaries. Doing so will make the burglars unaware of residents being home or not.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the January 21, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes – **The January 21, 2010 regular meeting minutes were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED with the following corrections, 6-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Fulton, Himeda, Roberson, Saito, Williams).**

- Page 1 – Guest name Stan Johnson should be Stan *Johnston*.
- Page 3 – Councilmember Djou, bullet three, the last sentence should read, “Residents will *not* be allowed to pay with credit/debit cards at satellite city halls.”

BOARD BUSINESS:

Kapiolani Community College (KCC) Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) – Melanie Wong of PBR Hawaii presented KCC's master plan which is updated roughly every 10-15 years. Kapiolani 2020 is a collaborative process between KCC, community members, special interest groups, and governmental agencies to create a master plan that will identify orderly growth patterns for both the college and community.

There are three strategic outcomes of Kapiolani 2020: 1) Sustainability – As a community hub for sustainable learning and practice, the College will move toward energy efficiency, resource management, and increased connectivity; 2) Community – The College will be a gathering plan for the community based upon partnerships, accessible services, and Hawaiian values; 3) Education – Redefines the learning environment by expanding the College's cyber infrastructure to support more learning via the web, on-campus, and hybrid.

Two charrettes were held with the community and KCC representatives. Through small group exercises, development areas, building blocks, and most cherished places were identified. The outcome was a preferred draft plan created and selected by charette participants.

General Community Sessions were informational sessions held with surrounding neighbors within 300 feet of the project area. The sessions gave neighbors the opportunity to comment on the preferred draft plan and to identify areas of concern.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Student Attendance – KCC is expected to have at least 9,000 students attending the college in 2020, including online enrollment.
2. Parking – KCC plans to close the parking gap which currently exists now. KCC is also working with TheBus system to develop an easier way for students to reach the campus using less bus transfers.

Bulky Item Pickup and Penalties – The City wants to take action on bulky item waste being left at inappropriate times. The first proposed fine was set at \$600, which some think is a heavy fine. Others say that if fines are lowered, no one will care about paying for it. The process is difficult as there are many issues to consider. The next meeting to hear about Bill 78 will be on February 23rd. Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's office may be contacted for further information.

Council of Chairs Meeting – Chair Anderson stated he will not be in town for this meeting hosted by the Neighborhood Commission Office on Saturday, April 10, 2010. Two members from the board are allowed to attend this meeting. Roberson stated it is worth going to because a lot of information may be learned. Board Member Chris Williams volunteered to attend the meeting. More information will be given to Williams as it becomes available.

With no objections, the agenda was moved out of order to hear item VII, OTHER REPORTS.

OTHER REPORTS:

Chair Reports/Correspondence –

- NB Chairs Committee – Chair Anderson announced a volunteer opportunity for the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC will bring together a small group of interested citizens to provide: 1) a balanced input on how to improve the walking experience and pedestrian safety in Hawaii; 2) a link between the project, the community and interested groups; and 3) information about community ideas and issues related to "walkability."
- Aloha Aina Project – Each month, in a different Oahu neighborhood, local business provide free services for the collection of recyclables. In turn, the community is cleaned up and the participating recycling companies donate the funds generated to local non-profit and charitable organizations. Items that are typically collected include: scrap metal appliances, newspaper and cardboard, beverage containers and much more. This coming month's collection will be on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Kahuku High School.

Treasurer's Report – Himeda reported for January 2010 the Board spent \$31.28 for printing and postage, leaving a total balance of \$2,216.46 of which \$936 is allocated for publicity. Kapoi will bring a copy of the November 2009 report at the next meeting.

Committees –

- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Traffic – Chair Anderson stated there is nothing directly affecting the Neighborhood Board No. 3 area. TheBus provided a report that is available for review.
- Land Use and Zoning – No report.

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) – None.

The agenda resumed order to hear item VI d, Kahala Beach.

Kahala Beach (Erosion) – Stan Johnston requested the board not ask beachfront residents to cut back the Naupaka plant on the beach side of their property. Johnston suggests the beach is disappearing due to erosion. When beachfront residents cut back the Naupaka plant it causes the beach to erode. Some have tried a temporary solution of using sand bags on the beach which only creates a sea wall furthermore causing erosion. Johnston stated once the beach is gone, it will cost millions of dollars to have sand brought in to replace the beach.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Suggestion – Board members suggested to Johnston to approach the legislature and testify with his pictures the position he has regarding the encroachment issue on the island. Having a written testimony will still give Johnston a chance to voice his opinion to legislators about what he thinks the problem is. Himeda suggested Johnston contact the following people: Samuel Lemmo, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands at 587-0381 or sam.j.lemmo@hawaii.gov and Dolan Eversole, Costal Geologist at 587-0321 or dolan.eversole@hawaii.gov.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board Meeting – On Thursday, March 18, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church on 1350 Hunakai Street.

Other Announcements – Chair Anderson requested Board Members find candidates willing to serve on the Neighborhood Board; two in sub-district 1 and one in sub-district 4.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Submitted by: Theona Kapoi, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Scotty Anderson, Chair