



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2006 MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK ARTS AND CRAFTS BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER: Chair John Steelquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. without a quorum present. He welcomed everyone to the Makiki Neighborhood Board meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Steelquist, John Bigay (7:05 p.m.), Charles Carole, Philip Hauret, David Heulitt, Richard Kawano, Norma Koenig and Sam Mitchell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Fujitani (excused), Sue Hillmann (excused), Susan Lai Young (excused), Allan Lee, Chuck Lee, Martin Schiller, Craig Thistleton and Joseph Zuiker.

GUESTS: Tracy H. Okubo, Department of Human Services (Governor Linda Lingle's representative); Senator Gordon Trimble, Representative Sylvia Luke, Michael Pili Pang, Mayor's Office (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative); Councilmember Rod Tam, Shawn Hamamoto (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office staff), Captain Warren Aki (Honolulu Fire Department); Lt. Norman Kau and Sgt. Yiu Kay Chan (Honolulu Police Department); C. Sawai (Board of Water Supply), Phyllis Britten (TCA), Frances Klema, Laura Steelquist, Trisha Corbaley, Geo Fukuhara, Joan Higgins, Sonia Trimble, Pat Lee (Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project [HHCTCP]), Ian Santee, Joy Turbeville, Nathan Y., Della Au Belatti, Phil Meyers, Wally Fukunaga, James and Bernie Wong, Amy Kimura and Marcia Kemble (Hui O Makiki); Georgianna Lagoria (The Contemporary Museum), Dustin Tamashiro, Barbara Wilcox, Christopher Sablan, Richard (Noah) Hough, Alexandra Kaan, Bob Tom, Mike Wilcox, Milton Hirata, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANCY FOR SUBDISTRICT 2- (Makai of Wilder Avenue, to Punahou Street to King Street to Pensacola Street and Ward Avenue) Chair Steelquist asked if there were any volunteers to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 2. There were none. As there was no quorum, Chair Steelquist deferred this item to the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 20, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES- The following corrections were made to the July 20, 2006 regular meeting minutes:

Page 1 and Page 8, 3. the Makiki Librarian's name is, "Nancy Nots."

As there was no quorum, Chair Steelquist deferred this item to the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Chair Steelquist reported that from the July statement the Board spent \$64.00 on printing and mailing of two sets of agendas and minutes and the Operating Account balance was \$1,456.00. The Publicity Account balance with nothing expended was \$2,894.00 and the Refreshment Account balance with nothing expended was \$120.00.

The treasurer's report was accepted as reported.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Honolulu Police Department (HPD)- Lt. Norman Kau, the new District 1, third watch commander, reported the following statistics: 3 robberies (-1 from last month), 10 burglaries (same as last month), 25 unauthorized entries of motor vehicle (UEMV) (+4 from last month), 12 auto thefts (-16 from last month), 2 aggravated assault (+1 last month), 9 simple assaults (-1 from last month), 103 motor vehicle collisions (MVC) (-3 from last month), 14 Driving Under the Influence (DUI) (-3 from last month), 0 sex assaults (same as last month), 8 family offenses (-1 from last month), 1 drug offenses (-4 from last month), and 3 graffiti (same as last month).

Questions, answers and comments followed.

A resident mentioned the positive aspects of the road closure on Tantalus, like a decrease in auto break-ins, auto thefts, burglaries, auto accidents, drug sales, noise and no speeding. The Board's June minutes mentioned that the suspect of the triple murders was caught quickly because the roadblock was set up on the only road out. He also noticed the amount of people passing through the area has decreased quite a bit. He asked about keeping the road on Tantalus a "dead end." Lt. Kau agreed with the resident on the decline in thefts and especially car break-ins due to the road closure. They are very sensitive to more patrols, but don't think Tantalus could remain closed in the long run. The resident was concerned about the whole area mauka of Nehoa Street. Lt. Kau responded that from August 9 to August 15, for Beat 169, there was only one car break-in and no burglaries or other reported thefts. The resident requested a comparison of the statistics for the first quarter with last year. Lt. Kau would follow up for the next meeting and suggested that the Board could focus on the "dead end" issue.

As there were no further questions, Chair Steelquist thanked Lt. Kau.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)- Captain Warren Aki, Makiki Station, reported the following:

1. There were 3 fires; 56 medical emergencies, 1 hazardous condition and 15 miscellaneous service calls for a total of 75 calls for service.
2. Safety Tip- August is the start of a new school year. Be careful while driving around schools and be aware of students crossing the street. Take the time to teach your children how to cross the street safely and remind them to call 9-1-1 for emergencies.

There were no questions.

Chair Steelquist thanked Captain Aki.

Board of Water Supply (BWS)- Cat Sawai reported the following:

1. There were no water main breaks for July.
2. General announcements- Bill Stuffer – Water Rate Increase Information: Beginning on July 15 through September, all water bills will include a bill stuffer on the water rate increases that were adopted by the Board of Water Supply and will go into effect on October 1. The bill stuffer will show the revised water rate schedule and explain the need for the increases. Visit the website at www.hbws.org.
3. Please mark your calendars for the second annual BWS Information session for Neighborhood Board members, tentatively set for Saturday, September 30, 2006, at the Mission Memorial auditorium from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. It's a chance for you to learn more about how the Board of Water Supply continues to provide "Water for Life." Board members can expect a letter or e-mail from us within the next month with more information.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. A resident asked how could they justify the bonuses for BWS employees. Sawai was instructed to refer questions to the Communications Specialist.
2. Concerning the water rate increases, a resident asked if the money would go for watering and cutting the grass. Sawai replied that the water rate increases would be for operations and maintenance. He has called the BWS about the sprinklers at Kaahumanu School on Kinau Street. They run the sprinklers for three hours during the day and on weekends. He added that they use "industrial" sprinkler, which uses more water. Sawai mentioned that sometimes she gets inquiries about broken sprinkler heads and would follow up. She advised that the public call 748-5010 to report water problems.

Chair Steelquist thanked Sawai.

Residents' Concerns- Chair Steelquist mentioned that as there was no quorum, concerns could be brought up, but could not be voted on.

1. Chair Steelquist would put the resident's concern about the permanent road closure on Tantalus on the agenda for the next meeting.
2. Vice Chair Charles Carole received an e-mail from James Ward, who complained about the cleaning of the Makiki Ditch. Carole called Councilmember Rod Tam's Office. They will follow up and report back next time.

Application for Conservation District Use Permit (OD-3361) on Forest Ridge Way-Tantalus. Chair Steelquist announced that a Board position was due tomorrow. Planning and Zoning Committee Chair Carole had distributed his recommendation to Board members with the August Board meeting agenda.

Committee Chair Carole reported that a Mr. Welsh wants to replace the existing driveway. The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has reviewed the application and it sees no need to have an Environmental Assessment (EA). Mr. Welsh has agreed to replace everything removed. Carole recommended that the Board support the application for tomorrow's hearing.

Board member Kawano had some concerns. Carole added that the neighbor, Mr. Hawkins has agreed with Mr. Welsh about the shared driveway and so there would be no affect on the neighborhood. The grading and grubbing have already been done.

As there was no quorum, Chair Steelquist would not submit any Board position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Chair Steelquist received the normal amount of correspondence for interested persons to review. He mentioned materials on agriculture, water and the *Environmental Notice*. He also had a copy of the City Auditor's "Audit of the Neighborhood Board System."
2. Chair Steelquist announced that all of the regular agenda items would be discussed at the next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting, which is scheduled for September 21, 2006 at the Makiki District Park, Arts and Crafts Building at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no objections, Chair Steelquist adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The Candidates Forum followed. The Board heard from the candidates for U.S. House of Representatives District 1, State Senatorial District 11, State Representative Districts 25 and 26 and Honolulu City Council District VI.

Submitted by K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by Chair John Steelquist