



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK ARTS AND CRAFTS BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER: Chair John Steelquist called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with nine members present (quorum is nine).

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Steelquist, John Bigay, Philip Hauret, David Heulitt, Sue Hillmann, Allan Lee, Richard Kawano, Norma Koenig (7:35 p.m.), Susan Lai Young, Sam Mitchell and Craig Thistleton (7:20 p.m.).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Carole, Gary Fujitani, Chuck Lee, Martin Schiller and Joseph Zuiker.

VACANCIES: One (Subdistrict 2).

GUESTS: Lenora Springer; Mark Stofle; Cappy Sheeley Patrick Shin; Elisa Johnston; Frances Klema, Joel Salanga, Rowena Sacro, and Earl Hiliaro (UHM School of Nursing); Tracy Okubo (Governor Linda Lingle's representative); Senator Carol Fukunaga; Michael Pili Pang (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative); Shawn Hamamoto (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office staff); Captain Debbi Eleneki (Honolulu Fire Department); Sergeant Chan (Honolulu Police Department); Beverly Haid, Mr. House, Pat Lee (Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project [HHCTCP]), and Bryan K. Mick (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 2: The Chair outlined the boundaries of Subdistrict 2 and asked if there were any qualified residents interested in serving on the board. There were no volunteers.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 20, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Without objection, the minutes were accepted.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 17, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD: Without objection, the memorandum for the record were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chair Steelquist reported that as of September 1, 2006, the Operating Account balance was \$1407.03.37, the Publicity Account balance was \$2894.00 and the Refreshment Account balance was \$120.00. There were no objections to the treasurer's report.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Honolulu Police Department (HPD)- Sergeant Chan reported the following August statistics: 0 robberies (-3 from last month), 12 burglaries (+2 from last month), 27 unauthorized entries of motor vehicle (UEMV) (+2 from last month), 9 auto thefts (-3 from last month), 9 assaults (-2 from last month), 23 property damages (+4 from last month) 115 motor vehicle collisions (MVC) (+1 from last month), 18 Driving Under the Influence (DUI) (+3 from last month), 2 sex assaults (+1 from last month), 11 family offenses (+1 from last month), 4 drug offenses (+3 from last month), and 3 graffiti (+2 from last month).

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Lee asked what the monetary boundaries were for classifying property damage. Chan replied that there were four levels of property damage, fourth degree is under \$500, third degree is over \$500, second degree is over \$1500, and first degree is over \$20,000.
2. Kawano asked what percentage of crime is actually reported. Chan responded that is hard to track for many reasons, but its fair to assume much crime does not get reported. Sometimes people think the crime is to minor too report; sometimes they don't want to end up being a witness in court. He added that sometimes an officer responds but the victim declines to pursue a complaint and withdraws it. Kawano wondered if the statistics reported earlier would reflect those instances. Chan explained that

they would, because the statistics are generated from the Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) system which tracks all calls into HPD.

- Audience member Patrick Shin inquired about the HPD's role in enforcing the animal ordinance laws. He said that wild birds in the form of chickens are making lots of noise. The Humane Society has said they cannot respond and residents should call 9-1-1, but he has heard that HPD is unlikely to respond as it is a low priority. Chan said that it is not accurate to say HPD will never respond, but generally they refer matters such as this to the Humane Society. However, if a dog is barking at 2:00 a.m. and someone calls 9-1-1, officers will respond and try to contact the owner. Shin replied that the Humane Society has told him they are not funded to investigate complaints such as these, so he would like to know if he can file a complaint with HPD. Chan said all complaints are generated by 9-1-1 calls or by someone coming into a police station and filling out a complaint form. He warns that a response will not be very quick. Shin asked if HPD will only respond to a barking dog at 2:00 a.m. and not a crowing rooster. Chan replied that it's possible the same procedure of knocking on the owner's door and inquiring within would be followed. Shin asked if the officers could cite the owner of the chickens if he denies ownership and claims they are wild chickens. Chan affirmed that ownership would have to be established for any citation. Shin said all the neighbors are willing to testify who the owner of the chickens is, but so far whenever confronted by HPD the owner claims they are wild chickens. The chair asked if HPD is allowed to eradicate fowl. Chan said no, and explained that they could warn the alleged owner, and if ownership is proven and more than two birds are present they could issue citations. Shin asked if he should get statements from his neighbors to include in the complaint, and Chan replied he should. Young asked if HPD can catch the birds and turn them into the Humane Society. Chan responded that they are not equipped for that type of operation. The Chair suggested that a neighbor catch the bird and turn them in if no one is claiming ownership. He added that perhaps it would be worth calling the State Department of Health (DOH) vector control division. Shin said he had, and they told him they might send out an inspector but would not cite anyone.

Thistleton arrived (7:20 p.m.).

The Chair recommended that this issue be addressed to the Governor's representative in the context of an avian bird flu risk. The Chair added that if the ordinance was at the City level, then the Council could be involved as well. Bigay asked if anyone had talked to the owner directly. Shin said they have, and he refuses to stop feeding the chickens in his yard while denying ownership. Bigay suggested that if both sides could agree to mediation, then perhaps the Mediation Center of the Pacific could be involved. Shin feels this is not appropriate because the law is being broken. The Chair asked what area of Makiki was this situation occurring. Shin said in Tantalus along Aliamanu Place. The Chair said he would place this issue on the next agenda, and maybe guidance from neighborhoods that have lots of chickens could be sought. Kawano added that if the chickens aren't dealt with, they will breed and increase the health and noise problems. Sergeant Chan reiterated that HPD can only cite someone for having more than two birds; they cannot eradicate any of the chickens.

- Audience member Cappy Sheeley said that at the last meeting the HPD representative promised to have crime statistics for the area mauka of Nehoa, in order to see if crime has recently increased or decreased, and were those available tonight. Chan responded that the statistics are contained in the minutes and can be compared for trends. Sheeley explained those records did not have it broken down into the area in which he was interested in, and Chan replied that is because they only are compiled by beat number. Sheeley said he wanted to know if crime had gone down since the road had been closed due to the landslides. The Chair asked what beat encompasses that area. Chan said Beat 161 covers Round Top to Nehoa. Sheeley asked if Chan felt crime had decreased, and if it is easier to patrol since the road has been closed down. Chan replied that he cannot speak on behalf of the beat officers, and comparing the statistics is probably the best method for ascertaining if it's decreased. Mitchell commented that here again we have a situation where the statistics are dependent on people calling to crimes in to 9-1-1, so a decrease may not automatically mean there is less crime, just that a decrease in calls.
- The Chair asked if car breaks ins at the Makiki Nature Center are on the rise. Chan replied that Beat 171 covers that region and there were seven reported car break ins for that beat. The Chair explained that criminals are loitering around waiting for joggers to park their cars and start out on the trails, and

then breaking into their vehicles. Was there any sort of a counter-effort ongoing? Chan said he was unaware of any such operation. The Chair asked Chan to pass the information on to the beat officers.

6. Kawano reported that there was a large truck parked next to his condo for the past three weeks, and he wanted to know if this is a violation. Chan replied that if the vehicle was on a public street then it could be classified as an abandoned vehicle. The process is that HPD will mark the tires with chalk and wait for 24 hours. If the vehicle has not been moved in that period, it will be cited as an abandoned vehicle. From there, the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will send out an inspector who can arrange for the car to be towed. Mitchell asked how much the citation issued after the 24 hour period is, and Chan replied \$160.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)- Captain Debbi Eleneki, Makiki Station, reported the following:

1. There were 5 structure, 1 brush, 2 rubbish and 0 vehicle fires; 69 medical emergencies, 0 search and rescues and 13 miscellaneous service calls for a total of 91 calls for service. There were no major incidents.
2. Fire Safety Tip- Fire tip of the month: The National Fire Protection Association has selected 'Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat' as the theme for the Fire Prevention Week, Which will be on October 8-14, 2006. Signs will be displayed at all fire stations, and demonstrations will be conducted at various schools and shopping centers around the island. The 2006 Fire Fighter's Safety Guide will also be distributed to all elementary schools.

In addition, the Honolulu Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to remind the community that the provision of the traffic code regulating the operation, parking, and standing of vehicles does not apply to emergency vehicles responding to emergencies, provided the driver of the vehicles sounds a siren, bell, or exhaust whistle and displays a lighted red lamp. These warning devices help to ensure the safety of the public as well as the safety of the emergency responder. Please refer to the revised Ordinances of Honolulu, traffic Code, Section 15-4.4, located at http://www.honolulu.gov/refs/roh/15a1_9.htm for further information.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Mitchell commented that he had heard HFD has a system in place for knowing what high rise units contain people in wheelchairs in the event of a fire. Eleneki replied that no such system existed. Mitchell asked then how do firefighters know where to go when they respond. Eleneki explained they rely on other residents who are on-site to direct them to fellow residents who may need special assistance in evacuating. Unless it is a State run facility, there is really no way for HFD to possess that information beforehand. In some cases, HFD may have pre-canvassed a building and have knowledge of handicapped residents. And a few buildings are known to have an extremely high amount of wheelchair bound occupants.
2. Kawano asked if brush fires had been less this year and if the tougher arson laws passed by the legislature were responsible for any decrease. Eleneki said that she was not sure if the laws were the reason, but there have only been around 70 percent of the brushfires this year compared to last.

Norma Koenig arrived at 7:35 p.m.

1. Audience member House asked about an HFD ocean rescue vehicle which everyday comes up Piikoi Street with its sirens on at around 4:00 p.m. Are they trying to save gas, because they obviously are not going towards the ocean? Traffic is disrupted when this happens. Eleneki responded she is surprised that it would be everyday, since that would mean all shifts would be doing it. She can provide House the number for the Station Captain; he would be the best person to discuss this with. Kawano asked if this would be a proper use of sirens. Eleneki replied that it would not be an appropriate use. She said this boat must be Pauoa Rescue 1, and the number for the main dispatch is 523-4411. Bigay asked where the rescue boats are stationed. Eleneki said Pauoa and Kalihi Kai stations. Bigay wondered why the any boat would be coming up Piikoi which made more sense if a boat was stored at the Makiki Station.

2. Young asked the new law allowing condominium association boards to conduct mandatory fire inspections would involve HFD. Eleneki said she would have to refer this question to the HFD's Fire Prevention Bureau. She asked if Young meant the inspections of the building in general or of the individual units. Young explained that this issue had come up before as to how to balance privacy rights and public safety. Senator Fukunaga commented that the condo board and/or building management could only inspect an individual unit if the occupant was incapacitated or if they had reasonable suspicion a fire hazard existed, such as a leak or a large amount of newspapers being stored. Young said she has recently read an article about the Banyan Condominium and how this was the first time the inspections could occur. Senator Fukunaga explained that the Banyan has a high percentage of elderly occupants and has been working for years to create a managed care situation. Young said she would follow up with the Senator as her condo is talking about having inspections. She asked Eleneki if HFD would inspect, and Eleneki said only if they were asked and they would only inspect the exterior portions of the building.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): No representative was present.

NETWORKING OF NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS:

Makiki Stream- No report.

Sidewalk Improvements- No report.

Pawaa Park- No report.

Makiki Community Plan- No report.

Traffic and Transit- Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP)- Pat Lee reported that thanks to the efforts of Senator Fukunaga a well attended transit meeting was held last Thursday at Washington Middle School. Ten of the twelve island-wide meetings are complete, with Aiea's one held last night and Heeia and Nanakuli remaining. Two board meetings ago there was a question about who would be managing the construction of the rail system. It will probably be undertaken by a consultant with the DTS providing oversight.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Kawano asked about the recent announcement that the Mayor wants to chop off the Manoa spur and the Kapolei spur of the rail system. Lee explained that the Mayor has expressed his commitment to keep the project to the \$3 billion projected cost cited previously. He added that both the Vancouver and BART system have added to significant sections to the system since the original construction. Kawano commented that he would think it would be cheaper to do it all one time when you have everything such as the labor force in place. Lee said it can be done at one time if the funding and public will is present. He explained that a later segment of a rail system can be cheaper if a better contract is secured or if additional federal funds are obtained.
2. An audience member inquired what procedures are used for producing the ridership projections. Lee said this topic is covered in the latest transit newsletter, but basically it is done using formulas supplied by the Federal Transit Administration. This is why the transit station locations were chosen so early; their placement greatly affects the ridership projections.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Senator Carol Fukunaga- Senator Fukunaga apologized for missing the recent candidate forum and reported the following:

1. The mass transit meeting mentioned earlier had over 100 people in attendance. The McCully and Waikiki Neighborhood Boards had members in the audience, and they had been warned to not ask questions that would violate the Sunshine Law. Other groups, like HGEA, will be sponsoring briefings and the Makiki Board may want to participate. It seems like the urban Honolulu boards are very interested in rail's impact on surrounding communities. Legislators really want neighborhoods to really brainstorm about the best way to utilize transit.

2. The board had expressed a desire for the bus stop in front of the Academy of Arts to be kept open. This and some other similar requests have been communicated to the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS).

Questions, answers and comments followed.

Kawano asked what percentage of the money given to the Department of Education (DOE) actually reaches the classrooms. Senator Fukunaga replied that the State Auditor looked at this eight years ago, and their findings were used when drafting Act 51. The DOE is looking at adjusting their formulas again, and the increase in transparency has been a good thing. Kawano asked if 50 percent would be a good guess as to how much of the funds reach the classroom. Senator Fukunaga replied she would guess it's between 50-60 percent and that the Legislature would like to see more like 90 percent reach the classroom.

Governor Linda Lingle's representative- Tracy H. Okubo from the State Department of Human Resources Development, distributed the Governor's Weekly Update and was available for questions.

Councilmember Rod Tam- Shawn Hamamoto distributed Councilmember Tam's newsletter and was available for questions. There were none, but the Chair asked that Councilmember Tam be informed about the discussion on chickens that took place earlier.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative- Michael Pili Pang distributed the Mayor's newsletter and reported the following:

1. The mid-block bus stop in front of McKinley High and the bus stop at the corner of Victoria and Beretania Street were discontinued because of their proximity to other bus stops. Notices of the closures were published in the newspapers including multi-language newspapers and posted at the stops themselves.
2. There was a question about the intersection of Vineyard Boulevard and Punchbowl Streets, but as this is under State jurisdiction it needs to be directed to DOT.
3. The potholes at the intersection of Kewalo and Heulu Street have been filled.
4. The Department of Parks and Recreation is open to discussing proposals for the use of Makiki Library with the Board.
5. The City Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) upheld the Directors decision on the Makiki care home on February 9, 2006, and that decision was appealed to the Circuit Court August 23, 2006.
6. There is a clean up of Makiki Stream scheduled for October 21 starting at 8:30 a.m.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Bigay commented that last time he checked, the above-mentioned potholes had not been filled, so he would like to know if Pang knew the date that they were filled. Pang replied he did not have that date, but he knew no potholes were filled while the problem with the asphalt supply was resolved, so it was likely a recent happening.
2. Bigay mentioned that the new buses seem to be using the old color scheme, and he preferred the newer colors. He added that he heard the Mayor chooses the colors and that the Mayor preferred the old colors. Would the other buses be repainted to match and what would the cost be to do that? Pang responded he would have to inquire with Oahu Transit Services (OTS)
3. Mitchell mentioned that DTS has deactivated some bus stops that had shelters and kept active those that lacked shelters. He thinks the shelters should be removed or moved over to the active bus stops. Were the presence and/or lack of shelters taken into account when deciding what stops to keep? Pang replied many factors were taken into account, but he does not think that was one of them. The Chair added that many of the shelters were built by community groups and should be preserved and utilized.

4. Kawano asked if the asphalt supply was still a problem. Pang said that its okay for now and the City has been talking with other suppliers to try and prevent this problem from occurring again.
5. Audience member Shin commented that he never saw the notice that the Beretania Street bus stop was going to be deactivated. He feels that the one at the intersection with Ward is more dangerous than the then one that was deactivated near the Victoria intersection. The Chair said the request needs to be sent to DTS. Shin added that he was not the only person to wait at one of the deactivated bus stops and have multiple buses pass them by.
6. Someone in the audience mentioned that large boulders have come down Makiki Stream and damaged the concrete, making it dangerous. Bigay replied he thinks that portion of the stream is under State jurisdiction.
7. Kawano asked if there were semi-permanent signs located at bus stops that have been deactivated. Mitchell replied they put paper signs which are long gone.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Makiki Tantalus Recreation Area- The Chair gave thanks to the Mayor and his Administration for filling up the potholes in this area.

Makiki District Library- Koenig reported that she attended a meeting with DPR, Elisa Johnston of Hui O Makiki and Ron Paik of the Library. She asked Johnston to give a report on that meeting. Johnston reported that DPR announced that the programs are on hold for now. The Library and the reading rooms will stay on the ground floor. There will also be two large rooms available for community meetings. No wiring will be installed that would facilitate computer installation, but the Friends of Makiki has some money that they might be willing spend on wiring if someone wants to take on the task of installing computers and staffing a computer section. The Chair mentioned that he was also at that meeting and will keep the board involved.

Makiki District Park- The Chair reported that the Library renovation is scheduled to be done in January while Agee hall will not be open for a while due to falling tiles.

Contemporary Art Museum- The Chair reported that the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) had come down with a ruling on the Contemporary Art Museum application that to him seemed fair and right down the middle. They would allow a bigger building to be built, but not as big at the museum proposed. They would allow one more evening event, but not 12, as requested. Everyone seemed happy with the decision at first until the Museum filed a protest, which is too bad since DPP did a marvelous job. They had also reduced the size of the annual function from 500 people to 300. Hauret asked if DPP recommendations get adopted by Council. The Chair responded DPP decisions are final unless there is an appeal. Kawano asked how long the appeal process will be. The Chair said the appeal goes to DPP first and then possibly to the Council and/or the Mayor. Kawano asked if public input will be allowed. The Chair replied that it would. Bigay asked if the café would be allowed to move as they requested. The Chair said he was not sure, but he thinks they were allowed to move.

1214 Matlock Street- Board member Kawano had nothing new to report and would check to see if this issue was resolved so it could be removed from future agendas.

Bulky Item Pick-up-The Chair reported that he had written a letter to the Mayor about Makiki Library and a second letter about bulky item pick-up, both of which the Mayor responded to. He then received a call from Frank Doyle of the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) who set up a meeting. Doyle said he understands the problem and has a plan. He guaranteed that the Wednesday pick-up will be on time and not postponed. He also said that they had enforcement powers when it comes to bulky items and they can fine someone a \$100 a day for improper dumping of a bulky item. The Chair then asked him how they can prove ownership. Doyle said that is the tricky part, but they are working on that and neighbor testimony can be very useful. The Chair was very pleased that the administration is responsive to the community on this issue and trying to make improvements, he wants Hui O Makiki and the Board to stay involved. Hauret asked what the ticket would be for exactly. The Chair said for placing a bulky item on the sidewalk at an inappropriate time. The Chair also relayed that Doyle would like to add a second pick-up day, but he is short on workers, although he recently got enough trucks to do it. There often are a few days at the end of the month where no neighborhood has a regular pick-up scheduled, so requests for an extra pick-up in that time slot could be made. Kawano

asked if condo associations were going to be fined. The Chair said only the private owner of an item can be fined, which is admittedly hard to establish. Johnston asked if people should call HPD about improper dumping. The Chair replied that no, the ENV should be called. Johnston mentioned that the pick-ups have been on time lately. The Chair added that bulky items should be put out after 6:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the second Wednesday. Mitchell pointed out that a pick-up should occur at the end of the month when all the condo and apartment residents are moving out. The Chair mentioned that there are still some options for dealing with bulky items on the table such as having a transfer station or paying the Boy Scouts to pick up bulky items, but at least the Mayor is trying to improve the situation.

Support for Roosevelt High School- The Chair reported that he recently attended the annual training for the School Community Council. The Chair would like to encourage other Board members to get involved. In October they will have a briefing on the financial and academic plans for the year. In December they will have available the final plan before they submit it in to the Department of Education (DOE). The Council has twelve people – two teachers, two staff including the Principal, two other staff, two parents, two students, and two other community members. The group wants help in how they can talk to the community. Kawano asked what the time commitment is. The Chair explained they meet one Wednesday a month during the School year, and probably meet twice a month until December. Kawano asked what time and place the meetings are. The Chair said the meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. usually in the Roosevelt School Library. The parents elect the community members, but as there is no one applying it should not be hard for anyone from the Board to get onto the Council. The Chair added that Roosevelt is building a great auditorium that will help involve the community in the same way Castle High School's auditorium does for Kaneohe.

Road on Round Top – Audience member Sheeley said he always says the road is not closed, but dead-ended. He feels the road is now safer, quieter, and much easier to catch criminals now. HPD did say last month that crime in the area had declined since the road became a dead end. It had been the only ridge on Oahu that had two separate roads in and out. It was hard for HPD to observe much of the crime that used to happen in the area, now it does not even happen. Sheeley then asked Mayor's representative Pang why the road cannot be made into a permanent dead-end, which would only inconvenience a few people. Pang replied that it is an emergency road for some of the residences. Sheeley said a gate could be put in with access only available to emergency responders, and an extra 7 or 8 minutes for a few residents is a small price to pay to decrease crime for all. Pang felt a gate could block emergency vehicles and thinks it's important to have two access roads, but agreed to submit the question to the administration again. The Chair commented that he lives on the other side of the road that is inconvenienced by the road closure and he imagines those people might have a different view on making the closure permanent. Sheeley said it now takes six minutes longer to get to the top of the hill. Hillman pointed out that is not all the way to the houses. Sheeley responded that for four houses, it's an extra fifteen minutes of driving. Hillman said maybe a gate could be placed at the top which would inconvenience less people. Sheeley said placing the gate at the top would not deter the speeding, drug use, and unwanted pregnancies that occur at the lookout. Hillman pointed out that if HPD was called, and a gate was in place at the top, then these people would have no escape route. Sheeley said it would be more cost efficient to put the gate lower and not reconfigure the road. Bigay asked how long the road is between the two closure points. Sheeley said 300 yards, and nothing exists within that stretch. An audience member suggested maybe a gate could be put in and only residents given the code. The Chair promised this would be on future agendas. Mitchell said this was a pie-in-the-sky idea. He added it's a public road and cannot be closed down permanently. He thinks that as soon as the idea was floated in the paper hundreds of people would protest the closure of a major tourist attraction. Kawano pointed out that it is a safety issue as well. What if someone has a heart attack or a fire breaks out and first responders cannot get to those four houses in time because of a voluntary closure of the road. A lawsuit will result. Sheeley said those are natural acts and the City could not be held liable. When he lived in Lahaina, the road was often shut down stranding people on one side of the closure. Kawano pointed out that those closures could not be helped, whereas in this case we have a road that can be fixed and used. The Chair added that the repairs are not estimated to be done until January.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barking Dogs on Makiki Street- Audience member Johnston said there is one crazy dog that barks constantly. The Chair added that the neighbors had talked to the owner who basically told them he does not care. So they are forced to call HPD all the time. Johnston asked where exactly the dog was located. The Chair said it's about half way down Makiki Street on the Ewa side, and the dog is very loud. Bigay mentioned that maybe this was the infamous barking dog from Nehoa Street and maybe it had a new address.

Graffiti- The Chair asked if Johnston wanted to report on the October Makiki Clean Up. She replied she was not aware of it. The Chair said it must still be in the planning stages. Johnston did report that Hui O Makiki met with Malcolm Ching from the Waialeale area, who formed a group called "Tag Team." They had effected a dramatic drop in graffiti by forming a rapid response phone tree, and they use a product which takes off the graffiti. A meeting with the City, vendors, and interested community groups is in the works.

City Auditor's report on the Neighborhood Board System – Kawano wanted to invite the City Auditor and the Chairman of the Neighborhood Commission to discuss it and would try to track them both down. Someone added that the report is available online.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning and Zoning- No report.

Transportation- No report.

Health, Safety, and Wellness- No report.

Newsletter- No report.

Other committees - No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Chair mentioned that it had been suggested that the Board consider converting to all At Large seats, or perhaps a mixture to insure areas have representation on the Board. Hauret pointed out that getting people to run is the bigger problem. Mitchell suggested that maybe the elections could be by Subdistricts but allow the Board to fill vacancies with people from outside the Subdistrict, as long as they are in the overall Board area. The Chair commented this is an interesting idea. Bigay mentioned that the audit cited the inability of Boards to fill vacancies as a problem. The Chair added that the Makiki Neighborhood Board does not have the problem with this that other Boards do. Kawano asked how this change could be made. The Chair replied the Neighborhood Commission would have to be petitioned.
2. The Chair reported he received a letter from the Neighborhood Commission suggesting that Boards form Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) that can consist of less than a quorum and attend meetings of community interest. These groups must be formed at a regular meeting and the formation must be noticed on that agenda. This provides some relief from the "Sunshine Law"'s impact on Neighborhood Boards. Bigay asked if this could have been applied to the Candidate Forum Kawano hosted. The Chair said yes. He added that PIG's are different than committees as they don't have to file an agenda. Bigay asked what if nine Board members go to a community group as individuals. The Chair said it would be a violation after the third member showed up in the room. Mitchell asked what if all the Board Chairs go to a meeting together. The Chair said that is not covered by the "Sunshine Law," since the Board Chairs are all on different deliberative bodies. Hauret added that someday someone will challenge the "Sunshine Law" in court and have it ruled unconstitutionally.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no objections, Chair Steelquist adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted by Bryan K. Mick, Neighborhood Commission Office