



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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

CALL TO ORDER - Chair John Steelquist called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT - John Steelquist, John Bigay, Ron Cannarella (elected at this meeting), Charles Carole, Philip Hauret, David Heulitt, Sue Hillmann, Allan Lee, Eloise Lee, Norma Koenig, Susan Lai Young, Martin Schiller and Joseph Zuiker (7:15 p.m.).

MEMBERS ABSENT - Richard Kawano, Chuck Lee, Sam Mitchell and Craig Thistleton.

VACANCIES - One (Subdistrict 3) filled at this meeting.

GUESTS - Chris Lee (representing Representative Sylvia Luke), Representative-elect Della Belatti, Representative-elect Karl Rhoads, Chrystn Eads (Mayor's Office, Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative); Captain Warren Aki (Honolulu Fire Department), Sgt. Yiu Chan (Honolulu Police Department), Dennis Hokama (Principal, Roosevelt High School), Pat Lee (Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project), Wayne Yoshioka (Traffic Engineer at Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade and Douglas, Inc.), Laura Lau, Alika Kalani Smith, Guy Belegaud, Beverly Haid, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff)

FILLING OF VACANCY FOR SUBDISTRICT 3 - (Bordered by Pensacola Street, Lunalilo Street, Pele Street (odd-numbered addresses) and Prospect Street) Chair Steelquist asked for volunteers to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 3. Ron Cannarella volunteered. Chair Steelquist asked him to give some background information. Cannarella has been a resident of Honolulu for sixteen years and has lived in the Makiki district for six years. As a condo owner, he is the president of his condo association. He works for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and is concerned about the environment. **Koenig moved and Allan Lee seconded that Cannarella be elected to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 3. The motion carried unanimously, 11-0-0.** Neighborhood Assistant Ho administered the Oath-of-Office to Cannarella.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - The minutes of the November 16, 2006 minutes were approved as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer Schiller reported that as of November 29, 2006, the combined Operating/Publicity account had expended \$38.06 for printing and mailing the agenda and minutes and the balance was \$4,824.66. The Refreshment account remained at \$120.00. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Honolulu Police Department - Sgt. Chan reported the November 2006 statistics. There were 3 robberies, 11 burglaries, 39 Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle (UEMV), 22 auto thefts, 14 assaults, 23 property damage, 114 motor vehicle collisions, 17 driving under the influence (DUI), 1 sex offense, 9 family offenses, 3 drug offenses, 5 graffiti and 490 miscellaneous service calls. HPD does not collect statistics for traffic offenses, but for criminal offenses.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

Koenig asked about increases in statistics for any area. Sgt. Chan responded that when Christmas shopping, don't leave your purchases or handbag in the car. Put them in the trunk. During the holiday season there are more people shopping and rushing around. There are more thefts and motor vehicle collisions due to more drivers on the road and Christmas shopping.

Sgt. Chan continued. Starting on January 1, 2007 the new child booster seat law takes effect. Children, four through seven years old, are required to ride in a child safety seat or booster seat when riding in a motor vehicle. The only exceptions are if the child is over 4 feet, 9 inches tall or if the vehicle has lap-only seat belts in the rear seat. Hawaii would be the 35th State to enact this law.

Chair Steelquist thanked Sgt. Chan.

Honolulu Fire Department - Captain Warren Aki distributed his written report and highlighted the following:

1. The monthly statistics were 90 alarms, 8 fires, 51 emergencies and 31 others.
2. Holiday Safety Tips- Christmas Tree Safety- Care of your tree- A fresh tree should not lose green needles when tapped on the ground. Leave the tree outside in a bucket of water until ready to decorate. Cut one inch off the bottom of the trunk to allow the tree to absorb water. Clean the tree stand to improve the tree's water intake. Use one capful of bleach to one cup of water. The tree stand should hold at least one gallon of water and be the proper size for the tree base to prevent tipping. Check the water level daily. A six-foot tree will use one-half gallon of water daily. Mix a commercial preservative into the water. Keep the tree away from all flames and heat sources.

Decorating your tree- Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions concerning the installation and maintenance of the electrical decorations prior to decorating the tree. Check the manufacturer's instructions on the electrical decorations to determine the maximum number of decorative lights (light strings) and decorations that may be connected together. If the product packaging does not indicate the maximum number of light strings that may be connected together, do not connect more than three light strings. Prior to using electrical decorations, carefully inspect each for cracked sockets, frayed, loose, or bare wires, and loose connections, which may cause a serious electrical shock or start a fire. Do not allow children or pets to play with electrical decorations, as they could produce a deadly electrical shock if misused. Do not overload extension cords, as it could cause the cord to overheat and start a fire. Consider using miniature lights which have cool-burning bulbs. Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing light bulbs or fuses. Do not mount or support light strings in any way that may damage the wire insulation.

Miscellaneous- Turn off the electrical lights and decorations before leaving home or going to bed. Never use candles, even on artificial trees. When branches are dry, the tree can be extremely flammable. Recycle your tree immediately after the holidays. Consider purchasing an artificial tree, as it is safer and cleaner.

3. Captain Aki responded to the questions about the people trapped in elevators due to the October 15 earthquake and power outage. There were three calls, but one was "good intention." They thought someone needed help. One took two hours at the time of the earthquake. Someone went to make sure there wasn't a medical emergency and to keep the person calm. The other one took an hour as it was later at night and the elevator was operating on emergency power.

Chair Steelquist thanked Captain Aki.

Board of Water Supply - (7:16 p.m.) Chair Steelquist read the BWS report:

1. There were three mainbreaks for November. A. On November 12 at Piikoi and Pensacola Streets, an eight-inch cast iron main broke. It was 71 years old. B. On November 13 at 2159 Puualii Place, an eight-inch cast iron main broke. It was 72 years old. C. On November 20 at 666 Prospect Street, a hydrant lateral six-inch cast iron main broke. It was 75 years old.

As the useful lifespan of our current water mains ends, BWS is spending millions of dollars to replace them to insure reliable water service and help prevent main breaks. This is just one of the many ways we continue to be the stewards of Oahu's precious water.

2. GENERAL WATER ANNOUNCEMENTS: In celebration of this festive holiday season, the Board of Water Supply is participating in the annual decoration of Honolulu Hale as well as Kapolei Hale. In conjunction with the City's "Kuu Home" theme, BWS will present "from our place to your home all year around." Trees decorated by each City department will be on display in the lobbies of the two city halls.

Our employees and their ohana participated in the City's Christmas parades on December 2 in downtown, and on December 9 in Kapolei.

You may also notice that the Board's annual lightshow is up and running, and the decorated truck will be in both parades and then on display in front of the BWS building.

Thank you very much for your help this past year preserving Hawaii's most precious resource. We are the Board of Water Supply, but you are all an integral part of upholding and supporting our mission to provide water to the people of Oahu. By doing your part to practice various water conservation methods, you play an active role in preserving our precious resource for generations to come.

On behalf of the Board of Water Supply and all of our employees and family, we wish you a very happy holiday season!

3. Water Saving Tips: A. When watering grass on steep slopes, use a soaker hose to prevent runoff. B. Cut back on rinsing if your dishwasher is new. Newer models clean more effectively than older ones.

Residents' Concerns

1. Hillman had three concerns- A. The weeds on Round Top are growing so big that they are blocking one lane of traffic. Pedestrians are faced with an unsafe situation. B. She suggested that the "Road closed" sign be translated into Japanese to help the Japanese visitors. 3. She reported that the house is falling down next to 2115 Round Top Drive, before the hairpin turn, mauka side, with the blue tarp.

Chair Steelquist complained about the overgrowth of foliage before and the Tantalus side was cut, but the Round Top Drive side not cut. Chair Steelquist asked Mayor's representative Eads to follow up.

2. Resident Alika Kalani Smith, who is the resident manager at 1616 Liholiho Street, reported an increase in spying and radiation in the Makiki area and on the Internet. When asked if it was the CIA, he does not know who is spying as they are keeping it secret. Chair Steelquist suggested that the Federal Government controls the radio waves. Smith has contacted other government agencies. Chair Steelquist would put this in the minutes and see if any new information would come in.

Chair Steelquist thanked the residents.

NETWORKING OF NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS- Chair Steelquist announced that about two weeks ago Senator Les Ihara, Jr. had met with several Neighborhood Board Chairs on exempting the Neighborhood Boards from parts of the "Sunshine Law" or changing it to allow more than two Board members to attend a community meeting.

Makiki Stream - No report.

Sidewalk improvements - No report.

Pawaa Park - No report.

Makiki Community Plan - No report.

Traffic and Transit - No report.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Representative-elect Della Belatti - Representative-elect Belatti thanked everyone and introduced her Office Manager Chris Lee. She mentioned that bill introduction was soon. She wanted people to submit legislative proposals and especially on the "Sunshine Law." Aloha Aina Day will be on January 6, 2007 at McKinley High School and they will be "turning trash into cash." She invited everyone to the Opening Day ceremonies on January 17, 2007 and to her office at State Capitol, Room 331 for lunch afterwards.

Chair Steelquist thanked Representative-elect Belatti.

Representative-elect Karl Rhoads - Representative-elect Rhoads mentioned that his district overlaps from the freeway and Keeaumoku Street to King Street and that he was also settling in at the Capitol, Room 326, call 586-6180. As a Neighborhood Board member, he is particularly interested in the revisions to the "Sunshine Law."

Chair Steelquist thanked Representative-elect Rhoads.

Representative Sylvia Luke - Chris Lee distributed Representative Luke's newsletter and reported that she invited everyone to the opening day festivities and refreshments at the Legislature. She is no longer Chair of the Judiciary Committee, but is still available to hear community concerns, especially loud moped noise. Concerning the Booster Seat Law, after researching the issue, he doesn't think that this is a "hot issue" that everyone is rushing to pass.

Chair Steelquist thanked Representative Luke's representative Lee.

Senator Carol Fukunaga - Senator Fukunaga had called earlier that she could not attend, but her newsletter was distributed. It contained information on the Round Top road repair and road closure. Re-opening is planned for mid-April 2007.

Senator Gordon Trimble - No representative present.

Governor Linda Lingle's representative- No representative present, but the Governor's Weekly Update was distributed.

Councilmember Rod Tam - No representative present, but his newsletter was distributed.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - No representative present.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative- (7:30 p.m.) Chrystn Eads, Office of the Mayor distributed the Mayor's newsletter and highlighted the following:

1. There will be an Alapai Joint Traffic Management Center and Bus Transit Center community meeting on January 17, 2007 at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Mission Memorial Auditorium (550 South King Street).
2. From last month- The Customer Services Department (CSD) responded that the "Crowing Rooster" contract is for \$40,500. At the time of the initial contract they estimated that the contractor would receive approximately 135 crowing rooster and feral chicken calls per month and eight to ten traps would be sufficient to respond to feral chicken complaints. Based upon their experience, the contractor is receiving in excess of 200 calls per month and the contractor estimates that 24 traps would be needed to service all the feral chicken complaints. They will be amending the contract requirements when they place this contract to bid for the period August 1, 2006 to July 31, 2007.
3. From the June meeting- A hazardous traffic condition exists at 1060 Kinau Street (between Victoria and Pensacola Streets. Drivers trying to exit this private driveway cannot see the on-coming (speeding) traffic and have gotten hit twice. The back-lot neighbors asked the front property owner for a mirror, but they were refused. Removing the front parking space (as it may be too close to the corner) may give them a better line-of-sight. The Board requested that DTS work with the front property owner to solve this problem.

The response was- As reported in the July 2006 Neighborhood Board Report the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) reported the following: "DTS conducted an investigation and found the marked parking stall just Ewa of the private driveway is located 15 feet from the driveway. In many other locations, parking is allowed up to 4 feet from driveways. Also, on-street parking is in high demand in this area. DTS' investigation, which included a review of accident history, did not indicate a need to remove parking at this time.

However, removal of the parking stall could be considered if the requestor conducts a survey of the property owners on both sides of Kinau Street between Victoria and Pensacola Streets with a goal of (roughly 90%) concurrence. This survey should be submitted to the DTS through the Makiki/Lower

Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board. While the support of the neighborhood board does not guarantee that the requested change would be implemented, we find it the best forum for residents to express their viewpoints regarding neighborhood parking matters.

Should you have any questions, please call Peggy Ho of the DTS at 523-4279.”

From the November meeting- Board member Mitchell felt it was not a "parking problem," but a "speeding problem" and suggested posting a "slow" sign or "25 miles per hour" speed limit sign. Board member Schiller also wanted Department of Transportation Services (DTS) to contact the resident, who filed the original complaint through Representative-elect Karl Rhoads. We are trying to locate the individual.

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) conducted a subsequent field investigation of Kinau Street and found that two speed limit signs were missing, one near the subject area. The DTS will issue a work order to replace the missing signs. The DTS has also informed the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) of the speeding concerns, and the HPD will take appropriate actions deemed necessary.

When the resident, who filed the original complaint, is located, please notify Steven Inenaga of the DTS at 768-8323, so that he can call the resident to discuss this concern.

4. Concerning the Makiki Ditch, the large boulders are inside the storm drain tunnel that exits at the Jack in the Box restaurant at Kalakaua Avenue and King Street. Is this City jurisdiction to clear them?

An inspection of the box drain (tunnel) under King Street was made and no boulders were found within the box drain. This drain is under the jurisdiction of the City and County. Some smaller rocks are in the ditch adjacent to the driveway to Jack in the Box. However, they do not appear to pose any potential problems.

Questions and comments followed.

1. Two residents complained about the Honolulu Marathon marking its start with fireworks at 5:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 10. The noise woke them up and they could not get back to sleep. Zuiker countered that the Honolulu Marathon brings in millions of dollars to Honolulu. It is only one day a year and as a runner, he wants to see the fireworks.
2. A resident mentioned that the feral chicken population is growing.

Chair Steelquist thanked Mayor's representative Eads.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Makiki Tantalus Recreation Area - No report.

Makiki District Library - Koenig met with State Representative-elect Belatti to work on getting the computer/learning center with the Federal government's \$96,000, allotted through the efforts of U.S. Representative Neil Abercrombie. She reported that there is no air conditioning in the library. Chair Steelquist would keep this item on the agenda.

Makiki District Park - Zuiker mentioned that there are numerous potholes in the parking lot.

Contemporary Art Museum - No report.

Makiki Heights Care Home - No report.

1214 Matlock Street - No report.

Bulky Item Pick-up - No report.

Wild chickens along Aliamanu Place - This item was previously discussed.

Hui O Makiki's anti-graffiti meeting on November 18 - Chair Steelquist reported that it was a successful meeting. He met with people from Makiki, Moiliili, Ala Moana, Manoa and all over the island.

NEW BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS (13 Board members present.)

Roosevelt High School briefing on academics and finance- (7:40 p.m.) Principal Dennis Hokama distributed a handout and presented the briefing. In 2004 the Legislature passed Act 51, which required all public schools to establish school-community councils to develop academic and financial plans. Chair Steelquist is a member of the Roosevelt school-community council and invited Hokama to the meeting. Hokama acknowledged that two Board members, Allan and Eloise Lee, were Roosevelt alumni. These plans were submitted to the Complex Area Supervisor before going to the State Superintendent. Hokama pointed out one statistic for "Free and Reduced-Cost Lunch Program" was only around 20 percent. "Feeder schools" Kawanakoa and Stevenson show a 40-45 percent "disadvantaged" students when existing the eighth grade, but only 20 percent sign up for this program at Roosevelt. So, they are losing numbers and Federal money.

Looking at academic achievement, grade 10, Roosevelt High School is one of three high schools making "adequate yearly progress." Kaiser and Kalani High Schools are the other two. Other Hawaii high schools may be facing sanctions or restructuring. For 11 and 12 graders, they want to start academies for Hawaiian studies, culinary arts, sports and global economy/community (Liberal Arts). The three goals are- standards-based education, provide comprehensive support for all students and continuously improve performance and quality. They want to provide more training for teachers.

On the financial side, Roosevelt has been allocated a total of \$11,096,033 in funding. The stadium/track renovations are to start after October 2007, after football season, and finish by April 2008, before graduation exercises. Hokama has worked at Roosevelt High School for 12 years and feels that he has been successful in improving the quality of education. Money has been raised and put into the alumni association to supplement the stadium funds. Extra funds are needed to hire professional theater management of the auditorium.

Hokama mentioned that statewide, there were 3,000 certified teachers in administration and that there was a shortage of administrators at the school level.

Chair Steelquist thanked Principal Hokama.

Swimming pool noise complaint on Tantalus - (8:06 p.m.) Laura Lau lives at the end of Makiki Street. Her neighbor runs the swimming pool pump 12 to 14 hours a day. After she complained, he built a barrier to contain the noise. The baseline for ambient noise is 38 decibels (db) and the Department of Health (DOH) standard is 55 db. The DOH measured 57 db, with the pool pump on, which is within the acceptable range. There are two pumps as it is a solar-heated pool. She moved to the area in 2002. The neighbor started the swimming pool pump in 2005. She wants to work out this problem with the neighbor. Chair Steelquist mentioned that the Neighborhood Board does not get involved in neighbor to neighbor disputes. Zuiker suggested negotiations. Lau wanted some suggestions from the Neighborhood Board, but will try to try to work it out with the neighbor.

Chair Steelquist thanked Lau.

(8:23 p.m.) Chair Steelquist called a recess for Board members and guests to have refreshments.

(8:29) Chair Steelquist reconvened the meeting. Schiller acknowledged Hillman for the refreshments and for saving the budget.

Mass transit system - Pat Lee and Wayne Yoshioka gave an overview of Bill 79 to decide the alternative and the alignment of the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) will have a public hearing before the City Council tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. The corridor would have 60 percent of the population and employment growth in the next few decades. Previous planners wanted to keep the North Shore and Windward areas rural. A high-capacity transit system was recommended for the corridor. The Alternatives Analysis (AA) would evaluate four alternatives. The "No Build" option would need over \$3 billion of highway improvements. The improvement of the bus system would not be "high-density." The Transportation System Management (TSM) is "the bus system on steroids." The "managed lanes" alternative would have an elevated roadway from the H-1/H-2 merge to Iwilei (Hilo Hattie's) and have two reversible lanes with a toll for one-driver cars. Buses would still compete with cars on roadways. The fixed guideway "green line" would cost \$4.6 billion to link Kapolei with the University of

Hawaii at Manoa (28 miles) or \$3.6 billion to link East Kapolei to Ala Moana Center (20 miles). The "yellow line" in Bill 79, CD-2 would start nearer to University of Hawaii - West Oahu and would not help the Kalaeloa (Barber's Point), Ewa Beach and Kapolei areas. With the "yellow line" people could budget a "spur" to Waikiki or the University of Hawaii at Manoa or a Salt Lake Boulevard or airport alignment. Councilmember Apo backs the Ewa Beach people with "the green line."

(9:02 p.m.) Schiller and Koenig left the meeting. There were eleven members remaining.

Zuiker moved and Allan Lee seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 supports the 28-mile "green line" rail system recommended by Mayor Mufi Hannemann. Discussion followed. Zuiker pointed out that the "green line" was proposed by the engineers and technicians, while the "yellow line" is favored by politicians.

(9:30 p.m.) Zuiker left the meeting. There were 10 members remaining.

Yoshioka continued that there are many degrees of "F," referring to reducing congestion. With rail there is an alternative. The proposed guide-way is not route specific and "high-capacity" means 80-85 people per bus. The stations would have elevators plus stairs/escalators. There would be 30 stops. At \$3.6 billion, it would be fully funded.

In New York City they got \$2.6 billion in Federal money, a 35 percent match. Honolulu is hoping for a 30 percent match. Yoshioka mentioned a cost-efficiency index of \$21-\$22 per rider, which is what the Federal government will look at when deciding how much money to give.

Nine votes (quorum) were needed for the motion to carry.

The motion did not carry, 6-2-2. Aye- Bigay, Cannarella, Heulitt, Hillman, A. Lee and E. Lee. **Nay-** Carole and Steelquist. **Abstained-** Hauret and Lai Young.

Allan Lee and Eloise Lee left the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT- As there was no longer a quorum present, Chair Steelquist adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by Neighborhood Assistant K. Russell Ho

Reviewed by Chair John Steelquist and Board Secretary Allan Lee.