



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009 MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK ARTS AND CRAFTS BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER: Chair John Steelquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with **a quorum of 10 members present**. Note - This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish a quorum and to take action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Bigay, Ron Cannarella, Charles Carole, Diane Chong, Philip Hauret, Sue Hillmann, Richard Kawano, Allan Lee, Eloise Lee, Martin Schiller, Alika Smith, John Steelquist and Susan Lai Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christopher Hebert (notified), Sam Mitchell, and Rock Tang.

VACANCIES: One in Subdistrict 2, due to David Heulitt moving out of the District.

GUESTS: Duane Okamoto (Governor Linda Lingle's Office, Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, Deputy Director), Christie Welch (Representative Karl Rhoads' Office), Shawn Hamamoto (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office), Shawn Hamamoto (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office), Bertrand Kobayashi (Councilmember Duke Bainum's Office), Lt. Norman Kau and Sgt. Scott Tamasaka (Honolulu Police Department); Acting Capt. Alvin Yu, Firefighter Keono Kalahiki and Firefighter Kamalu Souza (Honolulu Fire Department), Pat Lee and Taka Kimura (Honolulu Rail Transit), Linda Yahaku, Susan Lashier, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

FILLING OF VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 2 (Makiki) - There were no volunteers to fill the vacancy. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Cannarella and Young arrived at 7:04 p.m.; **12 members present**.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Honolulu Police Department - Sgt. Scott Tamasaka reported: 1) **Statistics** -8 assaults, 19 burglaries, 2 drug offenses, 13 DUI (driving under the influence), 8 family offenses, 8 graffiti, 97 motor vehicle collisions, 5 motor vehicle thefts, 23 property damages, 5 robberies, 3 sex assaults, 25 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle), and 241 miscellaneous calls for service.

Honolulu Fire Department - Firefighter Kamalu Souza reported 1) **Statistics** - 15 fire-related calls; 111 medical emergencies, and 27 miscellaneous emergencies, which includes hazardous materials, stalled elevator, water evacuation, assist patient and good intent; There was no major incidents. 2) **Fire Safety Tip:** Fire, building, and U.S. postal codes and City ordinances state that property owners shall place house numbers in such a manner so it is legible and readily visible from the street. This will assist the Honolulu Fire Department and other first responders in locating the house quickly in the event of an emergency.

Comments followed: When a medical emergency call comes in, both the HFD and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) respond with the vehicles provided.

Board of Water Supply - No representative or report present.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

A resident expressed his concern about crime at the Cartwright Park and favored the closing of the park. This item is later on the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS:

Honolulu Rail Transit (HRT) Update - Pat Lee and an associate Taka Kimura presented a PowerPoint slideshow recapping the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project for the last two years. The first 20-mile route will have four extensions, including to the University of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa, Waikiki and Salt Lake and will run from



4:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight. It should accommodate O'ahu's population in 2030 with multi-modal options, i.e. TheBoat, TheBus and highway expansion. The Alternatives Analysis (AA) was in November 2006. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was just completed and the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is due in late summer 2009. The next phase is Preliminary Engineering.

Comments followed: 1) P. Lee will follow up on if there will be fees for parking at the stations. 2) TheBoat will be evaluated and may be cut in the budget crunch. 3) The State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) 2030 projections are lower now. There may be a problem with "density versus population." 4) Other economic benefits include 10,000 to 11,000 jobs and more restaurants. 5) The first segment is scheduled to break ground in late 2009 and be completed by 2013 from East Kapolei to Pearl Highlands. By Spring 2011, full funding and grant approval are expected. Board members questioned ridership numbers. By 2018 the 20-mile segment would run from West O'ahu to Ala Moana Center. One-third of the budget is for a "contingency fund." The DEIS covered the four extensions and the estimated cost was \$4.5 billion (in 2008 dollars) or \$5.4 billion (in 2018 dollars). Steel and copper prices may go down. Competition drives bids down, as there were seven bidders.

Kawano arrived at 7:15 p.m.; **13 members present.**

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: No minutes were available.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 19 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: No minutes were available.

MAKIKI NEWSLETTER: E-mail articles to Phil Hauret at phil.hauret@heco.com or fax him at - 543-4726. Chair Steelquist will add a "pet peeves" section. Deadline is May 1.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Martin Schiller reported that the Operating Balance was \$1,176.52; \$35.00 was expended for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, leaving a balance of \$1,141.52. With no expenditures, the Publicity balance remained at \$3,538.00 and the Refreshments balance remained at \$120.00. The Treasurer's report was filed.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Senator Carol Fukunaga - No representative or report present.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria's newsletter was available.

Representative Sylvia Luke - No representative or report present.

Representative Della Belatti - No representative or report present.

Representative Karl Rhoads - Christie Welch reported: 1) Representative Rhoads looked into reports of a homeless man near Matlock Hale and trash by the H-1 underpass and Keeaumoku Street. Homelessness is not illegal, but trespassing is. 2) House Bill 74 (HB 74), relating to obstructing a bus stop, was defeated. 3) Representative Rhoads is working on Senate Bill 605 (SB 605), relating to noise and the dBC weighting system.

Comments followed: 1) The homeless man is gone. 2) There are no trash bins under the H-1.

Governor Linda Lingle's representative - Duane Okamoto reported: 1) There was no money for the State budget and with three weeks left in the Legislative session, everything is in the process of negotiation. 2) Concerning the bees on the Big Island of Hawai'i, the varroa mite-infected bees were found outside of the quarantine area near the Hilo airport and have not spread to the Kona-side of the island, where the queen bee industry is located.

Councilmember Rod Tam - Shawn Hamamoto reported: 1) Bill 4, which prohibits the use of a hand-held mobile electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle, exempted police officers, emergency service personnel, commercial vehicle operators and Federal Communication Commission-licensed amateur radio operators. Third reading and public hearing is next Wednesday. 2) The Special Budget Committee meeting on April 13 and Bill 27, which would increase the administrative fees for annual and renewal permits for alarms. This bill was reported out of the Budget Committee and goes to the full City Council for second reading and public hearing on April 22.

Councilmember Duke Bainum - Bertrand Kobayashi distributed Councilmember Bainum's newsletter and reported: 1) \$200,000 was added to the City budget for bulky item pick-up. In the past, the non-urban Honolulu areas had seven convenience centers for residents to drop off their bulky items. 2) Councilmember Bainum is concerned about decibel levels for bars and has purchased noise meters. The Liquor Commission will purchase some meters, too. 3) Other Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) items include Highway Structure Improvements, including Tantalus Drive \$2.2 million and Round Top Drive Emergency Roadway Reconstruction \$3.5 million.

Comments followed: Residents are more concerned over loud mufflers, instead of noisy bars and enforcement.

Closing of Cartwright Park: At Cartwright field, there are drug people and under age drinking. Residents favor closing of the park from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Hauret moved, and Cannarella seconded, that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 requests the closure of the Cartwright Park from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. The motion was **ADOPTED** by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 13-0-0** (AYE: Bigay, Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Hauret, Hillmann, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Schiller, Smith, Steelquist, Young). The City Department of Parks and Recreation and HPD should be notified.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative - No representative or report present.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) tree-trimming plan - **Hauret moved, and Cannarella seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 supports the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) tree-trimming project with a conscious effort to restore electricity to residents as soon as possible. The motion was ADOPTED, 9-2-2** (AYE: Bigay, Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Hauret, A. Lee, E. Lee, Smith, Young; **NO**: Hillmann and Schiller; **ABSTAIN**: Kawano and Steelquist).

Roosters in Makiki - Okamoto reported that DLNR will start trapping roosters next month and added that the Hawaii Department of Agriculture will benefit from the trappings by helping to track avian flu.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning and Zoning, Transportation, and Health, Safety, and Wellness – No reports.

Chair's Report - Chair Steelquist reported on the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) agenda template. The Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 had passed a resolution opposing it. He may take the Mayor's representative out of order next meeting and asked why the Makiki District Park parking lot was still chained and locked.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chair Steelquist had many publications for interested people to review.
- The City's Energy Contest "Reduce Electrical Use" runs from April 1 through midnight April 30, 2009. For more information, visit www.honolulu.gov or www.sustainhonolulu.com or call 768-3736.
- The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2009 at the Makiki District Park, Arts and Crafts Building at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by:
K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Phil Hauret, Secretary
and John Steelquist, Chair