



## MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009 MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK ARTS AND CRAFTS BUILDING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chair Charles Carole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with **eight (8) members present**, which did not constitute a quorum. Note - This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

**Chair's Announcements** - 1) Condolences to the Bainum family - Acting Chair Carole offered condolences to Jennifer Bainum and the family of the late Councilmember Duke Bainum. Carole will represent Neighborhood Board No. 10 at the funeral services. 2) Neighborhood Board Election Results and Vacancies - The new term starts on July 1 and there will be vacancies, one each in Subdistricts 1 and 2.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Bigay (8:00 p.m.), Charles Carole, Diane Chong, Sue Hillmann, Richard Kawano, Eloise Lee, Martin Schiller, Alika Smith, and Susan Lai Young.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ron Cannarella, Philip Hauret (notified absence), Christopher Hebert, Allan Lee, Sam Mitchell, John Steelquist (notified absence) 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 (HDOA), Deputy Director), Senator Carol Fukunaga, Pohai Ryan (Senator Brickwood Galuteria's Office), Representative Karl Rhoads, Shawn Hamamoto (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office), Bertrand Kobayashi (Councilmember Duke Bainum's Office), Sgt. Kristin Killam (Honolulu Police Department); Acting Capt. Alvin Ku (Honolulu Fire Department), Kirk K. Tsue (Board of Water Supply), Mary K. Wilson, Christopher Ritzau, Gerry Jobes, Eric and Helen Leong, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**FILLING OF VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 2 (Makiki)** - As there were no volunteers to fill the vacancy, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

### **CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** - Acting Capt. Alvin Ku reported 1) May 2009 Statistics - 15 fire-related calls; 84 medical emergencies, and 14 miscellaneous emergencies, which includes hazardous conditions, stalled elevator, water evacuation, assist patient and good intent; There were no major incidents. 2) Fire Safety Tip: Summer is here and the island will be at a higher risk for fires due to dry vegetation and the hot weather. Historically, "wildland fires" were referred to as "brush fires"; however, the term wildland fire is more nationally recognized. Please use caution when utilizing flame-producing devices, such as fireworks, matches, and/or lighters, around wildland vegetation; the smallest spark and/or flame can ignite the dry vegetation. As a reminder, the law states that children under age 18 shall not possess or have access to fireworks, matches, and/or lighters, except under adult supervision. Flame-producing devices are not safe for young children. Always follow the manufacturer's directions on the label. As Independence Day nears, consider leaving fireworks displays to pyrotechnic professionals and enjoy one of several public fireworks displays offered by various communities.

Comments followed: Sgt. Kristin Killam will e-mail the legal time for setting off fireworks on July 4.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** - Sgt. Killam reported: 1) May 2009 Statistics - 30 burglaries, 3 drug offenses, 18 DUI (driving under the influence), 6 family offenses, 4 graffiti, 104 motor vehicle collisions, 14 motor vehicle thefts, 20 property damages, 1 robbery, 1 sex assault, 26 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle), and 185 miscellaneous calls for service. 2) On July 1, HPD will start enforcing the ban on using electronic devices while driving. There will be a \$67 fine for the first offense.



Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative - Chrystn Eads reported: 1) There were no concerns from last month. 2) The Board of Parks and Recreation will meet on July 9 at Paki Hale and could take action on the closing of Cartwright Park. 3) A Honolulu Olympic Celebration will be on Saturday, June 20, at Les Murakami Stadium at University of Hawaii - Manoa. 3) A Transportation Symposium on the Honolulu Rail Transit Project is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall.

Comments followed: Hawaii's slow economy affects the City government differently from the State government. As there are different funding sources, the City budget is not as bad as the State's, but there will be tougher times next year.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - BWS - Kirk Tsue reported: 1) Water Quality - The BWS works hard to ensure that the water served to customers meets or exceeds all federal and state safe drinking water standards and wants to reassure the public that the water delivered is safe to drink. Every year, the BWS conducts thousands of tests on the water source and distribution system. The results of those tests are shared with customers in the annual water quality report, which is currently being mailed out. Customers should receive this report by July 1st. Visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) to get the water quality report and for more information. A handout on water quality was available. 2) Summer Conservation - Just a reminder that the hot summer months is when water consumption typically rises. As such, BWS is asking all O'ahu residents to be vigilant and use the water as needed, but don't waste it. Here are very simple things to save water: a) Turn off the water when brushing teeth. b) Turn off the shower when soaping up. c) Check the home for leaks. d) Install a nozzle on the garden hose. For more simple tips on how to save water, visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

Comments followed: There are drought conditions on Maui and O'ahu residents are reminded to use water wisely.

Councilmember Rod Tam - Shawn Hamamoto distributed Councilmember Tam's newsletter and highlighted: 1) Bill 14 (2009) Legislative Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 passed Third Reading and went to Mayor Hannemann for signature.

Comments followed: A Board member asked about the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Capital Improvement Project List for the Neighborhood Board No. 10 district and specifically Project #2010079 Round Top Drive Emergency Roadway Reconstruction \$3.55 million in construction. Hamamoto would follow up.

Councilmember Duke Bainum - Bertrand Kobayashi reported: 1) The office will remain open until August 7, the last day of voting for filling the open City Council seat. Staffing will be reduced soon. 2) The funeral services will be on June 26 at Hosoi Mortuary on Kukui Street at 12:00 noon.

#### RESIDENTS/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Unsanitary Conditions at 1330 Kinau Street - A resident e-mailed a complaint letter and wanted to remain anonymous.

Unsafe Sidewalk in front of Safeway on Beretania Street - Former Board member Joe Zuiker had e-mailed Councilmember Rod Tam's Office about the sidewalk in front of Safeway on Beretania Street.

Dogs not allowed to be walked at Makiki District Park - A resident reported that no animals are allowed at the Makiki District Park. About two months ago, the HPD started enforcing the rules. She would like a park to walk her dog in the neighborhood. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Governor Linda Lingle's representative - Duane Okamoto reported: 1) After last month's meeting, he e-mailed information on unclaimed property, held by the State. There was an article about unclaimed property in the Pacific Business News. 2) The Governor's furlough plan for State workers was announced today. It proposes to close State Offices for three Fridays and have longer hours for the other four days in the week. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) will cut staff at port inspections. Okamoto's survey of his staff revealed that they want to service the public at 86% of their pay. 3) State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) - Tree-trimming - Okamoto had e-mailed the arborist's report on the trees. DLNR wants to get input from the Outdoor Circle. Call 587-0433 about the trees. 4) DLNR - Roosters in Makiki - DLNR is still waiting for the trapping equipment. Residents are reminded, "Don't feed the chickens." For more information, call 973-9786.

Comments followed: 1) When asked to compare number and percentage of State workers in Hawai'i to other states of similar size, Okamoto responded that the State Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) website has 2006 statistics, which showed reductions in the number of State workers. The Legislative Reference Bureau also has statistics. Okamoto would follow up. 2) Acting Chair Carole requested that the State Department of Health follow up on the anonymous 1330 Kinau Street complaint, which will be sent to him.

Senator Carol Fukunaga reported: 1) Regarding the DLNR tree trimming, it requires specialized tree trimmers and is more complicated than expected. There has been a lengthy delay, as there are 150 homes affected. 2) Senate Bill 605 offers noise relief for mixed-use neighborhoods. The Honolulu Liquor Commission will enforce noise levels for nightclubs. 3) Recycling with Friends of Makiki Library at the June 13 Aloha 'Aina Day at Stevenson Middle School paid tribute to the late Councilmember Duke Bainum.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria - Pohai Ryan distributed Senator Galuteria's newsletter, which had a 2009 Legislative Session in Review, a list of the Capital Improvement Projects to be funded in 2010 - 2011, and a list of District 12 events. Ryan was available to receive comments.

Comments followed: A Board member requested that all elected officials' newsletters be e-mailed a few days before the Makiki meeting to Board members and only a few printed copies be made available for the public and Board members, who don't have a printer.

Representative Sylvia Luke - No representative or report was present.

Representative Della Belatti - No representative or report was present.

Representative Karl Rhoads reported: 1) There are more HPD officers patrolling at Cartwright Field. 2) Senate Bill 605, the "Noise Bill," is a victory. 2) He and his staff participated in the Aloha 'Aina Day and recycling.

Comments followed. Representative Rhoads will continue to work on legislation to control noise levels for other types of noise.

Bigay arrived at 8:00 p.m.; **nine (9) members present**, which then constituted a quorum.

#### BOARD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 21, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **The regular meeting minutes of May 21, 2009 were APPROVED AS CIRCULATED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (AYE: Bigay, Carole, Chong, Hillmann, Kawano, E. Lee, Schiller, Smith, and Young).**

The Contemporary Museum's request to the City Department of Planning and Permitting to loosen restrictions - As no one was present to testify, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

#### REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report - Martin Schiller reported that the Operating Balance was \$1,101.14; \$66.14 was expended for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, leaving a balance of \$1,035.00. 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.

#### Committees:

Planning and Zoning and Transportation - No reports.

Health, Safety, and Wellness - Kawano reported that he was concerned about the National Children's Study, which was presented last month, and Human Trafficking, which had a presentation a few months ago.

Newsletter Update - The newsletter went to the printers and should be mailed out soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Acting Chair Charles Carole had many publications for interested people to review.
- The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2009 at the Makiki District Park, Arts and Crafts Building at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by:  
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Reviewed by:  
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Acting Chair