



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pro Tem Charles Carole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of **14 members present**. Note - This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Cannarella, Charles Carole, Diane Chong, Phil Hauret, Richard Kawano, Allan Lee, Chris Lee, Eloise Lee, Sam Mitchell, Mike Sarrazin, Martin Schiller, Aika Smith, John Steelquist and Susan Lai Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Bigay (notified absence).

VACANCIES: One in Subdistrict 1 (Tantalus, Mott-Smith, Heulu) and one in Subdistrict 2 (Kinau, Lower Makiki, Kewalo), due to insufficient number of candidates in the Neighborhood Board elections.

GUESTS: Senator Carol Fukunaga, Pohai Ryan (Senator Brickwood Galuteria's Office), Representative Karl Rhoads; Lt. Norman Kau, Ofc. Erik Ochoco and Ofc. Matthew Kurihara, (Honolulu Police Department); Capt. Curtis Aiwohi (Honolulu Fire Department), Cat Sawai (Board of Water Supply), Pat Lee (HHCTCP), Angelyn Davis, Ray Sasaki and Georgia Rush (Makiki Heights Community Association), Allester Robert Couly, Matt Matsunaga, George Waialeale, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

BOARD ORGANIZATION:

Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer -

Young nominated, and no second is required, that John Steelquist be elected Chair. A. Lee moved, and E. Lee seconded that the nominations be closed. As there were no objections, John Steelquist was elected Chair by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (AYE: Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, C. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Schiller, Smith, Steelquist and Young). Chair Pro Tem Charles Carole passed the gavel to Chair John Steelquist.

Young nominated, and no second is required, that Charles Carole be elected Vice Chair. A. Lee moved, and E. Lee seconded that the nominations be closed. As there were no objections, Charles Carole was elected Vice Chair by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (AYE: Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, C. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Schiller, Smith, Steelquist and Young).

Young nominated, and no second is required, that Phil Hauret be elected Secretary. A. Lee moved, and E. Lee seconded that the nominations be closed. As there were no objections, Phil Hauret was elected Secretary by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (AYE: Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, C. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Schiller, Smith, Steelquist and Young).

Young nominated, and no second is required, that Martin Schiller be elected Treasurer. A. Lee moved, and E. Lee seconded that the nominations be closed. As there were no objections, Martin Schiller was elected Treasurer by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (AYE: Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, C. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Schiller, Smith, Steelquist and Young).

Allester Robert Couly offered to volunteer to fill any vacancy after September 2009. He is a disabled artist.

Introduction of Board members - New Board members Mike Sarrazin and Chris (Legrid) Lee have lived a total of 50+ years in Makiki. Most of the returning Board members had at least two years and as much as over 20 years of serving on Neighborhood Boards.



Selection of Meeting Time and Place - As there were no objections, the Board will continue to meet on the third Thursday of the month at the Makiki District Park, Art and Crafts Building at 7:00 p.m.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Capt. Curtis Aiwohi reported 1) June 2009 Statistics - 8 fire-related calls, 94 medical emergencies and 14 miscellaneous calls (which includes hazardous conditions, stalled elevator, water evacuation, assist patient and good intent) for a total of 116 alarms. 2) Fire Safety Tip: With island keiki on summer break, this is an opportune time to review home surroundings for potentially dangerous situations. Take the time to childproof the home. Check for situations that may cause electrical shock, accidental falls, and/or poisoning from unsecured medications, cleaning products, and/or houseplants. Ensure swimming pools are properly fenced and gated. An alarm on the door from the house to the pool can help prevent unattended keiki from drowning. Keep matches and lighters in a safe, secured place away from children.

Comments followed: The medical emergencies often involve the elderly. There were few concerns about having barbeque grills on apartment lanais.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Ofc. Matthew Kurihara reported the May 2009 Statistics - 2 assaults, 10 burglaries (-20), 1 drug offenses, 4 DUI (driving under the influence) (-14), 8 family offenses, 0 graffiti, 97 motor vehicle collisions (-7), 14 motor vehicle thefts, 12 property damages (-8), 1 robbery, 41 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle) (+15), and 299 miscellaneous calls for service (+114).

Comments followed: Residents asked about the Neighborhood Security Watch program.

As there were no objections, Chair Steelquist moved the "City officials" down on the agenda to "State elected officials."

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Residents Concerns - 1) Angelyn Davis reported noise from 6:00 a.m. trash trucks, five days a week and a 4:00 a.m. motor scooter, which may belong to the Honolulu Star-Bulletin delivery person. Chair Steelquist will place this item on the next agenda. 2) Chair Steelquist will place "dog park" on the next agenda. He advised concerned residents to write a letter to the City Department of Parks and Recreation.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 18, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the June 18, 2009 regular meeting were APPROVED as corrected by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (AYE: Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, C. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Schiller, Smith, Steelquist and Young). (Note - Governor's representative Okamoto had sent the following corrections.)

- Page 2, under Governor Linda Lingle's representative, it should read, "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 other non-furlough days will remain the same, i.e. 8-hr. work day. 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, as opposed to layoffs." and "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 Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) had statistics. Okamoto would follow up."

BOARD BUSINESS:

Kapiolani Medical Center Expansion Plans - Diane Chong went to a "joint meeting" of the Manoa, Makiki and McCully Neighborhood Boards and reported on the Kapiolani Medical Center Expansion. She distributed drawings of the proposed project. Area legislators asked State Department of Transportation (DOT) and City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) about traffic impact. Chair Steelquist will keep this item on the agenda, as the Board is concerned about traffic and noise. He advised writing a letter to Ron Lockwood, Chair of the McCully Neighborhood Board. Chong was appointed to be a "delegate" to follow up.

The Contemporary Museum (TCM) Request to "Loosen" Restrictions on the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) - major - Ray Sasaki, head of the Makiki Heights Community Association, had offered suggestions to the

Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), which made changes for 2009 only. Chair Steelquist will keep this item on the agenda and will work with Sasaki.

Walking Dogs at Makiki District Park – This item was previously discussed.

Changes in the 2008 Neighborhood Plan – 1) Filling of vacancies due to lack of candidates in Neighborhood Board Elections - The Neighborhood Commission will be holding public hearings in August to change this section of the Neighborhood Plan to allow Neighborhood Boards to fill vacancies due to a lack candidates in the Neighborhood Board elections. 2) "3 absence" letter - According to §2-14-106, Absences and removal process; resignation. (a) If a board member is absent for three regular board meetings within a one year period, beginning July 1 and ending June 30, the board shall notify the member of the absences in writing sent by both United States registered or certified mail with return receipt requested and first class mail at the member's last known address within seven calendar days of the third absence.

REPORTS:

Chair's Report - No report.

Treasurer's Report - Martin Schiller reported that the previous balance was \$4,693.00; \$46.87 was expended for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, leaving a balance of \$4,646.13, pending the payment for the annual newsletter. The Treasurer's report was filed.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Senator Carol Fukunaga reported: 1) There were 34 veto overrides and nine bills were not vetoed and became law. 2) The "Community Noise Bill," Senate Bill 605, was vetoed and overridden. This law would require the State Department of Health (DOH) to add the dBC decibel weighting system for community noise control. The City & County of Honolulu Liquor Commission is directed, with assistance from DOH and DLIR, to develop recommendations for a permanent maximum sound level, in decibels. Next session, Senator Fukunaga will work on noisy mopeds. 3) A young man, who works with online advertisers, convinced Legislators to not override the Governor's veto.

Comments followed: 1) House Bill 1809, relating to television recycling, was not vetoed. 2) A Climate Task Force will be formed. 3) The campaign spending bill veto was not overridden. 4) The Naturopathy bill veto was overridden. 5) The Legislature is not involved with labor/union negotiations, but is monitoring the talks. The Governor offered a 5% pay cut and two days furlough. 4) Regarding the signing of union cards, most local labor relations are controlled by Federal Labor Relations laws. In Hawai'i, this law would only affect agricultural operations over \$5 million. 5) The \$1 tax on a barrel of oil would go to the development of alternate energy, but it would also hurt the local airlines.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria - Pohai Ryan distributed Senator Galuteria's newsletter, which listed "District Happenings." She was available to hear residents' concerns.

Representative Sylvia Luke - No representative or report was present.

Representative Della Belatti - No representative or report was present.

Representative Karl Rhoads reported a complaint about the Honolulu Pet Clinic on Young Street. Dog owners are not picking up after the dogs doing their business.

Governor Linda Lingle's representative - Duane Okamoto had sent an e-mail about last month's concerns: 1) 1330 Kinau Street - The DOH inspection report detailed three visits to the site. It appears from the report that improvements have been made. 2) Size of Hawaii State Government - Looking at the size of state government as a share of total employment or in terms of state government employment per 1000 in population, Hawaii is ranked number one in the nation. Looking at combined state and local government, Hawai'i is ranked 39th and 17th, respectively. This reflects the relatively small size of local government in Hawaii and the large role of the State.

	7/1/07 Resident Total Population Estimate	2007 Wage & Salary Employment by Place of Work	State & Local Govt. Employment	State & Local Govt. Employment as % W&S Employment	State & Local Govt. Employment per 1,000 Resident Population	State Govt. Employment	State Govt. Employment as % of W&S Employment	State Govt. Employment Per 1,000 Resident Population	Local Govt. Employment	Local Govt. Employment as % of W&S Employment	Local Govt. Employment Per 1,000 Resident Population
	1,277,356	704,880	89,926	12.8%	70.4	71,672	10.2%	56.1	18,254	2.6%	14.3
Rank	42	41	40	39	17	30	1	1	51	51	51

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 State of Hawaii

Source: Regional Economic Information System, Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce SA27N Full-time and part-time wage and salary employment by NAICS industry 1/ "[=HYPERLINK\("http://www.bea.gov/regional/docs/footnotes.cfm?tablename=SA27N"\)](http://www.bea.gov/regional/docs/footnotes.cfm?tablename=SA27N)" Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, 'March 2009'

- 3) Roosters & Chickens in Makiki - Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) received their equipment and have made weekly trips to Tantalus to remove roosters and chickens. They estimate they have removed approximately 15 so far. DLNR will continue to make periodic trips throughout the year to control the population.
- 4) Tree Removal - Okamoto attached the following summary of activities and planned events to address the removal of the three trees on Makiki Street that pose a danger to two residences.

Tree Removal on Makiki Street

Background. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Land Division, is hiring Trees of Hawaii to remove three trees growing on a portion of unpaved Makiki Street between 2255 and 2273 Round Top Drive. The three trees may pose a potential hazard to the adjacent properties owned by Jeff and Reiko Morrison and Ed Kam.

Prior to commencing any work, Trees of Hawaii will be mailing notifications to property owners who will be affected by the power outage. Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) and Trees of Hawaii (the contractor) are in the process of finalizing the agreement relating to the release of customers' information for mailing the notification. Contractor will inform DLNR once the agreement with HECO is done.

During the tree removal project, Trees of Hawaii must close a lane of Round Top Drive. Trees of Hawaii must pull a City & County of Honolulu permit for the lane closure and hire a Special Duty Police Officer to direct vehicular and pedestrian traffic from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., every day. The electrical outage is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In the mornings, Trees of Hawaii crew will set up their equipment near 2255 and 2273 Round Top Drive. The three large trees must be cut-up into small sections. Trees of Hawaii will be using a crane to lift the cut-up tree sections onto Round Top Drive for chipping and loading onto waiting trucks for disposal. If everything goes well, the tree removal project should be completed in less than ten (10) days.

The above remediation work was originally scheduled to commence on May 18, 2009. However, due to concerns and objections raised by area residents who claim that they would experience serious economic harm or hardship by the extended disruption of the electrical power supply, the work was postponed until a formal assessment of the scope of the hazard and remediation options for the three targeted trees could be conducted by a licensed arborist. Trees of Hawaii notified the residents around May 7, 2009 about the postponement.

DLNR hired H.T.M. Contractors, Inc., a certified arborist to conduct the hazards assessment and received a report dated June 12, 2009. The arborist report recommends removing the Norfolk Pine and Poinciana while trimming and balancing the Mahogany by 15%. The Outdoor Circle reviewed the report and does not object to its conclusions and recommendations. The Department's contractor noted that while the arborist report states the Mahogany tree has the "potential to uproot at any given time," it only recommends trimming and balancing rather than removal. Rather than resorting to a temporary solution for the risks posed by this tree and seeking not to squander the opportunity presented by this project to take prudent, proactive safety measures, the contractor (who is also a certified arborist) recommends removing the mahogany under the same project as well. The

Department concurs with the contractor's recommendations and will instruct the contractor to start working with HECO on the new dates of the tree removal project. DLNR reiterates that the tree removal is the proper response to public safety as cited in the arborist report and the contractor's recommendations.

The Department is trying to minimize the potential for serious harm or injury that may be caused by these trees falling onto adjacent homes owned by the Morrison's and Kam. The cooperation of the community and interest of the Board is appreciated as Trees of Hawaii undertakes the task of removing these potentially hazard trees. For further information, residents can call DLNR Land Division, Oahu District Office at 587-0433.

Councilmember Rod Tam - No representative or report was present.

Councilmember Duke Bainum - No representative or report was present.

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

Committees:

Planning and Zoning - No report.

Transportation - Pat Lee presented a conceptual rendering of the first of several rail stations with a canopy design. A discussion followed, as concerns were expressed about the grade to Mililani, access to restrooms, the scope of work for restroom attendants, the bidding process, hurricanes, and catchment systems. Many Board members thought that the New York City fare system is better than the proposed "buy a ticket and attendants 'spot check' tickets" system to reduce cheaters. This item will be kept on the agenda.

Health, Safety, and Wellness - Kawano reported he received feedback from the newsletter on the slavery issue.

Newsletter Update - C. Lee volunteered to follow up on a monthly online newsletter.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Cat Sawai submitted a written report: 1) 2009 Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale - The BWS will host its 21st Annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale on Saturday, August 1, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The community is invited to an afternoon of family fun and education, where one will learn all about Xeriscaping, which is an innovative means of conserving water through efficient landscaping that helps save water and money. All activities at the event are geared toward helping the community learn how it can have a beautiful, lush Xeriscape garden. This event includes lots of family-friendly, fun-filled and FREE keiki activities and games aimed at teaching youth about water conservation, sustainability and being eco-friendly. Educational workshops conducted by garden experts, narrated tours of our garden, a free much giveaway and the ever-popular Unthirsty plants sale round out this special event. Further information about the plant sale will be made available on the BWS website, www.boardofwatersupply.com. 2) Water Conservation Tips - Water lawns just two to three times a week. Lawns don't need to be watered every day, even during the summer. The fact is, if one waters just once every three days, one promotes deeper root growth, making the lawn healthier and more water-efficient. Don't water lawns between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Water evaporates quickly when the sun is out. So, if one waters during the day, one is not watering the lawn, one is watering the sky. Instead, water in the early morning, evening, or at night. 3) Monthly Water Main Report - On June 26 at 12:46 p.m., there was one water main break near Mott-Smith Drive and Nehoa Street, a 16-inch pipe, which was installed in 1938.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Re-discover Makiki, Sunset in the Park will be on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25.
- City Council District 5 candidates, George Waialeale and Matt Matsunaga were introduced.
- The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 20, 2009 at the Makiki District Park Arts and Crafts Building at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Phil Hauret, Secretary and John Steelquist, Chair