



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009 MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK ARTS AND CRAFTS BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER: Chair John Steelquist called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 official Board action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Bigay (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Charles Carole, Diane Chong, Phil Hauret, Richard Kawano, Allan Lee, Chris Lee (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), Eloise Lee, Sam Mitchell (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Mike Sarrazin, Martin Schiller (arrived at 7:26 p.m.), Alika Smith, John Steelquist and Edmund Wong.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Cannarella (notified absence) and Susan Lai Young (notified absence).

VACANCY: One in Subdistrict 2 (Kinau, Lower Makiki, Kewalo), due to insufficient number of candidates in the Neighborhood Board elections.

GUESTS: Senator Carol Fukunaga and Francis Choe (Senator Carol Fukunaga's Office), Representative Della Belatti, Representative Karl Rhoads, John Chang (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative, Mayor's Office), Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Shawn Hamamoto (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office), Lt. Norman Kau and Sgt. Brandt Tsuha (Honolulu Police Department); Acting Capt. Robyn Ishihara (Honolulu Fire Department); Cindy McMillan (CommPac), Deb Karbo (Safeway), Richard Cassidy, Tammie Henderson, Frances Klema, David Bylsma, Alister Cowley, Robert Dowkr, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEATS: As there were no volunteers, this item was deferred to the next meeting. Dave Bylsma of Kinau Street will observe this meeting and decide whether or not to volunteer to serve on the Board at the next meeting.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Acting Capt. Robyn Ishihara reported: 1) October 2009 Statistics -19 fire-related calls; 65 medical emergencies and 20 miscellaneous calls for service, which include hazardous conditions, stalled elevators, water evacuations, assist patients and good intentions. 2) Fire Safety Tip: A) This holiday season, consider a fire-resistant, artificial Christmas tree. If purchasing a natural tree, choose one as fresh as possible, keep it hydrated, and keep it away from heat sources in the house. Use noncombustible materials for decorations. Choose only Underwriter's Laboratory-approved electrical decorations and follow manufacturer's instructions for installation and load. Do not overload extension cords. B) Holiday family gatherings often include extensive food preparation and visiting guests. As a significant portion of home fires originate in the kitchen, do not leave cooking unattended. Have an ABC-rated fire extinguisher available near the kitchen and learn to use it. Turn off the heat if leaving the stove, even if only for a few minutes. Never wear long, loose-sleeved clothing while cooking. Turn the handles on pots and pans inward to prevent accidents. Keep children away from the kitchen. C) If hosting overnight guests, share the home escape plan with them, including the designated meeting place outside the home.

Comments followed: 1) There was a fire at the Mott-Smith Laniloa. It was caused by an aerosol can, which fell behind a dryer. An ABC fire extinguisher, which is a multi-purpose extinguisher, put it out. 2) The City Budget shortfall is affecting all of the City & County of Honolulu.

Mitchell entered the meeting at 7:06 p.m.; **11 members present**.

Bigay entered the meeting at 7:06 p.m.; **12 members present**.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Sgt. Brandt Tsuha reported: 1) October 2009 Statistics - 6 assaults, 11 burglaries (-14), 2 drug offense, 10 DUI (driving under the influence), 26 family offenses (+7), 3 graffiti, 93 motor



vehicle collisions, 10 motor vehicle thefts, 21 property damages (+8), 1 robbery, 21 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle) (-5), and 214 miscellaneous calls for service (+19).

Comments followed: 1) Concerns were expressed about accelerating vehicles. There are "loopholes" in the modified-vehicles "recon" (reconstruction) permit process. There are no statistics on the number of violations. 2) Last night's accident of the Pali is still under investigation. 3) There was no rank and file input into the selection of the new Police Chief. 4) Regarding the recent death by falling of a young girl, the building was up to the building code when it was built, but it was not required to have safety features. 5) There is an increase in car break-ins. 6) Representative Belatti mentioned graffiti "tagging" at Makiki District Park. 7) A resident requested the clean up of littering near or at the Makiki Village.

As there were no objections, Chair Steelquist moved the Mayor's representative to the middle of the agenda.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Chair Steelquist read the written report. 1) Water Main Breaks - There were no main breaks for Neighborhood Board 10 in October. 2) BWS Fire Hydrants - Fire hydrants play a very important part in the Board of Water Supply's efforts to provide safe and dependable water service. Hydrants serve as an active fire protection measure as well as providing a source of water for contractors working on construction projects, street sanitation, and other uses. The BWS has installed and is responsible for the maintenance of more than 20,300 fire hydrants on the island of Oahu, which excludes federal and private water systems. Standard maintenance includes flushing, lubricating, valve inspection, painting and assigning hydrant numbers. The BWS also makes certain that water from each hydrant flows at sufficient water pressure to ensure efficient and reliable water service in case of a fire. These hydrants are maintained every 18 months, cleaned and painted as needed. Only BWS and Fire Department employees are allowed to take water from a fire hydrant, unless authorized by the Board of Water Supply. Further information about hydrants may be found on the BWS website, www.bcardofwatersupply.com. To report a malfunctioning or broken fire hydrant, please call 748-5000. 3) 2009-2010 Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshop Schedule - The BWS and the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden are pleased to announce the 2009-2010 Saturday Xeriscape Workshop schedule. These fun and educational workshops feature xeriscape (unthirsty) plants and gardening techniques that will help residents save water outdoors. Visit www.boardofwatersupply.com to read about the exciting classes being offered at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. November workshops are: A) Rain Barrel Water Catchment on November 14. B) The Unthirsty Miracle Tree: Kalamungay on November 21; and C) Xeriscape Holiday Wreath on November 28 and December 5.

As there were no objections, Chair Steelquist moved the City Councilmembers to the middle of the agenda.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Relocation of the Safeway Beretania Street store to the Schuman Carriage site - Deb Karbo reported that Safeway is exploring the purchase of the Schuman Carriage property next to Times. They are investigating the traffic study and noise. If built, it would be a little smaller than the Kapahulu store.

C. Lee entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m., **13 members present**.

Schiller entered the meeting at 7:26 p.m., **14 members present**.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **As there were no objections, the minutes of the October 15, 2009 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (AYE: Bigay, Carole, Chong, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, C. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Schiller, Smith, Steelquist and Wong).**

CORRECTIONS TO THE AUGUST 20, 2009 AND THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:
No action taken.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Department of Land and Natural Resources Recreational Renaissance "Plan B" - No report.

Buoys to Separate Stand Up Paddlers and Swimmers at Ala Moana Park - No buoys yet.

Dog Park at Makiki District Park - No report.

Parking near Stop Sign at Thurston and Wilder Avenues - No report.

Traffic at the intersection of Piikoi and Lunalilo Streets - No report.

Noise in Makiki (early morning trash pick-up/mopeds) - No report.

Report on Annual Makiki Newsletter Responses - Kawano, C. Lee and Sarrazin volunteered to respond to complainants, if there is contact information. Chair Steelquist had a list of responses in the order of when they were received or opened.

Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 response to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) - Vice Chair Carole reported that the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) has not come out yet and may come out in January 2010.

Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 recess in December - **Kawano moved and Chong seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 recess in December 2009. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (AYE: Bigay, Carole, Chong, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, C. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Schiller, Smith, Steelquist and Wong).**

Recycling days in the Makiki area - The next recycling day is on Saturday, December 19, Washington Intermediate School, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a one computer per car limit.

Traffic at the football games at Roosevelt High School athletic field - Chair Steelquist spoke with Principal Ann Mahi. There were problems at the homecoming game and for major games, as it is the home field for four schools. Paying for a parking structure could come from four schools. The school officials are working on scheduling. Senator Carol Fukunaga mentioned that they may change the plans for 2010 - 2011. They will circulate the changes to the community. There was a big game of Kahuku versus Farrington. It should not have been scheduled on a Friday at rush hour.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report - Schiller reported that the previous balance was \$4,934.71; \$41.76 was expended for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, leaving a balance of \$4,892.95. The Refreshments budget was deleted on September 2. The Treasurer's report was filed.

Elected Officials

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi distributed her newsletter and reported: 1) She wanted "transparency" on the rail expenses. 2) She was concerned about the way the Police Chief was selected by adding two names after the final four were selected. 3) Last month the new homeowners classification was sent back to committee. Then, it was taken out of committee and passed after Councilmembers had a conference with the Mayor.

Comments followed: 1) Councilmember Kobayashi wanted to know why the two names were added on. She wants the people to trust the government. Louis Kealoha is a good choice for Police Chief. He has been a Captain for a long time, has a doctorate from the University of Southern California and is well-liked by the rank and file. Residents wondered if there will now be changes in enforcement of loud mufflers. 2) Regarding the property tax bill, there was a new homeowners category. It was sent to committee, brought back, and passed. 3) The debt service on \$1 billion in bonds is paid by real property taxes.

Councilmember Rod Tam - Shawn Hamamoto distributed Councilmember Tam's newsletter and, in the interest of time, was available for questions. Councilmember Tam's newsletter reported that the Round Top Drive repaving would be in March/April 2010. The use of prison labor to maintain the road side areas started yesterday.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative - John Chang reported: 1) The City is still waiting for the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP). 2) Regarding the new stop sign at Thurston and Wilder Avenues and the returning of a few parking spaces, DTS will look at it again, but there are laws to follow. 3) The Honolulu Police Department District 1/Community Policing will monitor the

intersection of Piikoi and Lunalilo Streets and take enforcement action as needed. If the board or the community should have any questions, please feel free to contact Sgt. Dela Santos at the Community Policing Office at 529-3695 or call 911.

Comments followed: 1) The next Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 may be looking better. 2) At Beverly Court on Kinau Street, it was suggested to remove the parking space, which goes right up to the street. 3) Behind 1099 Green Street, there is a fire lane, but the street is in disrepair and there is a lot of trash. 4) A resident complained that bulky items are left out right after pick up. 5) A resident expressed his views on various topics. 6) A resident requested a follow-up on the trash at Liholiho Street and Wilder Avenue near Village Market.

Senator Carol Fukunaga distributed her newsletter and reported: 1) Regarding the Pensacola Street on-ramp project, the State Department of Transportation (DOT) or City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will make a presentation at the next meeting in January 2010.

Comments followed: 1) A resident requested that she do more for the homeless. The State has been working on it. It has to consider the rights of people who do not want to move into a shelter. They have the Kakaako facility, but some people do not want to go. Former Representative Jim Shon wants an overhaul of the health care system to address mental health problems with creative solutions.

Representative Della Belatti reported: 1) The Legislature is working on the furlough issue and wants to salvage some instructional days. Negotiations are on-going. There could be a Special Session before January. 2) She is working with Community Library people. 3) Art Murals will be on display for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. 3) In her December newsletter, she requested a community wish list for non-profits. 4) A Special Session is needed for using the "rainy day" fund. The first two weeks of December is the "window of opportunity."

Representative Karl Rhoads reported: 1) He received complaints that Cartwright Park was over-run by people, but there has been no change in policy. 2) There may be gang activity at Kaahumanu School. There were shoes thrown over the telephone wires, but they were removed. 3) Regarding turning left at King and Piikoi Streets, which is dangerous to pedestrians, DTS has put up signs - Drivers MUST yield to pedestrians. 4) The Governor has released Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) funds for Kaahumanu School rails and other improvements.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria - No representative or report present.

Representative Sylvia Luke - Newsletter was available.

Governor Linda Lingle's Representative - Charen Ching in the Governor's Liaison Office sent a written report - 1) Buoys at Ala Moana - At a May meeting by Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), it was mentioned that buoys may be used to separate stand-up paddlers and swimmers at the Ala Moana Beach Park. To date, nothing has happened. Please update. The DLNR response was: Our boating dive team was going to place the buoys in the water, and then we received notice from an attorney that they were threatening litigation if we proceeded. We made the extra effort to meet with the gentleman and try and resolve the issues. We do plan to go forward with the buoys now. One of our dive team members (of the three members) had surgery, and we are now waiting for him to recover to do the placement. 2) Chickens in Makiki: DLNR reports that their efforts have reduced the population of chickens and roosters in State forest reserve lands and around their Makiki baseyard. They have, however, received one complaint from a resident whose property adjoins State land and is opposed to the chicken control. DLNR will suspend the control effort if the Neighborhood Board requests it as the effort was in response to a Neighborhood Board request. The response was: DLNR oversees state lands. Private property is under county ordinances. Complaints should be made to the city for chickens on private property. 3) Recreational Renaissance "Plan B" - As stated in an earlier conversation, please view the DLNR website for Recreational Renaissance information. There is a public hearing on November 9 in Kapahulu. DLNR response: We sent a letter to all Neighborhood Board Chairpersons giving them information on Recreational Renaissance and offering to come to a meeting to brief the boards if they desire. So far we've briefed about six neighborhood boards, and have a couple more lined up. Others have declined. Many have not responded. We remain committed to come to any NB meeting upon request.

Committees

Planning and Zoning - No report.

Transportation - Pat Lee, Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) sent a written report, as follows:

- The city awarded the first of several construction contracts for the Honolulu Rail Transit project on October 21st. The initial 6.5-mile segment of the transit route will run from Kapolei to Pearl Highlands near Leeward Community College. The winning bid was determined by the City to be the best value at \$482,924,000. This represents a \$90 million savings from the project estimate. The design-build contract had been estimated by the City to be approximately \$570 million.
- This month, the city will seek proposals for the next phase, the Kamehameha Highway Design Build contract, two years earlier than expected so as to capitalize on favorable market conditions.
- Over the life of construction, rail will employ about 10,000 people a year, with 4,000 new jobs in the construction trades.
- Rail construction will bring \$330 million in new revenue into our economy next year.
- In September 2009, an island-wide poll showed 60% of residents want rail. An even bigger percentage - 69 % - agree that rail is a "good investment" for the future of Honolulu.

Breakdown of the support for rail transit by City Council Districts:

	Apo	Dela Cruz	Ander-son	Djou	Koba-yashi	Tam	Cachola	Okino	Garcia
Support	60%	63%	54%	52%	55%	55%	70%	67%	68%
Oppose	40%	36%	42%	44%	40%	40%	26%	34%	31%

Breakdown of "Good Investment" resulted in higher percentage of support for the project by Council District:

	Apo	Dela Cruz	Ander-son	Djou	Koba-yashi	Tam	Cachola	Okino	Garcia
Good	65%	74%	65%	61%	66%	60%	81%	74%	73%
Poor	34%	24%	31%	36%	29%	34%	17%	22%	25%

Health, Safety, and Wellness - Kawano will monitor the Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery (P.A.S.S.) Anti-Human Trafficking bill in the Legislature.

Newsletter - No report. C. Lee will work on it after Christmas. A Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) with Kawano, C. Lee and Sarrazin was formed to respond to the 2009 newsletter "pet peeves."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Neighborhood Board sign went up at the corner of Wilder Avenue and Keeaumoku Street.
- Chair Steelquist had several publications for interested people to review.
- The Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 will recess in December 2009.
- The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2010 at the Makiki District Park, Arts and Crafts Building at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:

Phil Hauret, Secretary
 and John Steelquist, Chair