



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010 MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK ARTS AND CRAFTS BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chair Charles Carole called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. with **a quorum of ten 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, Dave Bylsma (elected at this meeting), Ron Cannarella, Charles Carole, Diane Chong, Phil Hauret, Richard Kawano, Allan Lee, Chris Lee, Eloise Lee, Sam Mitchell, Mike Sarrazin, Martin Schiller, Alika Smith, and Susan Lai Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Steelquist (notified absence) and Edmund Wong (notified absence).

VACANCIES: None.

GUESTS: State Senator Norman Sakamoto, State Senator Carol Fukunaga, Nils Katahara (State Representative Sylvia Luke's Office), State Representative Della Au Belatti, Bertrand Kobayashi (State Representative Karl Rhoads' Office), Chrystn Eads (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative, Mayor's Office), Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Wayne Yoshioka (Director, Department of Transportation Services (Department of Transportation Services), Acting Capt. Robyn Ishihara (Honolulu Fire Department); Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Transit Project), Duk Hee Murabayashi (Korean American Foundation); Hye-ryeon Lee, Koi So Suk, Hee-Jin Yoon, Tammy Chong, Diane Kim and Gil Ja Hom (Pawaa Inha Park Committee); Rick Fucini, Terry Conlan, John Mooy (Hawaiian Mission Academy), Allison Wong and Sheryl Kramer (The Contemporary Museum); Helen Hong, Martin Lee; Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Michele Sansone and Torin Ching (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office); Robert Freeman (The Freeman Group); Deborah Karbo, Wendell Brooks and A. Garrett (Safeway); Richard Cassidy, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

As there were no objections, Acting Chair Carole announced that he would move "Elected Officials" to after "Residents/Community Concerns" on the agenda.

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEATS: One in Subdistrict 2 (Kinau, Lower Makiki, Kewalo) - A resident, who lives on Dominis Street, offered to fill a Board vacancy. Unfortunately, there was no vacancy in Subdistrict 1. Acting Chair Carole moved this item to later in the agenda.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Acting Capt. Robyn Ishihara reported: 1) **December 2009 Statistics** - 23 fire-related calls; 1 structure, 1 wildland/brush, 2 rubbish and 1 vehicle fire. There were 67 medical emergencies, 1 search/rescue and 32 miscellaneous calls for service, which include hazardous conditions, stalled elevators, water evacuations, assist patients and good intentions. 2) **Fire Safety Tip:** In a fire, medical, or other emergency, it is critical that emergency responders quickly identify the correct location. Fire, building, U.S. postal codes, and City ordinances state that property owners shall place their house numbers so it is legible and readily visible from the street. This will assist the Honolulu Fire Department and other first responders in quickly locating the house in the event of an emergency. If the property is difficult to locate and/or access, provide 911 dispatchers with additional information to assist them in locating the property during an emergency.

Comments followed: 1) New Year's Eve was pretty good with only one brush and one rubbish fire, but it was noisy.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - No representative or report present.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - No representative or report present.



FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEATS: Dave Bylsma offered to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 2 and gave a brief background. He is serving on his residence Board and another State Board. Mitchell moved, and Schiller seconded; that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 elects Dave Bylsma to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 2. **The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (AYE: Carole, Hauret, A. Lee, C. Lee, E. Lee, Kawano, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Schiller and Smith); 11 members present.**

The Oath of Office was administered.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The Contemporary Museum (TCM) - Executive Director Allison Wong reported on The Contemporary Museum Traffic Management Plan 2010 Special Evening Events, submitted December 10, 2009 for Conditional Use Permit - Major No. 2006/CUP-20. 1) The Contemporary Museum Special Evening Events are scheduled, up to 6 times annually from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 2) Member's Preview Receptions: A) Thursday, February 11, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., featuring Judy Fox, Legendary Beings, Elizabeth Berdann, Wonders, Curiosities and Conundrums, Fay Ku, Faces All Eyes, Eyes All Hands, Allison Schulnik, Ready, Able and Hobo Clown. Exhibit - February 12, 2010 to May 16, 2010, Makiki Heights Galleries. B) Thursday June 10, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Allyn Bromley - A Survey Exhibition, June 11 to August 29, 2010, Makiki Heights Galleries. C) Thursday and Friday, September 23 and 24, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Contemporary Museum Biennial of Hawai'i Artists IX from September 24 - January 9, 2011, Makiki Heights Galleries. D) Other Events: August 7, 2010 5:30 p.m. to 8:30p.m. August Moon Wine Tasting Fundraiser (may include table sales and auction activities). The Contemporary Museum Special Evening Events will be held on the grounds of The Contemporary Museum, 2411 Makiki Heights Drive, and primarily involves the following areas of our property: galleries, upper lawn, Museum Shop, Café kitchen, and parking lot. Anticipated Attendance: 50 - 200 people. E) ArtSpree 2010, at The Contemporary Museum. ArtSpree is our annual open house presented by our volunteer support organization, The Friends of The Contemporary Museum. ArtSpree has been held successfully since 1993, and is the Museum's free community open house. The event this year is funded in part through a grant from MetLife and private donations and as always, is organized and staffed by more than 150 volunteers from teenagers to seniors who live throughout the island of O'ahu. Saturday, July 10, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - Newsletter was available. Councilmember Kobayashi reported: 1) She was concerned about illegal dumping and the proposed \$500 per day fine.

Comments followed: 1) A resident mentioned the dumping of phonebooks. 2) Another resident lamented that there was no other "Convenience Center" closer than the Middle Street transfer station.

Councilmember Rod Tam - Newsletter was available.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative - Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director Wayne Yoshioka reported: 1) Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) - The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is 99% finished. There are many outstanding questions. The Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) must approve the release. 2) Parking near Stop Sign at Thurston and Wilder Avenues - The parking spaces on Wilder/Thurston Avenues were removed for safety reasons and will not be returned. 3) As to the Pensacola/Piikoi Streets reversal, he will report later on the agenda. 4) As to the removal of the parking space at Beverly Court, the residents have to go to the Neighborhood Board and they need 90% of the people of both sides of Kinau Street to sign a petition.

Bigay, Cannarella, Chong, and Young entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m., **15 members present.**

4) Evaluation of Pensacola/Piikoi Street Couplet Reversal - Director Wayne Yoshioka reported that the Pensacola/Piikoi Streets reversal may create more problems than it solves. He is studying the Piikoi Street to H-1 Eastbound traffic and the consultant has not answered Yoshioka's questions. They have not talked with the State Department of Transportation (DOT). Senator Carol Fukunaga has been in contact with the DOT. A resident commented that for three years, it has been the same problem.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative (continued) - Chrystn Eads, Office of the Mayor reported: 1) Regarding the "fire lane" behind 1099 Green Street, it appears the "fire lane" in question is TMK 2-4-017:051. It is owned by

private owners and the City is not responsible for the upkeep of the road. The TMK information does not name the various owners. 2) A resident had reported trash at Wilder Avenue and Liholiho Street. The trash has been removed.

Comments followed: 1) A Board member mentioned that in the Makiki District, the bulky items pick-up schedule covers several days and that some areas get missed. 2) A resident asked if street cleaners were in the City budget. 3) Another resident requested a diagram or map of the Piikoi/Pensacola Streets reversal.

Senator Carol Fukunaga distributed her newsletter and was available for questions.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria - No representative or report present.

Representative Sylvia Luke - No representative or report present.

Renaming the Pawaa Neighborhood Park to the Pawaa Inha Park - Representatives from the Korean community and the Pawaa Inha Park committee expressed their support for Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's "Renaming the Pawaa Park" resolution. They gave background information and had events at the park, like park clean ups. They want to make the park a "Sculpture Park" with funding from Incheon University. Councilmember Ann Kobayashi supports the concept and Mayor's representative Chrystn Eads mentioned that the City has worked with them. Duk Hee Murabayashi mentioned that in 2003, they celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Koreans in Hawai'i and that Honolulu had no outdoor art sculptures in a park. The city of Incheon has a long relationship with Honolulu, as Incheon harbor was where the Koreans left for Hawai'i. Their plan for the park will be developed with input from the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and other Korean groups.

Mitchell moved and Schiller seconded, that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 supports the resolution to rename the Pawaa Park to Pawaa Inha Park. **The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 15-0-0 (AYE: Bigay, Bylsma, Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, C. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Schiller, Smith, and Young).**

Representative Della Belatti distributed her newsletter and reported: 1) The Legislature opening was yesterday. 2) Her newsletter had a survey. 3) For the Census 2010, Makiki is in a "red zone" - from Kalihi to Waikiki. Condos need to be counted. On Wednesday, February 3, there will be a practice session for those wishing to be hired as Census workers at Makiki District Park Auditorium, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. On Wednesday, February 10, there will be testing for Census jobs, which pay \$16.00 to \$17.00 per hour. 4) The Makiki Community Library will be closed for electrical work for one month. When it is re-opened, it will be re-wired for the computer learning center. The City cannot put a "green" roof on the library building as it would be too heavy. 5) The State of Hawai'i has a \$10 billion budget, with a projected \$1.2 billion deficit.

Representative Karl Rhoads - Bert Kobayashi reported: 1) Kaahumanu School will conduct an educational campaign about jay walking. 2) Prostitution near schools/parks will be a misdemeanor. There is a bill to make it permanent, as it is due for "sunsetting." 3) Also, there is a bill to make permanent the prohibition of public urination.

Safeway's Plans to Acquire the Schuman Carriage Property - Deborah Karbo reported that the new store would be similar in size to the Kapahulu store of 60,000 sq. ft. and they would sell the old Beretania store. Parking would be at street level and have retail spaces along Beretania Street. There would be five entrances - two on Beretania Street, one on Piikoi Street and two on Kinau Street. They plan for 230 parking spaces. A traffic study should be completed in a few days. The City wants one extra traffic lane along Piikoi Street. Safeway has not talked to retailers (like First Hawaiian Bank) yet. The 7-11 property is not part of the Schuman Carriage property. They have not done an analysis of the reversal of streets. They have 140 employees now and plan for about 200 later.

Comments followed: 1) There were suggestions for a "green" building, to have lighted "countdown" pedestrian signals at the crosswalks, that they acquire the 7-11 property and to look at the height requirements. 2) Safeway plans to have restrooms at the front of the store, is conducting an archaeological study and is looking at labor questions, like union/non-union or local/mainland workers. 3) Safeway would come back to the Board in February.

Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Report of Three Stray Dogs on Tantalus - No DLNR representative or report present.

Buoys to Separate Stand Up Paddlers and Swimmers at Ala Moana Park - No DLNR representative or report present.

Traffic at the Football Games at Roosevelt High School Athletic Field - A representative from Roosevelt High School reported on traffic solutions. They met with Senator Carol Fukunaga and Representative Della Belatti. As the Kahuku/Farrington game was a big game, they will not schedule big games on Friday afternoons, but on Saturdays. If there is illegal parking, call HPD.

Dog Park at Makiki District Park - Terry Conlan reported: 1) Punahou School donated 120 feet of fencing. 2) Water will be provided by the Hawaiian Humane Society. 3) There will be no Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) action until a specific location is determined. 4) There will be a meeting with Representative Belatti and Conlan would update the Board.

Transportation - Pat Lee reported that there will be a Youth Summit 2010 at Leeward Community College on Friday, February 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be free admission, entertainment, prizes, free lunch and drawstring backpacks, while supplies last.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF CORRECTIONS TO THE AUGUST 20, 2009 AND THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Noise in Makiki - Complaint against Hawaiian Mission Academy for night sporting events - Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Report on Annual Makiki Newsletter Responses - Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 response to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project - Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Recycling days in the Makiki area - Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

REPORTS:

Committees

Planning and Zoning - Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Health, Safety, and Wellness - Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Newsletter - Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 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 Charles Carole, Acting Chair