



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010 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 13 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 7:01 p.m.), Dave Bylsma, Charles Carole, Diane Chong (arrived 7:25 p.m.), Phil Hauret, Richard Kawano (arrived 7:04 p.m.), Allan Lee, Chris Lee, Eloise Lee, Sam Mitchell, Mike Sarrazin, Martin Schiller, Alika Smith, John Steelquist, Edmund Wong and Susan Lai Young.

Members Absent - Ron Cannarella (notified absence).

Vacancies - None.

GUESTS: Francis Choe (State Senator Carol Fukunaga's Office), Bertrand Kobayashi (State Representative Karl Rhoads' Office), Chrystn Eads (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative, Mayor's Office), Shawn Hamamoto (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office), Michele Sansone (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office); Kurt Tsue (Board of Water Supply), Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Transit Project); Don Brough, Peter Webb, Patsy Tom, Michelle Bartell and Eric Nakagawa (Montessori Community School); Bob Farrell and Ivonne Cardenas (Makakilo.com), Marcia Kemble (Hui O Makiki), John Mooy (Hawaiian Mission Academy, K-8); Tracey Teavio, Terry Conlan, Jenna Lum, P. Rocky Rockwell, Gerrit Pang, David Dinsmose, Bob Farrell, Ivonne Cardenas and Kaori Frack (Dog Park Enthusiasts); Frances Klema, Edward Nishima, Rafael Renteria, Ed Case, Elisa W. Johnston, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - No representative or report present.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - No representative present. However, the monthly statistics were e-mailed. **March 2010 Statistics** - 5 robberies, 20 burglaries, 14 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle) 7 (-7) auto thefts, 8 assaults, 20 (+13) property damages, 79 motor vehicle collisions, 15 DUI (driving under the influence), sex offenses, 18 (+4) family offenses, 4 drug offense, 3 graffiti and 241 (+50) miscellaneous calls for service.

John Bigay arrived at 7:01 p.m.; **14 members present**.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Kurt Tsue reported the following: 1) **Main Break** – One main break reported on March 17, 2010 at 11:35 a.m. of an 8-inch main at 1510 Nehoa Street. 2) How the BWS chooses which mains to replace and when. The four criteria are: **Condition Assessment**, **System Improvements**, **Public Impact** and **Project Coordination**. They try partnering with the sewers department and have a six-year Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). They will re-look at priorities, due to changing conditions. The BWS recognizes the impact construction projects can have, so it gives priority to mains along high traffic roads, where emergency repairs could inconvenience the community. These projects are critical to reducing the number of emergency repairs and to ensuring a continued safe and dependable water supply. To find out if the BWS has a construction project in your area, log onto www.boardofwatersupply.com, pull down the "Community" tab, and click on "Construction Projects." Maps of active construction projects are posted by neighborhood board districts. For questions about a BWS construction project, contact the BWS construction section at 748-5730.

Comments followed: 1) A suggestion was made to have the City dig maintenance tunnels and bury all utilities, including sewer and water pipes underground. Tsue will look at the cost.

Richard Kawano arrived at 7:04 p.m.; **15 members present**.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:



A resident announced Makiki Cemetery (at Wilder Avenue and Pensacola Street) tours on May 9 and 11 at 9:00 a.m. There will be no charge.

Safeway's Plans Update - Deborah Karbo presented the following update: 1) Location Site - Safeway is proposing to relocate from 1121 Beretania Street to the new site at 1234 South Beretania Street (old Schuman Carriage auto dealership). 2) Lot Size - Current store is 1.7 acres and the new store is 3 acres. 3) Store Size - Current store is 43,000 square feet (includes 12,000 square foot basement) and the new store will have 61,000 square feet of space. 4) Parking Stalls - The current store has 109 parking stalls and the new store will have 244 stalls. 5) More information to follow.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: 1) There were concerns about pedestrian safety for seniors and children. 2) They will be doing the traffic study. 3) The property at the corner of Kinau Street and Piikoi Street is already privately-owned.

Diane Chong arrived at 7:25 p.m.; **16 members present.**

Montessori School's Plans to Move to Makiki and Nehoa Streets - Representatives of the school mentioned that they have been in Makiki for many years after moving around various locations in Manoa for the last 20 years. They have over 99 children from 2 to 12 years of age and 32 employees. They are located at 1230 Nehoa Street and want to move one block to 1830 Makiki Street, which will be a "green property." As to the traffic, cars will right turn into the property with no crossing traffic and there will be no traffic on weekends and evenings. There is traffic at 7:30 a.m. at Nehoa Street, but they plan to have staggered start times. There are different tuition levels with the preschool at \$7,000/year. The lot size is 37,000 square feet and they will buy the property rather than lease. The neighbors would like a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) public hearing and one neighbor distributed several questions she had and she requested answers from the school. The school plans to move the buildings in the back, but there are no plans to expand. They will not build upward.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 18, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **As there were no objections, the March 18, 2010 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as corrected by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 15-0-0 (AYE: Bigay, Bylsma, Carole, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, C. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Schiller, Smith, Steelquist, Wong and Young).**

- Page 2, Approval of the February 18, 2010 Minutes, 2nd bullet, 4th line Street's should read as streets;
- Page 2, same section, line 13, strike out form, should read from.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Schiller reported that the previous balance was \$4,725.48; \$39.97 was expended for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, leaving a balance of about \$4,685.51, which includes \$3,538.00 for the annual newsletter. The Treasurer's report was filed.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Report of Three Stray Dogs on Tantalus - The State Department of Land and Natural Resources will try to trap the feral dogs.

Special Election for the 1st Congressional District - Kawano reported that there is not enough time to hold a candidates forum by the May election, but he suggested holding a candidates forum in August. The First Congressional mailout will be on May 1 and voters should turn in the ballots by May 22. The political party is not stressed, as the one with the most votes will be the winner.

Graffiti - Marcia Kemble, Hui O Makiki, reported there was an article about using an iPhone application to combat graffiti. The software application would allow citizens to photograph graffiti with an iPhone and then, someone comes out and paints it out. The city coordinates the cleanup and with GSP, the law enforcement officers could find the vandals' territory. This item will be kept on the agenda. The Mayor's representative will find out who to talk to in Honolulu.

Dog Park at Makiki District Park - Terry Conlan reported: 1) He and others are trying to form a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. 2) At the next meeting on May 17, 2010, he will provide more sites and he wants to amend the Board's resolution from August 2009. 3) He is working with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), and an association of Dog Parks, which has seven (7) locations.

Comments followed: 1) Board members welcome the many options that will be presented at the next meeting.

Noise in Makiki - No report.

Buoys to Separate Stand Up Paddlers and Swimmers at Ala Moana Park - State Department of Land and Natural Resources. No buoys yet.

Report on Annual Makiki Newsletter Responses - The Hui O Makiki website was mentioned.

Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 response to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project - Pat Lee reported that the final FEIS will have a 30-day comment period. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has been meeting with the City about the runway protection zone. The City will move the rail route 300 feet mauka and construction may start in 2014. The City will be contacting the property owners. The six structures are not listed on the National or State Registries of historic buildings.

Recycling Days in the Makiki Area - No report.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Senator Carol Fukunaga - Newsletter was available with the following highlights: 1) Department of Transportation (DOT) study; Kinau Street right turn to Queen's Hospital. 2) The Community Update on Papakolea Master Plan.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria - No representative or report present.

Representative Sylvia Luke - No representative or report present.

Representative Della Belatti - No representative or report present.

Representative Karl Rhoads - Bertrand Kobayashi reported the following: 1) Graffiti on Safeway. 2) State Department of Transportation (DOT) wants input from residents. 3) The "Bring Your Own Bottle (BYOB)" bill is still alive. 4) The "Noise" resolution is scheduled to be heard tomorrow. 5) The General Excise Tax (GET) increase for condo management was recommended to committee. 6) The most popular option for the H-1 West on ramp is adding a fourth lane.

Comments followed: 1) Regarding the resolution on noise, eight Neighborhood Boards to work on a committee.

Governor's Representative - There is no funds to send a representative

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - Michele Sansone distributed the newsletter and reported: 1) He would have Councilmember Kobayashi's position on bulky item pick up at the next meeting.

Comments followed: The "bulky item pick up" map of Makiki is not accurate for 20% of the residents. Department of Environmental Services (ENV) needs a better map. A Board member requested that the Councilmember to come to the next meeting for questions and answers. Regarding illegal dumping, the Hui O Makiki has stickers to place on bulky items. The bill to fine property owners \$500 is still alive. The transfer stations take only green waste and household items.

Councilmember Rod Tam - Shawn Hamamoto had earlier e-mailed the newsletter to Board members and reported on various Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) in the district.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative - Chrystn Eads, Office of the Mayor, reported: 1) Status of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) - With the latest announcements of an adjustment in the Aolele guideway alignment to avoid the Airport runaway protection zone (RPZ), good progress in being made toward finalization of the FEIS. 2) Transient Oriented Development (TOD) on April 16, 2010 - A successful TOD symposium was conducted on April 6 and 7, 2010. The centerpiece of the Symposium was the Public Town Meeting held at the Farrington High School Auditorium. Much was learned from real-life experiences in San Diego and Portland and the expert panel contributed valuable ideas to situations for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project. 3) Request for Mid-Street Crosswalk on Kinau Street - The request for crosswalk midway between Piikoi and Keeaumoku Streets is being investigated by the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS), which

may require filed and site assessments, research, and traffic analysis. DTS will inform the Board of the status of their investigation by June 2010.

Comments followed: There is Chelsea rebar hanging over the sidewalk on Pensacola and Kinau Streets.

REPORTS/COMMITTEES:

Committees Planning and Zoning - No report.

Transportation - Pat Lee, Honolulu Rail Transit Project. This item was previously discussed.

Health, Safety, and Wellness - 1) Chong reported that she received a 3"-thick document on Kapiolani Hospital's expansion and she will monitor this project for the Board. 2) Kawano reported that the National Children's Project has "slowed down," but it is still going on.

Newsletter - C. Lee received a few articles and will submit them to the Neighborhood Commission Office soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Roosevelt High School sent a letter notifying the Board of drilling of the cliffs by the football field on April 23 and 24.
- The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 2010 at the Makiki District Park, Arts and Crafts Building at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by:
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