



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2010
MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair John Steelquist called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., **with a quorum of eleven 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 (7:21 p.m.), Dave Bylsma, Charles Carole, Diane Chong (7:10 p.m.), Phil Hauret, Richard Kawano, Allan Lee, Eloise Lee, Sam Mitchell, Mike Sarrazin, Alika Smith, John Steelquist, Edmund Wong and Susan Lai Young (7:06 p.m.).

Members Absent - Chris Lee (notified).

Vacancies - One (1) vacancy in the Subdistrict 2 (Kinau, Lower Makiki, Kewalo) and one in Subdistrict 3 (East Punchbowl).

Guests - Dane Wicker (U.S. Congressman Charles Djou's Office staff), State Senator Carol Fukunaga, State Representative Della Au Bellati, State Representative Karl Rhoads, John Chang (Mayor's Representative, Mayor's Office for Economic Development), Shawn Hamamoto (City Councilmember Rod Tam's Office staff), Acting Capt. Alvin Ku (Honolulu Fire Department), Capt. William Axt, Lt. Mace Minakawa, Sgt. Aaron Agmata and Ofc. Lawrence Santos (Honolulu Police Department); Kurt Tsue (Board of Water Supply), Norm Katz (Republican Party), Dave Berwent and Serge Krivatsy (Holomua), Dr. Beatriz Rodriguez and Randy Obata (National Children's Study), Gary Payne, Andrew Garrett, Deb Karbo, Robert Freeman and Mike Vachio (Comm. Pac/Safeway), Delaine A. Sylvester, Patty Vachio, Frank Lavoie (Neighborhood Board No. 13), Pat Lee, (Honolulu Rail Transit Project), Rocky Rockwell, Jenna Lum and Tracey Teavio (Dog Park Advocates), Larry Fenton, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

BOARD ORGANIZATION:

Election of Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 Officers for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011) -

Chair - Wong nominated and A. Lee seconded that John Steelquist be elected Chair. As there were no other nominations or objections, John Steelquist was elected Chair by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0 (AYE:** Bylsma, Carole, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Smith, Steelquist and Wong).

Vice Chair - Hauret nominated and A. Lee seconded that Charles Carole be elected Vice Chair. As there were no other nominations or objections, Charles Carole was elected Vice Chair by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0 (AYE:** Bylsma, Carole, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Smith, Steelquist and Wong).

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

Secretary - Wong nominated and A. Lee seconded that Susan Lai Young be elected Secretary. As there were no other nominations or objections, Susan Lai Young was elected Secretary by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 12-0-0 (AYE:** Bylsma, Carole, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Smith, Steelquist, Wong and Young).

Treasurer - Wong nominated and A. Lee seconded that Diane Chong be elected Treasurer. As there were no other nominations or objections, Diane Chong was elected Treasurer by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 12-0-0 (AYE:** Bylsma, Carole, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Smith, Steelquist, Wong and Young).



Selection of Meeting Day, Time and Location for Monthly Board Meetings - **As there were no objections, the Board voted to continue meeting the same as last fiscal year, on the third Thursday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. at the Makiki District Park, Arts and Crafts Building by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 12-0-0 (AYE: Bylsma, Carole, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Smith, Steelquist, Wong and Young).**

Authorization of Budget Matters (Room Rental and Publicity (Newsletter) Budget) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 - **As there were no objections, the Board voted to authorize budget matters (assuming the same budget as Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 12-0-0 (AYE: Bylsma, Carole, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Smith, Steelquist, Wong and Young).**

Selection of Recess Months from July 2010 to June 2011 - This item was deferred to a later meeting.

Chong entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.; **13 members present.**

Authorization for the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) to Send the "Three Absences Letter" - Discussion followed. Under the new 2008 Neighborhood Plan (NP), the Board is required to mail out the "Three Absences Letter" by Certified and regular mail within seven (7) calendar days of the third absence. The Board has a history of having uncontested elections and vacancies and it has never declared a seat vacant. Chair Steelquist reasoned that if the letter is not sent out, then the Board saves a step. **The motion was ADOPTED, 12-1-0 (AYE: Bylsma, Carole, Chong, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Smith, Wong and Young; NO: Steelquist).**

Filling of Board Vacancies (One seat in Subdistrict 2 [CT. 34.02, 35 - Kinau, Lower Makiki, Kewalo], due to Martin Schiller moving out of the district and one seat in Subdistrict 3 - (CT. 34.03, P41, P43 - East Punchbowl), due to the resignation of Ron Cannarella - As there were no volunteers, this item will be deferred to the next meeting.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Capt. Alvin Ku reported the following:

- Statistics for June/July 2010 - Included were 17 fire-related calls, 73 medical emergencies, and 11 miscellaneous calls (hazard conditions, stalled elevator, water evacuations, assist patient, good intent. There was one major or unusual incident, which was reported in the new media.
- Fire Safety Tip - Cigarettes and other smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths in the United States. The latest fire-related fatality on Oahu was a result of an unattended cigarette. The following are helpful safety precautions: Smoke outside. Use deep, wide ashtrays placed on a sturdy table. Prior to discarding cigarette butts and/or ashes, ensure they are completely extinguished by dousing them with water or sand. In June, a child on Maui was playing with a lighter that destroyed a family home and caused \$350,000 in damages. A child as young as two years old can start a fire. Here are some "fire wise" safety tips: Keep matches and lighters in a secured area out of children's sight and reach. Educate children that lighters and matches are tools, not toys. Only use lighters designed with child-resistant features. Remember, child resistant does not mean child-proof. Teach children to tell an adult, if they see matches or lighters.

Comments followed:

1. The news media reported that residents claimed that HFD was slow to respond to the recent Makiki fire. HFD said they responded within four (4) minutes of the call. Although the fire was across the street from the fire station, the best way to alert the HFD is to call 911 and not to pound on the front door at 2:00 a.m. The three-story apartment building did not have a fire alarm system.

Bigay entered the meeting at 7:21 p.m., **14 members present.**

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Sgt. Aaron Agmata reported 5 assaults, 16 burglaries, 2 drug offenses, 15 driving under the influence, 4 family offenses, 4 graffiti, 91 motor vehicle collisions, 8 motor vehicle thefts, 15 property damages, 1 robbery, 5 sex assaults, 17 unauthorized entries of a motor vehicle, and 176 miscellaneous calls.

Comments followed:

1. Follow Up from Last Month (Segways) - Officer Agmata distributed §291C-134.5, relating to electric personal assistive mobility devices; restrictions. The minimum age to operate them is 16 years old.

- Pedestrians have the "right of way". There should be a light and an "audible signaling device" on the vehicle.
2. Parking - Vehicles should be parked at least four (4) feet away from the point the driveway "goes down."
 3. Mopeds - They should be registered.
 4. Mugging at Bus Stop in Front of Punahou School on Wilder Avenue - Although this was in a different district, juveniles were arrested.
 5. Other Public Concerns - Residents mentioned crosswalks, pedestrian safety and burglaries and witness statements.
 6. Introductions - Officer Agmata introduced New Capt. William Axt, Lt. Mace Minakawa and Officer Lawrence Santos.
 7. Honolulu District 1 - Boundaries are from Liliha to Punahou/Kalakaua Streets from the mountains to the sea, the Community Policing Team can be reached at 529-3695 and the Neighborhood Security Watches can improve "quality of life" issues.
 8. Abandoned Vehicles - There were over 200 vehicles reported and 54 were cited.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Kurt Tsue reported the following:

- 2010 Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale - BWS will be hosting its 22nd Annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale on Saturday, August 7, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The community is invited to a morning and afternoon of family fun and education, where everyone can learn about xeriscaping, which is an innovative means of conserving water through efficient landscaping. Water saving techniques like xeriscaping are very important, especially now with the National Weather Service forecasting below-normal rainfall for the remainder of the summer. The open house will include a full day of free, family-friendly and fun activities such as xeriscape workshops, keiki games, keiki garden planting and a free mulch giveaway. A dozen local nurseries will offer a variety of unthirsty plants at moderate purchase prices, with proceeds supporting educational programs and classes at the BWS's Halawa Xeriscape Garden. For more information about the plant sale visit the BWS website at www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- BWS Furlough Information - BWS business offices will begin observing furlough days, beginning in July. While BWS business offices will be closed on designated Furlough Fridays, some BWS sections will work staggered schedules in order to maintain operations for public health and safety. Visit www.boardofwatersupply.com for a schedule of the furlough days.

The order of the agenda was changed.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Ewa Neighborhood Board Sanctioned - A Board member mentioned that the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported that because the Ewa Neighborhood Board could not keep "Order and Decorum," it was suspended from meeting for two months and Board members have to attend training sessions. This was a "shot across the bow" for the Makiki Board, as there was disruption at a previous Board meeting, when the Anti-Human Trafficking spokesperson would not calm down. The topics for the agenda may have to be screened better, as this was an issue for the State Legislature rather than the Neighborhood Boards. The Boards are a public forum and "advisory."

Pet Peeve - It will be given to the Mayor's Representative.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chong reported the previous operating balance for June 2010 was \$4,598.45. Current expenses were \$51.71 for printing and postage of agenda and minutes; leaving a current balance of \$4,546.74, pending payment for the annual newsletter. The Treasurer's Report was filed.

The agenda was restored.

PRESENTATIONS:

Holomua Project Update - Serge Krivatsy updated his project, which was presented to the Board in April 2008. It is located at 1315 Kalakaua Avenue, near Beretania Street. There will be 167 units for affordable/ moderate housing with 86 one-bedroom units. He is filing an addendum to the Environmental Assessment (EA). The project will have 23 stories with seven (7) for parking and 16 for residences. The public comment period will end shortly.

National Children's Study Update - Dr. Beatriz Rodriguez, Co-Director of the National Children's Study, and Randy Obata reported that the study is the largest study ever on the environmental influences on the health and development of 100,000 children across the U.S. of which 1,000 children will be in Hawai'i. Makiki will be one of 12 areas in Hawai'i for a "pilot project." It will study biological and environmental factors from pre-birth to age 21. Now, they have to identify pregnant women, randomly selected to include Native Hawaiians and military-transient populations. They will walk through the Makiki district and make contacts with condo managers, focus groups and community members and plan to come back to the Board periodically.

Safeway Update - Deborah Karbo reported the demolition process will start on Kinau Street and move to Beretania Street. The parking will be mostly underground and traffic impact mitigation will include a dedicated right lane on Piikoi Street, a pedestrian island at the corner of Piikoi and Beretania Streets and the removal of some parking spaces on Kinau Street. No changes are planned on Beretania Street. At the old site the First Hawaiian Bank shared parking and Safeway rarely towed away cars illegally parked. There will be two (2) exits on Beretania Street, one (1) on Piikoi Street and two (2) on Kinau Street. For more information, visit - www.newberetanasafeway.com. For construction concerns, phone 291-7922.

U.S. Congressman Charles Djou's Proposal to Rename the Makiki Post Office for Former U.S. Congressman Cec Heftel - Dane Wicker presented U.S. Congressman Djou's proposal. No action taken.

Proposed Ban on Fireworks - The City Council recently voted 8-1 for a total ban on fireworks, except for public displays. Councilmember Rod Tam wanted an exception for cultural/religious reasons. This was the second reading, so the bill went back to committee. Both sides of the issue are passionate. People want enforcement against illegal aeriels. No action taken for lack of interest in this issue.

The order of the agenda was changed.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Senator Carol Fukunaga - Senator Fukunaga provided members with a report and highlighted the following:

- Governor's Veto - Governor Linda Lingle vetoed the "Bring Your Own Bottle (BYOB)" bill.
- O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amended - Senator Fukunaga thanked the Board for its letter of support to OMPO for the State Department of Transportation (DOT)'s amendment to the TIP to add a lane to the H-1 freeway near the Pensacola Street On-Ramp.

Comments followed:

1. The DOT will ask for U.S. government funding for the narrowing of lanes before the November elections.
2. One of the solutions to the homeless people living under the freeways is to provide "safe areas" and "housing first." There are various agencies, churches and community groups involved.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria - There was no representative or report present.

Representative Sylvia Luke - There was no representative or report present.

Representative Della Belatti - Representative Belatti reported the following:

- Two Proposed State Constitutional Amendments - 1. Appointed Board of Education (BOE) by the Governor. 2. The State to not be required to refund any excess revenues. Representative Belatti favors the savings go to a "rainy day" fund instead of rebates.
- Makiki Library - Computers are now in and classes are offered.

Comments followed:

1. Crosswalk in Front of Foodland on King Street - The time allowed for crossing should be increased.
2. Wifi at Makiki Library - Wireless Internet service is available.

Representative Karl Rhoads - Representative Rhoads reported the following:

- Corrections to the June 17, 2010 Minutes - Representative Rhoads offered two corrections (see below).

- Crosswalk at Alder and King Streets - He had asked the City for a crosswalk, as seniors from the Wisteria Vista often cross to Zippy's. The City determined that there was not enough foot traffic to warrant a crosswalk.
- Request for Extra HPD Patrols under the Keeaumoku Street Overpass - There were complaints that a homeless person was bringing in huge mounds of rubbish and putting it under the overpass.
- Makiki Post Office Maintenance - He wrote to the Postmaster suggesting that the people who clean their parking lot on the Ewa-side of Pensacola Street to consider using a different method. Currently, oily dirt and other debris are being blown on the houses accessed from Beverly Court.
- Pensacola Chelsea Condo - He wrote to the real estate broker for the Pensacola Chelsea Condo requesting a status update.
- Request for Extra HPD Assistance at 1330 Kinau Street - Neighbors have been complaining about excessive noise.
- Sinking Street in Front of 1059 Kinau Street - Representative Rhoads contacted the City to investigate.
- Bulky Item Pick Up in Front of 1059 Kinau Street - At that same location, he asked the City to try to get the chronic bulky item under control.
- Broken Water Pipe Cover at 1039 Wong Ho Lane - He asked the City to repair.
- Potholes on Wong Ho Lane - He asked the City to repair.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - Councilmember Kobayashi was not present, but her newsletter was available.

Councilmember Rod Tam - Shawn Hamamoto provided members with a report and highlighted the following:

- Bill 34 (2010), Relating to the Banning of Fireworks, Except for Public Displays - Councilmember Rod Tam favors an exemption for cultural/religious reasons with permit.
- City Furloughs - Most City offices will be closed twice a month through June 30, 2011. Public safety and core City services will not be affected.
- Tantalus Road/Round Top High Friction Topping - Councilmember Tam's Office is waiting for a response from Department of Transportation Services (DTS).
- Nehoa Street Water-line Repair Project along the Nehoa Street Bridge - Board of Water Supply (BWS) stated that the repair project has been delayed.

Mayor's Representative - John Chang reported the following:

- Safeway Traffic Study - The staff from the DTS and the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) have been meeting with representatives from Safeway with regard to potential traffic issues on the surrounding streets. The traffic report is still under review and has not yet been finalized. Safeway is also expanding the traffic study to address pedestrian circulation around the Safeway site.
- O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) - DTS has followed through on the results of the transportation analysis that indicates that the reversal of the Piikoi-Pensacola couplet would introduce operational difficulties in the roadway system. Therefore, neither the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-2011 nor the new FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) contains any project that would reverse the couplet.
Project OS 23 which proposes re-striping of westbound H-1 Freeway between the Punahou On-Ramp and the Pali Hwy Off-Ramp is included in the FY 2011-2014 TIP. This project is under that jurisdiction of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation.
- Non-Skid Surface to Discourage "Drifting" - Funds for the installation of a non-skid surface to discourage drifting were recently appropriated in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) budget. DTS will start the process to select a design consultant for this project.
- Dog Park - Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) understands there are many dog owners in the community who wish to have an off-leash dog park somewhere in the neighborhood. DPR has also received negative feedback about the Neighborhood Board No. 10 resolution from individuals in the community, who do not want an off-leash dog park in Makiki District Park, but did not feel comfortable speaking to the Neighborhood Board. DPR does not establish off-leash dog parks in or adjacent to active parks such as Makiki District Park because of the negative experiences of dog parks in active parks across the country. The majority of dog owners are very responsible and follow the rules, but a significant number persist in allowing their dogs to create sanitation problems (e.g. urinating and defecating in the parts of the park not designated for dogs), breaking the rules (e.g. allowing their dogs to run free from their parked cars), etc. DPR has found that non-dog owners and irresponsible dog owners are a very bad mix and can create many problems. DPR recommends the Neighborhood Board No. 10 consider an off-leash dog park at a "passive" park such as Archie Baker Mini Park, located at 1959

Makiki Heights Drive, or at another similar location where there would be no clash between regular active recreational use and dog use.

- **Bulky Item Pick Up Problem in Makiki** - Due to the amount of bulky items that are regularly left curbside, specifically in the Makiki area, the City, regularly services this area twice a month. Inspectors have frequently contacted resident managers and property owners in this area to advise them of the bulky setout procedures and have provided brochures that explain the procedures and the collection schedule. The proposed \$500 fine is formally called Bill 78, relating to Bulky Items. Bill 78 would need to be adopted by the City Council before the Environmental Services Department (ENV) would have the authority to impose fines. Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Chair of the Public Infrastructure Committee, indicated she would hear the bill at the next Public Infrastructure Committee meeting. Visit - www.honolulu.gov to find out when the next committee meeting will be held or contact Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's office at 768-5005.

Comments followed:

1. A Board member was upset that DPR did not listen to the Board's resolution and requested a representative to attend the next meeting.

Repair or repaving of the Side Streets on Round Top Drive - This item was previously discussed.

APPROVAL OF THE June 17, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The June 17, 2010 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as amended by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (AYE: Bigay, Bylsma, Carole, Chong, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Smith, Steelquist, Wong and Young).

- Page 1, under Guests, it should read, "Frank Lavoie (Neighborhood Board No. 13)...."
- Page 4, under Transfer Station at Old Beretania Safeway Site, it should read, "This item was previously discussed."
- Page 5 under Representative Karl Rhoads, it should read, "Representative Rhoads reported on the following: '...Anti-Noise Bill - The State Department of Health (DOH) may not be willing to enforce it.'
Comments followed:
 1. Anti-Human Trafficking Bill - It was pointed out that the Prosecuting Attorney's Office may have concerns about following extra steps."
- Page 5, under Candidates Forum, it should read, "After a discussion, it was recommended that this item be referred to a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG). **Kawano moved, Sarrazin seconded, and the Board refer the "Candidates Forum" to a Permitted Interactive Group (PIG) to include Chong, Kawano, C. Lee and Sarrazin. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0 (AYE: Bylsma, Carole, Chong, Kawano, Lee, Sarrazin, Smith, Wong and Young).**" Chong, Kawano, C. Lee and Sarrazin will work on the Candidates Forum on Thursday, August 19, 2010."

BOARD BUSINESS: Due to time restrictions, the remainder of the agenda was deferred to the next meeting.

Department of Land and Natural Resources Report of Three Stray Dogs on Tantalus -

Dog Park at Makiki District Park Update -

Buoys to Separate Stand Up Paddlers and Swimmers at Ala Moana Park Update -

Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 Response to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)) for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project -

Recycling Days in the Makiki Area -

Selection of the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 representative to the Legislative Noise Pollution Task Force -

Spare Key to Close Meeting Room -

REPORTS -

Committees -

Planning and Zoning -

Transportation - Due to time restraints, Pat Lee will send Chair Steelquist a written report on the Honolulu Rail Transit Project (HRTP).

Health, Safety, and Wellness -

Candidates Forum Update -

Newsletter - Board member Young submitted over 25 e-mail responses to the annual newsletter article on having a Dog Park in Makiki.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2010 at the Makiki District Park, Arts and Crafts Building at 7:00 p.m. A Candidates Forum is planned after a short regular meeting.

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

Submitted By:
K. Russell Ho
Neighborhood Assistant