



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Steelquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., **with a quorum of 12 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 7:20 p.m.), Charles Carole, Diane Chong (arrived at 7:03 p.m.), Phil Hauret, Richard Kawano, Allan Lee, Chris Lee, Eloise Lee, Sam Mitchell Mike Sarrazin, Alika Smith, John Steelquist, Earl Winfree (appointed at this meeting), Edmund Wong and Susan Lai Young (arrived at 7:02 p.m.).

Members Absent - Dave Bylsma.

Vacancies - One (1) vacancy in Subdistrict 3 (East Punchbowl).

Guests - State Representative Della Au Bellati, Chrystn Eads (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative, Mayor's Office), Lt. Walter Ozeki and Sgt. Hilarion Oliva (Honolulu Police Department, District 1); Pat Lee, (Honolulu Rail Transit Project), Joey Ibarra, Nick Parker, Chris Nakahashi, Delanie A. Sylvester, Louis K. Nartatez, Derek S. Nakamura (Montessori Community School), Marcia Kemble and J. Koga-Horen (Hui o Makiki), Norma K. Koenig (Makiki Community Library), Rocky Rockwell (Advocates for a Makiki Community Dog Park), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Young entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.; **12 members present.**

Chong entered the meeting at 7:03 p.m.; **13 members present.**

FILLING OF BOARD VACANCIES:

One Seat in Subdistrict 2 [CT. 34.02, 35 - Kinau, Lower Makiki, Kewalo] - Earl Winfree volunteered to serve on the Board. He is a pilot, has insurance background and provides inter-island executive airline service. **Mitchell nominated Earl Winfree to fill the vacant seat in Subdistrict 2 (no second required). As there were no other nominations, Earl Winfree was APPOINTED UNANIMOUSLY, 13-0-0 (AYE: Carole, Chong, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, C. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Smith, Steelquist, Wong and Young. Earl Winfree's residence address was verified and the Oath-of-Office was administered by Neighborhood Assistant K. Russell Ho; 14 members present.**

One Seat in Subdistrict 3 (CT. 34.03, P41, P43 - East Punchbowl) - As there was no volunteer, this item will be deferred to the next meeting.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Sgt. Hilarion Oliva reported the following:

- **Statistics for September 2010** - Included 12 assaults, 21 burglaries, 4 drug offenses, 12 driving under the influence, 5 family offenses, 3 graffiti, 108 motor vehicle collisions, 16 motor vehicle thefts, 14 property damages, 1 robbery, 1 sex assault, 19 unauthorized entries of a motor vehicle, and 180 miscellaneous calls. Sgt. Oliva highlighted the increase in burglaries, motor vehicle collisions and motor vehicle thefts.

Comments followed:



1. Criminal Property Damage - If the criminal property damage is under \$300, then it does not have to be reported. If it is not criminal or if there is no injury, then it is a civil matter.
2. Round Top/Tantalus Burglaries - HPD has two or three suspects.
3. Neighborhood Watches - Ofc. Richard Fikani attended last month's meeting and the Neighborhood Watches need City permission to post signs on the light poles.
4. Fighting at the Makiki District Park Library - Apparently, the fight started near the Makiki Shopping Center with about fifty kids participating or watching.
5. Men in Black - Skateboarders on Tantalus wear dark clothing and are difficult to see by drivers. HPD has patrols, but they are hard to catch.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Chair Steelquist read the following report:

- Safety And Security At BWS Properties And Facilities - With concerns about national security, and the increasing problem of theft and vandalism of public property, the BWS has been proactive in its efforts to protect the safety of O'ahu's water supply. While the BWS appreciates the help of the public keeping an eye on its various properties, especially the remote ones, the BWS would like to remind everyone that should one see anything that looks out of the ordinary or suspicious, call 911 (HPD) first to allow them to respond faster to the situation. Then, after contacting the police, please call the Board of Water Supply's Security Office at 748-5911. BWS does truly appreciate the public's assistance with helping to keep O'ahu's water supply and its facilities safe.
- Water Conservation Tips - Collect rainwater for outdoor irrigation. A thousand square feet of roof or sloped surface can collect 420 gallons of water from just an inch of rain. Visit www.boardofwatersupply.com for more information on rain barrel water catchment. Don't let the water run. Be mindful in turning off the shower when lathering or shutting off the faucet when shaving or brushing one's teeth. Doing this can save up to 56 gallons a week.

RESIDENTS/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: There were none.

Bigay entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.; **15 members present**.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Senator Carol Fukunaga - Newsletter was available and reported, "Makiki Ditch (Resident Concern from September NB Meeting) - At last month's meeting, a Makiki resident expressed concerns about an open ditch in her neighborhood that presented a public health/safety hazard. After following up with appropriate City and State departments, we learned that the ditch was on private property and that State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) did not have an easement to assist in cleaning up the water course. The property owner was notified of the safety concerns and is willing to address these concerns. A representative from DLNR's Engineering Division will meet with the property owner and to help determine the appropriate next steps. We anticipate a resolution very shortly!"

Senator Brickwood Galuteria - No representative or report present.

Representative Sylvia Luke - No representative or report present.

Representative Della Belatti - Representative Belatti will defer her time to later on the agenda.

Representative Karl Rhoads - Representative Karl Rhoads submitted the following report:

Makiki October 21, 2010 (Last meeting: September 16, 2010)

1. Follow-up: A request was made in June to DOT regarding criminal activity along slip of road located Ewa of Keeaumoku Street on the makai side of H-I and connects Matlock Ave and Kinau Street - asking them

to install extra street lights. DOT responded to say that they do not install street lights to prevent criminal activity. The request was forwarded to HPD.

2. Follow-up: Received response from DTS regarding a request made in August for a "No Left Turn On Red" sign on Pensacola at Kinau Street. After an evaluation DTS stated that a NLTOR sign was not warranted and that a "Turning Traffic Must Yield to Pedestrians" sign was already in place.
3. Follow-up from Sept: A request to DTS regarding converting Wong Ho Lane into a one-way lane was denied. Wong Ho Lane is a private lane therefore DTS does not have jurisdiction over the lane. There are speed bumps in place on the lane, it does not seem necessary to DTS to make it into a one-way lane.
4. Follow-up: RE: complaint that there is not enough time for a pedestrian to cross King and Pensacola. DTS responded stating that pedestrian crossing times were increased earlier this year along King. Time increase at this location was not warranted.
5. Receiving complaints about people hanging out in front of their home on the sidewalk along Pensacola and blocking pedestrian passage. Have forwarded information to HPD.
6. Street sign at Kinau and Keeaumoku was illegible. Have forwarded information to City.
7. Tow away zone sign at 1340 Young was broken off. Have forwarded information to City.
8. Receiving request about repaving Ward Avenue. BWS (Jason Takaki) and Department of Design and Construction are working on a joint project. BWS will be fix/replacing water main on Ward, construction to begin early 2012. DDC is waiting until after BWS project is done to resurface Ward,

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - Newsletter was available.

Councilmember Rod Tam - Newsletter was available.

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative - Chrystn Eads reported the following:

- Safeway Traffic Study - The investigation is still on-going and once completed a report will be made to the Board.
- Paving of Streets on Tantalus and the Installing of a Non-Skid Surface to Discourage "Drifting" - The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is currently in the process of selecting the design consultant.
- Makiki Ditch - See Senator Fukunaga's newsletter.
- Re-striping of the Crosswalk at Davenport and Piikoi Streets - The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) response was - Piikoi Street was paved. The contractor inadvertently placed temporary crosswalk markings at Piikoi Street and Davenport Streets (across Piikoi Street and Davenport Street). Previously, there were none. DTS instructed DDC to remove the temporary crosswalk markings, which it did. Further discussions on the addition of crosswalks should be referred to DTS.
- Paving from the Corner of Ernest Street and Green Street, Going Diamond Head on Green Street - The DDC response was Ernest Street and Green Street will be resurfaced as part of the Rehabilitation of Localized Streets, Phase 6 project. This project is currently under design and is anticipated to be advertising for construction bids by early 2011.
- No Bulky Item Pick Up on the Second Wednesday of the Month - Department of Environmental Services (ENV) responded that it started servicing a portion of this neighborhood on the second Wednesday of the month. It may take up to three (3) or (4) four days to service the area/sector.
- Large Wall Map of the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 District - The City Clerk's Office does not have maps of the Neighborhood Boards. The only maps it has are in the 2002 Council Districts brochure.

Comments followed:

1. Crosswalks at the Green Street/Victoria Street/Thurston Avenue Five-way Intersection - A request was made.
2. Bulky Item Pick-Up Is on the Second Wednesday of the Month - A regular second pick-up is not scheduled at this time. Bulky items are left the bus stop on Keeaumoku Street. There are no surveillance cameras yet. There were questions on the new law and fine levels. Copies of the new law were requested to be e-mailed to Board members.
3. Dog Park in Makiki - There is no Dog Park yet.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: As there were no objections, the September 16, 2010 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as circulated by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 15-0-0 (AYE: Carole, Chong, Bigay, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, C. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Smith, Steelquist, Winfree, Wong and Young).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chong reported the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 appropriation was \$5,178.00. The operating budget was \$411.84, with current expenses of \$40.92 for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes; leaving a balance of \$370.92. The publicity budget had no expenditures and remained at \$4,678.00. The total October budget balance was \$5,048.92. The Treasurer's Report was filed.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Drainage Canal - See Senator Fukunaga's newsletter.

Discussion followed:

Neighborhood Board Map - This item was already discussed.

Skateboarding And Bicycling On Tantalus And Round Top Drive - This item was already discussed.

Safeway Update - This item was already discussed.

Dog Park at Makiki District Park Update - No report.

Recycling Days in the Makiki Area - No report.

REPORTS

Committees

Planning and Zoning - No report.

Transportation - No report.

Proposed City Charter Amendment To Create A Transit Authority - Pat Lee, Honolulu Rail Transit Project, reported the following:

- On November 2, 2010 voters will have the opportunity to decide on a ballot initiative that would establish a semi-autonomous public transit authority to create a more efficient and effective system for building, operating and maintaining the city's Honolulu rail transit project. The question on the ballot is worded as follows: "Shall the revised City Charter be amended to create a semi-autonomous public transit authority responsible for the planning, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion of the City's fixed guideway mass transit system?"
- The purpose for the amendment is to create a single entity which would have a singular focus: the success of the rail project. Under the current format, how it is today, the city's Department of Transportation Services oversees the rail project in addition to new and existing roadways, traffic signals, parking facilities, the bus operations and many other responsibilities. Likewise, the mayor and the city council deal with multiple issues.

- As the City Council determined by putting the question on the ballot, a transit authority with a single purpose would be able to make decision more expeditiously, as it focuses on one area of responsibility. Virtually every municipality with a rail transit system has a designated public transit authority. Honolulu's transit authority would include an appointed board of directors.
- The board would consist of: three appointees selected by the mayor, three appointees selected by the Honolulu City Council; two ex-officio voting members (the state director of transportation and the city's director of transportation services); one ex-officio non-voting member (the director of the department of planning and permitting); and a tenth member appointed by majority vote by the six appointed and two ex-officio voting members.
- Again, voters will be asked to approve the formation of a transit authority to oversee the rail project on the General Election ballot, and we urge everyone to participate in this important decision. For more information, visit our website at www.honolulutransit.org.

Health, Safety, and Wellness - No report.

PRESENTATION

State Constitution And City Charter Amendments - Permitted Interaction Group Chair Chris Lee served as moderator for the discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chair Steelquist had several pieces of correspondence for interested person to review.
- Newsletter Responses - Chair Steelquist distributed the list of responses to the annual newsletter in groupings (noise, transit, Dog Park, etc.).
- The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2010 at the Makiki District Park, Arts and Crafts Building at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by:
K. Russell Ho
Neighborhood Assistant