



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011 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 12 members present.** Note - This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

Members Present - Dave Bylsma, Ron Cannarella (appointed at this meeting), Charles Carole, Diane Chong, Richard Kawano, Allan Lee, Chris Lee, Eloise Lee, Sam Mitchell, Mike Sarrazin, John Steelquist, Earl Winfree, Edmund Wong, and Susan Lai Young (arrived at 7:17 p.m.).

Members Absent - John Bigay (notified), Phil Hauret (notified), and Alika Smith.

Vacancies - None.

Guests - Ryan Toyomura (State Senator Carol Fukunaga's Office staff), Anthony Chang (State Representative Karl Rhoads' Office staff), Chrystn Eads (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative, Mayor's Office), Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Erika Tsuji (Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard Tamayo's Office staff), Acting Capt. Alvin Ku (Honolulu Fire Department); Capt. William Axt, Sgt. Cullen Kau, and Sgt. Brandt Tsuha (Honolulu Police Department, District 1); Kurt Tsue and "Cat" Sawai (Board of Water Supply), Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Transit Project), Barbara Coons, Chuck Reindollar, Nick Fucini, Lupe Zarate; Allison Wong and Sheryl Kramer (The Contemporary Museum); Isaiah Sabey, Larry Fenton, C. Chang, Winston Sun, Henry Eng, A. James Wriston, Jr., Elisa Johnston, David Burgos, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF BOARD VACANCY:

One Seat in Subdistrict 3 (CT. 34.03, P41, P43 - East Punchbowl) - Ron Cannarella volunteered to fill the vacant seat, which was created when he resigned several months ago. Because his work prevented him from attending Board meetings until now, he wanted to re-join the Board. **Mitchell nominated (no second is required) Ron Cannarella to fill the vacant seat in Subdistrict 3. As there were no objections, the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 voted Ron Cannarella to fill the vacant seat in Subdistrict 3 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 12-0-0 (Aye: Bylsma, Carole, Chong, Kawano, A. Lee, C. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Steelquist, Winfree, and Wong).** The Oath of Office was administered by Neighborhood Assistant Ho; **13 members present.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION OF 3-ABSENCES BY DAVE BYLSMA: Dave Bylsma explained the medical reasons for missing three meetings since July 2010. **As there were no objections, no action was taken to declare the seat vacant by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 13-0-0 (Aye: Bylsma, Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Kawano, A. Lee, C. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Steelquist, Winfree, and Wong).**

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

- **Statistics for December 2010** - Included 5 fire-related calls, 92 medical emergencies and 15 miscellaneous calls for service. There were no major or unusual incidents reported.
- **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 the house numbers so they are legible and readily visible from the street. This will assist the HFD and other first responders to quickly locate 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.
- **Changes to City and County of Honolulu Fireworks Regulations** - Starting January 2, 2011, consumers may only purchase firecrackers. Consumers must apply for a permit to set off firecrackers no less than



ten days prior to the event. These changes are summarized in the attached handout. If there are any questions, please call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 723-7162.

Comments followed:

1. Medical Emergencies - Not only seniors call for services.
2. New Year's Eve Fire - Due to rain, there was only one fire because of fireworks.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Sgt. Brandt Tsuha reported the following:

- Statistics for December 2010 - Included 16 assaults, 5 burglaries, 4 drug offenses, 21 driving under the influence, 5 family offenses, 4 graffiti, 101 motor vehicle collisions, 12 motor vehicle thefts, 16 property damages, 3 robberies, 2 sex assault, 23 unauthorized entries of a motor vehicle, and 156 miscellaneous calls.

Comments followed:

1. Makiki's High Density - As there is a high concentration of people, there are more medical emergencies.
2. Crimemapping.com - It was suggested to put the map on the back of the stat sheet.
3. Car Thefts - If car is stolen in Makiki and ends up in Waimanalo, it may be reported in both districts.
4. Assaults - These are fights, not family offenses, and occur at the Makiki Shopping Center and Cartwright Field, not at the Makiki District Park. The fights may be drug-related.
5. Traffic Signals - They may go "on the blink" during the rainy season.
6. Loud Cars - HPD officers can enforce loud "boom boxes" or car stereos, but not engines. HPD does not have the equipment to detect decibel levels, but the State Department of Health (DOH) has the readers.
7. Loud Arguments - Call 911 to report, but arguing with a crying baby in the background is not a criminal act.

Young arrived at the meeting at 7:17 p.m.; **14 members present.**

Neighborhood Watches - No representative was present and no report was available.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Kurt Tsue and "Cat" Sawai distributed the 2011 BWS calendar and reported the following:

- Repair Work - BWS will be repairing a line on lower Mott-Smith Drive. They will work Mondays through Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and should be done by the next meeting.
- Water Main Breaks - There were none.
- Concerns About Chromium VI (Hexavalent Chromium) Last month, an environmental group released a report about the presence of Chromium VI (hexavalent chromium), a suspected carcinogen, in water supplies around the country. BWS is committed to protecting public health and takes seriously any information about potential drinking water contaminants.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of reviewing health effects data to determine if a new standard is needed and also developing guidance on monitoring for Chromium VI. In the meantime, the BWS decided to start assessing the extent of Chromium VI presence in the water supplies now by collecting and testing samples and developing a sampling plan in consultation with the State Department of Health (DOH).

The BWS monitors its water supplies in compliance with the present EPA maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 100 parts per billion for total chromium. The results show water sources presently meet the current MCL for total chromium and are available on the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which is provided to all customers each year. Customers can access the CCRs at www.boardofwatersupply.com. For any questions, please view the Chromium VI FAQ sheet available on the website or call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.

- Water Conservation Contests Reminder - BWS has launched its annual poster and poetry contests, open all Oahu schoolchildren. This year's theme is "Me He Ahupua'a - Mai Uka I Kai, E Malama Wai (As an Ahupua'a - from Mountain to Sea, Conserve Water)." Students are encouraged to artistically and poetically depict the theme as a way to learn and better understand the value of water conservation and resourcefulness. For a contest entry form, rules or general information, visit the website or call 748-5041.

Comments followed:

1. Constant Testing - BWS is always testing to meet standards. The water quality in Makiki is good. "Reverse Osmosis" is used to mitigate Chromium 6.

2. Tours - Call 748-5041 to schedule a tour of the BWS underground facilities. The Halawa down elevator is not working. Groups can have 10 to 15 people.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Bed Bugs - A resident reported that while talking with another resident in his building, they may have a bed bug problem. As many tenants are reluctant to complain to their landlord, he was advised to call the State Department of Health (DOH) Vector Control, which has had budget cuts.

The Contemporary Museum (TCM) - Allison Wong presented the schedule of 2011 Special Evening Events. The events are held at TCM at 2411 and 2345 Makiki Heights Drive in Makiki (Tax Map Keys 2-5-8: 1 and 4) from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The events will be on January 27, 2011, May 26, 2011, August 6, 2011 and September 15, 2011. ArtSpree 2011 will be on Saturday, July 9, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wong mentioned the Traffic Management Plan. For more information, visit www.tcmhi.org. TCM has put its expansion plans "on hold."

Pictures of 711 Prospect Street - Pictures were given to Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative Chrystn Eads. It was reported that eight unrelated people were living there and there was no 10-foot parking set back.

High Grass, Bikers, Pedestrians and Skateboarders on Tantalus/Round Top - There are dangerous driving issues developing along the Tantalus route. One example is skateboarders skating in front of cars. There needs to be more mowing of the grass and trimming of the vegetation as the overgrowth is making one-lane traffic.

Decorative Tiles for Bus Stops - A proposal was presented for groups to "adopt" a bus stop bench, buy tiles from The Contemporary Museum and decorate the bus stop. It would about \$40 per bench and the group would install the tiles. Vandals usually "tag" a blank wall, but not one with art on it.

PRESENTATION:

Repairing Tantalus Drive at TMK: 2-5-019 - The City Department of Design and Construction was not present. This item will be on next month's agenda.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

The order of the agenda was changed.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - Councilmember Kobayashi distributed the newsletter and reported the following:

- Bill 78 - If someone dumps bulky items in front of one's property, the owner is responsible. The City is working on administrative rules for the "Bulky Items" bill. Surveillance cameras will be installed. Citations will be given out carefully.
- Sidewalks - There is a battle going on between the homeless people and wheel-chaired pedestrians over the use of the sidewalks.
- Financial Plan for Rail - Councilmember Kobayashi still has concerns over "heavy rail."

Comments followed:

Other Concern - A Board member expressed concern about the fire at Hawaiian Waste.

Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard Tamayo - Erika Tsuji reported the following:

- Swearing-In - Councilmember Tamayo was sworn in on January 3, 2011.
- Skateboarders on Tantalus - Councilmember Tamayo is already following up on this concern.
- Committees - Councilmember Gabbard Tamayo is the Chair of the Economic Revitalization, Business and Military Affairs Committee, Vice Chair of the Budget Committee and a member of the Zoning Committee. She will work with Councilmember Kobayashi for the district.
- Neighborhood Security Watch - The Makiki Neighborhood Security Watch Program meeting will be at the Christ United Methodist Church at 1639 Keeaumoku Street on January 24, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The order of the agenda was restored.

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

- Safeway Traffic Study - It appears that due to the location of the two driveways along Kinau Street, the need to provide sight distance, and to maximize the through-traffic on Kinau Street, Safeway's traffic engineers are recommending that the on-street parking along the Safeway frontage be removed.
- Inspection of 711 Prospect Street - Citations were issued for two violations.
- Scottish Rite - There is no application filed yet.
- "Abandoned" House at 1511 Makiki Street - HPD reported that checks were made of complaint about 1511 Makiki Street. The property was fenced in and the gate was locked. The neighbor stated that the owner of the property lives in Japan and the owner's friends stay there at times. During HPD checks, there was no one there or any evidence of marijuana or smoking. The place is overgrown, dilapidated, and appears to be abandoned. HPD attempted to contact the property owner using a local phone number, but had negative results. The number was disconnected. HFD reported that on January 3, 2011, Fire Inspector Jeffrey LePage inspected the property at 1511 Makiki Street. The entry gates to the property of this single-family dwelling were locked and secured. No flammable or combustible materials were found on the property. Inspector LePage determined that the property was not a fire hazard.
- Single-family Houses That Have Multiple Rentals on Mauna Place - Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) requested more information on addresses. Because of the budget, DPP did not send a representative to attend the meeting. Call 768-8000 to report possible violations.
- Makiki Drainage Canal - City Inspectors will teach the private property owners how to clean the ditch.
- Administrative Rules for Bulky Items Pick-Up - The Department of Environmental Services is in the process of developing the administrative rules that will define the inspection and violations procedures as well as the appeals process. A public hearing will be held once the administrative rules are finalized. The public will be given an opportunity to provide their input by written or oral comments. Draft administrative rules will be available at www.opala.org by the end of this month.
- Installing of a Non-skid Surface to Discourage "Drifting" on Tantalus/Round Top - The Department of Transportation Services has selected the design consultant to submit a design plan.
- Re-striping of the Crosswalk at Davenport and Piikoi Streets - The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) previously conducted an evaluation of the intersection of Piikoi Street and Davenport Street and found that the warrants for marked crosswalks were not met. Therefore, marked crosswalks will not be installed at this time. However, pedestrians are still allowed to legally cross in the unmarked crosswalks at this intersection. The Statewide Traffic Code defines unmarked crosswalks as that part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs or, in absences of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway.
- Stop Sign on Punahou Street at the Corner Behind Washington Intermediate School - A "Stop" sign exists on Punahou Street behind Washington Intermediate School. DTS requests clarification of location.
- Paving of Ernest Street and Green Street - It 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.

Comments followed:

1. Faxes - Chair Steelquist gave Mayor's Representative Eads several faxes from former Board member Joe Zuiker noting dangerous conditions in the neighborhood.
2. Street Lights - It was requested to check the street lights at Pensacola and King Streets and at Pensacola Street and Kapiolani Boulevard and the "walk" light at Wilder Avenue and Pensacola Street.

Senator Carol Fukunaga - Ryan Toyomura distributed the newsletter and reported the following:

- Opening Day at the Legislature - Ceremonies were held yesterday and light refreshments were served in Room 216.
- Introduction of Bills - Contact Senator Fukunaga's office no later than Friday, January 21, 2011.
- Urban Caucus Homelessness Initiatives for 2011 - State Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland will co-ordinate the effort.
- Scottish Rite Building - No permit has been filed yet.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria - No representative was present, but the newsletter was available.

Representative Sylvia Luke - No representative was present, but the newsletter was available.

Representative Della Au Belatti - Representative Au Belatti was not present, but the flyer for the Makiki Neighborhood Security Watch Program meeting was distributed.

Representative Karl Rhoads - Anthony Chang submitted the following report:

- Following Up from November 2010 - Representative Rhoads emailed McKinley High School Principal Okamura and found out that the new girl's locker room is a new structure attached to the old girls' locker room.
- Repairs to the Makiki District Park Skate Park - Representative Rhoads forwarded the request to the City Department of Parks and Recreation.
- Status of the Pensacola Chelsea building at 1310 Pensacola Street - Representative Rhoads contacted the building owner regarding the status and was told that the Pensacola Chelsea recently received new financing and that construction has since resumed. They have also launched a website with more information on the project.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - **As there were no objections, the November 18, 2010 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as circulated by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (AYE: Bylsma, Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Kawano, A. Lee, C. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Smith, Steelquist, Winfree, Wong and Young).**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Chong reported the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 appropriation was \$5,178.00. The beginning Operating budget was \$284.92. With current expenses of \$29.72 for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, the Operating balance ended at \$255.20. The publicity budget had no expenditures and remained at \$4,678.00. The total December 2010 budget balance was \$4,933.20. The Treasurer's report was filed.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Single Family Homes with Multiple Apartment Rentals - This item was previously reported.

Scottish Rite Day Care Facility Proposed for 1408 Nehoa Street - Henry Eng mentioned that the traffic study was not completed yet, but it will be submitted to the DPP. There will be a right turn in and a right turn out, going west on Nehoa Street and no left turn going east on Nehoa Street. Drop-off will be on the property and not allowed on Nehoa Street. Eng asked for the Board's support and he will file for the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) next month. The suggestion to drop off students at the other site and transport them by van to the Nehoa Street site has not been considered yet.

Comments followed:

Traffic Study - Residents and Board members still had concerns about the traffic. Eng added that after filing the CUP with the traffic study, changes still can be made. The traffic study was done, but is not complete. There were concerns about the methodology and data. Many of the proposals in the 2004 Master Plan for Makiki did not materialize. For a CUP - minor, a public hearing is not required.

Bylsma moved, and C. Lee seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 supports the project and requests that the van system be looked at as an alternate plan. Discussion followed. The resolution was withdrawn.

The Board decided to re-affirm the November 18, 2010 resolution, which read, "**Mitchell moved and C. Lee seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 supports the concept of the proposed Scottish Rite Day Care facility at 1408 Nehoa Street. However, the Board is very concerned about the traffic study. The Board requested that the presenters come back to the Board with the traffic study, before it votes on this project.**"

Carole moved, and Mitchell seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 send a letter to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) requesting that a van system be implemented to transport students from the church site to the Nehoa Street site. The motion was NOT ADOPTED, 8-4-2. (AYE: Bylsma, Carole, Kawano, C. Lee, Mitchell, Sarrazin, Steelquist, and Winfree; NO: Cannarella, Chong, Wong, and Young; ABSTAIN: A. Lee, E. Lee). It may be premature to send a letter to DPP at this time.

Drainage Canal in Makiki - This item was previously reported. It appears that the private owners are responsible for the maintenance.

Neighborhood Board Map of District - Cannarella, who works for the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), offered to help make a map for Kawano with the Neighborhood Board, HPD, and political boundaries.

Skateboarding and Bicycling On Tantalus and Round Top Drive - This item was previously discussed.

Safeway Update - No report.

Dog Park Update - No report. Board members again requested a Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) representative to attend a Board meeting to explain its "No Dog Park at mixed-use Makiki District Park."

Recycling Days in the Makiki Area - No report.

REPORTS:

Committees

Planning and Zoning - No report.

Transportation - Pat Lee reported the following:

- Governor Abercrombie accepted the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project on December 16, 2010. The Programmatic Agreement is completed, and the Federal Transit Administration issued a Record of Decision (ROD) on January 18, 2011. The ROD is the last step in the environmental process and it allows the City to break ground on the rail transit system. The ROD also allows the City to move forward to finalizing engineering and design work, and applying for a full-funding grant for the anticipated \$1.55 billion in federal funds to build the project.
- As with all construction projects, there are grading and building permits, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits (as authorized by the Clean Water Act and used mainly for construction and agriculture activity) for water pollution control, street usage permits, etc. Because four areas are within the Special Management Area (SMA) or touch the SMA, an SMA use permit is needed. The SMA addresses coastal zone resources and shoreline impacts. It is not specific to rail; any project in the SMA valued over \$125,000 requires an SMA Major permit. The SMA application is currently before the City Council for approval.
- The City has already awarded two construction contracts for the project: one for the first phase of the elevated rail guideway from East Kapolei to Pearl City; and the other for the train storage and maintenance facility in Waipahu. The city is scheduled to award two more contracts this year for the second phase of the rail route from Pearl City to Aloha Stadium and for the "core systems," which consists of the train vehicles and the control center for the rail system.

Comments followed:

1. Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) - Vice Chair Carole had submitted comments last August 2010 and the ROD was issued.
2. Federal Funding - Although the \$1.5 billion is discretionary and the House changed to Republican in last November's elections, the Chair of the Transportation Committee told Mayor Carlisle that he supports this project.
3. City Financial Plan - It will be updated with further engineering and final designs.

Health, Safety, and Wellness - No report.

Newsletter Pet Peeves Follow Up - Board members contacted a few of the residents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chair Steelquist announced that he had the normal amount of materials for interest persons to review.
- The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2011 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

Reviewed by: Susan Lai Young, Secretary and John Steelquist, Chair