



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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 14 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 (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Diane Chong, Phil Hauret, Richard Kawano, Allan Lee, Chris Lee, Eloise Lee, Sam Mitchell, Mike Sarrazin, Alike Smith, John Steelquist, Earl Winfree, Edmund Wong, and Susan Lai Young.

Members Absent - John Bigay (notified) and Charles Carole (notified).

Vacancies - None.

Guests - Roxanne Kamalu (State Senator Brickwood Galuteria's Office Staff), Jonalyn Uehara (State Representative Della Au Belatti's Office staff), Anthony Chang (State Representative Karl Rhoads' Office staff), Chrystn Eads (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative, Mayor's Office); Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and Jarret Yip (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff); Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard Tamayo and Erika Tsuji (Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard Tamayo's Office staff); Acting Capt. Dan DeFries (Honolulu Fire Department); Lt. Alex Garcia and Sgt. Cullen Kau (Honolulu Police Department, District 1); Justin Kessler and "Cat" Sawai (Board of Water Supply), Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Transit Project), Larry Fenton; Robert Freeman and Andrew Garrett (Safeway); Mary Blewitt, Keala Irvine, Richard Cassidy, Isaiah Sabey, Luke Kaneko, Frances Klema, Edward Nishimura, Trevor Funk, Nick Fucini, Elisa Johnston, Ron Paik (Hui o Makiki), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Acting Capt. Dan DeFries reported the following:

- Statistics for January 2011 - Included 4 fire-related calls and 118 medical emergencies. There were no major or unusual incidents reported.
- Fire Safety Tip: Smoke alarms save lives and are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Since the late 1970s, properly installed and maintained smoke alarms have contributed to a 50% decrease in fire deaths. According to the National Fire Protection Association, occupants are twice as likely to survive a home fire if there are working smoke alarms. An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if homes contained working smoke alarms. The following are a few smoke alarm and fire safety tips:
 - Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement.
 - Test smoke alarms at least once a month or as directed by the manufacturer.
 - Replace smoke alarm batteries once a year or as directed by the manufacturer. The best smoke alarms are hardwired and interconnected so that if one alarm detects smoke, all alarms in the house are activated. These also have backup batteries that must be maintained.
 - Designate a safe meeting place outside the home, and practice the family escape plan.
- Community Relations - The phone number is 723-7168.

Comments followed:

Recent Fire at a Boarding House - The building was grandfathered in and was not up to code.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Sgt. Cullen Kau reported the following:

- Statistics for January 2011 - Included 13 assaults, 18 burglaries, 3 drug offenses, 30 driving under the influence, 4 family offenses, 4 graffiti, 101 motor vehicle collisions, 13 motor vehicle thefts, 11 property



damage offenses, 1 robbery, 2 sex assaults, 30 unauthorized entries of a motor vehicle, and 175 miscellaneous calls.

Cannarella arrived at the meeting at 7:05 p.m.; **15 members present.**

Comments followed:

1. Number of Burglaries Increased - The increase was not because of organized gang activity. There is no information on why burglaries increased.
2. 911 Calls - It is unknown how many calls to one location before the problem is taken care of.
3. Areas of Focus - HPD usually focuses on various areas like pedestrian safety, but Lt. Garcia is particularly inclined to cell phone enforcement. He will try to get cell phone enforcement statistics.
4. Map of the Makiki Neighborhood Board District - There is a map on the HPD website.
5. Traffic Light "Frozen" - Notify Department of Transportation Services (DTS).

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

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Justin Kessler and "Cat" Sawai reported the following:

- Main Break Report - On Thursday, January 6, 2011 there was a break in a fire hydrant lateral at the end of Aaliamanu Place in Makiki Heights.
- Construction Update - BWS work on Mott-Smith Drive is 90 percent complete. All lines have been installed and all service connections have been made. The remaining work involves resurfacing the roadway. BWS is currently in the process of bringing on a paving contractor and work should be completed by next month.
- Chromium VI (Hexavalent Chromium) Test Results Available - BWS and the Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) recently released test results of initial island-wide screening for Chromium VI (hexavalent chromium). The preliminary sampled water systems serve the majority of customers in West, Central and East 'Oahu, as well as the North Shore and Windward 'Oahu. These test results collected at BWS water sources may be found on the BWS website - www.boardofwatersupply.com. According to the State Department of Health, the Chromium VI results, are within the expected range of naturally occurring levels for Hawaii and are not indicative of industrial contamination. The BWS continues to meet all federal and state drinking water standards, and 'Oahu's tap water is safe for human consumption. The BWS will continue sampling on 'Oahu to develop a more comprehensive picture of Chromium VI in its systems. Future test results will be made available as public record. For any questions, see the Chromium VI FAQ sheet available on the website, or call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.
- Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshops - Workshops are held each month at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden and are geared toward community education about how to conserve water outdoors. BWS employees and gardening experts will host educational activities where participants learn about water conservation through Xeriscape. Here are the upcoming scheduled workshops:
 - February 19, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Spiral Garden Demonstration
 - February 26, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Rain Barrel CatchmentTo register for these classes, call 748-5363 or email tours@hbws.org. To find a list of upcoming classes, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Comments followed:

1. Chromium - Samples from 11 sites could not detect Chromium under 1 part per billion (ppb) to 4.8 ppb. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) total Chromium level is 100 ppb and it is 2 to 4 ppb in Hawaii'i. Chromium VI can come from lava rocks. BWS is constantly testing the water supply.
2. Leak by the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) on Alapai Street - Kessler will follow up.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

1. Vehicles Parking Too Close to the Intersection of Keeaumoku and Nehoa Streets (by Catholic Charities) - It was suggested to take away two parking spaces.
2. Neighborhood Elections - A proposal to extend the current term to June 30, 2013 will be voted on tonight. The deadline to file a candidate application is up to 4:30 p.m. tomorrow.

PRESENTATION:

Repairing Tantalus Drive at TMK: 2-5-019 - The City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) was not present and requested to be taken off the agenda. DDC found a trail and now they have to do an environmental study.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

- Public Hearings on the Rail System - Councilmember Kobayashi is concerned about the City's Financial Plan. A public hearing was held in Haleiwa and Waianae is next.
- Aloha 'Aina Earth Day - It will be at Washington Middle School on Saturday, February 26, 2011.

Comments followed:

1. Bulky Items - It was reported that after bulky items are picked up, broken glass and toxic wastes are left behind. The City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) is in the process of administrative rule making. Councilmember Kobayashi will follow up.
2. Computer Recycling - It will be available at the Aloha 'Aina Earth Day on Saturday, February 26, 2011.

Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard Tamayo - Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard Tamayo and Erika Tsuji distributed the newsletter reported the following:

- City Council Schedule - On Wednesday, February 23, 2011 the full Council will meet. On Monday, February 28, 2011 Councilmember Gabbard Tamayo's Committee on Safety, Economic Development, and Government Affairs will meet.
- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Training - There is ongoing training and the use of more resources, but no Federal reimbursement. Also, Federal block grants funding is being cut. The APEC Conference in November 2011 will bring to Hawai'i 21 Heads of State, cabinet ministers, global business leaders and other officials, which may total 15,000 attendees.
- 2011 Narcissus Queen and Court - Narcissus Queen Ningjin Miao and First Princess Christina Soo Hoo are Makiki residents.
- All About Opala - Not all medical wastes are burned. The State Department of Health (DOH) requires sterilization or incineration. There is new technology to burn medical wastes that costs \$50,000 to burn 500 pounds for a 10-hour burn and it will produce no air exhaust and little ash. However, there is not enough.

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

- Federal Funding - The State did receive some Federal (block grant) money, but gave most of it to others and gave the City a little (\$2 million). There will be some reimbursement for APEC later.
- Overgrowth on Tantalus - Some overgrowth was cut. Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) needed the exact locations.
- Scottish Rite Children's Day Care Center at 1408 Nehoa Street - Eads bumped into Henry Eng, who mentioned that they are still working on the traffic study and have not submitted an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) - minor yet.
- Administrative Rules for Bulky Items Pick-Up - The Department of Environmental Services sent the Administrative Rules to the Department of Corporation Counsel (COR). After COR review, the administrative rules will be available at www.opala.org.
- Aloha - As Mayor's Representative Eads has been promoted to Deputy Managing Director, this will probably be her last meeting.

Comments followed:

Traffic Light at Kinau Street and Keeaumoku Street - It was reported that the traffic signal was not working. As there is a sign that reads "No Right Turn on Red," a Board member was "trapped in a taxi" for 10 minutes.

Senator Carol Fukunaga - No representative was present, but the newsletter was available.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria - Roxanne Kamalu distributed the newsletter and was available to hear concerns.

Representative Sylvia Luke - No representative was present, but the packet of information was available.

Representative Della Au Belatti - Jonalyn Uehara distributed the flyer on the Aloha 'Aina Earth Day at Washington Middle School on Saturday, February 26, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and reported the following:

- Representative Belatti urged everyone to participate in the Legislative process.
- Representative Belatti co-hosted a meeting to learn about the Neighborhood Security Watch program.

Representative Karl Rhoads - Anthony Chang submitted the following report:

- Two Pieces Of Legislation - House Bill (HB) 1038 and HB 1142, both of which will cut back government employee benefits, have passed out of the Labor Committee. The bills will save hundreds of millions of dollars in the long run. Currently, there is a \$7.1 billion shortfall and deficit in the Employees Retirement System (ERS). These bills were submitted by Governor Neil Abercrombie.
- HB 1038 - It provides for retirement benefits for State and county employees who become members of the ERS after June 30, 2012.
- HB 1142 - It provides for the retirement age for State and county employees who become members of the ERS after June 30, 2012.

Comments followed:

Board members asked what exactly the benefit cuts to the employees were. Chang will follow up.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 20, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - As there were no objections, the January 20, 2011 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as circulated by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 15-0-0 (AYE: Bylsma, Cannarella, Chong, Hauret, 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 \$255.20. With current expenses of \$46.64 for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, the Operating balance ended at \$208.56. The publicity budget had no expenditures and remained at \$4,678.00. The total January 31, 2011 budget balance was \$4,886.56. The Treasurer's report was filed.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Traffic Study for the Scottish Rite Day Care Facility Proposed for 1408 Nehoa Street - Henry Eng was not present and no report was available. Resident Elisa Johnston testified that there would be a significant impact to traffic on Nehoa Street with a drop-off area allowing only four cars at a time with a 30 student enrollment. Also, the traffic is stopped for the left turn on Keeaumoku Street. Johnston distributed a booklet, entitled "A View Into The Department of Planning and Permitting - Planning and Zoning Activities (Neighborhood Board Information Handbook). Johnston and the Hui o Makiki requested a public hearing. The proposal to drop the students off at the church property and shuttle them to the school on Nehoa Street was mentioned again. It was suggested to record the range of opinions and submit a report to the DPP. Many residents were not against the school, but the traffic.

Neighborhood Board Map of District - Board member Cannarella reported that he has a map and will improve on it by adding the Neighborhood Board district boundaries.

Skateboarding and Bicycling On Tantalus and Round Top Drive - The skateboarding is still on going.

Safeway Update - Andrew Garrett and Robert Freeman reported the following:

- The new Beretania Safeway will be similar to the Kapahulu store, but will have underground parking.
- There were two days of rain, which delayed the project. They will work on weekends on the "less noisy" parts of the construction project.

Comments followed:

1. Catch Basin System - Safeway is not required to catch water.
2. Hawaiian Archaeology - Safeway has full-time environmental experts, as the old Schuman Carriage site had gas tanks and 37 lift stations.
3. Watch the Video - Watch the construction process at - www.newberetanasafeway.com. The hotline number is 354-3137.
4. Clean Up the Sidewalks - It was reported that trash was left on Kinau Street. Garrett will follow up.
5. Hire Local - Call Unlimited Construction Services, the General Contractor.

6. Other Businesses - At the Kapahulu store, there are other stores and businesses, but there is no space at Beretania Store. The new store should be completed by Christmas 2011. The old Beretania store will be sold to two potential buyers.

Dog Park Update - No Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) representative present and no report available.

Recycling Days in the Makiki Area - This item was previously reported.

REPORTS:

Committees

Planning and Zoning - No report.

Transportation - Pat Lee reported the following:

- The Record of Decision (ROD) from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is the last step in the environmental process and allows the City to break ground on the rail transit system. There will be a ceremonial ground breaking on Tuesday, February 22, 2011. The ROD also allows the City to move forward on final engineering and design work, and on applying for a full-funding grant for the anticipated \$1.55 billion in federal funds to build the project. President Barack Obama has included \$250 million of these funds in the current federal budget in anticipation of Honolulu receiving project "new starts funding."
- The City Council approved the Special Management Area (SMA), and the first construction work will be relocating utilities within the guideway right of way. These are sewer, water and gas lines.
- The City is scheduled to award two more contracts shortly. These are the Kamehameha Guideway, Phase 2 for the second phase of the rail route from Pearl Highlands to Aloha Stadium; and for the "core systems," which consists of the train vehicles and the control center for the rail system. Next steps are to select and award contracts for the transit stations for the first phase (West O'ahu Farrington Highway Guideway) which are the East Kapolei, University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu and Ho'opili stations. Request for Proposals (RFPs) are planned for the Airport Guideway, Phase 3 and the Kamehameha Transit Station group, Pearl Highlands, Pearlridge and the Aloha Stadium stations as well.
- Voters approved a Charter Amendment on the Tuesday, November 2, 2010 General Election, which created a semi-autonomous public transit authority, formally known as the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART). It must be operational by Friday, July 1, 2011 and the City Administration and the City Council are in the process of selecting and appointing members to the panel. Regarding qualifications of the members, the City Council introduced Resolution 11-30 for qualifications of appointees and potential conflicts of interest. The resolution passed out of committee and now goes before the full Council for approval.
- The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) states that rail would produce 4,000 construction jobs and an additional 6,000 indirect jobs for a total of 10,000 jobs per year over the course of construction. The City is co-sponsoring a workshop called "Smart Jobs" next Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The workshop is to help small/minority businesses, such as businesses owned by Native Hawaiians, women and minorities, and those participating in the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program to partner with the federal, state and county government to obtain contracts for work on the rail project.
- For more information, visit the website at www.honolulutransit.org. or call the project hotline at 566-2299.

Comments followed:

The first 6.5 mile segment would run from East Kapolei to Pearl City and is scheduled to be completed by 2015.

Health, Safety, and Wellness - No report.

Newsletter - C. Lee volunteered to chair the committee. The \$4,600 Publicity Budget should be spent by May 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chair Steelquist announced that he had the normal amount of materials for interested persons to review.
- Board member Kawano appreciated last month's gesture of kindness.

- The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2011 at the Makiki District Park, Arts and Crafts Building at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:
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Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Susan Lai Young
Secretary
and John Steelquist
Chair