



**MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10**

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**DRAFT INITIAL CONVENING MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011, 7:00 P.M.**  
**MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK**  
**ARTS AND CRAFTS BUILDING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Pro Tem 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.

**CHAIR PRO TEM'S ANNOUNCEMENT:** Board members, please stay until the end of the meeting for picture taking for the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) website.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vincent "Vinny" Browne, Ron Cannarella, Charles Carole, Diane Chong (arrived at 7:03 p.m.), Trevor Funk, Phil Hauret, Richard Kawano, Allan Lee, Eloise Lee, Sam Mitchell, Chuck Reindollar, Mike Sarrazin, John Steelquist, Earl Winfree, Michael Wooten, and Susan Lai Young (arrived at 7:05 p.m.).

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Isaiah Sabey.

**VACANCIES:** None.

**GUESTS:** State Senator Carol Fukunaga; State Representative Della Au Belatti, Kelsey Gaddy (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative, Mayor's Office); Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and Karen Yorimoto (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff); Brandon Mitsuda (Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard's Office staff), Firefighter Al Ku (Honolulu Fire Department), Sgt. John Jervis (Honolulu Police Department, District 1), Justin Kessler (Board of Water Supply), Harold Burock, John Howe, Edmund Wong, Dan Clark, Amy Kimura, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission staff).

**PUBLIC SAFETY INPUT:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** - Firefighter Al Ku reported the following:

- **July 2011 Statistics** - Included 3 fire-related calls, 56 medical emergencies, 30 miscellaneous calls and no major or unusual incidents.
- **Fire Safety Tip** - A home fire escape plan is an integral part of the family's safety. Having advanced warning from a working smoke alarm increases the family's ability to exit safely and quickly. Fire can quickly fill a home with toxic smoke, thus creating a dangerous environment. A well-prepared and practiced escape plan may save the family's lives.
  - **Safety Tips Guide** - (A) Install and maintain working smoke alarms in the home. (B) Place at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home, in all bedrooms, and outside all sleeping areas. (C) Prepare and practice a fire escape plan. (D) Identify a meeting place where everyone can meet outside. (E) Ensure that family members know two ways to exit every room in the home. (F) Sleep with bedroom doors closed; this will minimize smoke from traveling throughout the home. (G) Maintain windows to ensure they open easily from the inside in case an alternative escape route is needed. (H) Once safely outside, stay out and call 911 immediately.

Comments followed:

Firefighter Ku mentioned the July fireworks amnesty program.

Chong arrived at 7:03 p.m., **15 members present**.

Young arrived at 7:05 p.m., **16 members present**.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** - Sgt. John Jervis reported the following:

- **Statistics for June 2011** - Included 4 assaults, 12 burglaries, 6 drug offenses, 21 driving under the influence (DUI), 3 family offense, 2 graffiti, 106 motor vehicle collisions (MVC), 7 motor vehicle thefts, 13



property damage offenses, 1 robbery, 1 sex assault, 12 unauthorized entries of a motor vehicle (UEMV), and 143 miscellaneous calls.

Comments followed:

1. DUI Arrests - If there is an accident, there may be an arrest. The vehicle may be put on the side of the road or towed away.
2. Burglary Prevention Safety Tips - An informational flyer was distributed.

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

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Justin Kessler reported the following:

- Main Break Report - There were no main breaks for June 2011.
- 2011 Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale - BWS will be hosting its 23rd Annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale on Saturday, August 6, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The open house will include a full day of FREE, family-friendly activities, such as xeriscape workshops, keiki games, keiki garden planting, garden tours and a free mulch giveaway. At least a dozen local nurseries will be selling a variety of unthirsty plants at moderate prices, with proceeds supporting educational programs and classes at the BWS's Halawa Xeriscape Garden. A flyer was distributed. More information about the plant sale will be available on [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).
- Unsubscribe from CheckFree (electronic-billing) - The BWS will be upgrading the current electronic bill payment service to better manage and maintain billing and account information. However, CheckFree will not be a part of this new customer billing system. As a result, any customers currently using e-bill will need to cancel their subscription to CheckFree by October 31, 2011. To unsubscribe from e-bill services, please call CheckFree toll-free at 1-888-212-9342. Electronic and paperless bill payment services may be offered later when the new system is fully implemented.
- The BWS is on Popular Social Media Sites - The BWS is now on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Nixle! Residents can subscribe to the BWS social media sites to receive information on upcoming BWS events and workshops, water conservation tips, and coverage of past activities. Nixle is a messaging service where users may receive email or text alerts from the BWS regarding water-related emergencies such as water main breaks, traffic advisories resulting from breaks and water conservation notices. For more information on the usage of these sites, please read the BWS Social Media Policy at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) or call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.
- Proposed Water Rate Schedule - The BWS is proposing a revised water rate schedule to fund the operation, maintenance, and replacement of Oahu's aging water infrastructure. A water rate increase of 9.65% per year over a five-year period is being proposed. The proposed increase will fund operational and system requirements necessary to deliver a safe and dependable water supply to customers.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ALL ELECTED MAKIKI/LOWER PUNCHBOWL/TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10 MEMBERS: (17 Seats; 17 Members; No Vacancies)

- Subdistrict 1 (6 Seats) - Charles Carole, Diane Chong, Chuck Reindollar, Isaiah Sabey, John Steelquist, and Michael Wooten.
- Subdistrict 2 (7 Seats) - Trevor Funk, Philip Hauret, Allan Lee, Eloise Lee, Samuel Mitchell, Michael Sarrazin, and Earl Winfree.
- Subdistrict 3 (4 Seats) - Vincent Browne, Ronald Cannarella, Richard Kawano, and Susan Lai Young.

Board members, who were present, introduced themselves.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO ALL ELECTED MAKIKI/LOWER PUNCHBOWL/TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10 MEMBERS: Neighborhood Assistant Ho administered the Oath of Office to all elected Board members.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO SERVE FROM JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012:

Chair - **A. Lee nominated John Steelquist for Chair. (No second required.) A. Lee moved and Hauret seconded that the nominations be closed. As there were no objections, John Steelquist was ELECTED Chair by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 16-0-0 (AYE: Browne, Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Funk, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sarrazin, Steelquist, Winfree, Wooten, and Young).**

Vice Chair - **Hauret nominated Charles Carole for Vice Chair. (No second required.) Hauret moved and A. Lee seconded that the nominations be closed. As there were no objections, Charles Carole was ELECTED**

**Vice Chair by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 16-0-0 (AYE: Browne, Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Funk, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sarrazin, Steelquist, Winfree, Wooten, and Young).**

**Secretary - A. Lee nominated Earl Winfree for Secretary. (No second required.) A. Lee moved and Sarrazin seconded that the nominations be closed. As there were no objections, Earl Winfree was ELECTED Secretary by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 16-0-0 (AYE: Browne, Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Funk, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sarrazin, Steelquist, Winfree, Wooten, and Young).**

**Treasurer - A. Lee nominated Diane Chong for Treasurer. (No second required.) A. Lee moved and E. Lee seconded that the nominations be closed. As there were no objections, Diane Chong was ELECTED Treasurer by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 16-0-0 (AYE: Browne, Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Funk, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sarrazin, Steelquist, Winfree, Wooten, and Young).**

**PRE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARD'S MONTHLY REGULAR MEETING DAY, TIME, AND PLACE: As there were no objections, the Board VOTED to continue meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Makiki District Park, Arts and Crafts Building, 1527 Keeaumoku Street by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 16-0-0 (AYE: Browne, Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Funk, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sarrazin, Steelquist, Winfree, Wooten, and Young).**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES: As there were no objections, the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 ESTABLISHED the Planning and Zoning, the Transportation; the Health, Safety, and Wellness; the Parks, and the Education Committees by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 16-0-0 (AYE: Browne, Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Funk, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sarrazin, Steelquist, Winfree, Wooten, and Young).**

**Planning and Zoning - Carole, "Vinny" Browne, and Chong volunteered to be on this committee. Chong would serve as the Chair.**

**Transportation - Carole volunteered to be on this committee and serve as the Chair.**

**Health, Safety, and Wellness - A. Lee, Mitchell, and Kawano volunteered to be on this committee. Kawano would serve as the Chair.**

**Parks - No one volunteered for this committee.**

**Education - Funk, "Vinny" Browne, and Wooten volunteered to be on this committee. Wooten would serve as the Chair. Chair Steelquist mentioned that he used to attend the Roosevelt High School meetings and he would like to re-establish contact. Chair Steelquist supports the community use of the facilities, like the new track and football field.**

**Newsletter/Video Recording Committee - It was proposed that the Board have a one-year trial period of video recording with Roosevelt High School students and having periodic E-publication of articles on the Internet. Wooten moved and Winfree seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 establish a Video Committee for a one-year trial period. The Board also supports the periodic e-publishing of the newsletter. The motion was ADOPTED, 10-4-2 (AYE: Browne, Cannarella, Chong, Funk, Hauret, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sarrazin, Winfree, and Wooten; NO: Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, and Young); ABSTAIN: Carole, and Steelquist). Hauret, Cannarella, and Wooten volunteered to be on this committee. Hauret would serve as the Chair.**

**CONSIDERATION OF ANY BUDGETARY ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE BOARD TO CONVENE ITS REGULAR MEETINGS:**

**Consideration of Proposal to Appropriate Fiscal Year 2012 Funds for the Videotaping of the August 2011 to June 2012 Regular Meetings to be Held at the Makiki District Park or Elsewhere - There was discussion on the outreach capabilities of videotaping and the annual newsletter. Board member Wooten teaches video skills at Campbell High School and he is willing to work with the Roosevelt High School students. In addition, the money would go to Roosevelt High School. The annual newsletter comes out only once a year, reached 11, 000 households at a cost of \$4,600, and there was tremendous interest in the Dog Park issue. Wooten moved and Winfree seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 find out the**

**cost of videotaping the monthly meetings to support the Roosevelt High School students. The Board also supports the periodic e-publishing of the newsletter. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 16-0-0 (AYE: Browne, Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Funk, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sarrazin, Steelquist, Winfree, Wooten, and Young).**

GRANT THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION OFFICE (NCO) AUTHORIZATION TO NOTIFY BOARD MEMBERS UPON THE ACCUMULATION OF THREE ABSENCES: Chair Steelquist mentioned that the Board has a history of having a difficult time filling 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. In Cannarella's situation, he received his "3-absences letter" after seven months of absences. Due to his work schedule, he resigned. A few months later, he was re-appointed to fill his vacant seat on the Board. **Hauret moved and Cannarella seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 authorizes the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) to send out the "3-absences letter."** **The motion was ADOPTED, 9-2-5 (AYE: Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, and Young; NO: Sarrazin and Steelquist; ABSTAIN: Browne, Funk, Reindollar, Winfree and Wooten).**

#### COMMUNITY INPUT:

Residents And Others For Matters Not On The Agenda - Because of the "Sunshine Law," concerns may be presented, but no Board action can be taken.

1. Limited Parking in Makiki - A resident complained about the parking situation in densely-populated Makiki. It was reported in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser that the City was considering awarding a single towing contract to Stoneridge Recoveries, which has many complaints, lawsuits, and an on-going criminal fraud investigation by the State Insurance Division. It was suggested to "put a cap" on the towing distance. This item will be put on the agenda next time. Background statistics, for example, the number of tickets issued by the HPD, and follow up on the awarding of the single vendor contract were requested. Mayor's Representative Gaddy will follow up on the second request.

#### CITY REPORTS:

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

- Congratulations to New Board Members - Councilmember Kobayashi welcomed the new Board members to the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10. Also, Councilmember Kobayashi recognized Chair John Steelquist for his 25+ years of public service.
- Single Vendor Towing Contract - The City now awards five (5) contracts and some companies do not have sufficient land for storage/stacking.
- Budget For Rail - The City Council is not looking at procurement. (There is a protest filed by the losing bidders for the \$ billion rail contract.)
- Bulky Item Pick-up - There needs to be more money budgeted to hire more inspectors once the Administrative Rules are in place.
- Homeless People Storing Items on Sidewalks - The City Council is looking at allowing pedestrians and wheel-chaired persons access to the City sidewalks.
- Water Bills Increasing - The BWS is asking for a 9% rate increase with a 4% increase in sewer fees (by the Department of Environmental Services [ENV]).

Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard - Brandon Mitsuda distributed the newsletter and reported the following:

- Makiki Neighborhood Board Chair John Steelquist Honored - The City Council honored Chair Steelquist on June 3rd for finishing his one-year term as District Governor of Rotary International's Hawai'i District 5000 and for other service to the community.
- Department of Environmental Services (ENV) Phone Numbers - Mitsuda distributed the phone numbers to call to report illegal dumping "Hot Spots."
- General Plan Survey - Mitsuda suggested that Board members and the public visit the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) website ([www.honoluludpp.org](http://www.honoluludpp.org)) and take the General Plan survey.

Comments followed:

1. A Board member requested a transfer station in Maikiki. Mitsuda will follow up.

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative - Kelsey Gaddy reported the following:

- Green Street Paving - The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and Department of Design and Construction (DDC) responded that Green Street from Ward Avenue to the east end, which includes the section of Green Street fronting 1058 - 1099 Green Street, is scheduled to be resurfaced as part of the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) Rehabilitation of Localized Streets, Phase 6B project. The project's bid opening was on June 14, 2011. Please send requests for any future updates to the City Department of Design and Construction (DDC).
- Broken Glass Pieces at Emerson and Prospect Streets - A supervisor was dispatched to Emerson and Prospect Streets to investigate and clear any broken glass as a consequence of refuse collection service.
- Kinau Street Bulky Trash Pick-up - Kinau Street is serviced in Bulky sector 3, starting the 2nd Monday of the month, and sector 4, starting the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The demarcation for these two (2) sectors is Pensacola Street. Additionally, the Ewa (west) side of Pensacola is in sector 3 and the Diamond Head (east) side is sector 4. Because of the size of each sector and the amount of bulky items left out by residents for collection, it takes City crews three (3) days to service a sector. Two (2) different trucks service each sector. One truck collects all appliances and the other truck collects items such as furniture, mattresses, televisions and other bulky that are not appliances. It is likely that both trucks may be collecting in a sector on different days during the three (3) days of collection. Residents can locate the correct collection days on the web by linking to: [http://www.opala.org/solid\\_waste/Islandwide\\_Bulky\\_Item\\_Collection.htm](http://www.opala.org/solid_waste/Islandwide_Bulky_Item_Collection.htm). Sector descriptions and visual maps of each sector display the areas that are serviced.
- Scottish Rite Project at 1408 Nehoa Street - The application was found to be incomplete and it was sent back to the applicants.
- Map of the Makiki District - Richard Kawano from the Neighborhood Board No.10, discussed this proposal with the Makiki District Park recreation staff, and both agreed that the Arts and Crafts meeting room would not be a secure location for the map, because so many different groups use the room. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) suggests the Board consider approaching the Friends of Makiki Library to see if they might be able to incorporate the map in the Makiki Library, where it could be a reference for the community.

Comments followed:

1. Map of the Makiki District - Kawano changed his mind and will call Spencer at the Makiki District Park to post the map in the Arts and Crafts Building meeting room. A resident offered to get a copy of the map posted at the Makiki Library.
2. Sustainable Energy Project for the Makiki Library Building - A year ago, the City was looking at a sustainable energy project for the Makiki Library Building. The project and other City projects were dropped. Mayor's Representative Gaddy, who handles "energy concerns" for the Mayor's Office, will follow up.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

- No Override of Governor Neil Abercrombie's Vetoes - There will be no Special Session called.
- Governor Signs Key Infrastructure/Broadband Legislation -
  - Act 151 - Act 151 expedites the permitting process for broadband infrastructure. With this measure, broadband providers are exempt from state and county permitting requirements for installation, construction and development of broadband infrastructure for a 5-year period. Reducing the time needed for permitting approvals is a key step towards increased investment in broadband technology and services in Hawaii. Speeding up the deployment of high-speed broadband throughout the state would enable new opportunities for "telehealth," and give Hawai'i digital businesses an edge in competing for new work. The law went into effect on July 1, 2011.
  - Act 84 - Act 84 appropriated \$1.2 million for the State's new Chief Information Officer and recently-created Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT), becoming effective on July 1, 2011. The \$1.2 million appropriation was matched by a \$3 million Hawai'i Community Foundation grant funded by the Omidyar family foundation for a statewide strategic plan. When the bill was signed, Sanjeev "Sonny" Bhagowaila was named by Governor Abercrombie as the State of Hawai'i's first full-time Chief Information Officer (CIO) to transform the state's information technology system.

Comments followed:

1. Saving on Paper - Senator Fukunaga reported that the Legislature saved on spending thousands of dollars for printing and paper by switching to electronic media. The new CIO would be responsible for re-tooling the electronic system.
2. State Budget Cuts - A Board member, who also works for the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), reported that workers are leaving State government "in droves" and there are no replacements.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria - No representative was present and no report was available.

Representative Sylvia Luke - No representative was present and no report was available.

Representative Della Au Belatti - Representative Au Bellati distributed the newsletter and reported the following:

- Back to Private Life - After the Legislative session, Representative Au Bellati has turned to spending time at both of her offices, focusing on Charter Schools.
- Legislative Coffee Talk - Representative Au Bellati will have a "talk story" review of the past legislative session and prospective for the 2012 session on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Makiki District Park Arts and Crafts building.
- Aloha 'Aina Recycling Day - The next recycling event will be on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at McKinley High School from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Adopt-a-School Day - It will be on October 9, 2011. More details will come.

Comments followed:

1. Road Work on Tantalus Drive - Representative Au Bellati was notified of future paving.
2. Energy Sustainability Project at the Makiki Library Building - There were structural problems on the roof and the project did not proceed.

Representative Karl Rhoads - An office staff member submitted the following:

- Tree Trimmers Blocking Right Lane of Victoria Street - Representative Rhoads' office received a complaint that the tree trimming crews were blocking the right lane of Victoria Street during rush hour traffic.

#### BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING:

Approval of the April 21, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes - **As there were no objections, the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 APPROVED the April 21, 2011 meeting minutes, as circulated, by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 16-0-0 (AYE: Browne, Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Funk, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sarrazin, Steelquist, Winfree, Wooten, and Young).**

Approval of the June 16, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes - This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report - As of June 30, 2011, the previous Operating balance was \$17.82. With \$43.40 expended for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, the Operating balance was -\$25.58. With no expenditures for the Publicity (annual newsletter) budget, the balance remained at \$4,678.00. In summary, \$4,652.42 was returned to the City. The Treasurer's report was filed.

Scottish Rite Day Care Facility at 1408 Nehoa Street Update - Chair Steelquist received a letter from Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) Director David Tanoue stating that the application was incomplete and the applicants were requested to submit more information.

Skateboarding and Bicycling on Tantalus and Round Top Drive Update - No update was available.

Safeway Update - No update was available.

Dog Park Update - No update was available. Board members mentioned that under the former City Administration, the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) may have been too rigid with its rules, but under the newly-appointed Director, there may be more flexibility.

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

## COMMITTEES:

Planning and Zoning - No report was available.

Transportation - Due to a scheduling conflict, Pat Lee was unable to attend tonight's meeting and he sent the following written report:

- Members of the newly-created Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) were sworn in on July 1st and conducted their first meeting, passing several key measures regarding the Honolulu Rail Transit Project.
- The HART Board includes six members appointed by the Mayor and the Honolulu City Council, and three ex-officio members, with a tenth member to be appointed by the voting members of the Board. Appointed Board members are: William "Buzz" Hong; Don Horner; Keslie Hui; Damien Kim; Ivan Lui-Kwan; and Carrie Okinaga. Ex-Officio members are: State Department of Transportation Director Glenn Okimoto; City Department of Transportation Services Director Wayne Yoshioka; and City Department of Planning and Permitting Director David Tanoue. The City Planning Director serves as a non-voting member.
- The Board selected Okinaga as Board Chairwoman and Lui-Kwan as Vice Chairman. The Board also established the following standing committees and committee leadership slate:
  - Audit Committee (Lui-Kwan, Chairman; Horner, Vice Chairman),
  - Finance Committee (Horner, Chairman; Hui, Vice Chairman),
  - Human Resources Committee (Hui, Chairman; Hong, Vice Chairman),
  - Project Oversight Committee (Kim, Chairman; Hong, Vice Chairman), and
  - Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Committee (Hong, Chairman; Lui-Kwan, Vice Chairman).
- The Board adopted the transit authority's \$20.5 million operating budget and its \$354.7-million capital budget. The budget amounts were identical to the budgets previously approved by the Honolulu City Council and ensure that the rail project will continue without unnecessary delays.
- The Board also named Toru Hamayasu, the current General Manager for the project, as HART Interim Executive Director. The Board plans to enlist a national and a local search firm with expertise in transit executive searches to assist members in the selection of a permanent Executive Director. The Board's objective is to appoint HART's permanent Executive Director by the end of the year.
- HART's Board of Directors will meet on the first and third Thursday of each month, and all meetings are opened to the public. Twenty five percent of the Authority's meetings will be held at Kapolei Hale or at another West O'ahu location to ensure full public participation.
- In addition, all five committees will conduct monthly public meetings. The Board also adopted a transparency policy, a financial policy, a procurement policy, and a code of ethics for all members to follow.
- The Board of Directors is also accepting applications for those interested in applying for the tenth Board member's position. Cover letters expressing interest and resumes are being accepted online, now through August 5, 2011 at [www.HonoluluTransit.org](http://www.HonoluluTransit.org).
- For more information on HART and the rail project, visit [www.HonoluluTransit.org](http://www.HonoluluTransit.org). The project hotline number is at 566-2299.
- Project updates:
  - Work continues on the West O'ahu Farrington Highway portion in preparation for construction in September.
  - A "Notice to Proceed" has been issued to the contractor on the Kamehameha Guideway portion and the Maintenance and Storage Facility to begin their design work.

Health, Safety, and Wellness - Kawano requested that the State Homeless Coordinator Marc Alexander come to the next meeting and speak for 15 minutes with a one hour follow-up. There were 100 people at a previous meeting.

Newsletter/Videotaping Committee - No report was available.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Highway Improvements, Roadway Repair in the Vicinity of 3798 Tantalus Drive - Chair Steelquist received a letter from Kimura International, Inc. which is preparing a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the City & County of Honolulu, Department of Design and Construction (DDC) and will examine the impacts of the project to repair the existing concrete crib wall and roadway in the vicinity of 3798 Tantalus Drive on the island of O'ahu.

- Fax from Joe Zuiker - Former Board member Joe Zuiker reported dangerous conditions in the neighborhood.
- Liquor Commission - The Honolulu Liquor Commission will hold a hearing on the liquor license for the establishment at 1409 Kinau Street.
- Next Meeting - The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 2011 at the Makiki District Park, Arts and Crafts Building, 1527 Keeaumoku Street, at 7:00 p.m. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by:  
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Neighborhood Assistants

Reviewed by:  
Earl Winfree, Secretary  
and John Steelquist  
Chair