



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

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### **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY AUGUST 18, 2011  
MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK  
ARTS AND CRAFTS BUILDING  
7:00 P.M

**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:** Vincent "Vinny" Browne, Ron Cannarella, Charles Carole, Diane Chong (arrived 7:02 p.m.), Trevor Funk, Phil Hauret, Richard Kawano, Allan Lee, Eloise Lee, Sam Mitchell, Chuck Reindollar, Isaiah Sabey, John Steelquist, Earl Winfree, Michael Wooten, and Susan Lai Young (arrived 7:05 p.m.).

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Mike Sarrazin.

**VACANCIES:** None.

**GUESTS:** Sgt. John Jervis (Honolulu Police Department, District 1) Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Nathan Miyake (Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard's Office staff), State Senator Carol Fukunaga, Kelsey Gaddy (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative, Mayor's Office), Michael Yamasaki (Department of Design and Construction), Russell Arakaki, (Park Engineering), Nancy Nishikawa (Vice President and Environmental Planner for Kimura International, Inc.), Justin Kessler (Board of Water Supply), Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Project), Donald Guerrero (Chair – Downtown Neighborhood Board), Matthew Bielecki, Don Brough, and Aisha Wang (Neighborhood Commission staff).

### **CITY MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Honolulu Fire Department:** No representative present; no report available.

**Honolulu Police Department:** District 1 Sergeant John Jerves reported the following:

- **July 2011 Statistics:** Included 5 assaults, 17 burglaries, 3 drug offenses, 18 driving under the influence, 8 family offenses, 90 motor vehicle collisions, 8 motor vehicle thefts, 20 property damages, 2 robberies, 17 unauthorized entries into a motorized vehicle (UEMV) and 150 miscellaneous calls.

7:02 p.m. Board member Chong arrived; **quorum of 15 present**.

- **Safety Tips:** Back-To- School: Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop and choose the most direct route. Walk the route with your child beforehand. Teach your kids – whether walking, biking, or riding the bus to school and to obey all traffic signals.

7:05 p.m. Board member Lai Young arrived; **quorum of 16 present**.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. **Attended Deaths:** Are there any statistics that show if there are any unattended deaths that the Board should know about. HPD is in discussion as to what is necessary information to release to the Board and Jerves will follow-up.
2. **Citizen Patrol:** The question was raised as to whether there is a citizen's patrol in the Makiki area. There has been some interest, if there is an interest, call Sergeant Lawrence Santos at 529-3695.

**Neighborhood Security Watches:** No report.



Board of Water Supply - Justin Kessler reported the following:

- No Main Breaks: There were no water main breaks in the area for the month of July.
- Water Conservation: During these hot summer months, demand for water typically increases. BWS would like to remind the public to continue their conservation efforts – use what you need, but don't waste it. Outdoor water conservation – particularly efficient irrigation – is a great way to save money on your water bill while preserving Oahu's water resources. Here are a few simple tips:
  - Don't water lawn every day. Most lawns only need watering two or three times a week.
  - Water during the cool of the day; before 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m.
  - Consider drip irrigation, which helps trees and shrubs grow deep root systems and reduces evaporation.

**There were no objections to taking the agenda out of order to address Residents'/Community Concerns.**

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Speeding on Prospect: There was a complaint of unnecessary speeding on Prospect Avenue.
- Discrimination: An issue was raised regarding the discrimination in applications for an apartment complex because applicant owned a car therefore application was turned over.
- Sidewalks on Wilder: A concern was raised about the digging up of sidewalks that have not been completed on Wilder Avenue creating a situation that forces pedestrians to walk on the roadways.

**The agenda continued in order with the presentation.**

PRESENTATIONS:

Roadway and Retaining Wall Repair in the Vicinity of 3798 Tantalus Drive: There was a short presentation by Russell Arakaki, Michael Yamasaki and Nancy Nishikawa on the repair of the vicinity of 3798 Tantalus Drive. The construction consists of replacing the crib wall and is expected to be completed by April 2012.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Hours of Affected Road: It is estimated that there will be approximately 200 hours affecting the roadway while repairs are being done.
2. Public Hearing: There will be a public hearing at 8:00 a.m. before the Tantalus Neighborhood Board this Saturday August 20, 2011.
3. Impact Study: A question was raised as to the impact of having the access closed for so long. There is an environmental impact study being done, however, none on the impact to the community.
4. Birds: A concern for the safety of the birds in the area because most of the work will be done at night, will they be unharmed while construction occurs.
5. Public Safety Issue: Because it creates a safety issue, this project to repair the crib wall was deemed necessary.
6. Alternative Route: A question was raised as to whether there were alternative routes proposed or if half the road would be operable during construction.

Homelessness: Marc Alexander was not available; no presentation.

CITY REPORTS:

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: Councilmember Kobayashi presented the following:

- Laie Hotel: The Council deferred action on the decision regarding the Laie Hotel.
- Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant: The treatment plant is overcapacity.
- Kinau Vista: Parking situation creating discriminatory practices against people who have a car, aren't allowed to apply. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that if you don't have a parking space you find on street parking, however condo association says no parking – you can't move in.

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative: Kelsey Gaddy presented the following:

- Makiki Most Fun and Affordable: Congratulations on being named the Most Fun and Affordable City by Hawaii News Now.
- Scottish Rite Project: The application re-submittal was not received. Once Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application is accepted for processing by the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), the property owners and Neighborhood Board will be notified of the receipt of the application.
- Map Location: The Neighborhood Board requested that a map indicating this board's jurisdiction was requested of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). The map is now hanging in the arts and crafts room of the Makiki Recreation Center.
- Transfer Station: Upon request from the Board for a transfer station in Makiki. The Refuse Division recognizes that residents in the Honolulu area do not have a disposal facility that serves the public for the drop-off of bulky items. Honolulu residents are encouraged to dispose of bulky items at the Keehi Transfer Station which is open to the public from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
- Towing Company: There is great concern over a rewarding of a single contract by the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services to a single towing company.
- Energy/Sustainability: The Manoa District Park has LED lighting on the parking area in an effort to make a move to use more sustainable methods of lighting.

#### STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Senator Carol Fukunaga: Senator Fukunaga made newsletter available and presented the following:

- Homelessness: Act to create affordable rental housing development program and allows nonprofit organizations to acquire housing. Senator Fukunaga with other area legislators briefed residents and businesses about transitional housing in the Ala Moana-Sheridan area.
- Dedicated Left Turn: Working on request to install a dedicated left turn from Nehoa and Mott Smith to alleviate traffic on Prospect Street.
- Study on Traffic: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is conducting a study on the effects on traffic to all areas with the closing of the Vineyard off ramp in the morning.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

Kinau Street Ramp: A question was raised as to why this improvement would not be open until after the back-to-school rush. Fukunaga responded that this improvement was done to alleviate congestion caused by patients being dropped-off in the area not to make ambulance service faster.

Councilmember. Tulsu Gabbard: Nathan Miyake presented the following:

- General Plan: There will be a informative presentation on September 10, 2011 at McKinley High School from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Civil Defense: With the many weather disturbances arising, plan ahead and have the necessary items in your home to prepare for disaster.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

Green Street: A question was raised as to the issue on Green Street. Miyake responded that this was not found to be a City owned property.

No representative present and no report available from Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Representative Sylvia Luke, Representative Della Belatti, and Representative Karl Rhoads' offices.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

Approval of the May 19, 2011, June 16, 2011 and the July 21, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes. There being no corrections to the **MAY 19, 2011, JUNE 16, 2011 and the JULY 21, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, All were ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 16-0-0 (Aye: Browne, Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Funk, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sabey, Steelquist, Winfree, Wooten, and Lai Young).**

Treasurer's Report: There is no treasurer's report available at this time.

Limited Parking in Makiki: No discussion.

The City's Proposal to Issue a Single-Vendor Towing Contract: Issue discussed in Mayor's representative section.

Scottish Rite Day Care Facility at 1408 Nehoa Street Update: No report available.

Skateboarding and Bicycling on Tantalus and Round Top Drive Update: No report available.

Safeway Update: No report available.

Dog Park Update: No report available.

Recycling Days in the Makiki Area: No report available.

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Planning and Zoning: No report available.

Transportation: Pat Lee, Honolulu Rail Transit Project presented the following:

- Individuals who ride public transportation save, on average, \$9,968 annually and \$831 per month, according to the [American Public Transportation Association's](#) July Transit Savings Report. These savings are based on the July 14, 2011 average national gas price (\$3.66 per gallon- reported by AAA) and the national unreserved monthly parking rate of \$155.22. And gas is much higher here on Oahu, now about \$4.00 a gallon for regular gasoline. So, you can save money by taking transit.
- Revenue from the General Excise and Use Tax (GET) surcharge targeted for Honolulu's rail transit project has come in higher than what was projected in the project's most recent financial plan. The GET revenue for the final quarter of fiscal year 2011 came in at \$49.8 million, totaling \$179.1 million or 9 percent higher for the fiscal year. The latest figures put the total GET surcharge collections to date at \$715 million—\$15 million more than projected.
- Both the city and the state transportation officials have been offering ways to deal with traffic with school back in session. Approximately 60,000 university, college, public and private schools return to the classroom when summer is over this month.
- When schools are out, UH system, all colleges, all public and private schools, there is about a 10% reduction in traffic, and some say traffic is almost bearable. When rail is completed and operating, future traffic will be reduced by 18%, or take about 40,000 cars off the road each day.
- For more information on the rail project, visit [www.HonoluluTransit.org](http://www.HonoluluTransit.org). Or call our project hotline number at 566-2299.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Overbudget: A question was raised as to whether there was over budgeting could that money be tapped into for other uses. The response was that monies earmarked for rail transit could only be used for this purpose.
2. Office Space: A Board member inquired where the funds came from to purchase the office space that was being utilized by the Honolulu Authority on Rail Transit. These offices were rented under the transit authority.
3. Car Owners: A question was raised as to how the rail would benefit car owners. The response was that the gas mileage and maintenance was factored into the numbers.

Health, Safety, and Wellness: Mark Alexander will be able to attend the next meeting in September.

Newsletter/Videotaping of Neighborhood Board meetings: The videographer's from Roosevelt High School were

introduced and Board member Wooten explained that they were tentative depending on funding. At this time, they are required to turn in three tapings to get on the Olelo schedule.

Parks: No report available.

Education: Organizing Parents for Public Service (PPS) by professor with the University of Hawaii, Louis Ann Yamauchi. Next meeting for parents will be Saturday, October 8, 2011.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kakaako District Plan: The Cultural Surveys Hawaii Inc. is conducting a Cultural Impact Assesment for the Ward Neighborhood Master Plan. The 60.5 acre project area is within the boundary of Ala Moana Boulevard to the south, Queen Street and Queen Lane to the east, Kapiolani Boulevard to the north and Cooke Street to the west.
- Next Meeting: The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 15, 2011** at the Makiki District Park, Arts and Crafts Building at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Submitted by: Aisha Wang, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: John Steelquist, Chair