



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 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 15 members present**. Note - This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vincent "Vinny" Browne, Charles Carole, Diane Chong, Trevor Funk, Phil Hauret, Richard Kawano, Allan Lee, Eloise Lee, Sam Mitchell (arrived 7:20 p.m.), Chuck Reindollar, Isaiah Sabey, Mike Sarrazin, John Steelquist, Earl Winfree, Michael Wooten, and Susan Lai Young.

MEMBER ABSENT: Ron Cannarella.

VACANCIES: None.

GUESTS: Firefighter Bradley Chong (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Alex Garcia, Sergeant. Richard Fikani and Sergeant Shinichi Masaki II (Honolulu Police Department, District 1) Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and Jarrett Yip (Councilmember Kobayashi's Office staff), Garrett Umeda (Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard's Office staff), State Senator Carol Fukunaga, Kelsey Gaddy (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative), Dale Uno (Senator Brickwood Galuteria's Office staff), Representative Karl Rhoads, Justin Kessler (Board of Water Supply), Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Project), Norman Jong, Carol White, James McBride, Paula Gallagher, Don Brough, and Aisha Wang (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Firefighter Bradley Chong reported the following:

- **August 2011 Statistics:** Included 6 fires, 54 medical emergencies, 30 miscellaneous calls, and no major or unusual incidents.
- **Fire Safety Tips:** In a fire, medical, or other emergency, it is critical that emergency responders quickly identify the correct location. Fire, building, and U.S. postal codes and City ordinances state that property owners shall place their house numbers so it is legible and readily visible from the street. This will assist first responders in quickly locating your house in the event of an emergency. If your property is difficult to locate and/or access, provide 911 dispatchers with additional information to assist them in locating your property during an emergency.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): District 1 Sergeant Shinichi Masaki reported the following:

August 2011 Statistics: Included 4 assaults, 11 burglaries, 2 drug offenses, 11 driving under influence (DUI), 4 family offenses, 3 graffiti, 105 motor vehicle collisions, 9 motor vehicle theft, 20 property damages, 4 robberies, 2 sex assaults, 22 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), and 164 miscellaneous services.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. **Incident After Meeting:** HPD was requested to stay until after the meeting because there was an incident with one of the Board members and a guest at the previous meeting.
2. **Speeding:** There are reports of speeding between the 100 block and the 600 block of Prospect Street.
3. **Reporting Parking on Sidewalk:** A resident was concerned that people park illegally on the sidewalks of Mott Smith Drive. HPD responded that the person that called in the complaint should meet with the officer who arrives at the scene.



4. Running Total: An inquiry was made to provide the board with a running total of the number of incidents that occurred in the Makiki area along with the current monthly statistics.

Neighborhood Security Watches: No report.

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

- No Main Breaks: There were no water main breaks in the area for the month of August.
- Revised Rate Schedule: BWS is proposing a revised water rate schedule to appropriately fund a multi-year capital improvement plan to provide for the renewal and replacement of core components of Oahu's aging water system. Public comment and testimony was received at a public hearing last month at the BWS Public Service Building. The BWS Board of Directors will consider the public comments received as a part of the public hearing process before deciding upon any rate adjustment for the furnishing of water services. For more information please visit www.boardofwatersupply.com or call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.
- Water Preparedness Month: September is National Preparedness Month. If residents haven't done so already, please have a disaster/emergency preparedness kit available for your household. An important component of any kit is having a safe drinking water supply. Residents should store at least one (1) gallon of drinking water per person, per day for at least five (5) to seven (7) days.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed;

1. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation: It was questioned whether there was a plan in place to prevent water main breaks from occurring during the APEC conference in November. The response was that BWS has in place a preventative maintenance program to detect main breaks before they occur.
2. Proposed Rate Hike: The question was raised as to how the rate hike would be determined and if customers really deserved the rate hike.

7:20 p.m. Mitchell arrived; **16 members present**.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Community Policing Team: Lieutenant Kevin Nakano of HPD District 1 reported that the Makiki Heights Neighborhood Association will be holding an informational meeting on how to form a Neighborhood Security Walk Patrol. The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the Stevenson Middle School Cafeteria and all are welcome to attend.
- Reporting Crimes: A Board member pointed out that there were a number of small crimes that occurred and when reported, assisted HPD in resolving larger criminal activity. The Board member stated that reporting crimes, no matter how small, can help HPD.
- Condolences: A Board member expressed condolences for the officer who was killed in an early morning accident in Kapolei yesterday.
- Noise: A community member who lives near Roosevelt High School noted that he is being inconvenienced by the early morning delivery trucks beeping and the crowds cheering in the gym in the evening. He requested having the principal or a school representative at the next meeting to discuss the noise.

PRESENTATION:

Homelessness: Marc Alexander presented the following:

- Governor had a 90-day plan that ended on August 15, 2011 that addressed the problem of homelessness in Hawaii. Collaboration works and coordinating closely with City and County and HPD has worked well in preparing the State to assist homeless. Alexander went over the situation of homelessness and what the state intends to do to help get homeless to help themselves off the streets and into housing.
- The State of Hawaii has used Federal funds to develop a database to keep track of homeless. This ensures that they are assisting in getting the homeless people off the streets so that these people don't fall into homelessness again.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Transitional Housing: In the 90 day plan, they focused more on permanent rather than temporary housing because permanent is a better solution. The temporary housing is really just a mask – when someone is in temporary shelter, they are tracked six-months after they leave the shelter to assure that they are
2. Job Development: A Board member asked about job development. Though the 90 day plan does not address jobs, the job development for homeless people is the key to getting them off the streets and able to support themselves.
3. Kokua Card: It was asked what to do when you see homeless. Alexander passed out a kokua card that has a list of numbers that homeless can call to get help.

CITY REPORTS:

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: Jarrett Yip reported the following: Aloha Aina Recycling day will be held on October 15, 2011. All proceeds will benefit Kaimuki High School.

Councilmember. Tulsi Gabbard: Garrett Umeda presented a written report and welcomed any questions.

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

- Bulky Items: A resident dropped off bulky items at Keehi Transfer Station.
- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation: Information about the conference is very limited and will come as needed, however, it is very important to be patient and expect delays when traveling around the island.
- Kinau Vista: In response to a resident's concern that there was unfair practices in housing at Kinau Vista when he was denied residency because he has a car, but was applying for a unit with no stall. The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) responded by saying that the affordable housing project was allowed by the City Council to provide less than the otherwise required minimum off-street parking subject to certain conditions.
- Electric Vehicle Conference: Honolulu was the only city from the United States to participate in an electric vehicle conference held in Beijing, China.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

- Pawaa In-Ha Park: Fukunaga had participated in the renaming of the Pawa`a In-Ha park on King Street. She was impressed that the homeless people that usually occupy that area had moved two blocks over during the ceremony.
- Corrections: In the last agenda there were two corrections to be made; one is regarding the dedicated left turn at the corner of Mott Smith and Nehoa, not Prospect and the other is that the State Department of Transportation is conducting the traffic study.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria: Dale Uno introduced herself and welcomed any questions.

Representative Sylvia Luke: No representative present; no report available.

Representative Della Au Belatti: Representative Bellati made newsletter available and presented the following:

- Newsletter: A newsletter is being digitized to anyone who is interested in receiving her newsletter she asked to e-mail her at repbelatti@capital.hawaii.com.
- Reapportionment: There haven't been many changes in the urban area but there will be changes in the neighbor islands.
- DOE Property: On September 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a meeting to discuss the use of the DOE property behind the Linikona parking structure.
- Charter School Task Force: At the State Capitol at 9:00 a.m. on September 21, 2011 presenting a report about the observations of the Hawaii system.
- Adopt A School: Sponsored by the Hawaii Jaycees on Sunday, October 9, 2011 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Belatti will be working closely with the Queen Kaahumanu School.

- Makiki Community Library: On Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. they will be holding the Taste of Books. They also have the approval to place a book drop at the Library all that is needed is approval by City Council.
- State Art Programs: The funding for the State Art Program was a hard fought battle. A lot of programs benefit from that 1 percent that is set aside more than just providing art pieces but also enriching educational programs.

Representative Karl Rhoads: Representative Karl Rhoads presented the following:

- Tree Trimming: In front of Honolulu Art Academy reported to the City and is resolved.
- Kinau and Pensacola: Reports of illegal parking in the morning and early afternoon; HPD contacted
- Post Office: Issue about the blowing of leaves up against neighboring houses; contractor was fired.
- Events: Representative Rhoads participated in a number of community events such as the Aloha Aina and renaming of Pawa In-Ha park.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Contemporary Museum: The museum is requesting to hold nightly activities two evenings per month. The Makiki Heights Association was not present, the Board will leave this issue on the agenda.

Approval of the AUGUST 18, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes There being no corrections, the **August 18, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES were ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 16-0-0 (Aye: Browne, Carole, Chong, Funk, Hauret, Kawano, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sabey, Sarrazin, 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: No report available.

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. Chair asked if there was any objection to taking it off the agenda.

Recycling Days in the Makiki Area: There will be an Aloha Aina recycling day held at Kaimuki High School.

COMMITTEES

Planning and Zoning: No report available.

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

- The rail project is now under the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART). On September 16th, the HART Board unanimously confirmed Robert Bunda as the final member of the 10-member HART Board. Bunda served as State Senate president from 2001 through 2006 and has been a long standing supporter of rail transit. Soil testing and preliminary engineering field work on the Kamehameha Highway Guideway will be underway in preparation for construction. This is a design-build contract to construct the 3.9-mile, second phase of the elevated rail guideway from the Pearl Highlands station to the Aloha Stadium station. The contract has been awarded to Kiewit Construction. Cost of the Kamehameha Highway Guideway contract is \$372-million. Kiewit will be responsible for construction of the elevated guideway along the second phase of the rail alignment, installation of train tracks, and restoration of the road surface along the route. HART plans a series of Town Hall meetings to update the community and answer questions. The public is welcomed to attend and ask questions of project experts, experience

informational displays and learn up to date details on the rail project. The meeting in your area, Central and Leeward Oahu is scheduled for Thursday, September 29, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Highlands Intermediate School Cafeteria in Pearl City. The project will also be conducting an Archeological Inventory Survey (AIS) for the City Center section of the project. This section runs from Middle Street Transit Center station to the Ala Moana Center station. The AIS process utilizes trenching methods to excavate and explore underground areas for potential archeological findings. The work will include day, night and weekend work depending on the location, beginning later this month. For more information on the rail project, visit www.HonoluluTransit.org. The project hotline number is 566-2299.

Newsletter/Videotaping of Neighborhood Board meetings: Wooten is trying to find out if it is possible to have Roosevelt High School record the Makiki Board Meetings and he is in contact with the Neighborhood Commission Office. Chair pointed out that before Roosevelt can get paid, this subject needs to be brought before the board because they are expending money.

Parks: No report available.

Education: Wooten emphasized the need to have a Board of Education (BOE) representative to the meeting and asked if there was any relationship similar to the HPD, HFD, and the Mayor's Representative that can assist in having someone represent the BOE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Conference of Chairs: Chairs and Vice Chairs are invited to the Conference of Chairs Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the Pauoa Elementary School.
- Vacation Rentals in Kailua: The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 13, 2011** at the Makiki District Park, Arts and Crafts Building at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Aisha Wang, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: John Steelquist, Chair