



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 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: Ron Cannarella, Charles Carole, Diane Chong, Trevor Funk, Phil Hauret, Richard Kawano, Allan Lee, Eloise Lee, Sam Mitchell, Chuck Reindollar, John Steelquist, Earl Winfree, and Michael Wooten, Susan Lai Young.

MEMBER ABSENT: Vincent "Vinny" Browne, and Isaiah Sabey.

VACANCIES: There is one vacancy in sub-district 2.

GUESTS: Captain Greg Ikeda (Honolulu Fire Department), Sergeant Lyle Fleck (Honolulu Police Department, District 1), Jarrett Yip (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff), Brandon Mitsuda and James Larsen (Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard's Office staff), Dale Uno (Representative Brickwood Galuteria's Office staff), Representative Karl Rhoads, Kelsey Gaddy (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative, Mayor's Office), Justin Kessler (Board of Water Supply), Lyle Fleck, Doreen Freeby, Mahina Duarte, Harold Bunora, and Aisha Wang (Neighborhood Commission staff).

BOARD ORGANIZATION

Resignation of Mike Sarrazin: Chair Steelquist shared with the Board that he had received a letter of resignation from Board member Mike Sarrazin which leaves a vacancy on the Board.

Filling of Vacancy in Sub District 2: Chair Steelquist asked the audience if there was any interest in filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Sarrazin. Hearing no interest, this item was deferred to a later date.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): There was no representative and no report available.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Sergeant Lyle Fleck reported the following;

- **October 2011 Statistics:** Included 8 assaults, 8 burglaries, 3 drug offenses, 12 driving under the influence (DUI), 20 family offenses, 1 graffiti, 110 motor vehicle collision (MVC), 8 motor vehicle thefts, 26 property damages, 1 robbery, 2 sex assaults, 23 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV), and 173 miscellaneous services.
- **Identity Theft Protection:** The first step to prevent identity theft is awareness of how and when you use your personal information. By keeping close tabs on your personal information, you can reduce your chances of becoming an identity theft victim.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed;

1. **Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Impact:** An inquiry was made into the impression HPD had of the entire Asia-Pacific Economy Cooperation. The response was that a lot of hours and training went into the preparation as well as the conference.
2. **Occupy Honolulu Protest:** The HPD was commended on its handling of the protest that was carried out in a cool handed way.
3. **Length of Report:** An inquiry was made into the period of the reports that were given to the Board. The response was that it was by month.



4. Noisy Vehicles: It was asked and clarified that handling of noisy vehicles should be to report the incident to 911, then call mayor's office of complaints and track the number of incidents and the location so that it can be on record.
5. Volunteer Ticketing: There was an inquiry into the use of volunteers to ticket handicapped stall violations. The HPD representative was not aware of this and would follow-up with an answer at the next meeting.

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

- Water Main Breaks: There were no water main breaks reported in the area for the month of October.
- Safety and Security: The BWS has been proactive in its efforts to protect the safety of our water supply from the increasing problems of theft and vandalism. However, having the community as a partner to help keep an eye on our various properties, especially the remote one is very important. The BWS would like to remind everyone that should you see any suspicious activity occurring at BWS facilities, please call 911 and notify the Honolulu Police Department. Law enforcement officials can respond quickly and work with the BWS in an investigation. If after contacting the police, you would like to follow up with the BWS, please dial our Security Office at 748-5911. Let's all help to keep Oahu's water supply safe.

Questions, comment and concerns that followed;

1. Man-Hole Covers: An inquiry was made regarding if it was specific or wide spread incidents of stealing of man-hole covers. Kessler to follow-up.
2. Stealing of Water: It was asked and clarified if there were any instances of water being stolen from private properties and if that was an large effect on water usage. Kessler reported that there was no correlation.
3. Rate Increases: An inquiry was made and Kessler responded that the Board had not come to any decision on this matter, however, Kessler would have a response as soon as one was available.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Piikoi Place: There is an issue of a private road with limited parking on the street. Some residents who were present were willing to pay for the metered parking to be placed in the lane to limit parking, however HPD will not ticket because it is a private road. This item will be kept on the agenda for further discussion.

CITY REPORTS

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: Jarrett Yip distributed a newsletter and highlighted the following;

- Aloha Aina and TAG: On Saturday, October 29 there was a large clean-up of urban Honolulu held just before the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in an effort to clean-up Urban Honolulu. It was a very involved activity with over one-thousand volunteers working to remove bulky items and cover graffiti to make urban Honolulu shine.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed;

1. Rail Project: The Councilwomen is always concerned at how much taxpayers money is going into this project and monitors the project constantly to make it worthwhile for taxpayers.
2. Beretania Street: It was asked when will the potholes on Beretania Street be repaired. Yip responded that the repair of Beretania as well as Ward Avenue was included in the CIP budget. However, some of the repairs are the responsibility of the Hawaii Electric Company (HECO) or BWS and they are in the planning stages to do the repairs.

Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard: James Larsen distributed a newsletter and highlighted the following;

- Honored Veteran's: The newsletter highlights all the contributions of the many veterans that donated themselves to advancing the Nation.
- Bill 54: This bill passing through Council regarding putting people on notice that personal belongings cannot be left on public sidewalks.

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

- Gratitude: Gaddy extended the Mayor's gratitude to the communities for their work and preparation in making APEC so successful.
- Beretania Street: Gaddy stated that she would look into what was being done to improve the roadways along Beretania Street.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed;

1. Obama's Visit: A Board member inquired who made the decision to arrange for the President to leave during rush hour traffic and disrupt the flow during peak hours between Ko Olina and Hickam. Gaddy explained that the City is not involved in the planning of movement and given secured information in order to maintain the safety of the President.
2. Materials Used: A suggestion was made to take a look at the type of material used to fix potholes because other nations like Japan, Korea and Australia have better roads and they don't appear to have the same problems with potholes.
3. Potholes: There were a number of reasons why potholes are not being taken care of such as the City is not using the material they found to be effective in covering potholes and that tunnels dug under the road is causing the potholes.
4. Sidewalks: An inquiry was made into the situation on Pensacola and Wilder where the entire stretch of the sidewalk is in need of repair, yet some sections were not completed.
5. Comment: Gaddy again stated that the community must continue to tell the City how to improve because without comment, there can be no solutions.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Representative Sylvia Luke, and Representative Della Belatti: No representative and no report was given.

Representative Karl Rhoads: Representative Rhoads presented the following;

- Office of Ombudsman: The representative reminded the audience that anytime there was suspicion of foul dealings to call the Office of the Ombudsman at 587-0770 to report anything. This is a government agency that is tasked in monitoring business affairs.
- Private Road: Rhoads will speak to Director Yoshioka and find out what the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) can do to remedy the situation at Piikoi Place as it is neither a State nor a City road.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed;

1. Standard Based Learning: The dilemma that occurred when the state increased hours required to work and decrease hourly pay in order to standardize education. Left a huge disconnect between what the teachers get paid to do and what they are expected to do. Teachers are not able to fulfill responsibility with resources given to them and they are forced to do with what little is available. Rhoads identified the need to keep behind the "Race to the Top" program which is showing marked improvement in education.
2. Gas Increases: Economy is faltering and gas prices increase indicate that there is no end. Theory that the gas price is linked to the cycle of economy indicates that the economy is headed for another fluctuation.

BOARD BUSINESS

Board Recess: Chair Steelquist inquired if there was any strong need for the Board to meet in the month of December. He asked if there was a motion to recess the December meeting. **A. Lee moved and seconded by Winfree to motion that the Makiki Neighborhood Board recess in the month of December. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 14-0-0 (Aye: Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Funk, Hauret, Kawano, Lai Young, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Reindollar, Steelquist, Winfree, Wooten.)**

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes: From October 20, 2011 Chair Steelquist asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes. **Hearing no objections, the minutes of the regular meeting on October**

20, 2011 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 14-0-0 (Aye: Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Funk, Hauret, Kawano, Lai Young, A. Lee, E. Lee, Mitchell, Reindollar, Steelquist, Winfree, Wooten.)

Treasurer's Report: None.

Contract for the Videographer: Board member Wooten reported that three months of taping were sent in to Olelo for verification that they were attempting to produce a series. He is trying to make a series which means 4 sets of meetings to broadcast, now they need to come to a decision on the times/days of the month to have the meeting aired.

Complaints of Noise from Roosevelt High School: Chair Steelquist reported that a letter was sent to the principal and Department of Education on behalf of the Board to come and discuss the reports of noise.

The City's Proposal to Issue a Single-Vendor Towing Contract: None.

Scottish Rite Day Care Facility at 1408 Nehoa Street Update: There is a hearing set for Monday, January 9, 2012.

Skateboarding and Bicycling on Tantalus and Round Top Drive Update: Traffic and bicyclers were reported on road to Tantalus. The California bush needs to be re-cut to increase visibility.

Safeway Update: Grand opening scheduled for December 14, 2011. All neighbors invited to attend.

Dog Park Update: Three parks are being considered as possible dog parks; Thomas Square, Archie Bunker and Makiki District. The parking is limited at Thomas Square and Makiki District Park is considered a mixed use area, so Archie Bunker seems to be the best possible site for a dog park. Larsen of CM Gabbard's office will work with the BWS to find out if this is feasible by the next meeting.

Recycling Days in the Makiki Area: None.

Report on Conference of Chair: Chair Steelquist reported that he attended the Conference of Chairs that was put on by the Chair of the Neighborhood Commission. He found that, unlike others held in the past, it wasn't as productive as they were only reminded of their duties as Chairs and the Neighborhood Plan.

COMMITTEES

Planning and Zoning: Complete revision is needed and comments are welcome.

Transportation: Pat Lee of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project was not present; no report available.

Health, Safety, and Wellness: There is a consideration to invite someone from Campaign Spending to present before the board the new Federal law that will be in effect in the coming year.

Funding or Videotaping of Neighborhood Board meetings: This item will be discussed once the videotaping is set-up on Olelo and the treasurer's report is settled within Neighborhood Commission Office.

Parks: None.

Education: Board member Wooten sent an e-mail to the Department of Education (DOE) to invite the superintendant of schools to promote community connections. Wooten to report response when available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: The Makiki Neighborhood Board voted to recess in the month of December and will next meet in the new year. Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 19, 2011** at the Makiki District Park, Arts and Crafts Building at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Submitted by Aisha Wang, Reviewed by John Steelquist, Chair