



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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DRAFT - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012** **MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK, ARTS AND CRAFTS BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Charles Carole 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, Philip Hauret, Richard Kawano, Susan Lai Young, Allan Lee, Eloise Lee, Sam Mitchell, Chuck Reindollar, Isaiah Sabey, Christopher Smith, Earl Winfree and Roberta Young.

Members Absent: Vincent Browne, Trevor Funk and John Steelquist.

Guests: Lieutenant Ben Mahi and Sergeant Shinichi Masaki II (Honolulu Police Department), Capttain Larry Moore (Honolulu Fire Department), Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and Jarret Yip (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff), James Larson (Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard's Office staff), Sonny Le (Rep. for Karl Rhoads), Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Transit Project), Justin Kessler (Board of Water Supply), Cathryn Masuda (Advocates for a Makiki Community Park), Beau Ryan Kennedy, Jim Hayes, Brian Taniguchi and Aisha Wang (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Vacancies: There is one (1) vacancy in Sub District one at this time.

BOARD ORGANIZATION: None.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Larry B. Moore: reported the following:

- **August 2012 Statistics:** Included 4 structure fires, 0 wildland, 0 rubbish and 2 vehicle – 75 medical, 2 search/rescue, 59 miscellaneous, 2 major incidents with a total of 8 Companies.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** Fire Prevention Week (FPW) was established to commemorate the Great Chicato Fire that occurred on October 8-10, 1871. The International Fire Marshals Association observes the anniversary nationally to remind the public about the importance of fire prevention. Since 1922, FPW has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. The National Fire Protection Association selected "Have 2 Ways Out!" as the theme for FPW on October 7 – 13, 2012. In October, children attending elementary schools statewide will receive a Fire Fighter's Safety Guide (FFSG) from their teachers. We encourage parents to review the FFSG with their child, create or revisit and practice their fire escape plan, test their smoke alarms, and consider the other safety tips in the guide.

Questions, comments and concerns: **Communication systems:** It was asked how the HFD communicated between each other in an emergency. The response was that the communication is based on line-of sight.

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

- **August 2012 Statistics:** Included 7 assaults, 12 burglaries, 6 drug offenses, 11 driving under the influence (DUI), 4 family offenses, 4 graffiti, 97 motor vehicle collisions, 10 motor vehicle thefts, 14 property damage, 1 robbery, 1 sex assault, 18 unauthorized entries into motor vehicle (UEMV) and 189 miscellaneous services.
- **HPD Accomplishments:** Graffiti reduced and caught skateboarders narrowed down to allow for more time for the officers to catch speeders.



Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Cameras: It was questioned what the purpose of the cameras on the corner of Lunalilo Street and Piikoi Street and Pensacola. It was explained that these cameras are to monitor the traffic during peak hours to allow for traffic studies of the area to be completed.
2. Hit and Run: There were several reports of hit and runs on the corner of Makiki street and on Wilder Avenue that were not reported in the statistics. The backlog of statistics was explained as part of the program set up by HPD called prevent, intervene and treat (PIT) the crimes from occurring. Part of the program is to compile the statistics strategically in order to better log the crimes into the system.
3. Narrowing of Lanes: It was questioned and clarified whether the narrowing of lanes on the freeway within the Makiki area has been causing more accidents.
4. Kalakaua Avenue/Beretania Street: It was noted that there is a high number of vehicles running the red light in this area which has contributed to the problem of hit and runs. HPD response was to take license plates to allow the HPD to follow up on the incidents.

Board of Water Supply: Justin Kessler reported the following:

- Main Breaks: There were no water main breaks reported in the Makiki area in August 2012.\
- Emergency Preparedness: Natural disasters, power outages, or other unexpected events can disrupt the ability of the Board of Water Supply (BWS) to provide water service to the community. September marks the observance of National Preparedness Month and serves as an important reminder to have an emergency preparedness kit available for your household. One crucial component of your emergency preparedness kit is having a safe drinking water supply. Residents should store at least one gallon of water per person per day for at least five to seven days. Also, in the event of an emergency, it is very important to stay tuned to media reports to receive water information bulletins and take any appropriate actions announced by the BWS or other emergency response agency. More information about emergency preparedness, including a handout describing how best to store drinkable water in your home is available online at www.boardofwatersupply.com The pacific hurricane season continues until the end of November.
- Major Roadwork: The BWS will be conducting major roadwork beginning October 1, 2012 on Ward Avenue to fix pipe work which will cause major traffic in the area, however, it is considered a system improvement.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Public Safety Issue: It was questioned and clarified if there was a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) developed to address the public safety concerns if there was a longer than 24 hour power outage and the water supply was in danger. Kessler to follow-up.
2. Steel Covering: A community member inquired on how long after a project was completed would the steel covering over the roadway be left. Kessler responded that they worked with contractors in order to fix roadwork and the best way to address the concern is to write an email to contactus@HBWS.org.

Transportation: Pat Lee of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) reported the following:

On August 24th, in the case of Kaleikini versus the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii, the State Supreme Court ruled in part that the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) did not follow their own administrative rules in allowing the rail project to proceed without a completed archeological inventory survey. The State and the City followed the State Historic Preservation Division's long-standing interpretation of its rules to allow the subsurface AIS work to proceed by sections. The lower court agreed with that interpretation. The Supreme Court disagreed with this interpretation and past practice. They ruled that HART should complete the AIS work for all four sections of the project.

The Supreme Court ruled that the City and State gave full consideration to cultural and historic values and that the court upheld the rail project's Environmental Impact Statement under state law. The HART board has directed the HART to fully comply with the Supreme Court ruling and take the necessary steps to complete the AIS, including design and engineering.

The temporary delay in construction will add more cost, however the project has contingency funds to cover these costs. It also means potential layoffs for hundreds of construction and other workers who have already started on the project, if the delay is a protracted one.

HART remains fully committed to completing the project as defined in the City Charter.

Rail is being built not for our generation, but the next and the future generations to follow. Traffic projections estimate that congestion will get a lot worse in the next 20 years due to growth and development particularly in Kapolei and Central Oahu.

For instance, from Waipahu to downtown it would take 66 minutes to drive, but just 27 minutes on the train. If you catch a shuttle bus to the Waipahu Transit Station, it may add another 10 minutes, but still 37 minutes versus 66 minutes by car; then you have to find parking downtown which could take you additional time if you drive.

In the next 20 years, about 80% of the island's population will either live or work along the 20 mile rail route. Rail will reduce future traffic congestion by 18% which is substantial.

When completed, rail will be 20 miles long, with 21 stops, using one fare for both bus and rail with parking lots at various locations and bus connections to the rail stations. The route runs from East Kapolei near the Salvation Army Kroc Center and the planned DeBartolo regional mall to Ala Moana Center.

Each train can carry more than 400 passengers, which is equivalent to about 6 buses, or more than 400 single occupant cars, operate from 4:00 AM to Midnight every day, and can carry 8,000 passengers an hour in each direction.

Regarding comparisons to bus, it is not "buses versus rail". You need both for an integrated mass transit system to serve the public better.

Buses are less efficient because it operates in general traffic will all other vehicles, it carries less passengers, and costs more to operate. Bus operating expenses are rising rapidly due to higher fuel and labor costs. An integrated bus/rail system would offer improved public transit service, with a single fare same as bus so you can buy a bus ticket and transfer free on to rail and then back on the bus. The bus and rail transit integrated system which is proposed would offer better service to public transit riders than an all bus system alone.

For more information, please visit the project website at www.honolulutrainsit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299, or email at info@honolulutrainsit.org.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Parking Stalls: It was asked how many parking lots would be built to accommodate the increase in "park and ride" sights. Lee responded that there is an estimated 40,000 stalls planned for the project.
2. Bathroom Stalls: A Board member noted that the amount of bathroom stalls per transit station needs to be reviewed pointing out that one stall per transit station was unacceptable. Lee to follow-up.
3. Delay Timeline: The estimated time for delay will be 9 to 10 months.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Sidewalks: A community member raised issue with the condition of the sidewalks and shared with the Board a letter from the Department of Design and Construction addressing the situation. The resident noted that the sidewalks have remained unresolved for over 20 years. The Board asked for this issue to be placed on the next month's agenda for discussion.
- Bus Route Changes: A Board member noted that with the new bus route changes, the route number 13 is now overcrowded with all the new stops that have been added.

PRESENTATIONS/NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion to Hold Candidate's Forum for the City Council District Race

Vice Chair Carole raised the question of having a candidate forum before the November 6, 2012 election. Board member Kawano volunteered to coordinate if he could get others from the Board to assist. Board members Winfree and Chong showed interest.

Board member Cananarella motioned and was seconded by Chong to hold a candidates forum after the next regular board meeting on October 18, 2012.

A Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) was formed between Board members Kawano, Winfree and Chong to coordinate a candidate forum which would run from approximately 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. after the regular board meeting. They also asked Vice Chair Carole to secure the use of the auditorium for the event.

CITY REPORTS:

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: Councilmember Kobayashi reported the following:

- Budget Hearing: Lengthy hearings to go over the misuse of tax-payer's monies in the City.
- White Bin Recycling: No City improvements.
- Sidewalks: The Improvement District (ID) program was meant to allow for residents directly affected by dilapidated sidewalks be responsible for a portion of the improvements.

City Council District 6: James Larsen circulated newsletters and highlighted the following:

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Program developed to provide basic training to volunteers for a safe and coordinated response during a disaster.
- Spotlight – Kevin Nakano: A fifteen year veteran, Corporal Kevin Nakano was recognized in the Spotlight section of the newsletter.

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

- Sprinklers in Thomas Square: It was noted that there were a number of sprinklers that were in need of repair in Thomas Square due to vehicles in the park. However, it was discovered that the timing of some of these sprinklers was the reason for the appearance of sprinklers being broken and will be addressed.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

The following elected officials were not present and there was no representation. Senator Carol Fukunaga; Senator Brickwood Galuteria; and Representative Sylvia Luke, and Representative Della Au Belatti:

Representative Karl Rhoads: Sonny Le reported the following:

Received a complaint that the gate to the freeway right-of-way next to the Matlock Hale driveway on Keeaumoku Street has been removed again and people are now living in the freeway right-of-way. Forwarded to the State Department of Transportation

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: Kalbert Young reported the following:

- Public Land Development Corporation (PLDC): The objective is to provide alternative funding that will help make programs self-sufficient through the transformation of underutilized lands into thriving areas for public benefit. By raising revenue, we lessen the burden on the taxpayer. The PLDC is less than a year old; as such it is still formulating its rules and seeking public input on this process. It is not exempt from federal laws, state environmental laws, or state historic preservation laws and committed to working with counties regarding zoning and permitting requirements to conform projects to county guidelines. If you have additional questions or wish to submit written testimony regarding the PLDC and the draft administrative rules, please e-mail them to Joy.Y.Kimura@hawaii.gov.
- Strategic Partnerships: The Abercrombie Administration is building strategic partnerships in the Asia Pacific region to deliver on the New Day goals for energy, a sustainable economy and stewardship of the environment.
 - In China: Kicking off the Asia Pacific Clean Energy Summit and Expo, Governor Abercrombie and Secretary General Xu Hubin of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to start a clean energy investment, simply put, the program will facilitate the Hawaii Energy Office's matchmaking process between Chinese Clean energy investors/developers and Hawaii ventures in need of capital or development partners.
 - Japan: Later during the summit, Governor Abercrombie joined other governors from Hiroshima, Saga and Shizuoka prefectures in signing another MOU that solidifies the parties' commitment to engaging in technological development in renewable energy and energy efficiency.

- Pacific: Most recently, Governor Abercrombie signed a partnership agreement with the governors of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, and Guam to assist the Pacific region in identifying coastal and ocean management priorities that require a coordinated regional response. This regional partnership will enhance our ability to work cooperatively in addressing stewardship of our oceans and coastal areas for future generations.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maunalaha Community: No representative available; no report.

Occupy Honolulu: The Board discussed whether having this item on the agenda was necessary when only one point of view or the other was posed. This item will be removed from next month's agenda.

BOARD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 16, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **The August 16, 2012 regular meeting minutes were UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED as circulated, 14-0-0 (Aye: Cannarella, Carole, Chong, Hauret, Kawano, Lai Young, Lee, Lee, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sabey, Smith, Winfree and Young).**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Chong reported that \$31.57 was spent in August including the payment of the videographer leaving a balance of \$839.43 at the end of the month. The Treasurer's report was filed.

Dog Park Update:

- Resident Cathryn Masuda reported that there was a dog walk through the Makiki District Park last month and a workshop on responsible dog ownership in urban Honolulu that will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Makiki District Park in the arts and crafts room.
- Annual Pet Walk: Will be held at Magic Island, Ala Moana Beach Park on Sunday, September 30, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

Recycling Days in the Makiki Area: No report.

COMMITTEES:

Planning and Zoning: No report.

Health, Safety, and Wellness: The item was discussed earlier in the agenda.

Parks: No report.

Education: No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Meeting: The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 18, 2012** at the Makiki District Park, Auditorium to allow for the candidate forum at 7:00 p.m.

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

Submitted by: Aisha Wang, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by, Nola Frank, Neighborhood Commission Office Staff

Reviewed by: John Steelquist, Chair