



ALA MOANA/KAKAAKO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 11

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013 MAKIKI CHRISTIAN CHURCH

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Larry Hurst called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **Quorum was established with seven (7) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Larry Hurst, Wayne Ibara, P. Nathan Minn, Steven Okumoto, Dexter Sensui, Chelsea Tanimura, and Michael Zehner.

Board Members Absent – Tony Kato and Kevin Shiota.

Vacancies – None.

Guests – Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland; Lauren Easley (Senator Brickwood Galuteria's Office staff); Jonathan Tungpalan (Representative Scott Saiki's Office staff); Shawn Hamamoto (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, Office of the Mayor); Councilmember Carol Fukunaga; Captain John Kino (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Baron Lee and Sergeant Hilarion Oliva (Honolulu Police Department); Dymian Racoma and Susan Uyesugi (Board of Water Supply); David Lato (COMMPAC), John Whalen (Plan Pacific); Laurie Lee; Mike Doss, Troy Tomita and Lisa Ontai (YMCA); Chip Doyle (GPD); Francisco Gutierrez (General Growth Properties); Jack Hamada; Gary Hasegawa; KZ Morihiro; Lori Lum (Watanabe Ing); Dave Striph (Howard Hughes); Roy Gritter; Lyn Stabie (Sunset Towers); Pauline Brooks (Harbor Towers); Ian Washburn (Atkinson Plaza); Dexter Okada (KBLA); Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Transit Project); James Kramer; Darryl McKinley; Jerry Snow; and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain John Kino reported the following;

- **January 2013 Statistics:** There were 11 structure fires, 1 wildland fire, 5 rubbish fires, 1 vehicle fire, 322 medical emergencies, 34 search/rescues, 23 miscellaneous calls for service, and 2 major incidents; the Cheesecake Factory fire (involving 10 companies) and the Marco Polo fire (involving 14 companies).
- **Safety Tip:** Have dryers installed and serviced by a professional. Do not use the dryer without a lint filter. Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum. Flexible or rigid metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time. Ensure the air exhaust pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap opens when the dryer is in operation. Remove lint from the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry. Maintain the dryer in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a professional to ensure the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks. Utilize the proper plug and outlet and ensure the dryer is properly connected. Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions, and do not overload your dryer. Keep the area around your dryer clear of items that can burn, such as boxes, cleaning supplies, and clothing. Clothes that have come into contact with flammable substances, such as gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents, should be laid out to dry, and then washed and dried as usual.

Comments followed: **New Year's Eve** – Fire calls for New Year's Eve have gone down. However, emergency medical calls are still high.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant Hilarion Oliva reported the following;

- **January 2013 Statistics:** There were 24 assaults, 8 burglaries, 37 drug offenses, 26 driving under the influence (DUI), 6 family offenses, 7 graffiti cases, 178 motor vehicle collisions, 6 motor vehicle thefts, 22 property damages, 2 robberies, 2 sex offenses, 48 unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle (UEMV), and 357 miscellaneous calls for service.
- **Safety Tip:** Pedestrians are reminded to adhere to traffic crossing laws, look both ways before crossing the



street, yield to vehicles even if you have the right of way, make eye contact with drivers before crossing, always walk across the street (do not run), obey the crossing signals when available, do not enter the crosswalk if the red flashing hand appears before entering the crosswalk, and be aware of cars turning right on the red, be aware of large vehicles blocking the view of traffic and/or pedestrians, do not walk behind vehicles with their reverse lights on, face oncoming traffic when traversing the sidewalk to see incoming traffic, and do not leave children unsupervised. Drivers were reminded to be aware of pedestrians at all times and to yield when approaching.

- Lieutenant Baron Lee – Lieutenant Baron Lee introduced himself as the new lieutenant on the Third Watch.

Comments followed:

1. Human Trafficking – It was reported that a hostess bar manager has hired a female from California, pays her rent, and lends her out for prostitution purposes. The Narcotics/Vice Division should be contacted.
2. Driver's License – Driver's licenses found by the public should be reported to HPD.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

1. Ala Moana Special Event – It was reported that a representative was supposed to make a presentation regarding a wine tasting event at Ala Moana for a special liquor license. Permission has yet to be granted by Ala Moana Shopping Center.
2. Kakaako Go-Kart Track – There was no information on the proposed Go-Kart track in Kakaako.
3. Heart in the Park – It was noted that donations were being sought for the "Heart in the Park" event at Magic Island, a youth-outreach event. It was noted that flyers for the event were illegally posted on City utility poles.
4. University of Hawaii (UH) Research Lab – The UH may be planning to build a research lab on "contaminated" land at Kakaako.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chair's Report – Chair Hurst reported the following:

1. Reggae Event on the Evening of Earth Day - A "for profit" group wants to put on an event and to obtain a liquor license to use Kakaako Waterfront Park. It was noted that the Board previously took a position to oppose the license. Concern was raised that the event is a "for-profit" event at a public park. It was suggested the event should hold the event on private property. It was noted that a similar event took place at New Year's; despite the Board's opposition.

Minn moved, and Okumoto seconded that the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 opposes the granting of a liquor license for event on the evening of Earth Day at Kakaako Waterfront Park.

Discussion followed:

1. City Parks – The opposition is only for the event at Kakaako Waterfront Park and does not pertain to other parks or venues around the island, like the McCoy Pavilion for the Greek Festival.
2. Controlled Environment – HPD has a difficult time regulating the event, because it is held in an open public area instead of an enclosed, controlled rentable venue, like the Blaisdell Center or Aloha Stadium.
3. Park Repairs: Councilmember Kobayashi had raised concerns of similar events, using public parks and the public destroying them right after the parks have been repaired.
4. Cultural Events – It was noted that the Kakaako amphitheater was originally built to host cultural events and not to promote liquor.

The motion was ADOPTED, 6-0-1 (AYE: Hurst, Ibara, Minn, Okumoto, Sensui, and Tanimura; ABSTAIN: Zehner).

2. Eat the Streets - This event is hosted by Kamehameha Schools, which brings in lunch wagons together for a food event. They are also applying for a liquor license. The Board took no action.
3. Shinnyo-en Memorial Day Event: It was noted that the Shinnyo-en event is well-maintained and has been supported by the Board in the past.

Minn moved, and Okumoto seconded the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 supports the Shinnyo-en Memorial Day event. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Hurst, Ibara, Minn, Okumoto, Sensui, Tanimura, and Zehner).

Hurst reported that the Land Utilization items on the agenda will be handled under the Land Utilization Committee portion of the agenda.

Citizens' Patrol Report – Dexter Sensui reported that the graffiti at Sheridan Community Park was reported to the HPD and painted over the next day. A paint-out was also performed at 902 Alder Street. Chronic graffiti concerns were also raised for an unfinished building in Alder Street. It was noted that the building has been under construction for a while and asked when the building would finally complete.

Community Relations – Wayne Ibara had no report.

Health – Chelsea Tanimura reported that \$112,000 is available for projects in researching the arrival of Japan tsunami debris. Non-profit organizations are being contacted on ways to remove and reduce marine debris. Nearly 100 sightings of potential debris have been reported. Visit the State Department of Health or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris websites for more information.

Land Utilization – Nathan Minn reported the following:

1. Ala Moana Center/Ward Center Expansion – Minn introduced Francisco Gutierrez of General Growth Properties and Dave Striph of Howard Hughes. Francisco reported that money is being expended to redevelop and expand portions of Ala Moana Center. Phase 1 will include street-level redevelopment of the center, beginning on the makai side and working mauka. Phase 2 will include work to expand the makai portion of the mall. A finalized plan is not complete. Updates will be provided at future Board meetings. Dave Striph reported that Howard Hughes has purchased 60 acres from General Growth Properties. Howard Hughes is the property owner for Ward Center. Since its purchase, planners have studied the history of the area. The Kakaako Master Plan is being refined to allow for changes to the area. Plans are to build a number of smaller mixed use buildings that will provide office, residential, and retail space. The IBM building and existing Pier 1 Imports will be renovated to provide for mixed use.
2. YMCA Expansion – Minn noted that the Central YMCA site is located adjacent to the yacht harbor. Minn disclosed that he serves on the Board of Directors for the Yacht Harbor Tower and all comments are personal opinions. It was noted that there is a proposition to expand the existing tower to allow for a taller, higher density tower. Minn noted that Atkinson Drive is heavily used and expressed concerns over the dangerous access to the existing building. Concern was also raised if the existing sewer infrastructure could carry the extra load should a higher density be approved.

Minn moved, and Sensui seconded that the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 opposes the proposed density increase at the Central YMCA site, due to traffic concerns.

Comments followed:

1. Concerns – Chair Hurst noted that he has received two (2) packets of material regarding the project. It was that the project would propose an additional parking lot to house 282 vehicles. Concern was raised that traffic is already congested in the area and the project would allow for more vehicles. Multiple traffic concerns were also raised. Concern was also raised that the sewer would need to be renovated to handle the increased load.
2. Audience Members – Several audience members also opposed the project by the show of hands.
3. Hearings – It was noted that the zoning will be discussed with the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) and the City Council. It was suggested the community voice their opinion at that time as well.
4. Future Presentation – It was noted that final plans for the project has yet to be completed and a presentation would be provided to the Board. It was reported that the building currently houses 120 units. The original plan called for 160 units with the proposed zoning change. However, the number has already dropped down to 150 units.

The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Hurst, Ibara, Minn, Okumoto, Sensui, Tanimura, and Zehner).

Legislation – Michael Zehner reported that the Legislative Session has reached its midway point and bills will start to cross over. Senate Bill (SB) 17 is an increase of the oil barrel tax. House Bill (HB) 1147 relates to disclosure of "soft" money donors.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) – Dexter Sensui reported that at the last OahuMPO meeting, the new City Department of Transportation Services Director (DTS) Michael Formby was introduced. Following 2012 bus route cuts, DTS is looking into restoring Route 55. The City is considering the option of providing free bus

passes for seniors. The City is looking at utilizing "swipe cards" to curb illegal bus transfers. Complaints were also raised of trolley stops being located near bus stops and trolley riders leaving no space for bus riders to sit at bus stops.

Parks and Waterways – Steven Okumoto reported that in Manoa, they are facing similar problems as in our district.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Dymian Racoma reported the following;

1. Kona Street: Repairs on Kona Street have been postponed until proper permit are obtained.
2. Detect-A-Leak Week: The average American household wastes more than 10,000 gallons of water each year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks. In an effort to promote water efficiency and savings, BWS is observing Detect-A-Leak Week from March 18-24, 2013. During the observation, all residents throughout the state are encouraged to check for property leaks and to fix them promptly. Throughout Detect-A-Leak Week, free toilet leak detection tablets will be available to the public at the BWS Public Service Building at 630 Beretania Street, all Satellite City Halls, and City Mill locations. For more information, call 748-5041 or visit www.boardofwatersupply.com, <http://www.facebook.com/BWSHonolulu>, or <http://www.twitter.com/BWSHonolulu>.
3. Monthly Billing: Susan Uyesugi reported that BWS will be converted to a monthly billing system in January 2013. There is an increase in staff to handle telephone inquiries about the service.

Public Safety – Tony Kato was not present and there was no report.

Transportation – Although Kevin Shiota was not present, Chair Hurst reported that there will be a Honolulu Marathon half-marathon on March 10, 2013. Traffic will be affected.

Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project – Pat Lee reported the following:

1. Archeological Inventory Survey (AIS): On August 24, 2013, the State Supreme Court overturned the lower court's decision and ruled that the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) should complete the AIS work for all four (4) sections of the project before continuing with construction. HART has completed the AIS trenching and is currently drafting the AIS report which will be sent to the State Historic Preservation Division for approval. More than 400 trenches were excavated along the 20-mile rail corridor to determine the presence of any sub-surface archeological, cultural or historic resources within the path of the rail alignment where columns will be placed, or utilities relocated. There were 92 trenches dug in section 1 (Kapolei/Waipahu), 34 in section 2 (Pearl City to Aloha Stadium), 47 in section 3 (Pearl Harbor/Airport to Middle Street), and 260 in section 4 (Middle Street to Ala Moana Center). Human remains were found in seven (7) trenches; all in the City Center segment, near Chinatown, on Halekauila near the Federal Building, and in Kakaako behind the former Ala Moana Farmers Market.) The AIS report should be completed concurrently with the additional information required by Federal Judge Tashima's ruling for the Beretania Street underground alternative, traditional and cultural properties, and impacts to Mother Waldren Park in Kakaako. Construction work is anticipated to start up again by September 2013. The full system is slated to be operational in 2019.
2. Schedule/Capacity/Route: Once completed, trains will run from 4:00 a.m. to midnight daily, every three (3) minutes during peak times and six (6) to 10 minutes during the day and evenings. One (1) train can carry as many as five (5) city buses and remove 40,000 car trips from the road each day. There are 21 stops along the route from Kapolei to Ala Moana Center, including the University of Hawaii-West Oahu (UHWO), Leeward Community College (LCC), Pearlridge, Aloha Stadium, the airport, Honolulu Community College (HCC), Chinatown, the Downtown financial district and Kakaako. For more information, please visit the project website at www.honolulustransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299, or email at info@honolulustransit.org.

Chair Hurst wondered if Shiota and Lee attended the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) meetings, as Chair Hurst and Lee had conflicting schedules.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Councilmember Fukunaga circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Road Repairs: It was noted that many of the roads located in Council District 6 are set to be paved within the first two (2) years of the City's four-year road repair plan.
- Capitol Improvement Projects (CIP) – A report on CIP concerns will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Comments followed:

1. Repainting – It was expressed that the roads need to be repainted due to rain in the area.
2. Homeless – Bill 7 relates to removing private property on sidewalks without the 24-hour notice. The bill will go before the full council by the end of the month and return back to committee for discussion. Coordination will take place with service providers and State agencies. Strategies are being formed with service providers to address homelessness in different areas.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – No representative was present, but a newsletter was provided.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Shawn Hamamoto reported the following:

1. Curb Painting – Department of Transportation Services (DTS) performed an investigation in December 2012 and found that the red curb on Pensacola Street, near Elm Street was not repainted. The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) confirmed that the work order to repaint the red curb has not been completed and that the curb will be repainted by March 2013. Chair Hurst was happy that the re-painting of the curb had been completed after two years.
2. Sidewalk Obstruction – The Occupy Honolulu people have been replaced by the homeless and they are expanding again at Thomas Square. Board members had requested enforcement of the stored private property laws. Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) has been issuing citations for obstructing the sidewalk with private property. Chair Hurst mentioned that City enforcement teams with HPD were out under the Airport viaduct this morning.

Comments followed:

1. Neighborhood Commission Office – Chair Hurst praised the high standard of service, provided by Neighborhood Assistant K. Russell Ho and that he was assigned two more Boards for a total of six. Chair Hurst requested hiring more Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) staff to help him.

Representative Tom Brower – A representative was not present, but a newsletter was provided. Representative Bower will be working on community noise control, like ambulance sirens.

Representative Scott Saiki – Jonathan Tungpalan circulated a newsletter and reported that there will be a Legislative Town Hall meeting on March 12, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 016.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria – A representative was not present, but a newsletter was provided.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – A representative was not present, but a newsletter was provided.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative – Barbara Krieg circulated a copy of the Governor's initiatives, which includes early education and sustainability.

PRESENTATION/BOARD BUSINESS:

1391 Kapiolani Rail Terminus Project – No representative was present and no report was available.

March 2013 Recess – Chair Hurst mentioned that Neighborhood Assistant Ho would not be attending the March 26, 2013 meeting, because it will be a State Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Day holiday. **Okumoto moved, and Tanimura seconded to amend the agenda to add - Action to Recess in March 2013. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Hurst, Ibara, Minn, Okumoto, Sensui, Tanimura, and Zehner).**

The Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 ADOPTED the motion to recess in March 2013 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Hurst, Ibara, Minn, Okumoto, Sensui, Tanimura, and Zehner).

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 22, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: There were no minutes available.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chair Hurst read the Treasurer's Report and reported a balance of \$329.53. The Treasurer's Report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Recess in March 2013 - The Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 will recess for the March 26, 2013 meeting in observance of the Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Day holiday.
2. Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 will be on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Makiki Christian Church, 829 Pensacola Street.
3. No loitering on Church Grounds after Board Meetings (after 9:00 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by:
Kazuaki McArthur
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
K. Russell Ho
Neighborhood Assistant and
Larry Hurst, Chair