



## ALA MOANA/KAKA'AKO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 11

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014 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 (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present - Rodney Chang, Larry Hurst (departed at 7:25 p.m.), Matt Johnson, Aaron Landry, Tom McLaughlin, Ryan Tam, and Michael Zehner.

Board Members Absent - Julianne Irace and Duane Komine.

Vacancies - There were none.

Guests - Barbara Krieg (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative, Department of Human Resources Development, Director); Representative Tom Brower, Jonathan Tungpalan (Representative Scott Sakai's Office staff); Mark Garrity (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, Department of Transportation Services, Deputy Director); Councilmember Carol Fukunaga; Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and James Larson (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff); Brittany Mounce (Councilmember Stanley Chang's Office staff), Captain Robert Ho'opi'i (Honolulu Fire Department, Pawaa Station); Acting Lieutenant Douglas Vollrath (Honolulu Police Department, District 1), Gerald Chun (Kaka'ako Do It Right), Joyel Horita, Leonard Narimasu, Shimizu, Steve Denight, M. Tait (Hawaii Convention Center), Dexter Okada (KBLA), Natalie Iwasa (Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

### CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Captain Robert Ho'opi'i reported the following:

- April 2014 Statistics - There were 2 rubbish and 1 vehicle fires; 178 medical emergencies, 6 search/rescues, and 32 miscellaneous calls for service.
- Fire Safety Tip - Planning One's Family Escape from Fire: Have a working smoke alarm in every bedroom and hallway. Make an escape plan showing all doors and windows in the home. Know at least two (2) ways out of every room. Ensure all doors and windows that lead out can be opened easily. Identify an outside place, which is a safe distance from the home, where everyone should meet. Practice the home fire drill twice a year with everyone in the home. Teach children how to escape on their own in case parents cannot help them. If one has to escape through smoke, keep low and crawl one's way out. Get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people or pets. Call 911 from outside the home.

Comments followed:

1. Fire Safety/Prevention - Call HFD for a fire extinguisher class.
2. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - The media recently mentioned problems in the EMS. EMS is not a part of HFD. Contact EMS for a response.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 1 - Acting Lieutenant Douglas Vollrath reported the following:

- April 2014 Statistics - There were 27 motor vehicle thefts, 60 burglaries, 299 thefts, and 90 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). There was a total of 12,562 calls for service for District 1. There is more statistical breakdown at the HPD's public website at [www.honolulupd.org](http://www.honolulupd.org).
- Safety Tips for Keiki - Do not talk to or accept anything from anyone you do not know. Get away and tell an adult you know and trust what happened. Obey traffic signals and use the crosswalks when crossing the street.
- Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) - Persons, who would like to join or participate in a Neighborhood Security, Business Security Watch, or Citizen Patrol group, contact Sergeant Derek Valoroso at 723-3922 or at [dvaloroso@honolulu.gov](mailto:dvaloroso@honolulu.gov).



Comments followed:

1. Police Week - For more information about Police Week and the Memorial Walk, visit the HPD website.
2. Neighborhood Security Watches (NSW)/Citizen Patrols (CP) - A resident reported that businesses are asked to pick up cigarette butts and other litter in front of their stores. There are small plastic bags on Kona Street. The NSW/CP will send a representative to the Memorial Walk.
3. Homeless Guy on the Bridge Update - HPD will follow up. Call 911 to report any incidents.
4. Waimano Street is Private - HPD can enforce traffic laws, if open to the public part of the time. Property owners must invite HPD onto the property.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Johnson reported the following:

- Water Main Break Report - There were two water main breaks on Ala Moana Boulevard on Friday, March 14, 2014 and on Sunday, March 23, 2014.
- Tours and Educational Programs - In support of the Neighborhood Commission Office's "Community for Keiki" month in April 2014, BWS invites the public to visit one (1) of the following educational facilities to learn about Oahu's water resources: Fred Ohrt Water Museum/Kalihi Pumping Station, Halawa Xeriscape, Nu'uuanu Watershed, Honouliuli Water Recycling Facility, and Waihe'e Tunnel. To schedule a tour, email [tours@hbws.org](mailto:tours@hbws.org) or call 748-5041. Due to the many requests received, at least three weeks notice is required to book a tour. More information is available at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).
- Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contest - A big "Mahalo" goes out to more than 1,300 keiki artists and 200 poets, who participated in the 2014 Water Conservation Week poster and poetry contests. The art and poetry depicted the contest theme, "Conserve Water: No Effort is Too Small" to emphasize that every drop saved contributes to a larger island-wide effort to preserve and protect precious water resources. BWS appreciates the support of this community and educators, who encourage Oahu's youth and families to conserve water. Contest winners will be revealed at an Awards Ceremony in May 2014. Visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) on Thursday, May 8, 2014, to see the names of the winners,
- Kapi'olani Boulevard Water System Improvement Project - Work to replace approximately 3,800 feet of water main and appurtenances along Kapi'olani Boulevard from McCully Street to Date Street is ongoing. Starting on April 21, 2014, the two far left, Diamond Head-bound lanes and the far left Ewa-bound lane of Kapi'olani Boulevard between McCully Street and Paani Street will be closed for excavation work. Roadwork will occur Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

May is Bike Month - Natalie Iwasa, also known as "Bicycle Mom," announced that Bike to School Day will be on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 and "Bike to the Zoo" Day will be on Sunday, May 18, 2014. Between May 7th and May 18th there will also be a "Bike to Work Day." For other activities for May 2014 visit - [info@CycleOnHawaii.org](mailto:info@CycleOnHawaii.org).

City Council Candidate - Iwasa also announced her candidacy for Council District 4 (Councilmember Stanley Chang's District).

Noise Laws - A resident, who lives at the Pacifica, inquired about the noise laws. He was referred to James Larson of Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair's Report - Lantern Floating Ceremony at Ala Moana Beach Park on Memorial Day 2014: As Chair Hurst received a communication from the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) about "neutrality" of the Chair, Chair Hurst passed the gavel to Vice Chair Zehner to be neutral on this event. Discussion followed. **Chang moved and McLaughlin seconded that the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 support the Lantern Floating Ceremony at Ala Moana Beach Park on Memorial Day 2014. As there were no objections, the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 ADOPTED the motion by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Chang, Hurst, Johnson, Landry, McLaughlin, Tam, and Zehner).**

At 7:25 p.m. Chair Hurst departed the meeting. Vice Chair Michael Zehner became the Acting Chair; **six (6) members present.**

Community Relations - Duane Komine was not present and no report was available.

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) Committee - Tom McLaughlin reported the following:

- Committee Member Absence - Anthony Ching, Executive Director for the HCDA was not available, on a business trip.
- Written Update of HCDA Activities - McLaughlin distributed a packet of information with the usual written update of HCDA activities and noted that the decision making on the application for a joint development permit for Keauhou Place and Keauhou Lane is on Monday, April 30, 2014. Also, included in the packet is a written report on Parks and Open Space, which is a response to Board Members' requests at the last meeting. It was prepared by Lindsey Doi of HCDA. It details the number of parks and sizes in Kaka'ako improvement District, addresses density, space requirements and the rules pertaining to parks and open spaces, also details the public and private recreation spaces for the two (2) Master Plans and other developments, recaps the open space requirements under the 2005, 2011 Mauka Area Rules and the Proposed Transit Oriented Development Plan and has a section on public facilities and dedication fees
- Status of House Bill (HB) 1866 HD2/SB2: "Omnibus Bill" - This bill is on Governor Neil Abercrombie's desk. Governor Abercrombie can sign the bill, veto it, or allow the bill to become law without action. The key elements:
  1. Public engagement and notice - Projects over \$525,000 value must mail out notices to property owners in a 300-foot radius.
  2. Allows HCDA to buy back and re-sell reserved housing units.
  3. Allows developers to make cash-in-lieu payments to satisfy reserved housing requirements.
  4. Prohibits HCDA from delegating to the Executive Director authority to award a variance, exemption or modification of any provision of Community Development Plans or rules.
  5. Limits height to 400 feet plus 18 feet for mechanical or architectural element.

Health - Julianne Irace was not present and no report was available.

Legislation - Acting Chair Michael Zehner reported the following:

- Senate Bill (SB) 3132, Relating to Makai Development - This bill would limit height to 400 feet. There is no public testimony in Conference Committee.

Parks/Waterways/Bikes Committee - Matt Johnson reported the following:

- HCDA Open Space - Johnson thanked the HCDA Committee for the update. The updated 2011 Kaka'ako Mauka Area master plan requires that 15 percent of any Kaka'ako Mauka construction project be reserved for open space. But the rules allow developers to count as open space, lobbies and pool decks inside of their buildings. This is private indoor space only available to condominium residents and their guests, not the public. A HCDA representative stated "that means a private recreation deck on the 10th floor of a building would count as open space, as would any grassy areas in front of the building." There is still no positive signal from developers or the HCDA, regarding a true, open, green space.
- Thomas Square Park - The City's Department of Parks and Recreation is holding a kick-off meeting today to discuss the plan for redeveloping the historic Thomas Square Park. The meeting today is to receive feedback from the community on what it wants to see. The park is historically significant as well as potential for being a center art district as well as containing a bike path and bike share program. Chris Dacus has been hired by the City to manage the Thomas Square project as well as an upcoming redevelopment plan for Ala Moana Reach Park. Dacus will be invited to the May meeting to provide an additional update. The website is being created for the Thomas Square project to allow interested community members to become involved. Bike lanes and Bike Sharing will be added topics.
- Bicycle Planning - Tonight Honolulu Civil Beat presents a special Earth Day edition of Civil Cafe, where Honolulu's future for bicycling and transportation will be the main topic. Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell has committed himself to upgrading City infrastructure to not only promote better bike safety, but put more bicyclists on the road. The guests are: Mike Formby, Honolulu Department of Transportation Services Director; and Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director of the Hawaii Bicycling League. A bike sharing program is also scheduled for 1,880 bikes and 170 docking stations throughout some of the most congested areas of Oahu. An update from tonight's meeting will be provided in next month's committee report.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART)/Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) - Tam summarized Pat Lee's written report:

- To Washington, D.C. - Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dan Grabauskas traveled to Washington, D.C. this month along with HART Board Chairman Ivan Lui Kwan, Mayor Kirk Caldwell, and City Council Chairman Ernie Martin to update federal officials on the status of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP). One of the strong messages HART is getting both from Republicans and Democrats, in both the House and the Senate, is that now

that HART has its full funding grant, has overcome the legal hurdles and is back to full construction, the rail project is in the best position to continue to receive money from Congress.

- Rail Work - Rail work is happening all along the 20-mile route from Kapolei to Ala Moana. The most visible signs of that progress are the guideway columns and foundations that have been built in Ewa. Workers are moving utility lines and testing the soil in other areas. Some of the work is being done during the day, while other work is conducted at night, as HART seeks to minimize the impacts of construction on the traveling public. Once completed and in operation, rail will bring the City a reliable and dependable alternative to driving. It will be the first fully-automated, elevated system built in the United States. Passengers will be able to connect from buses to rail, using one fare system. When completed, rail transit will eliminate an estimated 40,000 vehicles from congested streets and highways in the future. For current traffic updates and more information, please visit the website [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org), call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at [information-honolulutransit.org](mailto:information-honolulutransit.org).

Planning/Transportation(Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO)/Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) - Tam reported the following:

- TOD - Next month, Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) wants to come to the next Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 meeting to discuss the TOD overlay plan for the Ala Moana station.
- State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) - HDOT is soliciting comments on the draft 2035 Federal Aid Highways Transportation Plan. Copies are at the libraries or [www.hawaii-longrangeplan.com](http://www.hawaii-longrangeplan.com).
- Thomas Square Culture/Arts District (expanded discussion from last month) Honolulu is one (1) of four (4) cities, which was picked to participate in an Urban Land Institute Rose Center Fellowship. They are looking at different development scenarios for the Neal Blaisdell arena site, new sites for supportive and compatible uses, and possible creation of an arts district campus, which includes McKinley High School. A site analysis would include looking at infrastructure as a barrier, transportation considerations, for example, crossing distances, introducing bike-friendly features, and crossing to the Museum of Art. There are opportunities - proximity to arts resources, for example, McKinley High School and Activate Thomas Square. The next steps include analysis of the arena, concert hall, and expo hall; financing and management options; and identification of stakeholders and leadership for Thomas Square Culture/Arts District alliance.
- Other - Peak-hour parking restriction was restored on King Street in preparation for a cycle track.

Comments followed: HCDA/TOD - Concerns were expressed about height variances. Two (2) of the three (3) Board members should get together to discuss trade-offs - for example, wider sidewalks, bikes, and public hearings.

Public Safety Committee - Chair Hurst was not present and no report was available.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Councilmember Stanley Chang - Brittany Mounce distributed Councilmember Chang's newsletter and reported the following:

- Personal Property at Bus Stop - Concerns of personal property being stored at a bus stop fronting Ala Moana Park- Councilmember Chang's office had this area cleared last month.
- Budget - The budget process is ongoing, with the next special budget meeting set for Tuesday, May 13 and Wednesday, May 14, 2014. For anyone who is interested in learning more about the budget process, check out the feature article in the newsletter.
- Next Council Meeting - The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at Kapolei Hale; the public is invited to attend.
- Town Hall Meeting - Councilmember Chang will be hosting a town hall meeting on Monday, April 28, 2014 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the O'ahu Club in Hawaii Kai. The town hall meeting will cover the road repaving project, the budget process, and environmental issues.
- Town Hall Meeting in Waikiki - Councilmember Chang will also be joining Mayor Kirk Caldwell for a town hall meeting in Waikiki, set for Thursday, May 1, 2014 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Ala Wai Golf Course Ballroom. The town hall meeting will be broadcasted live on 'Olelo Channel 55.

City Councilmember Carol Fukunaga - Before the meeting started, Councilmember Fukunaga had dropped off her newsletter and departed.

City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - James Larson distributed Councilmember Kobayashi's newsletter and Councilmember Kobayashi reported the following:

- Special Budget Meeting - The Council will be meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, April 23, 2014 to discuss the raising of the minimum real property tax of \$300 per year.
- Consideration of Bill 69, Ads on Exterior of Buses - The City stated that there is a need for funds for the restoration of bus routes, but Councilmember Kobayashi would like to find other sources of funding.
- Survey of Sidewalks - Kobayashi favors a survey of sidewalks to repair, like the previous roads survey. There have been many complaints.
- Salary Commission - The Salary Commission recommended an eight (8) percent pay raise, but the Council has refused any pay raise for the last three (3) years.
- Parking - Now, parking meters are free on Sundays and paid until 6:00 p.m. An idea is to pay for parking permits at night.

Comments followed: Bus Ads - Acting Chair Zehner was concerned about not limiting free speech and allowing commercial ads. Councilmember Kobayashi mentioned that it was an Administration issue to decide what types of ads are accepted. The City supports no wrap-around ads. The Outdoor Circle is against the bill.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative - Mark Garrity, Deputy Director of Department of Transportation Services (DTS) reported the following:

- City News April 2014 - The City News April 2014 was distributed.
- Community for Keiki Month - Mayor Caldwell thanked the Neighborhood Boards for taking part in April's "Community for Keiki" Month. The 2012 Census reported that 22% of the island community is under the age of 18 and, while keiki are not old enough to be board members, it is important to highlight the issues that most affect them.
- Summer Fun Program - The City and County's Summer Fun Program is held at over 60 sites across Oahu, and offers a variety of recreational activities such as crafts, sports and excursions. Summer Fun runs June 12 to July 25, 2014, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Some sites offer program before and after Summer Fun. Summer Fun is open to children age five (before January 1, 2014) or completed Kindergarten, and up to 13 years old, who have not entered the 7th grade. Teen program and volunteer opportunities are available for students, 7th - 12th grade. Enrollment is limited. There is a registration fee of \$25 (waived for eligible children receiving DHS assistance). There is also an activity fee, which varies by site. For more information, please visit the website at [www.honolulu parks.com](http://www.honolulu parks.com). All programs are subject to change without notice.
- Fixing Sidewalks in Ala Moana/Kaka'ako - The concern has been forwarded to Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM). The Division of Road Maintenance has requested more information, such as the exact or closest address of the required repairs, so it can investigate.

State Representative Tom Brower - Representative Brower had distributed his report and departed the meeting.

State Representative Scott Saiki - Jonathan Tungpalan distributed Representative Saiki's newsletter and reported the following:

- Legislative Update - The 2014 Session will wrap up on Thursday, May 1, 2014. There are many bills still poised for final votes. At next month's meeting, Tungpalan will provide an overview of legislation that was approved by both the House and the Senate.
- Legislature Approves House Bill (HB) 1866 - On Monday, April 14, 2014 HB 1866, relating to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA). passed final reading in the House of Representatives and was enrolled to the Governor Neil Abercrombie. HB 1866 aims to improve management, legislative oversight and participation of the HCDA.

State Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland - Senator Chun Oakland was not present and no packet of information was available.

State Senator Brickwood Galuteria - Senator Galuteria was not present and no report was available.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative - Barbara Krieg reported the following:

- A "Rising Star" - Hawaii, once in danger of losing the "Race to the Top" federal education reform grant has now been called a "rising star" by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. While visiting local schools last month, Secretary Duncan went so far as to say Hawaii's public schools can be a model for

the nation. He acknowledged that Hawaii is now one of the fastest improving states in the nation. This is extraordinary progress in just three years.

- State Department of Transportation (HDOT) - HDOT is finishing up the repair of the H-1 freeway.
- State Identification (ID) Card - The fee will be going up in May 2014.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 25, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** Landry moved and Tam seconded that **Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 approves the March 25, 2014 regular meeting minutes as circulated.** Discussion followed. **As there were no objections, the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 ADOPTED the March 25, 2014 regular meeting minutes as amended by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 6-0-0 (AYE: Chang, Johnson, Landry, McLaughlin, Tam, and Zehner).** The amendments were as follows:

- Page 3, under Legislation Committee, it should read, "Banning Electronic Cigarettes - Zehner has met with the opponents of this bill. Pharmacies have opposed the ban, due to loss of sales. Zehner mentioned that the Neighborhood Board can oppose the bill with more discussion."
- Page 6, under SPECIAL PRESENTATION, Changes In Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) Public Hearing Format - it should read, "Ching presented the current rules and procedures and clarified the stricter requirements for a contested case hearing. While contested case proceedings generally do not accept public testimony, HCDA will be holding modified public hearings that WILL accept public testimony (in addition to sworn testimony from interveners, expert witnesses, etc.). These modified public hearings will allow members of the public to formally intervene, or if they choose, to continue giving testimony in a less-formal setting."

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Tam reported that for March 2014, \$35.88 was spent for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, leaving a balance of \$225.19. The Treasurer's report was filed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 will be on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Makiki Christian Church, 829 Pensacola Street.
- No Loitering on church grounds after 9:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant, and

Reviewed by: Larry Hurst, Chair and Michael Zehner, Vice Chair