



ALA MOANA/KAKAAKO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 11

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014 MAKIKI CHRISTIAN CHURCH

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Larry Hurst called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Duane Komine (departed at 7:38 p.m.), Aaron Landry, Tom McLaughlin, Ryan Tam, and Michael Zehner.

Board Members Absent – Matt Johnson (resigned).

Vacancies – There was one (1) in Subdistrict 1 (Boundaries - King Street, Kalakaua Avenue, Kapiolani Boulevard, and Keeaumoku Street) and one (1) in Subdistrict 4 (Boundaries – Generally, Beretania Street, Ward Avenue, Ala Moana Regional Park western border, coastline, Keawe Street/South Street, King Street, Alapai Street, to Beretania Street).

Guests – Raytan Vares (Senator Brickwood Galuteria's Office staff), Representative Tom Brower, Michael Formby (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, Department of Transportation Services, Director); Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, James Larson (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff), Fire Fighter Cory Hamaishi for Captain Lopaka Ho'opi'i (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Baron Lee and Sergeant J. Castro (Honolulu Police Department, District 1); Pat Lee [Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP)], M. Tait (Hawaii Convention Center), James Kramer, Gerald/Lina Chun (KDIR), Steve Miller, Lindsey Doi (Hawaii Community Development Authority), John Horvath, Joe Gedam; Roy Yamamoto [Roy Yamamoto, Architect, American Institute of Architects (AIA)]; Robyn Kuraoka [Hawaii Medical Services Association (HMSA)]; James Caslino, Chris Lethem, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Fire Fighter Cory Hamaishi for Captain Lopaka Ho'opi'i reported the following:

- **June 2014 Statistics** – There were 3 fires, 104 medical emergencies, 84 good intent calls, and 13 false alarms for a total of 251 calls for service.

Comments followed:

1. **Re-opening of HFD Headquarters (HQ)** – Fire Fighter Hamaishi mention that the HFD HQ will be re-opening soon. Chair Hurst noticed that there is a large air conditioning unit on the roof instead of window units.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 1 – Lieutenant Baron Lee reported the following:

- **June 2014 Statistics** – There were 14 motor vehicle thefts, 2 burglaries, 168 thefts, 21 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), 19 assaults, 1 sex assault, 1 graffiti, and 24 drug offenses. There were a total of 7,361 calls for service for District 1.
- **Safety Tips - Stop Criminals from Acquiring your Money (SCAMS)** – Lieutenant Lee gave many examples of different types of scams, including winning sweepstakes, automobile accidents, auto or home repair, and relatives needing money. If a person claims to be an undercover officer, do not give him money. If there are any questions, call 911.

Comments followed:

1. **Sheridan Community Park** – Chair Hurst thanked HPD for clearing out Sheridan Park and reported that the homeless have moved to Kaheka Street. The motorcycle was cleared, but the homeless are still using the church grounds at night.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Sheridan Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) – No report.



Queen Street Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) – No report.

Bakery and Table Project – Roy Yamamoto apologized for the demolition work on Saturday, July 26, 2014. Construction will be starting next month. Chair Hurst mentioned that the Washington Saimin Stand building will be gone.

New Farmers Market Every Friday – Robyn Kuraoka from Hawaii Medical Services Association (HMSA) announced that a new Farmers Market will be starting on Friday, July 25, 2014 at HMSA.

BOARD BUSINESS

Filling of Vacancy in Subdistrict 1 (Boundaries - King Street, Kalakaua Avenue, Kapiolani Boulevard, and Keeaumoku Street) – As there were no nominations or volunteers, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Three (3) Absences Letter for Matt Johnson – Due to his work schedule, Matt Johnson had submitted his resignation. The vacancy in Subdistrict 4 will be on next month's agenda.

Election of Officers (from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015)

Chair – Chair Hurst offered to serve as Chair for another year. **Komine nominated Larry Hurst for Chair.** No second is required for nominations. **As there were no other nominations, the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 elected Larry Hurst to be Chair by ACCLIMATION, 7-0-0 (AYE: Chang, Hurst, Komine, Landry, McLaughlin, Tam, and Zehner).**

Vice Chairs and Secretary – **Zehner moved and Komine seconded to retain the same officers as last year, except for Treasurer (First Vice Chair - Michael Zehner, Second Vice Chair - Duane Komine, and Secretary Tom McLaughlin).** **As there were no objections, the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 elected Michael Zehner First Vice Chair, Duane Komine Second Vice Chair, and Tom McLaughlin Secretary by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Chang, Hurst, Komine, Landry, McLaughlin, Tam, and Zehner).**

Treasurer – Ryan Tam offered to serve as Treasurer. **As there were no other nominations, the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 elected Ryan Tam to be Treasurer by ACCLIMATION, 7-0-0 (AYE: Chang, Hurst, Komine, Landry, McLaughlin, Tam, and Zehner).**

Recess(es) – **As there were no objections, the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 voted to recess in December 2014 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Chang, Hurst, Komine, Landry, McLaughlin, Tam, and Zehner).**

At 7: 18 p.m. Chair Hurst called a recess for picture taking of the new officers.

At 7:20 p.m. Chair Hurst called the meeting back to order.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair's Report – Chair Hurst reported the following:

- Helicopters – Ala Moana Center will be using helicopters to bring refrigeration units for the next two Sundays.
- 13th Annual Korean Festival – Last Saturday, the 13th annual Korean Festival, which used to be held at Kapi'olani Park, was held at Magic Island. The Okinawan Festival may be next.

Community Relations – Duane Komine reported the following:

- Community Relations – There was no report.
- Sewers Task Force – John Horvath, from One Waterfront Tower (OWT) updated the Board on improvement of the sewer-related odors. Storm run-off and infiltration issues remain. Horvath is working with the City.

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) Committee – Tom McLaughlin submitted a written report and highlighted the following:

- Relocation – Next month the HCDA will consider a plan to relocate properties to aid “Complete Streets.”
- Bakery & Table Project – The Authority approved a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the Bakery & Table Project (at Piikoi and King Streets) to allow the applicant Advance Fresh Concepts from California, which has 3,300 sushi bars in supermarkets) to subsequently seek an improvement permit for this project. McLaughlin (as an individual) testified against the CUP, because no presentation had been made at the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board. The Authority and HCDA staff strongly encouraged the applicant to make a presentation before the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board prior to requesting an improvement permit.
- Beer Festival – McLaughlin saw a Beer Festival on the HCDA community calendar. Lindsey Doi mentioned that a Beer Festival had applied for a permit, so it was listed on the calendar and will follow up
- HCDA Newsletter - Executive Director Anthony Ching was not present, but Doi had made the July 2014 HCDA Newsletter available.

Comments followed: Bakery & Table Project – McLaughlin noted that Yamamoto could have provided more background and detailed information in his presentation. Chair Hurst commented that the HCDA should encourage applicants to make a presentation to the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 before applying for any permits.

Health – Julianne Irace had resigned. No report was available.

Legislation – Michael Zehner had no report.

Parks and Waterways/Board of Water Supply Report – Matt Johnson had resigned. No report was available.

Planning/Transportation/Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) – Ryan Tam reported the following: Ala Moana TOD Plan – The Ala Moana (TOD) Plan is being printed. It will be on the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) website soon. The plan will cover development of the area one-half (1/2) mile around the around Ala Moana Center station. Various issues like zoning, height restrictions, and open spaces will be presented. The public workshop will probably be held during the week of Monday, August 25, 2014.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART)/Honolulu Rapid Transit Project (H RTP) – Pat Lee reported the following:

At the HART board meeting last month, the capital and operating budgets for next fiscal year were approved, and officers were elected. Ivan Liu Kwan was re-elected as Chair, and Don Horner re-elected as the Vice Chair of HART.

The most visible signs of rail work can be seen on the west side of the alignment. HART has begun installing the guideway for the rail system, placing 50-ton segments on top of the columns in West O'ahu. Each span (the portion of the guideway between one (1) column and the next) is made up of approximately 12 segments. No two (2) segments are identical, as each segment must be configured specifically for the precise angle and alignment where it will be placed. The rail line will need approximately 850 columns total for the 20-mile route and 10,000 guideway segments. Workers will be installing spans in both directions, with work beginning near Kualakai Parkway, also known as North-South Road. Beginning this summer, column construction will proceed down Farrington Highway through Waipahu.

The guideway will cross over Fort Weaver Road, with span placement following column installation down the median of the roadway. There are already 111 columns, 135 shaft foundations and 144 segments erected from east Kapolei to Waipahu.

In the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako area, pre-engineering and soil testing is continuing in preparation for rail construction. Overnight lane closures will take place at the following location from Sunday, July 20 to Thursday, July 24 between 9:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. for soil testing: the right westbound lane of Kona Street between Keeaumoku Street and Kona Iki Street.

There will also be a noise variance meeting next month for the City Center segment of the alignment, which is from Middle Street in Kalihi to the Ala Moana shopping center. The meeting will be held in the middle of the month, probably at the Neal Blaisdell Center (NBC). Stay tuned for an announcement on the meeting.

For current traffic updates, meeting notices and more project information, please visit the HART website www.honolulutransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299 or e-mail a question to info@honolulutransit.org.

Comments followed: HART Notices – Chair Hurst requested that the public be informed of all public meetings.

Public Safety Committee – Chair Hurst had planned to give a crime report, but it will be coming soon. Public safety is everyone's business.

Traffic and Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) – Aaron Landry submitted a written report and highlighted the following:

- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO)/Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting - The OahuMPO/CAC meeting was on Wednesday, July 16, 2014. There was an update from the Department of Emergency Management Director Melvin N Kaku. The Evacuation Planning Project is aiming to make evacuation routes, communication and process up-to-date, efficient, and faster. Department of Emergency Management (DEM) is developing new evacuation zones, developing a signage project, incorporating an evacuation route, and development of a DEM app (IOS /Android).
- Complete Streets Public Information Meeting – It was on Tuesday, July 15, 2014. There were updates from the City and County of Honolulu and a presentation by Dan Burden, Executive Director of the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute. The King Street Cycle Track was discussed last month. DTS' Deputy Director Garrity referred to so many studies and reports done in the last decade and now the City is taking action. Issues were raised about incomplete sidewalks and dangerous intersections.
- Honolulu Bike Share Organizational Study – The final report was released. It is available for download at bikesharehawaii.org or at the DPP website.

Comments followed: Committees – Chair Hurst noted that a few of the Board's committees over-lap and he requested that everyone shares information.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Councilmember Stanley Chang – Councilmember Chang was not present. However, his newsletter was available.

At 7:38 p.m. Kominé departed the meeting; **six (6) members present.**

City Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Councilmember Fukunaga distributed her newsletter and reported the following:

- Public Safety and Economic Development Committee – Councilmember Fukunaga had a brief summary of issues before her Public Safety and Economic Development Committee.
- Sewer Odors – Councilmember Fukunaga had the final Department of Environmental Services (ENV) report for Kaka'ako, which was reported in March 2014. The City's sewer infrastructure proposals for the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) proposals for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2020 planning window include major system upgrades and hopefully will correct existing odor problems.
- Homeless Problem – About one (1) year ago, there were community meetings about the homeless issue. There are no solutions for Kaka'ako yet, but they have a little success in Chinatown.

Comments followed:

1. President Barack Obama Presidential Library – Chair Hurst mentioned that the President Barack Obama Presidential Library is gaining ground and support in Kaka'ako. There may be a presentation next month.
2. U.S. Compact – The U.S. Compact with the Federated States of Micronesia and others may present future problems for health care and in the schools.
3. Department of Environmental Services (ENV) – Chair Hurst had on-going issues with the City ENV. There are no records, as the sewer lines in the area are really old lines. When the McKinley Tract area was developed, land fill from the Ala Wai Canal was used. Councilmember Fukunaga added that the Building and Construction Industry may upgrade the infrastructure in older areas. Chair Hurst added that there is a new technology of inserting a "sleeve" into a sewer to extend the life of a pipe.

City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – James Larson distributed Councilmember Kobayashi's newsletter, pointed out the major sewer projects in the district, and noted the staff contact information. Larson was available to hear concerns.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Michael Formby, Director of Department of Transportation Services (DTS) reported the following:

- No New Concerns – There were no new concerns to report.
- City News July 2014 – The City News July 2014 was distributed. An article reported on the Mayor's Top Five Priorities - \$5 million for TheBus route enhancement.

- Complete Streets – Board member Landry reported on Complete Streets. Last week Monday and Tuesday, July 14 and 15, 2014 DTS held workshops and on Tuesday night, July 15, 2014, there was a public meeting.
- Walk Audits – DTS will be conducting Walk Audits (on site walking tours) of the Top 20 streets. Director Formby will notify the Board if the Walk Audits will be in the district.

Comments followed:

1. Illegal Dumping – McLaughlin reported on a problem with dumping of bulky items and trash at the back entrance to Kalakaua Housing (Hawaii Housing Authority project) at the intersection of Kaheka and Rycroft Streets in Subdistrict 1. McLaughlin submitted several pictures of the area to Director Formby and asked how best to coordinate City and State responses to the problem. Director Formby suggested trying to spot the culprit(s) and will follow up with Director Lori Kahikina of the City's Department of Environmental Services (ENV).
2. Rail – A community member requested information about the Airport Station. Pat Lee mentioned that the Airport Station Design Workshop will be held in August 2014. Chair Hurst suggested that the community member sign in and receive Pat Lee's monthly reports in the minutes.

State Representative Tom Brower – Representative Brower had departed the meeting.

State Representative Scott Saiki – Representative Saiki or his representative were not present and no report was available.

State Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – Senator Chun Oakland was not present. However, her packet of information was available.

State Senator Brickwood Galuteria – Raytan Vares distributed Senator Galuteria's newsletter and was available to hear concerns.

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

- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – Krieg submitted Governor Abercrombie's report, which showed that since 2010, Governor Abercrombie has released \$178,176,190 for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) in the neighborhood.
- Primary Elections – Governor Abercrombie is encouraging everyone's participation.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 24, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: As there were no objections, the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 ADOPTED the June 24, 2014 regular meeting minutes as amended by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Chang, Hurst, Komine, Landry, McLaughlin, Tam, and Zehner). The amendments were as follows:

- Page 3, at the bottom, instead of Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), it should read, "Traffic Committee -In the interest of time, Aaron Landry submitted a written report. Landry reported that the latest Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting contained much of the same content, regarding the King Street Cycle Track that was given earlier in this meeting. Landry reported that there were two (2) bills that were recently signed into law by the Governor. One changes the penalties for parking in the bike lanes and one, concerning car sharing taxation. Two (2) Realtime ridesharing companies have been launched in Honolulu. Realtime ridesharing is successful in other cities, but there is some opposition by taxis, and it is currently unregulated."
- Page 4, under City Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, it should read, "Councilmember Fukunaga was not present. However, her newsletter was available."
- Page 4, at the bottom and page 5 at the top, under Kamehameha Schools "Our Kaka'ako" Block I, it should read, "Two and three bedroom units will be available ranging from approximately 1,500 square feet to 2,800 square feet and will be priced at approximately \$600 to \$1500 per square foot."

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Tam reported that for June 2014, \$35.66 was spent for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, leaving a balance of \$108.00, which was returned to the City. The Treasurer's report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Parliamentary Procedure Training – Last Saturday, July 19, 2014 the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) held a Parliamentary Procedure training.
- Meeting Room Reservation – The NCO has made arrangements with the Makiki Christian Church to reserve the meeting room for the next year and for the City to assume the liability.
- Dragon Boats Races – On Saturday, July 26, 2014 the Dragon Boats Races will be held from 8:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on the Diamond Head side of Ala Moana Beach Park.
- Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 will be on Tuesday, August 26, 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 7:59 p.m.

Submitted by: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Larry Hurst, Chair