CALL TO ORDER: Chair Larry Hurst called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Quorum was established with nine (9) 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, John Horvath, Larry Hurst, Duane Komine (departed the meeting at 7:55 p.m.), Aaron Landry, Eric Marshall, Tom McLaughlin, Ryan Tam, and Michael Zehner.

Board Members Absent – None.

Vacancies – None.

Guests – Raytan K. Vares (Senator Brickwood Galuteria's Office staff), Representative Tom Brower, Representative Scott Saiki, 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), Amanda Morales (Councilmember Stanley Chang's Office staff), Lieutenant Neville Colburn and Sergeant Lyle Fleck (Honolulu Police Department, District 1); Pat Lee [Honolulu Rail Transit Project (HRTP)], Craig Uclers, Marshall D. Chinen, George Nitta, Gerald and Lina Chun (KDIR), James Kramer, Chris Lethem (Candidate), Jesse James (Hokua resident), Lori Lum, William Ammons (Resident), Pam Wood, Noelle Wright, Vincent Ching, Dexter Okada (KBLA), Steve Miller, Tommie Masuda; Liz Scanlon (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), Director of Planning and Right of Ways); and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

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

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 1 – Lieutenant Neville Colburn reported the following:

- August 2014 Statistics – There were 8 motor vehicle thefts, 9 burglaries, 138 thefts, 29 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), 26 assaults, 1 sex assault, 2 graffiti cases, and 40 drug offenses. There were a total of 8,033 calls for service for District 1. For more statistics, visit – www.honolulupd.org.
- Safety Tips – The safety tips were on Pedestrian Safety - Unintentional pedestrian injuries are the fifth leading cause of injury-related death in the United States for children ages 5 to 19. Teenagers are now at greatest risk: Teens have a death rate twice that of younger children and account for half of all child pedestrian deaths. It is always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Teach kids at an early age to put down their devices and then look left, right and left again when crossing the street. Children under 10 should cross the street with an adult. It can be hard for kids to judge speed and distance of cars until age 10. Remind kids to make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street and to watch out for cars that are turning or backing up. Drivers, be especially alert in residential neighborhoods and school zones and be on the lookout for bikers, walkers or runners, who may be distracted or may step into the street unexpectedly.
- Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) – If someone 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.

Comments followed:

1. Crime Statistics Decreasing – Chair Hurst and the Neighborhood Security Watches met with Police Chief Louis Kealoha and noted that over the past year, crime was decreasing by 30% in HPD District 1.

2. Campers – Komine thanked Lieutenant Colburn for HPD's service to the community. Komine noticed that the homeless or campers were increasing in front of the IBM building and the Nauru Towers. They appear to be moving from the Discovery Zone (near the Children's Discovery Center) in the Waterfront Park and he had pictures. The HPD position is that homelessness is not a crime, but is a larger social issue. HPD
enforces park violations, like setting up a tent in the park, and supports the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) when it enforces the stored property ordinance. Chair Hurst mentioned that on Queen Street, the private property owner allowed the homeless to be there. Resident Jesse James mentioned that there are over 31 agencies working on the homeless issue and there is a need for more collaboration. Chris Lethan inquired about the Sand Island temporary housing proposal. HPD has not taken a position on it. U.S. Senator Maizie Hirono is working on the Federal level for funding for housing. There are two (2) groups of people – one (1) group has mental health issues and may refuse housing, and the other group needs housing.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Citizen Patrols – There was no representative present and no report was available.

McKinley High School Athletic Field Renovations – Glenn Taniguchi’s original concern was for public access for the new track and field to be installed at McKinley High School. Taniguchi had done extensive research into installing artificial surfaces. When he presented the materials to the Department of Education (DOE), he received no response. His inquiry into his concern revealed that the McKinley High School administration had not done its "due diligence" about cost/benefit, artificial surface versus natural field, and maintenance. Taniguchi charges "mismanagement" in the DOE. Although the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) counts the McKinley High School field as "green" space, the HCDA has no jurisdiction over the school. Chair Hurst added that this issue falls in Subdistrict 3 and under the Parks Committee. It was suggested to call McKinley High School and to request a presentation before the Board. Taniguchi and Lethan wanted accountability and due diligence with some kind of report.

President Barack Obama Library – Landry noted the Presidential Library Committee was not put on the agenda. Chair Hurst had invited them to attend, but no one came. Landry added that they had a 10-minute presentation that they wanted to show at a later time. Chair Hurst added that this is a Kaka'ako issue that may be referred to Horvath. There are no plans to add a residence to the project. Landry mentioned that 25% of the Presidential Library could be located in Hawaii, while 75% could be in Chicago.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair’s Report – Diamonds Gentlemen’s Club Honolulu – Craig Uclers, owner of corporate adult entertainment establishments on the mainland and of the Diamonds Honolulu Club, introduced himself. For the last two (2) years, he has been following all of the rules for a strip club and has no fight complaint calls to the HPD. He is now applying for a liquor license, category 2. Chair Hurst submitted a written report with the Honolulu Liquor Commission rules about the 500-feet rule, license renewals, lap-dancing clubs, minors and teenage night clubs, Bring Your Own Bottle (BYOB), nudity, common wall, and under-age dancers. Chair Hurst and Komine noted that this was the first time an operator came to the Neighborhood Board. Zehner moved that the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 support the liquor license application of Diamonds Honolulu Club. The motion died for lack of a second.

Community Relations – Duane Komine and John Horvath reported the following:
- Community Relations – Komine had no report.
- Sewers – Horvath submitted a written report, which stated that the sewer odor mitigation was completed on Thursday, September 11, 2014.

At 7:55 p.m. Komine departed the meeting; eight (8) members present.

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) Committee – Tom McLaughlin submitted a written report and highlighted the following:
- Attendance – Committee member Anthony Ching and HCDA Outreach Officer Lindsey Doi are unable to attend tonight.
- Written Report – A written committee report was submitted to Board members. Copies are available.
- New Applications – There are a number of new applications for development permits in Kaka’ako.
- Victoria Ward Limited (Howard Hughes) has applied for two (2) development permits as part of its Ward Village Gateway project. This is a mixed-use residential and commercial project in the current Ward Warehouse area, fronting Kewalo Basin along Ala Moana Boulevard and consisting of two high-rise
towers, one (1) 400 feet tall with 113 units and one (1) 310 feet tall with 123 residential units. This project was presented to the Neighborhood Board at the Tuesday, May 27, 2014 meeting.

Public Hearings – Public Hearings dates are: Presentation hearing: Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 12:00 noon at HCDA's current Cooke Street offices. Modifications hearing: Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at HCDA's current Cooke Street offices. Decision making hearing: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 12:00 noon at HCDA's current Cooke Street offices.

- Victoria Ward Ltd. has also applied for a development permit at 330 Kamakee Street, the site of the current Office Depot location roughly on the corner of Kamakee and Queen Streets. This is for a 38 story, 466 unit mixed-use residential and commercial development.

Public Hearings – Public Hearings dates are: Presentation hearing: Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 12:00 noon at HCDA's current Cooke Street offices. Modifications hearing: Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at HCDA's current Cooke Street offices. Decision making hearing: Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 12:00 noon at the new HCDA offices in the old Brewery Building.

Representatives from Victoria Ward, Ltd. may present this project to the Neighborhood Board in the near future.

- HCDA's September 2014 Newsletter – Copies of HCDA's September 2014 newsletter and other materials are available on the media table. Among other topics, the newsletter talks about the public open houses for planning the future use of the Kaka'ako Makai Parks, the reopening of the rehabilitated Mother Waldron Park and ground breaking for the Na Kupuna Makamae Center in the historic Kaka'ako Pumping Station building.

Comments followed: Limited Parking – It was reported that Ala Moana Center construction workers are taking all of the parking spaces in the area. Chair Hurst added that there is limited parking everywhere in Ala Moana and Kaka'ako.

Health/Public Safety – Eric Marshall reported that wanted to have a Health and Public Safety Committee meeting on the homeless and other community issues on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at his campaign headquarters.

Legislation – Michael Zehner reported the following:
- Waikiki Bills – Zehner reported the various bills concerning the homeless in Waikiki may have an adverse effect on the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako neighborhood.
- Bill 51, Relating to Smoking – The committee meeting was canceled.

Parks and Waterways/Board of Water Supply (BWS) Report – Ryan Tam reported the following:
- Parks: The Mother Waldron Park was renovated and re-opened.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) Report:
- Kona Street Water System Improvement Project Update – A BWS contractor is continuing its work to replace approximately 2,400 feet of eight-inch waterline on Kona Street near Ala Moana Shopping Center. The contractor is continuing to install waterline on Kona Street between Mahukona Street and Keeauamoku Street. Working hours are Sunday to Thursday, from 10:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Motorists are advised to anticipate delays when traveling through the area. Work is being conducted in the evenings to minimize interference with other ongoing projects in the area.
- Pensacola Water System Improvement Project – BWS is planning to conduct a water system improvement project to replace approximately 3,000 feet of water main along Pensacola Street between Kapiolani Boulevard and Kinau Street. The project is tentatively scheduled to take place in spring or summer 2015. Additional information about the project will be provided when it becomes available.
- Questions or comments about these projects may be directed to the BWS Construction Section at 748-5730 or by emailing - contactus@hbws.org.
Comments followed: Inadequate Fire Fighting Capability at McKinley High School – It was reported that the water system at McKinley High School was inadequate to fight fires and needs upgrading. Chair Hurst added that McKinley High School has been there for over 50 years.

Transportation Committee – Aaron Landry submitted a written report and highlighted the following:

- King Street Cycle Track – There was a presentation a couple of months ago and there is information on the website. Lane construction started on Monday, September 8, 2014 from the downtown side and is expected to be completed before the end of the year.
- Enterprise CarShare Launched – People are able to use a car at 15-minute intervals. Residents sign up in advance and must be approved to receive a member card. The member card locks and unlocks the car. Initial locations are at the Sanpei Building at Kalakaua Avenue and King Street (behind Sake Shop) and near the Ross store on Ke'eaumoku Street, but they are seeking more parking spaces in Ala Moana and Kaka'ako.
- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting – The Ala Moana Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Plan was presented. There were OahuMPO news articles in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser entitled, “$12 million in annual transportation funds in jeopardy” and “Federal officials warn that money for Oahu roads will be cut if an isle hui is not altered” by Gordon Y.K. Pang.
- Honolulu City Council Transportation Committee Meeting – It was reported that Bikeshare Hawai'i hired two (2) new people. It is beginning outreach and the process for finding a bike vendor by the end of the year. Also, there is work being done to update the Oahu Bike Plan.

Comments followed: King Street Cycle Track – As the lane is being installed on the mauka-side of King Street, Chair Hurst foresees an increase in accidents and deaths and City liability. Residents report near accidents. Landry added that the lane will have curbs, be painted green, and will have white poles, delineating the lane. Chair Hurst mentioned his request for curbing at Kapiolani Boulevard and Sheridan Street.

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

- Rail will be the backbone of a multimodal transit system that will include the City's bus system, the Handi-Van, bicycles and pedestrians. The goal is to create a high-quality, seamless, public transportation network that will serve the needs of a variety of travelers. There will be bike racks at all 21 stations. Transit riders can bring their bicycles on the train, as well as luggage, surf boards, strollers and wheelchairs.
- Bus routes will connect with all 21 rail stations. In addition, four (4) new bus transit centers are planned to be built at the University of Hawaii (UH) West Oahu, West Loch, Pearl Highlands, and Aloha Stadium stations.
- Some bus routes will be reconfigured to help get passengers to and from the rail stations. With the addition of the rail line moving commuters along one of the most congested corridors, West Oahu to Honolulu via Waipahu and Pearl City, more buses will be redeployed to underserved areas.
- Representatives from the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), Oahu Transit Services (OTS), which operates the City's bus system, and the Department of Transportation Services (DTS), along with other transit stakeholders, are currently working to identify the opportunities for coordination and cooperation among the three (3) public transit entities.
- One (1) of the many areas the group is studying is the fare system, including the latest technologies used in fare collection. The goal is to provide a single, system-wide fare for both TheBus and rail. Transit riders, including seniors and students, will be able to use a single pass to ride both the train and TheBus, making it easy to transfer between both systems.
- There are two (2) upcoming meetings: As reported last month, there is a City Center Noise Variance meeting Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at the Neal Blaisdell Center Maui Room from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The variance is to allow certain types of construction work to take place at night and on weekends.
- The Downtown Station Group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at the Neal Blaisdell Center Maui Room from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The station group includes the Downtown station at Bishop Street, the Civic Center station at South and Halekauila Streets, the Kaka'ako station near Ward Avenue and Halekauila Street, and the Ala Moana station near the Ala Moana Center. Registration starts at 6:00 p.m. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.
• For traffic updates, meeting notices and more information, visit the website www.honolulustransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at info@honolulustransit.org.

Comments followed: Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) and the City – A community member asked about the interaction between the HCDA and the City rail stations. Lee responded that this item will be covered in the following presentation in 10 to 15 minutes.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Councilmember Stanley Chang – Amanda Morales distributed Councilmember Chang's newsletter and reported the following:

• 11th Annual Community Clean-Up – The 11th annual clean-up will be on Saturday October 18, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Kaimuki High School, 2705 Kaimuki Avenue. Recyclables are welcomed to raise funds.
• Waikiki Restrooms – The restrooms are located next to the HPD substation on Kuhio Beach and are open 24 hours a day. The day after opening, it was reported that 76 people used the restrooms from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. There was no vandalism reported. Video cameras are recording the user traffic.
• Homeowner's Exemption Deadline Extended – For the Residential A classification, the homeowner's exemption application deadline was extended to Tuesday, September 30, 2014.

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

• Ward-Kaka'ako Walk Audit Update – Last year, the City Council adopted an ordinance establishing a "Complete Streets" policy to develop transportation facilities and projects to make Honolulu a pedestrian-friendly community. The first step in the process is to conduct "walk audits" - or walking tours of specific traffic corridor to observe and discuss hazardous traffic issues and possible remedies. Councilmember Fukunaga participated in a Ward Avenue/King Street walk audit with Dan Burden (national Walkable Communities consultant), Department of Transportation Services DTS) staff, area residents, and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) planning consultants. The audit examined safety hazards, where Ward Avenue intersects with Queen Street, Waimanu Street, Kapiolani Boulevard, and King Street. The goal is to encourage greater walkability between Thomas Square, the Neal Blaisdell Center and the Sports Authority site, designated as one of the mass transit station locations. Transportation, bicycling and TOD planners discussed buffered bike lanes, curb extensions to slow vehicles down, strategic use of trees or building awnings to provide shade to pedestrians, sidewalk widening, and dedicated left turn signals.
• Lunarillo Street On Ramp to the H-1 Freeway – The State Department of Transportation (HDOT) has a two (2)-week pilot project to re-open the Lunarillo Street on ramp in the mornings.

Comments followed: Lunarillo Street On Ramp – Zehner appreciated the restoring of the connecting to the H-1 in the mornings. Councilmember Fukunaga mentioned that the HDOT was concerned about drivers weaving into traffic. After re-painting the H-1 to four (4) lanes, the traffic flow appears to ease congestion in the area. No accidents have been reported.

City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – James Larson distributed Councilmember Kobayashi’s newsletter and Councilmember Kobayashi reported the following:

• McKinley High School Clean-Up – Councilmember Kobayashi mentioned that there will be a McKinley High School Going Green event this Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Recyclables are welcomed. The public can also donate to the Kaimuki district on Saturday, October 18, 2014. Donations will benefit Kaimuki High School, the Mo'ili'ili Community Center, and the Kapahulu Center.
• Budget Committee – For the Residential A classification, the homeowner's exemption application deadline was extended to Tuesday, September 30, 2014. Many homeowners, who have lived in their homes for years, have not filed for this exemption.
• Bill 54, Relating to the Real Property Tax Credit for Low-Income Homeowners – The purpose of this ordinance is to modify the requirements, regarding the real property tax credit for low-income homeowners. Currently, households earning below $50,000 are eligible for a "Circuit Breaker" tax credit, of four percent (4%). This legislation will increase that threshold to $60,000 to assist more homeowners. Bill 54 was passed
out of the Budget Committee on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 and moves to the Full Council for Second (2nd) Reading. More information is at realpropertytax.com.

Comments followed: Trash Pick Up – Councilmember Kobayashi explained that the City can no longer afford to pick up trash, using front-end loader trucks or onto private property. Councilmember Kobayashi encouraged residents to bring the trash to the sidewalks. Chair Hurst added that residents should use covered receptacles instead of plastic trash bags and workers should wear shirts and shoes.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell’s Representative – The City News September 2014 was distributed and Mark Garrity, Deputy Director of Department of Transportation Services (DTS) reported the following:

- Register to Vote – The last day to register to vote in the General Election is Monday, October 6, 2014.
- No Concerns – There were no concerns reported for last month. Deputy Director Garrity was available to hear concerns.

Comments followed: King Street Cycle Track – The King Street Cycle Track is being installed. It will have white, vertical delineators, curbing, and other signage. Marshall reported that a few signs were hit and were set up again.

State Representative Tom Brower – Representative Brower submitted a written report and departed the meeting.

State Representative Scott Saiki – Representative Saiki distributed his newsletter and reported the following:

- Workman's Compensation – A Workman’s Compensation law went into effect in July 2014. It caps the cost to 14% of Medicaid for prescription drugs. Mainland firms were re-packaging prescription medications and marking them up 600 – 700%.

Comments followed:
  1. Mark Ups – Marshall attributes this activity to Obamacare. He invited everyone the McCully/Mo’ili’ili Neighborhood Board No. 8 Candidates Forum on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Middle School.
  2. Long Term Care – Marshall asked Representative Saiki his vote on long term care. Chair Hurst reminded everyone to ask the elected officials questions at their office.

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

State Senator Brickwood Galuteria – Raytan Vares distributed Senator Galuteria's newsletter and mentioned the following:

- Bill 42 and Bill 43 – Senator Galuteria submitted testimony in support of Bills 42 and 43 to the City Council's Zoning and Planning Committee. Bill 42 prohibits sitting or lying down on the sidewalk in the Waikiki district. Bill 43 prohibits urination and defecation in public. Both bills passed the City Council.
- Pictures – On the back of the newsletter there were pictures from the Na Kupuna Makamae Center Groundbreaking Ceremony on Wednesday, September 10, 2014.
- 68th Annual Aloha Festivals Floral Parade – Senator Galuteria will be the Provost Marshal at the 68th Annual Aloha Festivals Floral Parade on Saturday, September 27, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Bills – If anyone has bill proposals, contact Senator Galuteria at the office.

Governor Neil Abercrombie’s Representative – Barbara Krieg was not present and no report was available.

Ryan Tam recused himself, as he is involved with the Ala Moana Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).

PRESENTATIONS

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) – Liz Scanlon, head planner at HART, distributed materials and presented a HART update.

- Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) – HART is in communication with the HCDA for consultation. Community workshops for the rail stations are on-going.
HART and the City – HART is working closely with the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) on the rail stations.

Four (4) Rail Stations – There will be four (4) rail stations in Downtown, by the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) plant, the Kaka'ako rail stations at Halekauila and South Streets and near the Sports Authority, and the terminus near the Ala Moana Center.

Comments followed:
1. Board's HCDA Committee – Chair Hurst commented that the Board's HCDA Committee had much of the information.
2. Fares – According to DTS Deputy Director Garrity, there will be a single Oahu-wide pass, a Smart Card to provide seamless travel on TheBus and the rail. Discussions are on-going.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 26, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: As there were no objections, the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 ADOPTED the August 26, 2014 regular meeting minutes as amended by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0 (AYE: Chang, Horvath, Hurst, Landry, Marshall, McLaughlin, Tam, and Zehner). The amendment was as follows:

- Page 7, under Next Meeting, it should read, "The next meeting of the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 will be on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Makiki Christian Church, 829 Pensacola Street.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Tam reported that for August 2014, $35.88 was spent for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, leaving a balance of $593.34. The Treasurer's report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
- World's Largest Loco Moco – The Fifth (5th) Annual Rice Festival at Ward Centers will be on Sunday, September 28, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They will try to make the world's largest loco moco at 500 kilograms (1,000 pounds).
- Public Review of the Draft of Ala Moana Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Plan – The deadline for public comment of the Ala Moana Neighborhood TOD Plan has been extended to Tuesday, September 30, 2014.
- Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11 will be on Tuesday, October 28, 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 8:52 p.m.

Submitted by: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Tom McLaughlin, Secretary and Larry Hurst, Chair