



ALA MOANA-KAKA'AKO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 11

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015 MAKIKI CHRISTIAN CHURCH

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Landry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Quorum was established with six (6) members present. Note – This nine (9)-member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Roll Call: (From Board right to left) Ryan Tam, Treasurer; Larry Hurst, First Vice Chair; Aaron Landry, Chair; Michael Zehner; Rodney Chang, and William Ammons.

Board Members Present – William Ammons, Roy Bumgarner (appointed at this meeting), Rodney Chang, Larry Hurst, Aaron Landry, Ryan Tam, and Michael Zehner.

Board Members Absent – Duane Komine and Tom McLaughlin.

Vacancies – There was one (1) vacancy in Subdistrict 4.

Guests – Representative Tom Brower, Nicole Velasco (Mayor's representative, Mayor's Office of Economic Development, Executive Director), Steve Uyeno (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office), Francis Choe (Councilmember Trevor Ozawa's Office), A Sergeant (Honolulu Police Department), Francisco Gutierrez, Robyn Gee Tucker (Ala Moana Center), Francis and Clara Morikawa, Caroline Kishido, James Kramer, Mari Tait (Hawaii Convention Center), Dexter Okada (KBLA), Pam Wood, John Kobelansky (Kakaako Do it Right), Mike Kuhl, Olivia Ho and Toby Tamaye (808 Center), Brad Yamamoto, Part Lee (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), Lindsey Doi (Hawaii Community Development Authority), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – No representative was present at this time and no report was available.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant reported the following:

- September 2015/August 2015 Statistics – There were 15/7 motor vehicle thefts, 21/8 burglaries, 144/157 thefts, 40/24 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles, 26/20 assaults, 2/6 sex assaults, 1/1 graffiti cases, and 45/42 drug offenses. There were 6,785/6,577 total calls for service.
- Prevent Car Break-ins Safety Tips – HPD offered several tips:
 - Lock doors – Simply locking the car doors will deter those who might be waiting around for an easy target. Suspects have been known to check car door handles to see if the car is unlocked.
 - Keep car neat – Keep shopping bags and other items out of sight. A car that appears empty, is not appealing for thieves.
 - Conceal all valuables – All valuables such as cell phones, Pods and even backpacks should be put away and placed elsewhere. The rule is, do not leave valuables in the car.
 - Stash before, not after, parking – Stash and conceal all items before parking the car. Suspects have been known to conduct surveillance while looking for their opportunity to steal again. During the holiday season, do not leave bags in the car for thieves to steal.
 - Park where visible – Always park in a lighted area or where it is visible to the public. Never behind a wall or bushes where visibility is blocked and offers good concealment to the suspects who want to break in.
 - Layer defenses – Increase the safety of the car with a vehicle alarm or steering wheel anti-theft wheel lock. These measures deter theft.
 - Lastly, ensure vehicle registration and insurance cards are hidden inside vehicle. Thieves are known to steal the vehicle's paperwork, read the owners address on the registration, and burglarize the home.

Comments followed:

1. Enforcement on Private Roads – Pam Wood asked about enforcement on private roads. HPD will see if there was a crime committed, but there is difficulty in enforcement of traffic or parking violations. Residents

can ask the officer, who can make a determination. Chair Landry mentioned that this item will be discussed later.

2. Sheridan Street and Makaloa Street – Brad Yamamoto reported homeless and drug users at the location. HPD advised to keep calling. HPD added that the area is private property. Chair Landry added that like other streets in Kaka'ako this issue has yet to be resolved and he would like to continue the discussion with Yamamoto.
3. Suspicious Person in Car – Hurst was concerned that there is a suspicious person living in a car and could be a sex offender. HPD advised not to call-in an abandoned vehicle, but that someone is living in a car. HPD added that sex offenders must register.

Filling of Vacancy in Subdistrict 4 – Chair Landry mentioned that the boundaries for Subdistrict 4 were listed on the agenda and asked if any interested persons wanted to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 4. Roy Bumgarner offered to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 4. There were no other interested persons. The Neighborhood Assistant verified Bumgarner's residency. A resident and Hurst spoke in favor of the nominee. Bumgarner noted that he has been the Resident Manager at the Imperial Plaza for the last 8-10 years and a resident of the area for the last 40 years. **As there were no further nominations or objections, the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 APPOINTED Roy Bumgarner to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 4 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 6-0-0 (AYE: Ammons, Chang, Hurst, Landry, Tam, and Zehner; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

Chair Landry called a short recess.

The Neighborhood Assistant administered the Oath of Office; **seven (7) members present.**

Chair Landry reconvened the meeting.

RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Ala Moana Center's Ewa Wing Expansion Opening – Francisco Gutierrez reported the completing of the construction project over the last several months. Gutierrez introduced Robyn Gee Tucker, the Director of Marketing, who invited everyone to the opening of the Ewa Wing on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. and gave details.

Annual Jingle Bell Run – The third annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk will be in December 2015 and will affect King Street, Ward Avenue, Beretania Street, and Victoria Street.

Traffic Flow – Olivia Ho from 808 Center, at Rycroft/Sheridan Streets, was concerned about traffic flow and eliminating street parking. Chair Landry referred Ho to Mayor's Representative Nicole Velasco.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health and Public Safety – Committee Chair Hurst reported in September 2015 there was 184% of rainfall and to keep the emergency supplies around.

Citizen Patrols Report – A representative was not present and a report was not available.

Community Relations – Committee Chair Duane Komine was absent and there was no report. Chair Landry mentioned that Komine had e-mailed that at Waimanu Street and Pi'ikoi Street, the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has approved the two (2) left turn lanes and the approval was sent to engineering. Hurst suggested putting on next month's agenda, the removal of parking space at 808 Center for Board action.

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) – Committee Chair Tom McLaughlin was not present. HCDA representative Lindsey Doi reported the following:

1. Special Meeting – There will be a special meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2015, starting at 9:00 a.m. The main item on the agenda will be on the Kewalo Harbor Re-development proposals.
2. Park Rules on Homeless – Another item on the agenda will be park rules enforcement.

Legislation – Committee Chair Zehner reported the following:

- Bill 68, Relating to Bike Lanes – Bill 68 will be discussed fully later on the agenda. The purpose of this ordinance is to add bikeways as a type of public infrastructure to be shown on public infrastructure maps. Bill 68 is going to the City Council for second reading.

Parks and Waterways – Committee Chair Ryan Tam submitted a written report and reported the following:

- Parks – Ala Wai Canal Project Draft Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Public Meeting – The meeting was on Wednesday, September 30, 2015. The project goal is to reduce riverine flood risks in the Ala Wai watershed through the 50-year period of analysis. There are proposed detention basins and debris catchment in the upper watersheds of Mānoa and Pālolo Streams, also Kanewai Field, Hausten Ditch, and the Ala Wai Golf Course. Selected project includes four (4)-foot high walls along the Ala Wai Canal. The remaining one percent (1%) floodplain includes flooding in Makiki, also area between King Street and Kapi'olani Boulevard, McCully to McKinley High School (annualized damages of \$1 million). The Draft Feasibility Report/EIS comments need to be postmarked by Monday, November 9, 2015.
- Board of Water Supply (BWS) – There was no BWS report.

Transportation – Chair Landry reported the following:

- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO)/Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – Chair Landry attended the OahuMPO CAC meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. Elizabeth Fisher of the Highways Department had a packet of information and Ammons confirmed the report.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) – Pat Lee reported the following:

- There are multiple safety and security measures planned for Honolulu's rail project. HART is working closely with all first responders, including police, fire, and other law enforcement agencies, as well as federal entities, such as the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the Department of Homeland Security to insure passenger safety and security.
- Closed circuit security cameras will be featured on board train vehicles, as well as security cameras at the stations on the boarding platforms, stair cases, fare vending machines and entry gates and park and ride lots, about 1,500 CCTV cameras for the system. There will be roving security patrols and closed-circuit camera monitoring of stations, trains, and also all park-and-ride facilities throughout the system.
- The Rail Operations Center (ROC) will be a high security area, and the rail computer system is a "closed" system with no outside connections, therefore it is not susceptible to being hacked externally.
- On board the trains, there will be a call box and buttons for live communication with HART staff. If it is an emergency, public safety and first responders will be notified. Call buttons will be on the boarding platforms as well. HART's protocol for handling on-board emergencies and incidents depends on the gravity of the situation, but generally the persons involved will be taken out of the train (if possible) to the platform. If HART has to hold the train or station involved, there is an "abnormal strategy" plan to go around the incident area (on the vehicle or the station) and not hold up service. Only in extreme cases - like a "safety problem" with the train will the train itself be taken out of service (to the ROC) and passengers removed and boarded on the next train.
- In addition, if it is a security-related issue, the camera system tape would be downloaded at the end service and the tape sent to HPD. HART will have a security plan in place prior to the start of revenue passenger operations.
- Shop and Dine on the Line Program: The program is designed to assist businesses along the rail alignment during construction by encouraging the public to patronize these stores and restaurants and use the discounts and other promotions these businesses are offering. A handout was available. Visit: www.shopanddineontheline.com for more details and a list of the participating businesses.
- For general project information, traffic updates, meeting notices and more information, visit the website www.honolulutransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at info@honolulutransit.org.

Homelessness – Committee Chair William Ammons submitted a written report and reported the following:

- Since August 2015 at least 90 people from the Kaka'ako homeless area have been moved into shelters or more permanent housing. That's about 30 percent (%) of those living in the area.
- Mayor Caldwell has asked religious leaders to house a family but not a single one stepped up.
- Phases 6, 7, 8, and 9 enforcement removed 3.94 tons of trash from the encampment site.
- City crews installed the first two (2) shipping containers for the temporary homeless shelter on an acre of state-owned land on Sand Island.

- By the end of the year, the 25-container Hale Mauiola project is expected to house 80 to 90 adults and pets.
- Enforcement will likely start around Thursday, November 12, 2015 at Kewalo Basin Park, which has about 40 homeless people, followed by Point Panic.
- The biggest population of 90 people is spread around Kaka'ako Waterfront, and the largest concentration is located in the park's amphitheater.
- Governor Ige toured the encampments. Many individuals declined help. Governor Ige signed a supplemental proclamation designed to help 1,000 homeless people across the islands. The proclamation allows \$1.3 million to be distributed statewide that will help provide "Housing First" services to put homeless people into homes accompanied by so-called "wraparound" case management to help with problems that could include drug and alcohol abuse and mental health issues.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE AT OTHER MEETINGS: Chair Landry reported a clarification by the Acting Executive Secretary (ES) Shawn Hamamoto. Board members may report on meetings that three (3) or more members attended in the capacity of a representative of the Neighborhood Board and the topic of discussion may come before the Board. Board members may not "take off their Neighborhood Board hat."

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Nicole Velasco reported the following:

- Congratulations – Velasco acknowledged new Board member Bumgarner.
- Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) Approval – Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) approves and the City maintains the private sewer lines
- City News October 2015 – Velasco reminded everyone to pick up the City News October 2015.

Comments followed: Ownership of Sewer Lines on Elm Street and Alohi Way – Hurst is still looking at private ownership of sewers. A lawsuit in federal court may be the only recourse. Velasco asked for clarification. There is no City record and no record of the connecting of sewer line.

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Councilmember Fukunaga was not present. A newsletter was available.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – Steve Uyeno distributed copies of Councilmember Kobayashi's newsletter and was available to hear concerns.

Councilmember Trevor Ozawa – Francis Choe distributed copies of Councilmember Ozawa's newsletter and was available to hear concerns.

State Representative Tom Brower – Representative Brower was no longer present and no report was available.

State Representative Scott Saiki – Representative Saiki was not present. A newsletter was available.

State Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – Senator Chun Oakland was not present. A packet of information was available.

State Senator Brickwood Galuteria – Raytan Vares circulated copies of Senator Galuteria's newsletter and reported that Senator Galuteria is requesting proposals for draft legislation for the legislative session next year. Chair Landry added that the Board will meet in November 2015 and recess in December 2015.

Governor David Ige's Representative – A representative was not present and a report was not available. Chair Landry mentioned that Governor Ige is "working on it."

FOR DISCUSSION

Kaka'ako Public Infrastructure and Facilities Working Group – The Kaka'ako Public Infrastructure and Facilities Working Group met on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. A business owner claimed that he owned the road and started charging for parking. Pam Wood was frustrated, as no one takes the responsibility and asked who pays the taxes. Tam mentioned that under Sit/Lie, the property in the HCDA area was cleaned up. Bumgarner disclosed that he is on the working group, representing a different group. Ammons requested of speakers documentation of who talked to, date, and outcome. A resident commented that a business owner charged \$120 for a parking stall and

the resident had to get liability insurance, sign a lease, and promised no lawsuits. The private roads were given to the Territory of Hawai'i in 1803. Bumgarner added that parking spaces cost \$190 each on Waimanu Street. The Working Group requested that the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 respond to two (2) questions – "Which private roads should receive the Working Group's highest priority?" and "What is the current situation regarding parking on private roads in Kaka'ako? Which ones have parking restrictions? How much are businesses and/or drivers being charged?"

Tam moved and Ammons seconded that the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 does not recommend prioritizing some roads over others and urges the Kaka'ako Public Infrastructure and Facilities Working Group to consider all roads equally. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 7-0-0 (AYE: Ammons, Bumgarner, Chang, Hurst, Landry, Tam, and Zehner; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

Chair Landry will pass on what happened at this meeting to the working group.

Bill 68 (2015), Requiring Bikeways to be Added to Public Infrastructure Maps – Tam reported that the City Council was considering Bill 68 to require that bike lanes be placed on the Public Infrastructure Map (PIM). Zehner asked the purpose of the resolution, Tam replied that he opposed the provision of Bill 68 which requires that bike lanes be placed on the PIM, and offered that the city's bike plan and other outreach efforts were sufficient. Choe added that not every bike lane would go on the PIM, and that the reason was to ensure that Councilmembers get sufficient notice of projects such as the King Street Cycle Track. The City Council would be having the second reading of Bill 68 on Wednesday, November 4, 2015. Chair Landry agreed that Councilmembers should get more input, but that putting on infrastructure maps may not be the answer. A resident did not agree with Chair Landry's view of the City's bicycle outreach meetings, as the resident thought that the outcome of those meetings were predetermined by the speaker.

Tam submitted a copy of the resolution REQUESTING THE CITY TO USE THE OAHU BIKE PLAN FOR THE PROCESS OF BICYCLE MASTER PLANNING IN HONOLULU and read the "Be it resolved" sections. **Tam moved and Bumgarner seconded that the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 adopt the resolution.** Discussion followed. **The resolution was not ADOPTED, 1-5-1 (AYE: Tam; NAY: Ammons, Bumgarner, Chang, Hurst, and Zehner; ABSTAIN: Landry).** Choe will take this discussion back to Councilmember Ozawa.

Consideration of creating a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) with Other Neighborhood Boards to Study Crosswalk Needs – Chair Landry noted that more investigation was needed and deferred this item to a future agenda.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

Approval of the September 22, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – **As there were no objections or corrections, the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 approved the September 22, 2015 regular meeting minutes by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Ammons, Bumgarner, Chang, Hurst, Landry, Tam, and Zehner; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

Treasurer's Report – Tam reported expenditures of \$20.64 for September 2015, leaving a balance of \$437.06. The Treasurer's report was filed.

NOTICE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Chair Landry mentioned that the list of upcoming events were on this meeting's agenda and highlighted the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., the public hearings for the Honolulu Liquor Commission, and the "Kaka'ako: Our Kuleana, A Free Urban Planning Academy for Everyone" on Tuesday nights.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting – The next regular meeting of the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at Makiki Christian Church located at 829 Pensacola Street.
- **No loitering** on Makiki Christian Church grounds after 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Submitted by:
K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Relley Araceley, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Ryan Tam, Treasurer

Reviewed and Finalized by:
Aaron Landry, Chair