



DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 13

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009 PAUHI COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER — Chair Frank Lavoie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with eight members present. This nine-member Board requires five (5) members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Lavoie, Lynne Matusow, Tom Smyth, Carl Middleton, T.A. Ruby, Stanford Yuen, Dolores Mollring, Alvin Au (arrived at 7:30 pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony Marlin

GUESTS: Capt. Guy Masutani (HFD), Sgt. Y.K. Chan (Honolulu Police Department), Al and Diane Ronquillo, (River/Pauahi Citizens Patrol Group), Pohai Ryan (Office of Senator Brickwood Galuteria), Alan Feliciano (Safe Haven), Burton White and Charlotte Cox (Hawaii Theatre), Marsha Joyner (Arts District Merchants Association - ADMA), Bill Brennan (Mayor's Representative), Mitsue Kaneko (Governor's Office), Al Canopin (Office of Rod Tam), Christine Welch (Office of Representative Karl Rhoads), Leolani Oyama (Office of Sen. Suzanne Chun-Oakland), Anne Chipchase (Ohaha Health Plan), Alan Feliciano Jr. (Safe Haven), Kim and Kanoë Reece, Norman P. Herkes, Tyler Morgan, Sandra Pole, Robert Welch, Raechel Fortier, Patsy Izumo, Mona Chang-Vierra, Michele Henry, Anthony Chang, Albert Del Rosario, Fetu and Eleanor Kolio, Jesse Souki, Ernie Hunt, JoDee Hunt, Robert Au, Joann Matsuo, Shannon Winpenny, Hilea Stack Jr. and Peter Salbiejo (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

VACANCIES: None

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS — Board members introduced themselves at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) — Fire Fighter Guy Masutani reported the following:

- Statistics for the month of January included 11 structure, 2 rubbish, and 3 vehicle fires 87 medical, 4 search/rescue, and 32 miscellaneous calls.
- Fire Safety Tip: Smoke alarms save lives and are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Since the late 1970s properly installed and maintained smoke alarms have contributed to an almost 50% decrease in fire deaths. According to the National Fire Protection Association, 65% of reported home fire deaths in 2000-2004 resulted from fires in homes that had no or inoperable smoke alarms. The following are a few smoke alarm and fire safety tips:
 1. Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement.
 2. Test smoke alarms at least once a month or as directed by the manufacturer.
 3. Replace smoke alarm batteries once a year or as directed by the manufacturer.
 4. Practice your home fire escape plan.
 5. Designate a safe meeting place outside your home.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Yuen shared that on January 8, 2009 he missed the Neighborhood Board meeting because he became stuck in a Honolulu Tower building elevator. He called 911 and spoke to someone from HFD. The HFD dispatcher told him they would send help right away. He ended up waiting 30 minutes before he was rescued. He asked why it took so long for help to reach him. Masutani replied that he would need to research the details of his rescue but he recalled that they responded to a stuck elevator call on that date that caused HFD to miss that month's Board meeting as well. The rescue took about an hour and a half



because the firemen had difficulty locating the stuck elevator car. They had to go from floor to floor using the stairs to search for the disabled car.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) — Sergeant Y.K. Chan reported the following:

Statistics for the month of January included 10 assaults, 5 burglaries, 9 drug offenses, 4 DUI (driving under the influence), 3 family offense, 2 graffiti, 102 MVC (motor vehicle collisions), 5 motor vehicle thefts, 19 property damages, 5 robberies, 5 sex assaults, 5 prostitution, 19 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle), and 164 miscellaneous service calls.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Matusow asked how the cameras are working. Sgt. Chan replied that a total of four cameras are currently not working. According to Sensormatic the problem is that a wire that provides power to those four cameras short circuited during the heavy rains in January. The wire belongs to HECO. Sensormatic is currently working with HECO to identify the bad wire so it can be replaced.
2. Matusow reported she observed merchants on Kekaulike Mall cutting, washing and preparing their vegetables for sale. That kind of activity is prohibited under the ordinance. She also saw many illegal vendors selling their wares. Sgt. Chan acknowledged this is a recurring problem. He also said that the daywatch sergeants who supervise the officers report that the vendors who are cutting, washing, and preparing vegetables are illegal vendors who have been issued citations for illegal peddling. They are not connected with the business owners who rent space at the mall. Sgt. Chan agreed to pass her concern on to the daywatch supervisor for appropriate action.
3. Ruby observed a woman illegally selling jewelry at Chinatown Gateway Park. She places the jewelry along a wall at the corner of Bethel and Hotel streets. A member of the audience corroborated the account. Sgt. Chan asked if the vendor has been seen on a regular day and time. He was told that it seems like she appears randomly. He said he will notify the beat officers to look out for her.
4. Middleton shared comments he received from residents regarding the sun shades that are used on storefronts facing mauka along Hotel Street. When they are fully deployed they partially block the sidewalk, forcing some pedestrians to walk on the street. He also said that it appears some of the merchants have shelves or merchandise that extend onto the sidewalk, further reducing the room pedestrians have for walking on the sidewalk. Sgt. Chan replied that they have received complaints before about the awnings. If the officers come across awnings that appear so low that it strikes people as they walk past it they ask the workers or owners to raise it to a safe height. If they do not then the officers issue citations to the store owners. Sgt. Chan also commented that according to the ordinance a storeowner's merchandise can extend up to 18 inches onto the sidewalk.
5. Yuen asked how DTS responded to his question from the November 2009 Board meeting about why parking was not allowed as you approached the intersection of Maunakea and Pauahi streets. He recalls he estimated about 20 parking stalls could be safely created. Sgt. Chan replied that DTS could not give a specific reason why that particular intersection has the no parking restrictions except to say in general the traffic code prohibits parking within seventy five feet upon the approach of an intersection. Yuen observed some intersections on Chinatown streets have parking stalls about fifteen feet from the intersection. He wants DTS to explain why the Maunakea and Pauahi Street intersection has been singled out for the lengthy "no parking" restriction and to possibly revisit the ordinance and have it changed. Chair Lavoie suggested this should be referred to Brennan to pass on to DTS.
6. Smyth stated that he feels that HPD should focus their attention on catching serious criminals rather than "lettuce slicers" and awning height violators.
7. Middleton asked if the drug activity has decreased noticeably since the removal of the nine parking stalls on the mauka side of Pauahi Street near River Street. Sgt. Chan replied that he and his officers have noticed that criminal activity has subsided in that area. He does not discount that fact that the criminal activity may have moved to other areas. DTS has not informed HPD that they will discontinue the "no parking" restriction so for the foreseeable future that restriction will continue. Sgt. Chan has asked his

officers to use discretion in enforcing the parking ban. If they see a vehicle parked illegally they will approach the driver and ask them to move the vehicle instead of issuing a citation immediately.

Questions, comments, concerns

1. Someone asked if a decrease in the number of drug arrests from one month to the next is an indicator that the drug problem is subsiding. Sgt. Chan replied that the numbers on his report merely provide criminal data for a specific point in time. In order to properly determine if crime is increasing or decreasing data must be reviewed over a longer period of time such as comparing the data for the month of January 2009 with the data from the month of January 2008 or even January 2007.
2. Someone refereed to an event reported in the media about an explosive device going off in front of the Hana Hou Café on Nuuanu Ave. He wanted to know which category on the crime report did that event fall under. Sgt. Chan replied that an event like that is not recorded under any of the categories on the crime report. The categories on the crime report that is shared with the neighborhood boards are among a number of them that HPD tracks. Explosive devices are in another class of categories that are not normally shared with the neighborhood boards. Categories on the report are chosen to help present a picture of what is happening in the district crime-wise.
3. A resident reported that the drug activity that she used to observe across the street from the Pauahi Recreation Center has moved to the area directly in front of the recreation center. There are now people that hang out near the gate entrance to the facility and, when the gate is not closed properly, enter the property and occupy the seats in the courtyard area. This contributes to an atmosphere of intimidation and fear to the residents, most of whom are elderly. Sgt. Chan acknowledged the problem and shared that recent undercover operations by HPD's Crime Reduction Unit have resulted in information gathered about who the major players are in the area, which directly led to an arrest of one of the individuals in the area. Sgt. Chan assured her that the Crime Reduction Unit and the Narcotics/Vice division are aware of the problem and that it would probably take an undercover operation to make arrests.

With no objection from the Board Chair Lavoie moved agenda item VII, E, "Increase of Crime in Downtown – Recommendations to police and government agencies" up in the order to be addressed at this time. Before taking questions and comments from the audience Chair Lavoie reminded everyone that Sgt. Chan may not be able to respond to all complaints tonight. He will make every effort to refer them to the right people and report back next month with the results.

1. Mollring has heard complaints about people dealing drugs in front of the Red Elephant, an establishment that is no longer in business. She thought that the people that are seen there may be members of an Alcoholics Anonymous located at the corner of Chaplain Lane and Bethel Street. Whenever there was a break at their meetings those who wanted to smoke would do so outside on the sidewalk. The businesses on that side of the street started complaining about the cigarette smoke so the members were told to walk across the street and smoke in front of what used to be called the Red Elephant. Because the business was closed the cigarette smoke would not be bothering anyone. Mollring suspected that the complainants may have mistaken the smokers for drug dealers.
2. Feliciano from Safe Haven expressed his gratitude to HPD for increasing the frequency of patrols in the alley (fire lane) between Safe Haven and HPU after bringing up this concern at last month's board meeting. The stepped up patrols have made a noticeable drop in the amount of criminal activity taking place there.
3. Joyner said she was disappointed that there was only one officer representing HPD at this meeting. She expected a larger presence of officers because of the number of people attending and the varied concerns which were expected to be brought up. One officer would not be able to answer all questions about crime in specific areas of the district.
4. A handicapped resident shared her frustration with broken cross walk signals. When she comes across a broken signal she has to move to another intersection and find one that works. She has counted six cross signals that are broken. Chair Lavoie responded that this would be a concern for the City and County of Honolulu, not HPD and asked that this issue be referred to Mayor's Representative Bill Brennan for action.

5. White reported he has observed people selling prescription drugs on Fort Street Mall between King Street and Hotel Street who make no effort to hide it. They deal in the open, in plain sight, in the middle of the day with no apparent fear of being caught. Because of the slow economy White emphasized that the merchants cannot afford to have the Chinatown area being taken over by drug dealers.
6. A business owner reported that one of her customers who observed a drug deal being transacted approached an officer who was issuing citations to jaywalkers and informed him of what she saw. The officer responded by telling her to "mind your own business." Sgt. Chan answered that it was not acceptable for the officer to respond in that manner. He said that if anyone encounters a situation like that to please write down the officer's name, call 911 and ask to speak to that officer's supervisor to report the incident. Sgt. Chan was visibly disappointed and remarked that if the officer was one of his subordinates that officer would be suspended.
7. Chair Lavoie asked Sgt. Chan to explain what the "fourth watch" is because Lavoie felt that the term will be mentioned a lot when addressing the various concerns. Sgt. Chan explained that the fourth watch is comprised of rookie officers who just graduated from the police academy. There are four of them assigned to each beat and are managed by a field sergeant. Their purpose is to patrol on foot and provide a visible police presence. They are also there to support the Chinatown merchants.
8. A merchant who normally keeps bankers hours reported that at least twice a week she remains in her store until 11:00 pm and sometimes as late as 1:00 am. She has observed men hanging around outside and most recently, a group of them smoking crack. When she is ready to leave the men are still outside hanging around. She feels threatened and intimidated by them. She wants to know what can be done about this. After she was told to call 911 to have an officer come and clear the area so she can leave she opined that she did feel this was an emergency and thus would not have thought about calling 911. Sgt. Chan used this opportunity to educate everyone about 911 procedures. When you are connected to the HPD dispatcher you can inform them that your complaint is not an emergency but would still like a police response. The dispatcher will then code your call as a non emergency situation and prioritize it. You may have to wait a few more minutes than if this was an emergency call but you will have an officer respond to your complaint.
9. A merchant from J.J. Dolan's restaurant has called 911 in the past to report suspicious activity like drug dealing and asked the dispatcher to request the responding officer to come to the restaurant first so they can provide information to the officer such as where the dealers are hiding their supply of drugs. But when the responding officer arrives they go straight to the reported location of the crime and not to the restaurant. By then the merchant is hesitant to come out and meet the officer for fear of retaliation by the criminals. The merchant asked why the officer would not come to the restaurant first when specifically asked to do so. Sgt. Chan replied that it is a reasonable request to have the responding officer report to the restaurant first. He does not know why this hasn't been done in the past. He reasoned that either the officer never received the message from the dispatcher or the officer is ignoring it. Sgt. Chan offered to notify his officers that when they respond to any call from J.J. Dolan's they should first see the Manager on Duty. The merchant said that would be satisfactory.
10. A business owner who has been operating for about five months reported that because of the increasing criminal activity her business has been declining. She has heard customers telling her that they do not want to be there at night because they are afraid. She wants to know what she, as a business owner, can do to help mitigate the problem. Sgt. Chan told her to continue calling 911 to report criminal or suspicious activity. He told her if she notices a pattern in the activity, same time of day or night, same location, etc. she could come to the Chinatown Police Substation and speak to any of the officers and report this.
11. A business owner observed that a lot of the violent criminal activity is committed by patrons of the restaurant the Mall Café. He has witnessed full scale fights with knives and other weapons by people who come out of that restaurant. They appear to have no fear of the police. He asked if something can be done to penalize Mall Café. White notified the merchants that he has a letter that he can e-mail to them informing the Mayor of the complaints about the Mall Café. He suggested printing, signing and sending the letter to the Mayor. The more letters he receives from the group the better. Chair Lavoie also recommended that they send the letter to the Liquor Commission as well. Sgt. Chan said that HPD forwards all police reports involving incidents with the Mall Café or the patrons that come out of the Mall Café to the Liquor Commission. When it is time for a review of the Mall Café's request to renew their liquor

license the commission can take those reports under consideration when deciding whether to approve or disapprove the request.

12. A business owner commented that before it was possible to call the police substation directly and have the officers from there respond to the emergency. Now all calls are routed to 911. She wants to know if it is possible to call the Chinatown Police Substation directly in an emergency. She also shared that because of the relationships that she has developed over the years with the homeless one of them confided to her that shoes that are placed on the rooftops of certain businesses are a signal where drugs can be picked up. Sgt. Chan replied that emergency calls are routed to 911 so they can be recorded in case there are issues with the call. Phones at the substations do not have recording capabilities. He stressed that if there is an emergency situation and you call the substation they will take your complaint and respond.
13. Mollring commented that the Federal Government's Weed and Seed Program would be a great resource to add in the fight against crime. She recalls the merchants organized themselves at one time and met at Mark's Garage and made a presentation to the Weed and Seed people. She thinks that they should do something like that again. White announced that the Hawaii Theatre is allowing its resources to be used as a location for a follow-up meeting to discuss the next step. Talking to the Weed and Seed people is definitely one of the options they will be talking about.
14. Someone asked how many officers are on duty for the first, second and third watch. Sgt. Chan replied that anywhere from four to six officers are on duty at a time. That number could be reduced if someone calls in sick or must report to court to testify in a case. The number on duty includes at least one officer who is assigned to staff the substation.
15. Sgt. Chan informed everyone about an HPD website in the Narcotics/Vice division where anyone can give confidential information regarding drug activity. The website is at www.honolulu.gov.hpd.nv. Matusow emphasized the importance of giving good, accurate information. She recalled a few years ago the Board received an anonymous letter from someone that gave specific information about drug activity. It included names, locations and other pertinent, specific information. She passed the letter on to HPD and did not give it a second thought. Eighteen months later there was a newspaper article that talked about a drug bust in Chinatown and all the information in the letter was mentioned in the article. It took the Narcotics/Vice division undercover officers some time but they eventually acted on the information and used it in their case.
16. Au concluded the crime segment by commenting that a strong message is being sent tonight. The Chinatown/Downtown businesses have had enough. All government agencies need to become involved from the Federal Government to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney in fighting this battle. He cautioned any of the business owners in trying to do things themselves such as confronting the criminals, videotaping or photographing the illegal transactions, or finding and destroying the illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia. This will mark them for retaliation and could result in them getting seriously hurt or their property destroyed. He said the key is to bring all the resources in government available to bear on the problem. He said that the first step has been taken in the organizing of them. He hopes that the momentum that has been started will continue.

Chair Lavoie thanked all the merchants and business owners for coming to this special meeting and asked White to keep the Board informed of any action they are taking. White agreed to do so.

At this point in the meeting the business owners and merchants left the room.

Neighborhood Citizen's Patrol – Mollring reported that they were accompanied by an officer who seemed to know everyone and everything in Chinatown. She was impressed at the relationships he had with almost everyone they came into contact with. He also shared some of his insights with the patrol members.

1. Middleton asked if residents need to meet the patrol at the start or can they join the patrol at any point in the route. Mollring replied that they can join the patrol at any point in their route.

2. Feliciano asked when and where does the patrol meet? Mollring replied that they meet every Tuesday at 8:00 pm next to Kamalii Park.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Hawaii Pacific University – No representative present. Chair Lavoie read aloud their report.

Honolulu Culture and Arts District – Marcia Joyner highlighted the following:

1. Tuesday Feb 24, 2009 is the Mardi Gras Party event. There will be a host of events including floats.
2. Joyner was informed that she had to notify the Board that one of the floats will be pulled by three horses. The horses will have diapers and will be escorted by handlers who will escort them down the parade route. These are well-trained, experienced horses who have walked in many parades before.
3. Joyner expressed her appreciation to the Board and HPD for taking the time to listen to the concerns of their members.

Safe Haven – Alan Feliciano, Coordinator of Safe Haven, thanked the surrounding businesses of Safe Haven for their support and understanding of their mission. He reported the following:

1. Feliciano said in response to Smyth's request last month to bring copies of a brochure which explains the mission of Safe Haven he has provided them to all board members and anyone else who is interested.
2. Feliciano reported that the whole front of their building was recently painted which also covers up the graffiti. Once the paint cures we will be installing an overcoat which is graffiti proof. It actually makes it easier to remove the ink or paint from the graffiti.
3. Nineteen new individuals have come to Safe Haven to receive some assistance since Jan 2, 2009. They had one person who completed their program move out to more permanent housing.
4. They have begun forming groups of their clients who go out into the community and performing simple service projects such as picking up rubbish.
5. The U.S. Navy has recently donated furniture such as desks, beds, and dressers that were used to outfit 25 rooms where the clients reside. Smyth asked if they accept other kinds of donations such as personal care products and clothes. Feliciano replied that they do. He explained that most of the clients when they move on to more permanent housing do not have much of their own articles to take with them. Safe Haven will provide personal care item for them which they purchase with their own money if donated items are not available.
6. Ruby thanked Feliciano for arranging to have their building repainted. She remarked that it looks so much better than before especially with the graffiti removed.

Public Concerns

1. A representative from Ohana Health Plan passed out a brochure outlining information about its plan. It is a medical care plan for Medicaid members who are aged, blind, or disabled. QUEST members are eligible to join. She encouraged anyone with questions to please call them at 1-866-928-1959 (TTY: 1-866-928-1958).

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative – Bill Brennan reported:

1. The City budget is due to come out at the end of the month. He will report on anything that affects the Downtown/Chinatown area.
2. Matusow asked Brennan to take some of these concerns that was expressed tonight back to the Mayor. He agreed to do so.
3. Yuen referred his request for information regarding parking stalls in Chinatown that was discussed earlier with Sgt. Chan from HPD.

Councilman Rod Tam – No representative. No report.

STATE OFFICIALS:

Governor's Report – Chair Lavoie announced that the Governor's report is available at the sign-in table.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria – Pohai Ryan distributed Senator Galuteria's report and highlighted:

1. Ryan shared her concern with the increasing crime in the Downtown/Chinatown district. She said that perhaps a meeting with other legislators, councilmen, the Mayor, and HPD would be helpful in determining what kind of support they can collectively provide.
2. Ryan said that the senator will be bringing his legislative staff and others to the First Friday celebration on Feb 6, 2009 to experience it first hand. He invited anyone to join them.
3. Ryan referred to the senator's newsletter and mentioned that he included instructions on using the legislative bill tracking website.
4. Ryan mentioned that Sen. Galuteria will be awarding a commendation certificate to the Arts District Merchants Association for their work in innovative integration and promotion of the culture and arts.

Senator Chun-Oakland – Dr. Leilani Oyama distributed Sen. Chun Oakland's report and made her available for questions or comments.

Representative Karl Rhoads – Christine Welch highlighted bills that Rep. Rhoads introduced and their status.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ideas for legislation for the upcoming legislative session

1. Banning of fireworks or allowing home rule for counties to decide. Matusow motioned for supporting the concept of the banning of fireworks except for religious purposes or giving the counties the authority to regulate them. Discussion followed.
 - a. Yuen asked for clarification that the ban does not include fireworks displays for religious purposes. Chair Lavoie confirmed that the ban does not include religious purposes.
 - b. Middleton expressed his opinion that the ban will never be passed by government officials.

Chair Lavoie called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed 7-1 (Aye: Au, Lavoie, Matusow, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen. Nay: Middleton)

2. Banning smoking at bus stops. Matusow motioned for supporting a ban on smoking at bus stops. Discussion followed.
 - a. Mollring said that motion does not provide for any kind of help for their addiction.

b. Smyth opined that this law would be unenforceable.

Chair Lavoie called for a vote on the motion. The motion failed 3-5 (Aye: Matusow, Mollring, Ruby Nay: Au, Lavoie, Middleton, Smyth, Yuen.).

B. Placing an all-way stop or traffic light at the intersection of Nuuanu Avenue and Pauahi Street.

1. Joyner emphasized that she is not requesting a traffic signal but a stop sign or posted speed limit signs.
2. Smyth pointed out that Nuuanu Avenue is designed for the unimpeded flow of traffic in that area. Traffic lights don't appear until further down the avenue. Any stopping or slowing of traffic will cause a back up unto Beretania Street.
3. Chair Lavoie said that the speed limit was already 25 miles per hour.

Chair Lavoie for a motion. No motion was proposed.

C. 21st Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Tuesday March 17, 2009 and closure of Marin Lane.

1. Notification was provided in a letter to the Board from Don Murphy, owner of Murphy's Bar and Grill located at Merchant and Nuuanu Streets. Chair Lavoie commented that Don Murphy has ensured that previous events have been responsibly run. His reputation as a responsible business owner who is sensitive to the community's concerns is well known.

D. Application for a change in kind and category liquor license: Murphy's Bar and Grill, 2 Merchant Street from category 1 (standard bar) to category 2 (restaurant general), a premise in which live entertainment or recorded music is provided, facilities for dancing by patrons is permitted as provided by the Commission rules-consumption on premises.

Chair Lavoie called for a vote on the motion to support Don Murphy's application before the Liquor Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Increase in crime in Downtown – Recommendation to police and government agencies

1. With the unanimous support of the Board this agenda item was moved up and discussed earlier.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 8, 2009

The following corrections were received:

1. Page 2, #6, line 4 – change "it's " to its.
2. Page 2, #10, line 1 – change "were" to "where"

The minutes were accepted with corrections.

BOARD REPORTS:

Chair's Report

Other liquor license applications or street closures: None

Future agenda items: None

Reports of Permitted Interactive Groups

Liquor Commission: None

Restroom Facilities: None

Ohana Housing

OH-NO update

Ong King: No report.

Neighborhood Commission:

Treasurer's Report: January, 2009 - Previous balance \$3054.17, expenses – 38.01, balance for January, 2009 - \$3,016.16

City and County Affairs:

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO): Smyth informed everyone that the deadline for submitting questions for the draft EIS statement is Friday February 6, 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2009, Pauahi Community Center, 171 North Pauahi Street at 7:00 p.m.

The Neighborhoods Citizen's Patrol meets each Tuesday on the Diamond Head side of Kukui Plaza at 8:00 p.m. Please consider joining the patrol and supporting its efforts as they express their service and pride in our Downtown/Chinatown community.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by, Peter Salbiejo, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by, Frank Lavoie, Chair