



DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 13

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010 PAUAAH COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Frank Lavoie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **with a quorum of eight (8) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present – Alvin Au (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Anthony Chang, Frank Lavoie, Lynne Matusow, Carl Middleton, Dolores Mollring, T.A. Ruby, Tom Smyth, Stanford Yuen.

Members Absent – None.

Guests: Firefighter B. Harrison (Honolulu Fire Department); Sergeant Y.K. Chan, (Honolulu Police Department); Representative Karl Rhoads; Marsha Joyner and Ed Korybski (Arts District Merchants Association); Alan Feliciano (Safe Haven); Al and Diana Ronquillo, Barbara Hao (Citizen Patrol Group); Allen Stack Jr. and Lee Stack (Chinatown Improvement District); Councilmember Rod Tam; Al Canopin (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office); Phil McInnig (Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland's Office); Pohai Ryan (Senator Brickwood Galuteria's Office); Connie Geisler (OH-NO); Sandy Pfund and Tom Ogate (Aloha Tower Development Corporation); Gwen Abella; Howard Lum; and Theona Kapoi (Neighborhood Commission Office).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: Those present introduced themselves.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter B. Harrison reported the following:

- **December 2009 Statistics** – 7 structure fires, 2 wild land fires, 4 rubbish fires, 102 medical emergencies, 2 search/rescues and 23 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – In a fire, medical, or other emergency, it is critical that emergency responders quickly identify the correct location. Fire, building, U.S. postal codes, and City ordinances state that property owners shall place their house numbers so it is legible and readily visible from the street. This will assist the Honolulu Fire Department and other first responders in quickly locating your house in the event of an emergency. If your property is difficult to locate and/or access, provide 911 dispatchers with additional information to assist them in locating your property during an emergency.

Au arrived at 7:04 p.m. Nine (9) members present.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. **Appreciation to HFD** – Ruby thanked HFD for helping her up off the sidewalk after falling and cracking a rib. It took a while for her to stand, but appreciated HFD's patience.
2. **New Siren Sound** – Ruby was concerned with the new siren sound HFD has been using. She was told the siren is a mechanical siren and only used during heavy traffic. HFD will follow-up with the concern and its use during the early morning hours.
3. **Safety Tips** – Middleton requested the HFD safety tips be printed for individuals to take home as a handout.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant Chan circulated a report and highlighted the following:

- **December 2009 Statistics** – 16 assaults, 6 burglaries, 8 drug offenses, 11 DUI's (driving under the influence), 8 family offenses, 3 graffiti offenses, 80 motor vehicle collisions (MVC), 1 motor vehicle theft, 13



property damage offenses, 3 robberies, 1 sex assault, 5 prostitution offenses, 13 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle) offenses and 118 miscellaneous service calls.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Video Monitoring – Matusow was told all the surveillance cameras are working.
2. Public Urination – Ruby mentioned reporting to HPD someone had been urinating in public and allowing HPD to cite the offender right away. Sergeant Chan thanked Ruby for notifying HPD right away. The boundary for the urination/defecation in public law is between River Street and Ward Avenue. Anyone caught outside could also be arrested for open nudity.
3. Kamalii Park – Ruby mentioned Kamalii Park is a mess and there are people drinking at the park. She also mentioned having to yell at someone who got off at the bus stop near the park and began masturbating to stop doing what he was doing.
4. Chinatown Gateway Building – Chair Lavoie mentioned the Chinatown Gateway Building is a “green zone,” as there are many police officers patrolling the area when there is no crime. Chair Lavoie suggested that officers rotate around and not stay in the same area. Having many police officers in one area is intimidating.
5. Crime Statistics – Joyner was told she could compare the crime statistics from this month to last month by looking in the December minutes. Sergeant Chan did say the statistics were just numbers and doesn’t show the degree of any offense.
6. Bicycles on Sidewalks – Joyner stated that bicycles are not allowed on the sidewalk. A woman was hit and by a bicyclist on the sidewalk and fell. The bicyclist sped off just missing Joyner and hitting another pedestrian. A nearby officer was notified of the offense and was unclear of any violation. No one was able to stop the bicyclist and attention was focused on getting the woman help. Smyth stated that the city needs to put up signs to indicate where bicycles can be ridden or not. Matusow said to get the officer’s name and badge number.
7. Defining a Business District – Smyth noted the law is not clear as to what a business district is, as bicyclists are not allowed to ride on the sidewalk in a business district. Fort Street Mall is open to foot traffic and there are no bicycle signs at the top of Fort Street Mall near Beretania Street. It is also unclear as to what is justified as a sidewalk. It would be best if there were a clear understanding of the statute and definitions. Looking into zoning the area into a special district may make it simpler for HPD to enforce the law.
8. Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Checkpoints – Sergeant Chan will follow up with Middleton’s request of the statistics for the DUI checkpoints.
9. Procedure to Report an Illegal Activity in Progress – Sergeant Chan suggested if residents do not want to be identified as “the one” who reported an illegal activity, the resident may meet an officer at the substation or at a designated meeting place. Residents may also call 911 and information can be forwarded to the appropriate department. The Chinatown substation number is 529-3101.

Neighborhood Citizens’ Patrol – Mollring stated the neighborhood has been relatively quiet. Diana Ronquillo, reported that most of her patrol group is still not feeling well. She hopes to have everyone return healthy in the coming week, so they can continue to patrol three times a week.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) – No representative present.

Honolulu Culture and Arts District – Ed Korybski and Marsha Joyner reported the following:

- First Friday – The First Friday event for January happened on January 1st. There was some miscommunication with the event, as signs were posted stating the event was cancelled. Korybski and Joyner tried their best to correct the misunderstanding by taking down the signs and sending out press releases to every media source possible. With their efforts, the event had a lower crowd than normal but it was an overall success.
- Slow Art Friday – Is a new event that will occur every third Friday of the month. The idea behind this event is to enjoy everything and just to be calm and relaxed. It is to enjoy the arts and foods in the area.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Noise Complaints – Mollring stated the Downtown/Chinatown area has opened the doors to allowing many bars to remain open until 2:00 a.m.; doing so has caused many noise complaints throughout the week. Chair Lavoie agreed with the statement, noting many complaints have been made by the Chinatown Gateway Plaza.

Safe Haven – Alan Feliciano reported the following:

- Christmas for Safe Haven – The Air Force Academy donated gifts to Safe Haven. Feliciano stated it was some of the residents' first Christmas in a long time.
- New Residents – There have been eight new move-ins; meaning eight people off the street.
- Smith/Beretania Park – Safe Haven has filed the paper work for adopting Smith/Beretania Park. It should be official within the coming week.
- Volunteers and Donations – Safe Haven always welcomes volunteers and donations to assist the shelter.
- Homelessness Everywhere – Feliciano mentioned catching the bus from the Kailua area and has noticed that there are homeless people everywhere and he offered the shelter's services. Outside of the Downtown area, Feliciano has seen about 100 homeless people.

Honolulu Rail Transit – No representative present.

Chinatown Business and Community Association (CBCA) – No representative present.

Public Concerns:

- Proposed National Heritage Area Designation – Lee Stack submitted a statement for the record: Our group has asked that the National Heritage Area initiative be placed on the agenda for February's meeting. The community has never been given the opportunity to weigh in on this federal legislation which would create a permanent federal designation over greater Honolulu. I know that the Board voted in favor of the Capital Cultural District in January, 2004, but that honorary city and state designation is different from federal legislation. In late 2006, a decision was made to pursue Federal designation. The Downtown Neighborhood Board has not considered the issue since pursuit of a federal program was decided upon, since a feasibility study for the area was issued, or since legislation was introduced in Congress last January. Many people in the area are still unaware of the pending legislation and how it might affect them. I'd like to ask that the Board invite representatives of the Hawaii Capital Cultural Coalition to next month's meeting as well.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – No representative present.

Councilmember Rod Tam – Al Canopin reported the following:

- Bill 40 (2009) – This bill will increase the fees charged for spay/neuter services to closer reflect the cost of providing the services. This bill passed Second Reading and Public Hearing and now goes back to the Budget committee for further discussion.
- Bill 78 (2009) – This bill allows the City to assess fines for incorrect placement of bulky wastes. This bill passed First Reading and Public Hearing and now goes to the Public Infrastructure Committee for further discussion.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Bulky Item Pick-up – Matusow is concerned with bulky items being left in front of her condominium because she does not feel her condominium should be charged for bulky items that were placed there by non-residents of the property.

2. Bicycles on Sidewalks – Smyth suggested the Downtown area use the same language as the Waikiki district, which does not allow bicycles on sidewalks and use the boundaries as defined by the urination/defecation ordinance for signs to be posted. Smyth noted that signs are needed to inform bicyclists about where bikes can be ridden. Councilmember Tam stated the Oahu Bike Plan is still under review and has not been accepted. Councilmember Tam noted the need for an educational program for pedestrians and bicyclists about the courtesies of the sidewalk.
3. Bill 40 (2009) – Middleton stated that there is a global recession and fees are being doubled to spay/neuter pets. Middleton does not feel this is the right time to do such a thing. Councilmember Tam stated medical costs have gone up for the neutering program.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – Phil McInnig circulated a report and highlighted the following:

- Introduction of a New Bill – Senator Chun Oakland will be introducing a Bill regarding the parking of motorcycles, motor scooters and mopeds (motor vehicles). Many people have been ticketed for parking motor vehicles on bicycle racks because there are no adequate parking areas for the motor vehicles. The bill introduces more parking for the motor vehicles to be provided in private and public parking garages.
- Hawaii Tax Help – An informational handout was circulated and indicates information regarding filing taxes.
- Letter to the Governor from the Council on Revenues – The letter, signed by Paul Brewbaker, Chair of the Council of Revenues indicates a revision to the General Fund Tax revenue amounts previously forecasted. The detailed forecasts are based on the Council's forecast for total State General Fund tax revenues using an econometric model of the Tax Research and Planning Office.
- January 20, 2010 – There will be no opening ceremony on the first day of the new legislative session.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Letter to the Governor – Middleton questioned who the public should believe if Brewbaker and the newspapers have different views. McInnig stated it is an individual's choice to decide what to believe.
2. Comment for the New Bill – Chair Lavoie suggested that mandates should not be placed on private sector parking. Smyth commented that as much as possible, the parking would need to be at ground level. It would be difficult for motorcycles, motor scooters and mopeds to travel up and down the parking garage ramps. Smyth also commented that this may not be the best solution for the issue, but it is taking steps in the right direction.
3. Proposed Solution for Illegally Parked Motor Bikes – Mollring suggested removing the bicycle racks all together.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria – Pohai Ryan circulated a report and highlighted the following:

- Legislative Session – Will begin Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. There will be no opening ceremony in light of the economic predicament the state faces.
- Ways and Means – The Ways and Means process of information briefings from each of the State agencies has begun. On January 5th, the Council on Revenues economists and the Governor's updated State financial plan and supplemental budget did their brief.
- Olelo – The information briefings may also be found on Olelo community cable television or "SENATE ON DEMAND" at www.olelo.org.
- Quick Guide – Ryan noted the additional handout was a reference guide for residents; from parking for the Capitol to a weekly events notice.

Representative Karl Rhoads – Representative Rhoads reported the following:

- Bus Stop Benches – The Department of Transportation (DTS) agreed with having to put dividers on the bus stop benches and they are on order.

- Mid-Block Crosswalk on Kukui Street – It was purposed to have a mid-block crosswalk on Kukui Street behind the Pali Longs. Mollring and Matusow agreed that it was not a safe place to put a crosswalk. Mollring commented that the delivery trucks obstruct the view of motorists turning in and out of the back entrance to Pali Longs parking lot.
- Gregory House Foundation – The foundation will be cut 10% in the 2010 fiscal year, roughly \$40,000. There is no information about the budget for the 2011 fiscal year.
- Bulky Item Pickup – A letter was sent to Councilmember Kobayashi's office in support of the concept of fining bulky item pick up offenders.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Aetna Medicare – Matusow did not receive a definite answer regarding the Medicare coverage. The company did mention to her that Medicare's computers are not properly programmed.
2. Senate Bill – Smyth questioned the coalition of the R8 and C3 Senate Bill regarding unemployment relief for businesses. Representative Rhoads is opposed to the Bill.
3. Bulky Items – Do not relate to businesses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Privatization of TheBus Stops – Item deferred due to Mayor's Representative's absence.

Park Benches for Fort Street Mall – Chair Lavoie stated the letter on behalf of the Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13 was sent to Mayor Hannemann and the Fort Street Mall Business Improvement District (BID). Item deferred due to Mayor's Representative's absence.

NEW BUSINESS:

Aloha Tower Development Corporation (ATDC) – Sandy Fung and Tom Ogate circulated a report and highlighted the following:

- Strategic Plan Draft – The ATDC strategic plan was completed in December 2009. The plan shows going into the Iwilei area and the focus of the project.
- Plan Concept – The plan is available on the ATDC website. It was emphasized that the plan is completely conceptual. The Plan is currently in the public comment stage.
- ATDC Jurisdiction – The ATDC is looking at ways to provide revenues to its lost harbor. There are certain things the ATDC is responsible for including ample parking. Within the plan and handouts circulated Fung stressed the need to realize the feasibility of the area and are willing to take input for ideas.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) – Mollring would like for the NCL to return to the Aloha Tower dock instead of the Restaurant Row dock. There is only one ship that comes into Hawaii and they should dock at a more appealing location.
2. Irwin Park – Matusow would like an update on what was being done with Irwin Park. Residents have been trying to get a park at Pier 5 and Pier 6 for quite some time. Smyth stated there was a space which "allowed" for a park, but a parking garage was built instead.
3. Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) – Matusow would like an update on HECO's plans and if they are planning to have a plant in the Aloha Tower area.

Neighborhood Commission Budget Proposals –

- Reduce the Number of Board Meetings – Matusow stated the decision to reduce the number of board meetings per year should be left to individual board discretion. **Matusow moved, Middleton seconded that the number of meetings held per year should be left to the Boards' discretion. The motion was**

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 9-0-0 (AYE: Au, Chang, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).

- Replace Newsletters with Olelo – Mollring stated she does not recall having seen Olelo at the Downtown Board meeting. Middleton stated it is a hassle to get the video crew to the area and would prefer to have a newsletter.
- Extend Board Terms to Four Years – Mollring is in favor of this proposal. **Matusow moved, Middleton seconded to extend board member terms to four years. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 9-0-0 (AYE: Au, Chang, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).**
- Redistricting Neighborhood Boards – Matusow stated there are no provisions in the plan that requires redistricting due to the census. Middleton was told the redistricting is to have fewer boards. **Matusow moved, Middleton seconded that the Neighborhood Boards should not be redistricted. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 9-0-0 (AYE: Au, Chang, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).**
- CD Copy of Guidebook and Neighborhood Plan – It was suggested for the Neighborhood Assistant to bring a copy of the Guidebook and Neighborhood Plan to every meeting.

Vermicomposting Pilot Project – Marsha Joyner circulated a report and highlighted that the Arts District Merchants Association has joined with other Chinatown organizations in an effort to cleanup Chinatown. The effort to cleanup Chinatown will begin with the Vermicomposting pilot project. Managing Director Kirk Caldwell stated the City will look into the project should there be enough signatures from surrounding merchants to support the project. Joyner stated this has worked in other neighborhoods on the island. The Pipeline Bin (where fruits and vegetables will be discarded) will not be a distraction to the surroundings. It will be displayed with sponsor names and artwork. Joyner assured the bin is secure. There are worms inside the bin which eat and digest the food waste, instead of needing to place the food waste on the street where rats can get at it for a food source.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Composted Products – Include newspaper, cardboard, paper products. No meats, dairy products or papaya seeds work with the vermicomposting process.
2. Smell – Mollring was told there is no smell from the bin. The composting is a bi-product and is sellable as fertilizer. Mollring is in support of the pilot project.
3. Rad for Rats – Smyth suggested looking into the Rad for Rat Corporation to help with the rat problem in Chinatown.
4. Responsibility of the Bins – The cost of the bin will include a manager, who will be responsible for its maintenance.

Matusow moved, Mollring seconded to support the Vermicomposting Pilot Project of Chinatown. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 9-0-0 (AYE: Au, Chang, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).

City Council Resolution 09-364 – Councilmember Rod Tam distributed a copy of Resolution 09-364 and stated its purpose which is requesting for the City Administration to prepare and fund a special area plan for the Chinatown area.

- Exclusion of Downtown – Ruby questioned as to why the resolution stops at Nuuanu Avenue and the resolution excludes a lot of the Downtown area. Ruby was told that Chinatown would be a special district and it is separate from Downtown.
- Special Design District – Smyth questioned if the zoning purpose is for health and safety reasons. Would it be easier to name the Chinatown area a special design district?

Matusow moved, Middleton seconded that the Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13 support resolution 09-364 with minor corrections – to emphasize that the Board previously voted to oppose the River Street Residences in its present form and location. In addition, the Board would like to be included as one of the groups listed in the resolution. The motion was ADPOTED, 5-4-0, (AYE: Au, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Yuen NO: Chang, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth).

Legislative Items to Consider –

- Urination Bill – The current Urination Bill has an expiration date of December 31, 2012. It is proposed to have the bill become permanent. **Matusow moved, Mollring seconded to support the Urination Bill's permanency. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 9-0-0 (AYE: Au, Chang, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).**
- Third Convictions for "Johns" – The current bill expires on June 30, 2010. It is proposed to have the bill become permanent and increases the offense from a petty misdemeanor to a misdemeanor. **Smyth moved, Mollring seconded to support the Third Conviction for "Johns" Bill's permanency. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 9-0-0 (AYE: Au, Chang, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).**
- Noise Taskforce Control – A bill is being proposed to start a task force that will regulate noise from sirens on emergency vehicles and combining it with the noise from fire works. **Matusow moved, Ruby seconded to support the formation of a Noise Control Taskforce. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 9-0-0 (AYE: Au, Chang, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).**
- Posting Criminals Pictures – It was suggested to have criminals' pictures posted online as soon as they are arrested. Currently pictures are posted only after they are convicted. All criminal pictures should be posted after being arrested. **Mollring moved, Ruby seconded to support having criminals pictures posted online after being arrested. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 9-0-0 (AYE: Au, Chang, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).**
- Prostitution within 750 feet of Schools – A current bill states only "Johns" will be convicted for soliciting prostitution within 750 feet of schools. It is proposed to include conviction of prostitutes who promote prostitution within 750 feet of schools with a misdemeanor. Doing so would include all of Kukui Street (where much of the prostitution occurs). It was suggested to have the proper definition of a "school" included in the Bill. **Mollring moved, Ruby seconded to support the conviction of "Johns" and prostitutes who promote prostitution within 750 feet of a school. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 9-0-0 (AYE: Au, Chang, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).**
- Vector Control for Chinatown – It was requested for the State to put a law in place to fund vector inspectors, whose job is to control pests such as rats. **Smyth moved, Matusow seconded to support the full funding of Vector Control. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 9-0-0 (AYE: Au, Chang, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).**
- Removal of One Percent Art Funding – Chair Lavoie stated the Art in Public Places Program was created to strengthen the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts capability to "stimulate, guide and promote culture and the arts, history and the humanities," something Chair Lavoie does not believe bureaucrats should be in charge of. In 1967 with the enactment of the Art in State Buildings Law, this designated one percent of the construction costs of new buildings, and later for renovations, for the acquisition of works of art, either by commission or purchase. Chair Lavoie stated this is often art that the private sectors do not want or by artists with connections. He believes the money could be better spent for the community. Smyth stated the State relies on the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) monies which are currently restricted to build things in the area. There are great pieces of art and this is where the funding comes from. Middleton stated the State is in a recession and now is not the time to stop this one percent art fund.
- Increase in State Excise Tax – Matusow noted there is too much tax in the State as it is. Mollring suggested increasing the excise tax for every thing except medical needs, food and clothing. Smyth suggested not creating a snack tax. Middleton was opposed to any new taxes or raised taxes. **Matusow moved, Middleton seconded there be no increase in the State excise tax. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 9-0-0 (AYE: Au, Chang, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).**
- Rail Tax – **Matusow moved, Mollring seconded that the State should not take any tax money collected to fund the rail system. The money collected should remain for the purpose of the rail. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 9-0-0 (AYE: Au, Chang, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).**
- Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) within Counties – Counties should continue to receive the TAT. The State should not take any portion of the counties' TAT funds. **Matusow moved, Mollring seconded for the Counties to receive and retain their portion of TAT. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 9-0-0 (AYE: Au, Chang, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).**
- Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) Increase – Smyth stated there should be an increase in the TAT. Counties are allotted so much per year and should slightly increase next year. Matusow is opposed to an increase in the TAT. **Matusow moved, Mollring seconded that there should be no increase in the**

Transient Accommodations Tax. The motion was ADOPTED, 8-1-0 (AYE: Au, Chang, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Yuen NO: Smyth).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The December 3, 2009 Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13 regular meeting minutes were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS CORRECTED, 9-0-0 (AYE: Au, Chang, Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).

Corrections –

- Page 1 – Introduction of Board Members, the end of the sentence should read “...per the Neighborhood Commission *Office’s request.*”
- Page 2 – Bullet two, Traffic Fatalities should read, “...of which 17 *are* alcohol related. HPD...”
- Page 2 – Number four, New Officers, the second sentence, omit the first comma and quotation marks.
- Page 2 – Neighborhood Citizen’s Patrol, the second sentence should read, “The *Kekaulike and River/Pauahi* Citizen Patrol reported...”
- Page 3 – Bullet one, National Computer Science Education Week, *Warner* Auditorium should be capitalized.
- Page 3 – Number three, Movie on the Mall, should read, “...stated the *filming of ‘LOST’* was...”
- Page 3 – Honolulu Culture and Arts District, bullet one, Christmas Party for the Children, the first sentence should end after Christmas Party and capitalize the ‘a’ in all, to begin the next sentence.
- Page 4 – Public concerns, bullet one, the subtitle should read *Proposed National Heritage Area Designation.*
- Page 6 – Mayor’s Representative, comment should be included after bullet one, Brennan disclosed that his notes were lost and had would have to follow up next month.
- Page 6 – New Business, Brennan reiterated his notes were lost but will take the discussion topics of the Privatization of TheBus bus stops and Park Benches for Fort Street Mall back for a full report next month.
- Page 7 – Park Benches for Fort Street Mall, bullet three, the sentence should read “...were taken *out* over night...”
- Page 7 – Park Benches for Fort Street Mall, bullet seven, should indicate Allen Stack made the suggestion.
- Page 8 – Future Legislative Items, bullet four, should read, “...there are no workers *at* night due to...”

With no objections, Item V.A.1.a Chinese New Year’s street closures was discussed by the Board.

1. Matusow stated that there was no consideration taken on the City’s part into the other events happening in the Downtown/Chinatown area on February 5 and 6, 2010. There are major street closures that will affect surrounding condominium residents and will also cause parking problems for event attendees. Matusow is disappointed that no representative from the City has attended tonight’s board meeting for public discussion on this issue.
2. Joyner stated she walked to every condominium handing the landlords fliers to inform residents of the street closure.
3. Mollring stated the Chinese New Year Celebration could have been done on a different day.
4. Yuen stated that the Mayor’s Representative, Bill Brennan, could have answered many questions. Yuen spoke with Gifford Chan, who is a part of the Chinatown Merchant Association and was told the surrounding businesses were aware of the plans and street closures. Yuen feels the board is overreacting without knowing all the facts.
5. Joyner said her group, which has 50 members voted unanimously to oppose having the lion dance street closures on the same night as First Friday. They fear taking a financial hit. Matusow said that at least one of the merchants said he earns his rent money of First Friday.
6. Joyner stated the event ends at 10:00 p.m. which does not mean the streets will be cleared by then. The roads will still be blocked for the cleanup crew to clear the streets of debris.
7. Matusow stated the Board was not invited to the meetings which involved the discussion of the street closures for the Chinese New Year’s Festivals. In previous years the Board has participated.

8. Middleton requested Chair Lavoie meet with the City as soon as possible to resolve the issues that affect the Downtown/Chinatown residents.

BOARD REPORTS:

Chair's Report – Chair Lavoie had nothing new to report.

- 1) Liquor License Applications or Street Closures – In celebration of Saint Patrick's Day, Murphy's Bar and Grill as well as Aloha Tower Marketplace will be extending their parameters for serving liquor. The Board has not yet received any information regarding the Mardi Gras celebrations in February. The request by 39 Hotel to remain open until 4:00 a.m. was denied due to protests from the Chinatown Gateway Plaza's residents.
- 2) Future Agenda Items –
 - a. Liquor Commission notification to the Board – will have to indicate who, when, how (needs to be clear)
 - b. City and County budget proposals – will not come out until March, where comments can be made.
 - c. Vector Control.
 - d. Creating a Newsletter.
- 3) Neighborhood Commission – Neighborhood Commission Executive Secretary Joan Manke is resigning. Her final day of work is Thursday, January 21, 2010. A meeting was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, however there are no announcements to report.
- 4) Queen's Medical Center Plan Review Use – Report stated no major changes to the project.
- 5) Office of Information Practice – Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report – Mollring reported as of the month of December 2009, the Board has a balance of \$2,958.62.

City and County Affairs – Nothing to report.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) – Smyth reported that Gordon Lum, Executive Director of OMPO retired. Lori Arakaki is acting director until a new Executive Director is chosen. Smyth also reported the west bound contra flow lane near Radford Drive is underway. There are no Transportation Enhancement Projects that will affect the Downtown area yet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board Meeting – Will be on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pauahi Community Center, 171 North Pauahi Street.

Neighborhood Citizen's Patrol – The Neighborhood Citizen's Patrol meets every Tuesday on the Diamondhead side of the 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 9:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Theona Kapoi, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Frank Lavoie, Chair