



DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 13

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2010 PAUHI COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Members Present – Frank Lavoie, Lynne Matusow, Carl Middleton, Dolores Mollring, T.A. Ruby, Tom Smyth, and Stanford Yuen.

Members Absent – Alvin Au, Anthony Chang.

Guests: Sergeant Y.K. Chan, Officer Richard Fikani, Sergeant Lawrence Santos, Major Clayton Saito and Sergeant Kim Buffett (Honolulu Police Department); Fire fighters Kenneth Kahahawai, Mark Bates, Braderik Harrison and Gerald Higgins (Honolulu Fire Department); Bertrand Kobayshi (Representative Karl Rhoads' Office); Marsha Joyner and Ed Korybski (Arts District Merchants Association); Allen Stack Jr., Lee Stack, Robert Au and Bill Burgess (Chinatown Improvement District); Al Canopin (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office); Phil McInnis (Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland's Office); Bill Brennan (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Office); Elmer Kaai and Trisha Watson (Hawaii Capital Cultural Coalition); Valerie Sanchez (Chinatown Newspaper); Chu Lan Kwok (Chinatown Business and Community Association); Cecelia Chang (Prosecutor's Office); Alfonso and Diana Ronquillo (River/Pauahi Citizen's Patrol); Robert Camello (Reynolds Recycling); Julius Lannutti and Sheryl Kona (Alter Solum); Gwen Abella; Ryan Akamine; Melanie Wong; Kevin Lye; and Theona Kapoi (Neighborhood Commission Office).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: Those present introduced themselves.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

- **February 2010 Statistics** – 2 structure fires, 3 rubbish fires, 1 vehicle fire, 110 medical emergencies and 12 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Easter Season Fire Safety Tip** –
 - 1) Scald burns are the most common injury among children under the age of four. When boiling eggs for a coloring activity, be attentive to your cooking and children. Do not leave any cooking unattended.
 - 2) If candles are used, do not leave them unattended or near ignitable materials, such as artificial grass, commonly used as filler for children's baskets. Ensure your candle holder is the proper size for the type of candle being used.
 - 3) Familiarize yourself with the contents of your children's Easter baskets, especially if they contain small toys, and be aware of the manufacturer's warning for choking hazards for young children.

Questions, comments and concerns:

Blood Pressure Test – Mollring reported having felt chest pains earlier that week and commended HFD for aiding her. She noted HFD has a free blood pressure test service at their station.

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

- **February 2010 Statistics** – 15 assaults, 5 burglaries, 2 drug offenses, 11 DUI's (driving under the influence), 7 family offenses, 3 graffiti offense, 76 motor vehicle collisions (MVC), 2 motor vehicle thefts, 6 property damage offenses, 3 prostitution offenses, 13 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle) offenses and 124 miscellaneous service calls.



- DUI Checkpoints – Sergeant Chan had a follow up with the exact statistics of the District 1 DUI checkpoints. In 2009, District 1 officers made 31 arrests. There were 298 citations issued at the checkpoints for various violations. Sergeant Chan reminded motorists not to drink and drive and use a designated driver. He would like residents to have the courage to stand up to an intoxicated friend and take away their keys; if successful, call them a cab.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Video Monitoring – Sergeant Chan assured the Board all the cameras are working.
2. Calling 911 vs. Calling the Substation – Matusow stated a friend had called 911 to report a barbeque with an open flame happening at Smith/Beretania Park. The 911 dispatcher told Matusow's friend to call the police substation. Officers did respond to the call, however, clarification is needed as to when it is appropriate to call what number. Sergeant Chan stated no one should be redirected to call a police substation and 911 is the appropriate number to call.
3. Jaywalking – Mollring stated two officers were jaywalking near Hawaii Theatre. She would like to mention that officers should not be breaking the law if they are going to enforce it. Sergeant Chan stated that in the event officers jaywalk, it may be to respond to an emergency.
4. Crime Report Difference – Smyth noted a difference in the crime report statistics. Sergeant Chan stated the main totals noted at the bottom are correct. The report did not indicate which beat the infraction occurred.
5. Patrolling Smith Street – Middleton requested officers patrol Smith Street more frequently to catch an offender of the public urination/defecation bill.
6. Noise Complaint – Middleton stated the King Street noise complaint he reported in the previous month did lessen but did not completely go away.
7. Kekaulike Mall Bird Feeding – Middleton requested officers cite people feeding the birds at Kekaulike Mall.
8. Solving Drug Problems – Sergeant Chan stated that with the help of the community and the complaints received, the proper division will look into rectifying the issue.
9. Suspicious Activity – A resident stated there were suspicious activities happening on Maunakea Street. Sergeant Chan stated there are officers uniformed and plain clothed that are aware of the situation on Maunakea Street. Plain clothed officers may suspect dealers and will attempt to buy from them, to in turn arrest the drug offender.
10. Permanent Changes – A resident would like HPD to create permanent changes in the Downtown and Chinatown area. There are many instances of gambling, drug dealing and prostitution all over the neighborhood.
11. HPD Appreciation – HPD was commended for the job they are doing. A resident noted HPD has a lot to do and cannot be everywhere at once.

Crime Stoppers – Sergeant Kim Buffet and Officer Richard Fikani reported an upcoming project scheduled for August 21, 2010. This project will include the youth in the area that does graffiti. The purpose of this project is to redirect the energy into murals in collaboration with local artists. Sergeant Buffet is aware of the cultural sensitivity to the area which will be taken into account with the mural. Neighborhood areas such as Kahuku, Kaimuki and Diamond Head would like this type of project to occur in their neighborhood. Graffiti will less likely occur when the youth have something to be proud of. This project will give them a blank canvas to work with as well as educate future graffiti offenders of the consequences. This project is not meant to arrest past graffiti "taggers," it is simply to help redirect graffiti energy into creating a collaborated mural.

Questions, comments and Concerns:

1. Removing Graffiti – Smyth noted that prior to starting the project they should consider using graffiti remover and not paint over the graffiti.
2. 808 Urban – A resident noted that 808 Urban is a group that does similar work to the proposed project and they should look into working with them as well.
3. Skate Park Surface – Sergeant Buffet is not sure if the mural will be painted on the skate park surface or the perimeter of the skate area. She is looking into the types of paint allowable for the skate park surface so it is safe.
4. King Street Art – Mollring stated at night there are wood panels in place of windows on King Street that have nice art work on them.
5. Youth Involvement – A resident was concerned with the youth being able to leave their signature mark in fear of being caught for other signature graffiti marks. Sergeant Buffet stated the youths involved with

creating the mural will be working on a collaborated piece of art and will not be leaving their signature mark. This project is to redirect their artistic abilities.

Middleton departed at 7:50 p.m.; Six (6) members present.

Weed and Seed Project – Sergeant Lawrence Santos stated that in May of 2008 the City tore down the trellis at Sun Yat Sen Mall and College Walk. 42 blank columns were left blank. This project is a part of the Police Weed and Seed Team, creating art murals on the columns. Sergeant Santos stated having art murals on the columns would bring more people to the community and lessen crime activity that occurs in area.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Suggestion for College Walk – A resident suggested breaking down the columns and planting trees. Sergeant Santos stated it would be too costly to break down the columns, therefore the art mural project was proposed.
2. Stopping Suspicious Activities – Creating an area that would bring people to look at the murals would make others who wish to commit crimes not do it because there will be lots of people around and make them feel uncomfortable.
3. Project Support – Joyner stated the Arts District is working with HPD to see the project through. A resident stated this project would be a great beautification project to the Chinatown area.

Yuen moved, Mollring seconded that the Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13 support the beautification project to Sun Yat Sen Mall, also known as College Walk, as presented by HPD's District 1 Community Policing Weed and Seed Team. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 6-0-0 (AYE: Lavoie, Matusow, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).

Middleton returned at 7:55 p.m.; Seven (7) members present.

Neighborhood Citizens' Patrol – Mollring stated the Neighborhood has been relatively quiet. Diana Ronquillo reported the Pauahi Citizen's Patrol will continue to meet Tuesday and Friday nights.

Middleton departed at 8:00 p.m.; Six (6) members present.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) – No representative present.

Middleton returned at 8:02 p.m.; Seven (7) members present.

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

- "Can Jam" – On Saturday, March 13, 2010, Aala Skate Park will host a skateboard contest put together by a Kapolei High School junior. His only request is the admission to the contest of canned food items.
- Preserve Hawaii – On Monday, March 15, 2010, the State Capitol will have an are showing of Hawaii with some focus on the older section of Chinatown.
- Slow Art Friday – Will continue on Friday, March 19, 2010. This happens every third Friday of the month and focuses on being calm and relaxed while enjoying the food and arts in the area.
- Saint Patrick's Day – Will occur Wednesday, March 17, 2010. There will be a block party near Murphy's Bar and Grill for the event.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Mardi Gras – Residents were pleased with Mardi Gras ending at 10:00 p.m. It was suggested to speak with the company that breaks down the tents, as they threw the pipes on the ground creating unnecessary noise.

Mollring and Middleton departed at 8:25 p.m.; Five (5) members present.

Safe Haven – No representative present.

Honolulu Rail Transit – Chair Lavoie was told by Gary Omori the project is in a holding pattern.

Middleton returned at 8:28 p.m.; Six (6) members present.

Chinatown Business and Community Association (CBCA) – Chu Lan Kwok reported the following:

1. Chinatown Police Substation – It was suggested for residents to take a look at the bilingual signage at the Chinatown substation as it has been recently decorated. The CBCA is working on getting a plaque that states the substation is a police station. The current sign states it is the Chinatown Community Service Center.
2. CBCA Activities – There is a section in the Chinese newspaper which lists all the CBCA activities.
3. Successful Event – The Big Night in Chinatown was a successful event with no serious incidents.
4. Pauahi Street – The CBCA is working with the City to finalize plans to make a mid-block cross walk on Pauahi Street which is also ADA approved in place by the end of 2010.

Questions, comments and concerns:

CBCA Appreciation – Yuen commended the CBCA for the tremendous work they have accomplished in their first year of existence.

Mollring returned at 8:33 p.m.; Seven (7) members present.

Public Concerns –

- Quality of Life – Mollring read an article about New York City and how they focus on producing a good quality of life. Mollring suggests Hawaii should have something like it.
- Alter Solum – Sheryl Kona and Julius Lannutti, representatives of Alter Solum, stated they were located at King and River Streets. Kona was asked to address noise complaints but is unaware of the exact issue. Lannutti changed the sound system in the back room of the establishment which may have caused an increase of the noise level. Lannutti is willing to work with the community and will replace the sound system to address noise complaints. Lannutti also stated there is a venue next door that hosts live music. Smyth suggested they keep doors closed and possibly the installation of acoustic foam to lessen the vibration.
- College Walk – A resident would like to know if there is a way donations could be made so the columns at College Walk can be broken down to clear the viewing plane.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Middleton departed at 8:35 p.m.; Six (6) members present.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – Bill Brennan reported the following:

- Wilcox Park – The yellow tape is being removed by the Fort Street Mall Business Improvement District (BID) Team. Items no longer necessary on the sign prohibiting certain activities at Wilcox Park will be removed and "Feeding Birds" will be added to the list of prohibited activities.
- Cleaning Vehicles – The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) will remind employees to be considerate of pedestrians when parking their golf cart type vehicle to clean the gutter and sidewalk area. In some instances there may not be any safe street parking for the vehicle, and employees will be reminded to leave access for the pedestrians when parking on the sidewalk. Cleaning vehicles are allowed to drive on the sidewalk.
- First Friday Signs – The Department of Transportations Services (DTS) is working with the hosts of First Friday to work on making the alternate bus route signage permanent.

Middleton returned at 8:37 p.m.; Seven (7) members present.

- Benches on Fort Street Mall – The Department of Parks and Recreation has determined that there is adequate seating throughout the mall, with large open areas fronting Hawaii Pacific University, in Wilcox Mini Park, and within or in front of various businesses. There are no plans to install additional benches at this time.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Adequate Seating on Fort Street Mall – Matusow stated the adequate seating cannot include the businesses benches and chairs. Mollring stated the BID has no problem with placing public seating on Fort Street Mall. The University of Phoenix will no longer be occupying the space at the end of Fort Street Mall and the benches fronting the University of Phoenix may be moved to satisfy the need for seating mauka of King Street. Matusow requested a representative from DPR attend the April meeting to show the board where they feel there is adequate public seating.
2. First Friday Signs – Middleton requested the alternate bus route signs for the First Friday events remain permanent.
3. Public Restrooms – Middleton requested the City put up a public restroom somewhere in the Downtown area. Many businesses are not allowing customers to use their restrooms, as they are not obligated to.
4. Trapping Birds – Residents noted that hotels trap pigeons and move them elsewhere. What would be the process to go about doing the same thing for the Downtown/Chinatown area?
5. Aala Park Restroom – A resident requested the restroom at Aala Park be torn down as it is a haven for drug dealing and other illegal activities.
6. Kekaulike Mall Signs – Residents feel the signs at Kekaulike Mall are too high for people to read. It was requested to have the signs lowered for better viewing.
7. Alapai Transit Center – It was requested to have larger signs that indicate it is unlawful to feed the birds as well as having officers cite offenders.
8. Relocation of Bus Stop – Middleton requested the City consider relocating the bus stop fronting Ross on Hotel Street. The birds leave their droppings on the benches in the area passengers wait for the bus.

Councilmember Rod Tam – Al Canopin reported there was not much to report and was available for questions.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Bill 7 (2010) & 8 (2010) – Smyth commented the bills were steps in the right direction, the difficulty would be found in the enforcement effort.
2. Bill 4 (2010) – Smyth noted this bill is related to the impoundment of a vehicle should a person solicit a prostitute.
3. Bus Stop – The bus stop at Beretania and Smith Streets have been over run by a drunk. The drunk has been urinating and defecating on the benches and it should be cleaned. A resident would like to know whose responsibility it would be to do so. Canopin will follow up.
4. College Walk – Resident requested eve lighting be installed in the College Walk area. If there is no funding for it, what would be the process to look for grants or getting it to the Mayor's Office? Canopin stated the Mayor may try to place it in the budget; however, City Council will still need to approve the budget.

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

- Cruise Line Situation – As a follow up from last month's meeting regarding the Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL), the State does not control the South Street/Channel Street port. The cruise line deals with a private contractor for disembarking.
- Questionnaire – Senator Chun Oakland requests residents fill out the provided questionnaire to let her know what kind of changes or community improvements you would like to happen.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Healthy Start Program – Middleton requested information and an update as to why the Healthy Start Program was cut.
2. Furloughs – Middleton stated the children need to be in school and the furloughs should end.

3. Cruise Line – Smyth stated the State is responsible for the signage at piers one and two. It is the States responsibility to direct passengers accordingly with the proper signage.
4. Children's Day – The Governors Office stated they would no longer like to host Children's Day at the State Capitol.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria – No representative present; a report was circulated.

Representative Karl Rhoads – Bertrand Kobayashi reported the following:

- House Bill (HB) 2169 – Unemployment insurance bill approved by the Legislature was transmitted to the Governor. This was the first “fast track” bill to reach the Governor.
- HB 1862 and HB 1863 – Relating to public urination and habitual ‘johns’ respectively are alive in the Senate. Both bills involve removing the current sunset dates, making the bills permanent.
- HB 1867 – Relating to the solicitation for prostitution, 750 feet from a school or a park, was deferred by the House, however, Senator Taniguchi is willing to include the idea in HB 1863.
- Senate Bill (SB) 2545 – Relating to bringing your own beer (BYOB) liquor establishments passed the Senate and was referred to the House. There are mixed reviews about this bill within Representative Rhoads district.
- Maunakea Street Parking Lot – The parking lot operated by Diamond Parking has been sent a letter, copied to HPD, regarding the loitering, gambling, noise and physical violence that occurs at that lot.
- CHAMP – Is a drug treatment clinic on Kukui Street. There have been early morning noise complaints from surrounding neighbors. The clinic opens at 5:30 a.m. for clients.
- Oh-No – The Ohana Housing, proposed draft outline of the ‘middle way’ and inquiry about land swap. Representative Rhoads is not supportive of this draft if no specifics about the plan are given.
- Parking Meter – The Smith Street parking meter fronting Little Village Noodle House is not properly working. It was suggested to report the meter number and be mindful of how quickly the coins are inserted as they may not register the amount of coins inserted.
- Deep Sea AC – This will raise the water temperature and have an effect on coral. Part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was approved in October/November of 2009; the second EIS application to the Federal government is forthcoming. The exact location is not set for tubing; it is generally given to be in the downtown area.
- Free Tax Preparation – Senator Chun Oakland is a sponsor of the free tax preparation service that will be held at the State Capitol on March 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The free service will be provided by the first group of high school students that are Internal Revenue Services (IRS) certified and trained. Call Senator Chun Oakland's Office to reserve a spot.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. CHAMP – Ruby stated the CHAMP Clinic is across Kukui Street, behind Pflueger Honda and it has been there for 25 years, before anyone lived there.
2. Council Bill 4 – Smyth was told Representative Rhoads is in support of Bill 4, relating to impounding vehicles for soliciting prostitutes.
3. No Smoking Law – A resident requested clarification for the No Smoking Law in effect. The resident was told people are allowed to smoke outside 20 feet away from a door or anywhere that intakes air that is enclosed. It would be okay to smoke directly outside a one wall enclosure.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chinese New Year's Street Closures REVIEW – No representative was available for an update. Korybski noted the Chinese New Year festivities and the First Friday event will not happen again on the same day next year. The sales for the retail stores were low, however the bar and restaurant sales were high. The next Chinese New Year festivities will be in January 2011; the actual Chinese New Year Day is February 3, 2011. This item will be placed on the April agenda to receive an update from Gifford Chang who was not at the meeting.

Hawaii Capital National Heritage Area – The Hawaii Capital Cultural Coalition (HCCC) representative Trisha Watson, and the Chinatown Improvement District (CID) representative Lee Stack, were given an opportunity to answer questions. Residents could testify on the proposed National Heritage Area (NHA).

- Testimony – Testimony was submitted in writing to the board for the HCCC and CID. A copy all testimony will be made available upon request.
 - Bill Burgess spoke on behalf of the CID in favor of withdrawing the Chinatown area as a part of the proposed (NHA). Burgess stated he has been a private business and property owner in the Chinatown area for 40 years. He feels it was the people of Chinatown that helped revitalize the area and would not want to be under bureaucratic control 5,000 miles away.
- Clarifications –
 - HCCC: Individual entities will be able to remove themselves by not participating entirely. The HCCC is working to get the Kamehameha Parade back on to King Street which would end the Parade at Iolani Palace on June 12, 2010. No one in the area is obligated to be a part of the NHA. If an entity neighbors a business that chooses to be a part of the NHA, just because you are near that business, it does not mean it will affect you. The HCCC has no intention of rezoning or have any kind of impact on zoning and wishes to work directly with the city. There are changes being made in the by-laws which would require representation from the area.
 - CID: The CID would like to withdraw the Chinatown area from the NHA to protect individual rights. The CID would like to protect private property rights. Although individual properties may not be affected, recommendations may still be made to it. There are not enough safe guards to protect individuals in the NHA. Stack noted in a feasibility study that more legislative control would be given through an NHA.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Condemnation of Land – Smyth stated the State of Hawaii has the least amount of land condemned. The only reason it would be condemned is for public use.
2. The Legitimacy of the NHA – Middleton questioned both parties as to what they thought the NHA would do. Stack stated there would be no accountability of what would happen if people are not elected within the community. Watson stated there is going to be a change in the by-laws which would make appropriate selections of community members.

Chair Lavoie's choice to defer decision making indefinitely was unanimously agreed to by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

New HI-5 Recycling Center – Robert Camello reported Reynolds Recycling is now serving Downtown Honolulu. The recycling center is available at 254 N. Beretania Street (at the corner of Aala Street and N. Beretania Street). The recycling center purchases HI-5 deposit beverage containers and non-ferrous scrap metals. All copper transactions will require a notary. It will be open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and closed for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information contact 487-2802 or visit www.reynoldsrecycling.com

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Recycling Center at Pali Safeway – Matusow was told the recycling center is operated by a different company.

2. Access to Recycling Center – Lavoie was told parking was adequate in the lot.

Bar 35 Request – Marsha Joyner reported on behalf of Bar 35 owner Dave Stewart that the establishment has withdrawn its application of request to waive Rule 3-82-45.2 prohibiting the issuance of a cabaret license within 500 feet of previously issued cabaret, hostess bar or strip club licenses.

Board Newsletter – **Matusow moved, Smyth seconded that the Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13 submit the Downtown Board newsletter with articles and content written and corrected by board members. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0 (AYE: Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).** Board Members also suggested items to cut if the newsletter ran too long.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **The February 4, 2010 Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13 regular meeting minutes were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS CORRECTED, 7-0-0 (AYE: Lavoie, Matusow, Middleton, Mollring, Ruby, Smyth, Yuen).**

Corrections –

- Page 1 – Moment of Silence, the sentence should read, "...members in attendance give a moment of..."
- Page 1 – Honolulu Police Department, bullet four, Weed and Seed, the last sentence should replace the word February with January.
- Page 2 – Number 3, Noise Complaint, the sentence should read, "...reported *that* on King Street near River Street and Kekaulike Mall *that* there is..."
- Page 2 – Last non bulleted sentence should read, "...to refrain from *criticizing* personalities."
- Page 3 – Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative, bullet one, first sentence should read, "...in the *event an individual moves* in or out of an apartment..."
- Page 3 – Councilmember Rod Tam, bullet six, second sentence should read, "...adopting Kekaulike Mall and *help* with..."
- Page 4 – Number two, Bass Noise Regulations, should read, "... noise *bill* passed *at state* legislation *which would allow* the Liquor..." The second sentence should read, "... to enforce the law meaning there..."
- Page 7 – Fifth paragraph, first sentence should begin with the word *Most*. The third sentence should be deleted and replaced with, "*After polling private property and business owners in Chinatown (a number of prominent Asian businesses in Chinatown also own their own buildings), the Chinatown Improvement District has supported their request to withdraw Chinatown from the proposed NHA boundary map. It seems that the prospect of more tourists (cited as a major goal of NHA designation) does not outweigh their concerns about more outside management plans, oversight, unaccountability, non-transparency and redevelopment.*"
- Page 7 – Questions, comments and concerns, number three, Prior NHA Discussion, and the last sentence should replace the year 2006 with the year 2009.

BOARD REPORTS:

Chair's Report – Chair Lavoie reported the following:

- 1) Liquor License Applications or Street Closures – Murphy's Bar and Grill, Chinatown Gateway, LGW and Waterfront companies have all given notice to temporary changes of their liquor license allowances. March 17, 2010 is Saint Patrick's Day; the downtown area will be extremely crowded. Also, on March 5, 2010 there will be an event at the State Capitol called "Art in Public Places."
- 2) Future Agenda Items –
 - a. The return of nine parking stalls on Pauahi Street will not be put on the next agenda.
 - b. The return of Smith-Beretania playground to the children will not be put on the next agenda. HPD will have to enforce the rules of the park if people are in violation of any rules.
 - c. City Council Bills 4, 7 and 8 will be put on the next agenda.
 - d. DPR will be invited to comment on Fort Street Mall benches at the April meeting.
- 3) Neighborhood Commission – The February Commission meeting had not been rescheduled. The Makakilo Neighborhood Board was recently in the newspaper regarding one board member's behavior. House Concurrent Resolution 111 regarding the purpose and effectiveness of the Neighborhood Board system,

according to Smyth, will likely not be heard. However, testimony will be accepted if the resolution is heard. The Commission is also looking into allowing video or audio computer broadcasting for boards to reach quorums. Another suggestion to help with the Commission budget is for an opt-in mail option not just for email.

- 4) Queen's Medical Center Plan Review Use – There are four (4) items to report: 1) The evaluation of available traffic improvement alternatives for the Lusitana/Lunalilo Street intersections is being completed. Report stated no major changes to the project; 2) The City is reviewing the plans for the Lusitana-to-Vineyard on ramp; 3) The Kinau Off-Ramp Project is anticipated to start construction in March 2010. Construction is anticipated to last for approximately 12 months; 4) The Noise Variance Permit for the project was issued by the Department of Health. The permit limits the major construction work to daytime hours only.
- 5) Office of Information Practice – Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report – Mollring reported as of February 2010, the Board has a balance of \$2,889.54.

City and County Affairs – Smyth reported there are three bills of concern to the Downtown Neighborhood Board; 1) The solicitation of a prostitute within 750 feet of a school or park will be included in HB 1863, the individual bill is deferred; 2) The urination/defecation bill is looking to be permanent. It currently has a sunset date ending in 2012; and 3) SB 2356, the ban of gas leaf blowers passed senate. The exception to this would be for government employees where they would be allowed to use leaf blowers for a specified amount of time. Leaf blowers will not be allowed on Saturdays, Sundays and State and Federal Holidays.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) – TheBus Company is looking into being more handicap and wheelchair friendly using the current fleet of busses. Bus riders requiring the use service of Service Dogs will not be required to show service dog identification.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board Meeting – Will be on Thursday, April 1, 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 9:29 p.m.

Submitted by: Theona Kapoi, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Frank Lavoie, Chair