



LILIHA/ PUUNUI/ ALEWA/ KAMEHAMEHA HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 14

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007
MAE'MAE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair Moepono with a quorum of eight present at 7:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT - Sesnita Moepono, Arvid Youngquist, Claude Uehara, Donald Nitta, Loy Kuo, Max Fowler, Robert Stubbs, Wesley Fong.

MEMBERS ABSENT - Ed Thompson, Dale White, Leonard Kam, Rachel Glanstein

VACANT SEATS- 1 seat in Sub District 1.

GUESTS – Capt. P. Shimizu (Kuakini Fire Station), Sgt. S. Fontanilla, Lt. Ching (Kalihi Police Station), Henry Oliva (Governor's Representative), Debbie Kim Morikawa (Mayor's Representative, Director, Community Services), Iris Oda (Board of Water Supply), Lydia Chock (Maluhia Hospital), Senator Susan Chun-Oakland, Katie Churchey (Representative Corinne Ching's office), David Tseng (President, Holy-Eye LLC), Francis Nishimura, Rodney Bactista, Willa Donnelly, Eyvonne Zhang, Resident Atkins, Lester Matsumoto, Bonnie Trustin (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

VACANCIES - No one came forward to fill the vacancies in Sub District I covering the areas of Puunui and Coehlo Way so it will be carried over to next month's agenda.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 9, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The following corrections were made:

Page 1 – Under Members Present change “Charles” to “Claude” Uehara.

Page 3 #9 – Line 3 change “property line of the shave ice store” to “property line across from the shave ice store on Frog Lane”.

Page 6 Q & A – in “Governor's 42nd message to Congress” delete “42nd”.

Page 8 #6 – Delete “Loy thanked” to say “Youngquist was thanked”.

The minutes were approved as amended.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS & GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. P. Shimizu reported the following:

1. The April statistics were 4 structure fires, 1 brush fire, no rubbish or vehicle fires. There were 108 medical emergencies, no search and rescue and 13 miscellaneous emergencies. There were no major or unusual incidents.
2. Fire Safety Tip – Plan a fire escape plan. Map out your escape routes with at least two ways out of each room. Designate a location outside of the house where everyone can meet. Know where the closest phone is located to call 911.

Questions, answers and concerns:

1. He reported that fires have been set in this area but they are random and not set intentionally.
2. The fire on Kohaku Street was right by his fire station but they couldn't respond because they were out training. The station that responded said the fire was burning pretty well when they arrived. Their fire response time is one to two minutes after receiving the call and their first objective is to save lives.



3. The fire department does residential and commercial inspections. They have a fire protection program in October for a week focusing on giving children an awareness of how fires occur and display their fire safety tip on the front of their station wall. Nishimura suggested it might be better to have their fire prevention focus week prior to the summer when fire incidents escalate.
4. If a person has a concern about a response time, they can call the fire dispatch number where all calls are answered at 523-4816.
5. If a citizen is concerned about an elderly person living in their home alone, ask them if they want an inspection to check for potential fire danger. He suggested it is best to encourage the home owner to personally call the fire station asking for a fire inspection and they will be given suggestions by the visiting fire department representative.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Sgt. S. Fontanilla reported the statistics for April, 2007 were 83 arguments, 10 assaults, 18 burglaries, two drugs and narcotics, 1 DUI, 7 family offenses, no homicides, 18 motor vehicle thefts, 90 motor vehicle collisions, 19 property damage, 3 sex offenses, 4 robberies, 24 thefts and 32 car break ins.

Questions, answers and concerns:

1. Fong thanked the Kalihi Station for listing their statistics by the month and showing them side by side for a comparison. He reported to Fong they are following leads regarding the increase in burglaries in beat 571 bordered by bordered by Judd Street on the north, Lanakila Avenue on the west, H-1 freeway on the south and the Pali Highway on the east. They are investigating two people possibly responsible, one has been arrested and they are investigating another.
2. He noted for Fong their motor vehicle collision statistics of around 90 per month are affected by the main thoroughfares of Liliha and School Streets being in their neighborhood contribute to those numbers.
3. Regarding a pedestrian hit in a crosswalk on Aleno Street by a car coming up Kuakini, police were on Kuakini at the time and went there right away; it is just an unfortunate incident. The crosswalk was clear, nothing was obstructed and speed wasn't involved, to him it seems like it was driver error. His police force has been doing pedestrian enforcement for jaywalking and vehicles that violate pedestrian right-of-ways in Kalihi. Fong applauded the HPD programs fostering pedestrian safety but would like to see if statistics for pedestrian fatalities are getting better; Fontanilla said he would provide them.
4. A resident reported several weeks ago he called the police because a person acting out of control was hitting cars and throwing rocks on Keola Drive and when the police got there he was nowhere to be found. Fontanilla suggested he meet with police, give a description of the person, point out the damage and if there is prosecution involved they will go from there.
5. Nishimura reported he observed the same person with a metal bar and smashing all the safety signs, state signs and Lanakila school signs from Kuakini to Alaneo Streets. When he reported him, several police officers came and the person was caught at Lanakila Avenue and Kuakini Street where they held him for a long time but Nishimura thinks he was released. The same day he saw him with a cane knife that had a hook on the end and a bar in the other hand and he smashed windshields and cars on Keola Street, some of which were abandoned. Nishimura called the dispatcher and the individual was caught again at Lanakila and Kuakini Streets. The officers came and found a machete and a pipe. Nishimura has seen this person battering signs for many months. Nishimura and others are concerned for the safety of the children being dismissed from school when he is there and acting like this; he doesn't know why the police didn't detain him.

Fontanilla reported the police have a measure called an MH1 when they take the person to Queen's Hospital for a mental examination but the police don't control how long the person will stay there. The doctors can ask them a few questions to determine if they are o.k. and then they can be excused. Nishimura reported the man lives along Lanakila above Kuakini in a Marshallese or Micronesian community and the people in his community know about him. Fontanilla was not familiar with the person he described but suggested he just keeps calling 911 when he sees him doing these activities so they can try and arrest him for something. The area is beat 571. Chair Moepono distributed a map of the different beats to those who wanted one.

6. Fontanilla asked a resident who sees a lot of people going in and out of Lanakila Housing day and night to share his information with him after the meeting which he will pass on to their Crime Reduction Unit.

7. Nishimura knows about this resident also. In the Lanakila Housing from Keola Street there is a vacant lot and in the second building down on the second floor the first apartment on the diamond head side there is a boyfriend who comes to the apartment and they are doing all kinds of illegal things. He drives a van and Nishimura called the police to report there were marijuana plants in it. When the police arrived they looked at the plant in the car but couldn't take action because it is a state owned lot. He asked the police to contact the appropriate agency to take action on this situation.
8. Sgt. Fontanilla will advise his station of the request to provide their statistics on line as the Wahiawa station does with maps showing the crime locations for easy access and maybe questions asked at the neighborhood board meetings could be answered through this resource.
9. Without a witness the police cannot investigate so if someone calls and there is no one to testify or investigate at the scene, there is no case. Police cannot go through a suspect's personal effects without testimony even though neighbors may have seen something going on.
10. The audience applauded Capt. Fontanilla to show their appreciation for his service during National Police Week.
11. He announced the Police Department is honoring their former officer of the Kalihi Station, Steve Favella, who was killed during the presidential motorcade. He worked with Favella for about five years and it is very sad to lose him.
12. Kuo reported that by Puunui Park on weekday afternoons between 4:00 to 4:30p.m. kids are sitting in a car and 10 to 20 minutes later another car pulls up and maybe they are make exchanges or shake hands. He doesn't know if this would qualify as suspicious activity and if he should call the police. Fontinalla reported they get many calls like that and the police respond. It might not be someone they recognize so they go up and talk to them, jot down their license number and see what is going on and this helps them learn about who is coming into the neighborhood. Kuo is grateful the person responsible for the rash of crimes on Liliha Street has been arrested.
13. Kuo reported James M. Allen held up a lady with a baby at knifepoint and took her purse and he thinks the person lives in Salt Lake or Aliamanu. Fontinalla said the Crime Reduction Unit has not found the increase in burglaries is related to the drug house on the 1800 block on the koko head side of Liliha Street across from Kunawai Lane. He does know that the FBI has been involved with that drug house. There hasn't been a full progress report given but officers cruise the area on a daily basis and stolen cars have been recovered in the past few weeks.
14. Nitta thanked HPD for their fast response to the person living in the grass shack he reported about at the last meeting; the person and the shack are gone.
15. Sgt. Fontanilla reported police investigated the bus shelter on Houghtailing looking for the homeless person staying there but they had left. Please call HPD if they reappear.
16. Chair Moepono invited the guests and Board to partake of the aloha cake for two board members, Arvid Youngquist and Max Fowler, because this is their last meeting of our two year term.

Residents' Concerns:

1. Chair Moepono read concerns **i** and **ii**. from Agenda Item 4 concerning pedestrian safety in crosswalks as follows:
 - i.** Request the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services and the State Department of Transportation, if necessary, to lengthen time on the following intersection crosswalks: Liliha and Judd Streets, Liliha and School Streets, Liliha Street and Vineyard Boulevard and Nuuanu Avenue and Kuakini Street.
 - ii.** Request the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation look at alternatives to provide a safer intersection at Liliha and Kuakini i.e. four-way pedestrian crossing to allow pedestrians to cross diagonally, countdown signal to inform pedestrians the time remaining to cross the street, and to lengthen the time allotted for crossing.
 - a. In our last meeting we asked that this item be agendized so we could formally request the City's Department of Transportation Services and the State, whomever's jurisdiction these crosswalks fall under, to lengthen the time to cross these intersection crosswalks at Liliha and Judd Streets, Liliha and School Streets, Liliha Street and Vineyard Boulevard and Nuuanu Avenue and Kuakini Street.
 - b. Over the years there have been repeated requests to look at the intersection of Liliha and Kuakini Streets. Morikawa forwarded the two requests to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS). DTS asked if the Board could provide them with specific concerns so they could better address the issues.

- c. The first concern was expressed as a result of what happened at Liliha and Judd Streets when an elderly person was killed in the crosswalk. Morikawa suggested the Board send a letter that could identify the specific concerns and to request someone from DTS to attend a Board meeting to more specifically address the Board's concerns. Morikawa mentioned that DTS can do an assessment to determine if a longer crossing time is needed based on the number of elderly using the crosswalk.
 - d. Chair Moepono reported Senator Chun-Oakland reported SB 1191 appropriated \$3 million to the City and County of Honolulu to look at pedestrian safety employing countdown lighting across the state and crosswalks painted with international stripping throughout the city.
 - e. One suggestion was to have a four-way stop where pedestrians could cross from the four different diagonal crosswalks at once. Morikawa suggested again that the best approach to this would be to state the Board's specific suggestions and concerns in a formal letter to DTS. The letter should be addressed to DTS Director, Melvin Kaku. Regarding the concerns about the traffic study that was conducted by Long's and any final decisions, Morikawa emphasized this would best be addressed by Long's, however, the Board could also write to the Department of Planning and Permitting Director, Henry Eng, to ask for an update of their concerns about the traffic in these crosswalks as they will be affected by the Long's project. Preliminarily Morikawa reported that DPP indicated the consultant who was hired to do a traffic study for Long's is suggesting widening Liliha Street by 10-feet and widen the pavement on Kuakini by 2-feet as well as some removal of on-street parking on the mauka side of Kuakini during the peak periods. Again, Morikawa suggested the Board ask for the traffic assessment from Long's and reported that DPP is in the process of responding to this traffic study; she doesn't know the specific time frame. Chair Moepono wanted to know if the DPP could come and speak about this. Morikawa suggested having the Long's consultant, DPP and DTS at the meeting together to address all the Board's questions.
3. Stubbs reported that he was at the blessing for the new small Liliha Finance Factors office. They will be making some renovations but are using the existing building in Liliha and since Steven Teruya, the COO, and the other owners are life time Liliha residents they will have their office want to retain the look of the neighborhood.
 4. Uehara wanted to clarify that the \$3 million from SB 1191 for pedestrian safety is to be shared by all the counties. The Mayor's pedestrian safety project will provide 525 crosswalks to be updated over a five year period installing 105 countdown timers per year. The bill was passed by the legislature and sent to the Governor for her signature. Honolulu's share of the funds will be \$300,000.00. Since the Mayor didn't name the crosswalks we don't know if any are in Liliha but we can ask for clarification in our letter.
 5. Nitta reported that in the April 12th Honolulu Advertiser an article listed the most dangerous intersections and number eleven is the one by his house at Kapalama and Hala Drive where months ago he asked the Department of Transportation to do research on there so some safety measures could be provided and he has not heard back from them, yet the Advertiser has all these statistics on the very intersection he asked to have investigated. Morikawa will follow up on this because she thought she reported that they were going to do a study a month ago.
 6. Youngquist reported he will inform the owner of the shave ice store, Kelvin Shimizu, that the street sweeper goes along School Street at 6:55 a.m. to keep his street clean.
 7. Morikawa reported to Fong on the status of 1861 Kualona Street where residents have refused to clean up an area and feral pigs are running loose. Corporation Counsel sent out a demand letter to which there was no response. The case went back to the DPP who has a long list of properties with this kind of situation. Consequently, DPP can only pursue about five cases a year because of the cost and labor involved. Since this case is not an extreme one, it is not likely it will be pursued by them. Another option is for the neighbor to file a civil suit, employed when private properties are involved. Fong reported that rats are now running from one house to the other because the person is not maintaining their property. Morikawa suggested in that case the State Department of Health, vector control, should be contacted about it.
 8. Kuo noted that when a presentation was made a few months ago at our meeting for the proposed Long's pharmacy, the Board asked that their traffic report be made available at the library. They didn't say for certain if they would comply and when Kuo went to the Liliha library last week looking for it, it was not there. If DPP requires it be made available there, maybe they could stipulate that the traffic report must be filed with their office and that would foster public involvement about this issue. If the Board could look at it, maybe we could make more specific recommendations or comments.

9. Kuo requested the city traffic engineers check cross street crossings. Currently when a car is stopped at an intersection when there is no car crossing through the cross streets, the light should not be red. When the intersection lights operate correctly, the metal detector loops in the street can sense when a car is there. Many times only if people complain are the loops replaced when they wear out. To avoid wasting time and holding up traffic, it would be helpful if the loops worked properly. He thinks that in this older neighborhood the intersections we have mentioned may have worn out loops and in that case the computer programs that regulate the timing of the lights defaults back to a fixed timing which could be a long wait time adding to driver frustration and hurts the pedestrian safety.
10. Kuo suggested the Board write a letter to DTS asking them to help us look at the traffic situation in Liliha. The Institute of Traffic Engineers do traffic safety audits that teach very specific procedures to come look at signs for such features as the signal timing, what the signs look like in the daylight and at night and whether trees are blocking the lights. If we are writing a letter to have DTS give us traffic safety improvements, more specifically we could ask them to perform these ITE audits on specific intersections.
11. Resident Atkins, living at 1802 Lanakila Avenue, read the information on the Kuakini Street Extension and he wants to know when the meeting would be. Chair Moepono advised that Uehara will mention it in Councilmember Tam's upcoming report.
12. Chair Moepono asked for someone to move that a letter be drafted to DTS requesting they do an ITE traffic study audit on the intersections lengthening the crossing time and enhancing the vision of the intersections of Liliha and Judd Streets, Liliha and School Streets, Liliha Street and Vineyard, Nuuanu and Kuakini and Liliha and Kuakini.

Kuo moved and _____ seconded the Board draft a letter requesting DTS perform an ITE traffic safety audit on the intersections listed in 4 C1 and B2 of the Agenda mentioned above and make the results available for the Board to review. The motion failed 6-1-1 needing a quorum of seven (7) votes to pass. (Aye – Fong, Fowler, Kuo, Moepono, Nitta, Stubbs, **Nay** - Uehara, **Abstain** - Youngquist.)

1. Chair Moepono asked residents Bautista and Nishimura to wait for Uehara to present Councilmember Tam's report to hear the presentation on the Kuakini Extension they are asking about.
2. Discussion ensued on the bulky item pickup service across the street from a resident's house at Keola Street and Lanakila Avenue, about which the Board has been requesting service for the last two years. There was rubbish with the bulky items that was not taken away and Morikawa reported that bulky item pickup does not handle regular rubbish. She would call to have it picked up but when people see rubbish being picked up they think they can bring it to that area any time and it will be picked up which is an attitude they are trying to change. Uehara helped clarify that the items are actually on two feet of her unimproved sidewalk, two feet from her mail box, and as you look at it the area could be regarded as being part of the street because there is no indentation that there is a sidewalk. The Chair reported there is a place like this on Kuakini Street so they put up a sign that says "No Dumping" but if you go there people still leave bulky items right underneath the installed sign.

The following suggestions were made:

1. Fong questioned if dumping is a criminal violation so the person could be arrested.
2. Morikawa reported that there is no "specific" location to place bulky items for pickup. It is typically somewhere in front of your property, however, it can't obstruct someone's sidewalk. She used to call bulky item pickup on behalf of the Neighborhood Board; unfortunately the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) has reported this has resulted in people assuming they can put out bulky items anytime they want and the City will pick it up. The City does not have a simple solution to this problem right now. Morikawa suggested people call 911 or bring a civil suit against someone if you know or have observed someone doing illegal dumping.
3. Uehara suggested the resident call bulky item pick up to tell them they forgot to pick up at a certain address and they will come back to pick it up.
4. Morikawa responded when Fowler suggested the resident ask the location of the site be changed or file a complaint, there is no specific location for bulky item pickup other than a non-obstructed sidewalk; there is no "designated site." You can make a complaint, however, if you did not witness the "dumping", there would be little the City of HPD could do to follow-up.
5. Youngquist suggested we should have stronger laws against illegal dumping and stronger enforcement.
6. Kuo suggested the resident call 911 and describe the person they saw doing the dumping.

Board of Water Supply – The General announcements for the month were:

Detect-A-Leak Week is from June 3-9, 2007; when we focus the public's attention on the importance of finding and fixing simple leaks around the house. During the observance, toilet leak detection dye tablets are free for pickup at various City Mill stores, satellite city halls, and in the BWS Lobby on Beretania Street. Also, free home leak check-ups will be provided to 50 customers through a drawing that will be announced later. Special thanks to our co-sponsor City Mill, and associate sponsors the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and the Sierra Club of Oahu for their help with this year's Detect-a-Leak Week!

The average household with a leak or two adds up to 1 1/8" stream which can lose 150,000 gallons over the course of a year! Do your part to "drop the drips!"

Water Saving Tips:

1. If your shower can fill a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, then replace it with a water-efficient showerhead.
2. When you shop for a new appliance, consider one offering cycle and load size adjustments. They are more water and energy-efficient than older appliances.
3. More plants die from over-watering than from under-watering. Be sure only to water plants when necessary.

Iris Oda reported on the nine projects in the Liliha area which were requested from the meeting last month. The following three are currently under construction or are planned projects are:

1. Liliha Water System Improvement Phase B has a tentative start date of June or July, 2007
2. Liliha Water System Improvement Part 1 has no start date set
3. Alewa Water System Improvement Phase II to be repaved around May, 2007 and Phase III to be repaved around October, 2007.

The four tentative projects under various stages of design are Liliha Water System Improvement Phase A, Kawananakoa Place 8 inch main, Liliha Water System Improvement Part V and Honolulu District 42" and 24" mains, Phase I. The completed projects are the North King Street Water System Improvement and the Kamehameha Heights Projects.

Questions, answers and concerns:

1. She told Moepono the big main break last week was not a part of the present construction project on Liliha Street.
2. Kuo asked about the proposed project on Liliha Street from King Street to School Street because about six years ago there was a major project on Liliha Street from King Street to Vineyard Boulevard and he wondered if they were going back to that area. Oda reported there was a project in the Dillingham area that did connect to the Vineyard area; she will check on whether they are going to work in the area Kuo mentioned.

COUNCILMEMBER ROD TAM – Uehara reported for Councilmember Tam on the following:

1. The St. Theresa signals in the crosswalk will begin operating tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m., May 15, 2007. Tam thanked the school, church members and residents for seeing this project through for the safety of the community.
2. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and the Administration advised him they have a conceptual design for the Kuakini Street Extension Project requiring less funding but would still result in a four-way signalized intersection at Lanakila and Kuakini Streets. Currently there is only \$1 million for the project planning, design and construction that must be encumbered by December 31, 2007 so the Administration and DTS said when they have a more concrete version of the design, they will hold a meeting with the community and the Neighborhood Board. Currently the preliminary design looks like we won't come down from Hala Drive to the four way intersection, but only half way down Keola, cut into the

parcel and then make another 90 degree turn into the four way intersection so it will partially use Keola Drive and will probably cut the cost of the project by half. Originally it was going to cost \$2.5 million but there is not that much in the budget. We are working on a conceptual design which would cut out having to build retaining walls on the upper part of Keola Drive which would save a lot of money.

Questions, answers and concerns:

1. Uehara responded to Nishimura that there will be a community meeting regarding the Kuakini Development project in a couple months. Last year they had \$1.5 million but it wasn't encumbered so they lost it.
2. The resolution asked for a conceptual presentation for the public; he doesn't have anything formal at this time to present to the Board. There is no contract awarded on this project currently.
3. Nishimura requested the Kuakini Extension program be on the agenda of the June 18, 2007 so the residents can know what information you will have by then and the Board to express their concerns. Uehara will talk with DTS to see what they will have by that date and will advise the Chair if they can come by the Board with that information. Moepono remarked there is no guarantee DTS will have their design completed but it will be on the agenda and people are invited to come and whatever is known can be shared. Maybe Uehara can give us an update at the June meeting and tell us what the engineers have come up with.
4. Uehara reported this concept was done by DTS engineers to do the project at a lower cost; told Kuo that currently there is no designer involved as there was earlier when The Limtiaco Group did a complete design – maybe it is something the community wanted them to design. From the beginning the community said they wanted something from Hala Drive all the way to Lanakila Avenue and Kuakini Street. Now they have different constraints they have to work into a new design so maybe that is why they did it.

Fong moved and Stubbs seconded the Chair write a letter requesting the presence of DTS at the June 18, 2007 Liliha Neighborhood Board meeting to address the concerns of the citizens about the Kuakini Extension.

Discussion ensued.

1. Nitta feels since Uehara said the design won't be ready for two months, it would be premature to ask DTS for a presentation. He doesn't want us to ask for community input when there is no plan yet on which to comment.
2. A resident said this ongoing project is important to her and to her mother and grandfather who are now deceased. Chair Moepono remarked this has been an issue for the last 25 years.
3. Fong wants to have a meeting whether or not the plan will be ready so the citizens can express their concerns to DTS. We have to push DTS or the funds will lapse as Uehara just explained on this project.
4. Youngquist is in favor of the motion. He understands Nitta's point, but DTS has asked for input on the rail and took it back for consideration so they can for this too. He would like the Mayor to receive a copy of this proposed letter so he knows the how important the community thinks this project.
5. Nishimura shared we have already lost funds, most recently last year. This project has been considered for a long time; we can't let the loss of funds delay us any longer. DTS is trying to make us respond to them when they should be responding to our concerns so as to whether or not there is a design that has been made, they have proposed something and he has a conceptual design in his possession. Whether or not the said design has all the specifics on it, they do have information they would like to discuss as soon as possible at the next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2007.
6. Responding to Moepono about whether the conceptual design he had was from DTS, Nishimura received the report a few days ago from Councilmember Tam at the Kalihi Palama Community Council meeting where Tam announced the new proposal for the Kuakini Extension and explained the project and circulated a conceptual design of it to all people in attendance. Nishimura thinks we should be able to respond to this and say something so the money isn't spent unnecessarily losing it again. He wants to see the project come to fruition. Moepono asked for a copy of the conceptual design so the Board has a copy.
7. Moepono warned that DTS has just come on board with the project, but hasn't been involved for the last two years. We don't know whether the state will approve this and give the amount of land desired.

Youngquist called for the question. The vote carried 7-0-1. (Aye – Fong, Fowler, Kuo, Moepono, Nitta, Stubbs, Youngquist, Abstain – Uehara).

1. Chair Moepono reported that the next meeting date will be June 18 because the scheduled date of June 11 is the King Kamehameha Day holiday.
2. Nishimura requested that the Kuakini Extension issue be on the all the agendas through December. Chair Moepono replied that as chair, she will put it on the June agenda.

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Morikawa reported the following from last month's issues:

1. The new crosswalk signals will be constantly flashing May 12 and then will operate normally Tuesday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m. Because the sign is in the mid block crosswalk, the pedestrian must push the button to initiate the walk signal.
2. The Na Pueo Park issue of erosion around the walking path is from feral pigs reported by Charles Allen, District 2 Parks Maintenance Manager. He goes to the park daily to check for garbage and advises his staff when the weeds need trimming which they do every other week. When it rains the weeds grow faster.
3. The construction on Alewa Drive at 117-1150 is a Board of Water Supply project with a projected date for the Alewa Water System Phase 2 to be repaved starting around May, 2007 and the Alewa Water System Phase 3 around October, 2007.
4. The Mayor will be in attendance at the public hearing with the EPA tomorrow night at the Kapolei Middle School regarding the Honouliuli Waste Water Treatment Plant. We are very concerned about this issue because it could increase our sewer rates another \$300.00 per month over a five year period. Right now there has been no study done to indicate that secondary treatment is necessary and all studies have indicated that current treatment is acceptable because the treated sewage is diluted by the ocean water. This is very important because at this time the public can come and testify in support of this issue because currently the EPA is being unreasonable.

Questions, answers and concerns:

Fong thanked Morikawa for investigating on his questions and gave her two more items to investigate.

GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Henry Oliva distributed the Governor's newsletter and reported the following:

1. The newsletter covers the Governor's trip to Washington D.C.
2. The flyer for Quest Ace lets people know how to apply for this new insurance if you don't currently have health coverage.
3. He distributed a family preparedness booklet which was in Midweek recently and gives suggestions for different disasters.

SENATOR SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND – Senator Chun Oakland distributed a copy of the bills passed by the Hawaii State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 although the Governor has 45 days to sign, veto or let them become law without her signature. Among the bills included are ones on affordable housing, copper theft, graffiti, environmental protection, backup generators for elevators in high rise buildings, and bills on aging and capital improvement projects for the Liliha/Puunui area including electrical upgrades for Lanakila Elementary and Kawanakoa Middle School, covered walkways for Kauluwela Elementary, and dam improvements, including the Nuuanu Reservoir, that would impact Liliha residents.

Questions, answers and concerns:

Fong appreciated the thoroughness of Representative Chun Oakland's office but asked that they only provide the bills that are relevant to this Neighborhood Board area to reduce the use of paper, limiting it to what is important for us to know and what effects us.

REPRESENTATIVE CORINNE CHING – Katie Churchey extended congratulations to the Neighborhood Board members.

1. She distributed Representative Ching's newsletter that highlighted pedestrian safety. Youngquist had asked about a study for which SB 1191 appropriated money to identify state and county intersections, crosswalks and roadways and develop additional plans to make them safer. Details of that bill are in the report she distributed. It also included some crime bills, and one copy of the lists of the Capitol Improvement Projects, Grant in Aids and past legislation. More can be provided if the Board requests them.
2. Representative Ching did attend the Kalihi Summit to see what are the current activities in Kalihi since it is the neighboring community to Liliha.
3. The new pedestrian lights at St. Theresa's and hopefully that is just the beginning of pedestrian safety development in this area. We have also included pedestrian safety tips in our newsletter.
4. She responding to Youngquists' question regarding SB 638 which proposes providing legislative funds for the legislators, legislative and reference bureau, auditor and ombudsman. She is currently researching the bill and is in contact with the Governor's office and any offices that would be directly effected if this measure doesn't pass. She will report back to Youngquist at the end of the week and to the Board members at the June 18, 2007 meeting. There is a possibility for a special legislative session in July so this measure has the potential to be revised.
5. She invited the Neighborhood Board to join their staff at the "I Love Liliha Festival" as they did last year on Saturday August 25, 2007 on the Kawanakoa playground. Their health fair will be at the Kawanakoa Middle School. She would appreciate the fair being mentioned on the June 18th agenda so you could vote on your participation. Last year there were people at the fair who didn't know about the neighborhood board, the resources you offer and the help you provide so we were happy you could advise them of that and your exhibit was wonderful.

Questions, answers and concerns:

1. Youngquist feels a reason for a special session may include bills the Governor vetoes ie: the copper theft bill, because unless they can correct the typographical error in a special session and give it back to the Governor, it can't become law.
Chair Moepono noted that that was not a typo in the copper theft bill but actually an old law. Major Kendro was incorrect when he was quoted by the Honolulu Advertiser. If they haven't been able to utilize that old law now, she's not sure why they haven't been able to. No one, including the police, came forward to ask the word in the bill be changed from "and" to "or".
2. Chair Moepono commented on their report of SB 228 saying "it establishes the graffiti eradication sentencing program within the judiciary" was actually removed from the bill. SB 228 came out as a combination of HB 676 and the establishment of the sentencing program for the judiciary which was replaced by ensuring the minor and their parents be responsible for the cost of eradicating the graffiti. There also was a provision where the judge was given the discretion to not order the minor to remove the graffiti in places over a highway and other dangerous places because the legislature didn't want to mandate the child risk their life in eradicating therefore the minor and parental authority would have to pay for the cost.
3. Fong thanked Representative Ching in regards to HR 292 and HR 233 which recognizes the Nuuanu-Liliha corridor as the Nuuanu-Liliha Historic Corridor preserving the area's distinct history and providing it with a special, unique sense of place. He thinks it is a feather in our cap that Liliha is distinguished in this fashion.

Representative John Mizuno – He was not present and did not provide a newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Walker Estate - David Tseng, President of Holy Eye, LLC, is the current owner of the Walker Estate which they purchased in September of 1998. In 1999 they hosted a chess tournament with 20 different countries participating. They didn't focus on the property in 2000 and 2001 because of the earthquake in Taiwan. In

2005 they had financial constraints and the property foreclosed in October, 2006. Holy Eye does not want the proposed development of the property but supports the feng shui on the property. Tseng extended an invitation to the Board to come see what the Estate looks like but they are not ready for the tourists to come yet because there is much work that needs to be done. He was grateful to be invited to come and present himself at this meeting offering him an opportunity to answer questions.

Questions, answers and concerns:

1. He has lived on the site since 1999 and a yard man comes weekly to maintain the grounds; among the many trees are avocado and mango.
2. Chair Moepono accepted Mr. Tseng's kind invitation to tour the Walker Estate pending the Office of Information Practices insurance the visit to the property would be legally acceptable. We will discuss this at our June 18th meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT: She thanked all the Neighborhood Board members for volunteering and giving up their free time to help our community. This is the last meeting for our term and in particular she thanked Arvid Youngquist for his many years of service and also Max Fowler who is one of our newer Board members but he has contributed greatly. She hoped in the near future both of them might be able to come back on the Board and serve again.

Discussion ensued.

Nishimura thanked the Board members for their service and support of the Kuakini Expansion Project.

Fong led the show of support for Chair Moepono's hard work throughout the last two years and Youngquist thanked the residents and Moepono thanked the representatives starting with Henry Oliva from the Governor's office, Katie Churchey from Representative Ching's office, Debbie Kim Morikawa from Community Services who represents the Mayor's Office, Iris Oda representing the Board of Water Supply, Lydia Chock from the Hawaii Health System and Bonnie Trustin, Neighborhood Assistant.

Treasurer's Report – Chair Moepono read the report because Dale White was out of town. The current expenses for the month were \$42.87 for printing and mailing expenses leaving a balance of \$2,635.52 and the refreshment account has a balance of \$78.74.

Announcements -

- 1) The next meeting will be June 18th, 2007.
- 2) Please see attachment regarding Liliha Street Repairs.

Adjournment -

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

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