



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

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Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, June 18, 2007 Mae'ma'e Elementary School

Chair Pro tem Kuo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of eight members present.

Members Present: Bob Stubbs, Sesnita Moepono, Donald Nitta, Claude Uehara, Ed Thompson, Dale White (elected tonight in Sub District 3), Wesley Fong, Lester Matsumoto, Karen Shishido (elected tonight in Sub District 1), Arvid Youngquist (elected tonight for the At-Large seat)

Members Absent: None

Guests: Debbie Kim Morikawa (Mayor's Representative), Lydia Chock (Maluhia Hospital), Capt. Peter Finnegan (Honolulu Fire Department), Lt. K. Harada, Capt. Moana Heu, Sgt. E. Yosemite (Honolulu Police Department), Henry Oliva (Governor's Representative), Katie Churchey (from Representative Corinne Ching's office), Francis Nishimura (Community Coordinator for the Kuakini Extension Project), Kathleen Leisek, Arvid Youngquist, Max Fowler (Good Shepherd Community Life Pastor), Alda Mae Takabayashi, Tom Oshiro, Wayne Leoneda, K. Filip, Alvin Bactista, Vanessa Cabral, Frankie Lucas, Oliver Matoon (Kunawai Neighborhood Watch), Zyvonne and Michael Zhang, Melita Domingo, Luz Pascua, Wanda and Billie Atkins, Larry Tran, Bonnie Trustin (Neighborhood Commission Office Assistant).

Vacancies: One vacancy for the at-large seat, one vacancy in Sub District 1, one vacancy in Sub District 2.

Board members Thompson and Uehara who were not at the installation June 2nd, were given the oath of office before the meeting began.

Nomination of a Chair: Kuo moved and Moepono seconded to elect Stubbs for Chair. Being there were no other nominations, **Stubbs was elected by acclamation.**

Kuo passed the gavel to Chair Stubbs who continued the meeting.

Filling of Vacancy of At-Large Seat - Arvid Youngquist and Max Fowler were nominated. Youngquist introduced himself and said he had served many years on different neighborhood boards and promised to come to all the meetings to establish quorum and not to leave during the meetings so quorum would not be broken. Fowler introduced himself and shared he had enjoyed serving on this neighborhood board for the last one and a half years hearing about the concerns from all the sub districts and working to help make the community a better place. He ran to retain his seat but unfortunately lost to Lester Matsumoto. He is the Community Life Pastor at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church where they are involved in making Kunawai a safer area and working with Lanakila Elementary School to raise their test scores and make the school better for the community.

The Board voted and there was a tie with four votes for Youngquist (Thompson, Fong, Nitta, and Kuo) and four votes for Fowler (Stubbs, Matsumoto, Moepono, and Uehara) so the meeting moved to filing of other vacancies.

Filling of Vacancy in Sub District 1: - Karen Shishido came forward to be a candidate for this seat. She introduced herself as a native of Hawaii who grew up one block from Ma'ema'e School. She



worked 38 years for the government appointed by Mayors Fasi, Harris and Anderson, she worked for 18 years with the Department of Transportation and ended her career two years ago retiring from Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's office. **Being there were no other nominations, she was elected by acclamation.**

The meeting took a short recess to administer the oath to Shishido and then she joined the Board.

Filing of Vacancy in Sub District 2: - There were no volunteers for this district so it will be continued to the next month.

Filing of Vacancy in Sub District 3: - There were two candidates for the seat in Sub District 3. Ms. Alda Mae Takabayashi volunteers at her church and is active in women's professional organizations. She recently retired from the federal government and wanted to volunteer on this neighborhood board as a way to give back to her community. Dale White introduced himself as having been a board member for this board for a number of years; he has served as the treasurer and recently retired.

The Board voted and Takabayashi received two votes (Nitta and Kuo); White received seven votes, (Shishido, Fong, Moepono, Thompson, Matsumoto, Stubbs, Uehara). **The Board elected White by a majority.**

The meeting took a brief recess to administer the oath to White and then he joined the Board.

Filing of Vacancy for the At Large Seat: - The Board voted again for the At-Large seat between Youngquist and Fowler. Being there were no other candidates the Board voted for Youngquist who received five votes (Thompson, Nitta, Kuo, Fong and White) and Fowler received three votes (Uehara, Matsumoto and Stubbs) with Moepono abstaining. **Youngquist was elected to the At-Large seat.**

Election of Officers:

Kuo moved and Uehara seconded the nomination of Fong for First Vice-Chair. Since there were no other nominations, **Fong was elected by acclamation.**

Moepono moved and Thompson seconded Kuo for secretary. Since there were no other nominations, **Kuo was elected by acclamation.**

Youngquist moved and Moepono seconded the nomination of White for treasurer. Since there were no other nominations, **White was elected by acclamation.**

Approval of date of meeting, time and place – The Board unanimously adopted the second Monday at 7:00 p.m. at Ma'ema'e Elementary School for the date, time and place of this neighborhood board's meetings.

Months to Recess: The Board unanimously voted to recess in August and December of 2007.

Board Expenditures: The Board unanimously voted to accept that only expenses over \$25.00 need to be approved by the Board. Otherwise the Chair can authorize to spend up to that amount.

EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

Honolulu Fire Department: Capt. Finnegan from the Kuakini Fire Station Department gave the following statistics for May: 3 structure, 3 rubbish and 10 vehicle fires. Most of their calls were 101 medical and 10 miscellaneous emergencies. There were no major or unusual incidents.

Fire Safety Tip: With brush fire season upon us, remember to maintain a 30-foot wide clearing in between any structure and vegetation. Recent rains may have overgrown vegetation in some breaks. Independence Day is just around the corner, so consider leaving fireworks to the professionals and enjoy one of the many fireworks displays around town. If you use fireworks, follow warnings and instructions. Young children should never be given fireworks. Older children should only use fireworks under the direct supervision of an adult. Have a happy and safe Independence Day celebration!

Questions, answers and concerns:

1. When there is overgrowth, you can call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 723-7161 and they will send an inspector to look at the area. If it is overgrown they can issue a violation to the property owner mandating them to cut a ten foot fire break around the perimeter of the property to keep fire from spreading to a neighboring property. If the overgrowth is near a structure, they must cut a thirty foot fire break to provide a safe environment. If owners don't cooperate there can be legal action taken.
2. He responded to the question from last month about inspecting private homes of the elderly. Firemen drive around the community and if they see an issue that could be a hazard, they can issue violations but mainly they want to educate people to understand why a situation is unsafe. If owners don't understand, the fire department experiences that people will put things back as they were, not realizing the situation is dangerous.
3. Your name doesn't have to be used when you give a report, but without it HFD can't follow up with the outcome of their investigation.

Honolulu Police Department - Sgt. Yosemite reported the crime statistics for May from the Kalihi Station: 79 arguments, 6 assaults, 13 burglaries, 1 drugs case, 1 DUI, 5 family offenses, no homicide, 9 motor vehicle thefts, 80 motor vehicle accidents, 15 property damage, 3 robberies, no sex offenses, 35 thefts and 34 theft of vehicles.

Crime Prevention Tip of the Month: All fireworks should be watched on TV. Please encourage everyone to save their money and not spend it on fireworks.

Capt. Moana Heu thanked the Board and community members who helped Kalihi Station when she asked for their support to request they get more staffing which was granted. They also received more funding for 2007-08 than they did for 2006 – 2007. At their command meeting it was announced that every three years HPD applies for re-accreditation with CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies). This requires complying with over 400 standards throughout their department which was a challenge for their force of 2,000 officers and 500 civilian employees. Their entire department, Communications Division and Training Division have been accredited. They are the first department that belongs to the Major City Chiefs (serving over 500,000 residents) to receive this Tri Arc Award for which they will be recognized at the July CALEA meeting.

Questions, answers and concerns:

1. The Kalihi Station cannot provide their statistics on the internet as Wahiawa, District 2 does because currently they don't have the extra staff and funding but she will look into it. She asked for input with suggestions for their station to present their statistics more helpfully.
2. Attempted break-ins are included under burglary statistics; she hasn't noticed an increase in them in Kamehameha Heights although Thompson and a neighbor experienced an attempted break-in with a crow bar early this month. After they caught the person who was breaking into businesses in the Liliha and Kuakini areas, their statistics as of last week were four reported burglaries in the Liliha area. The police took Thompson's information tonight.

3. Capt. Heu reported the total traffic fatalities on Oahu for 2007 were 36 including those in cars and crosswalks. She will get the number of pedestrian fatalities for Fong. She has noticed that with increased news coverage motorists are slowing down when they see people approaching an intersection. Police have been asked to cite motorists and pedestrians when they are violating the law. AARP did a study and found that at most intersections there is not sufficient time for people, especially the elderly, to cross to the other side.
4. Kuo and his neighbors have seen many cars that do not fully stop at Iholena and Judd streets and Wylie Street and Alewa Drive around 7:00 a.m. on weekday mornings. Capt. Heu will ask her officers in that area, who begin their shift at 6:00 a.m., to watch the traffic there.
5. Moepono asked if HPD is being consulted about the dangerous crosswalks in Liliha because there will be \$300,000 available to Honolulu of the \$3 million state wide appropriated to upgrade 512 intersections. The AARP study identified one of the most dangerous intersections as Nuuanu Avenue and Kuakini Street. Since the City is looking at the most dangerous intersections, she would like the police to make their statistics available to substantiate that certain intersections deserve to be upgraded in areas of this neighborhood board and asked Morikawa to have the police be consulted in the very beginning of the program because of their specialized statistics.
6. Heu reported her station was not assigned to work on the bill introduced by the City Council regarding noise from chickens and roosters.
7. HPD doesn't have a relationship with Low Jack to track stolen cars. In a month or two their station will have the capability to get a report of any offenses connected to a license plate they drive by. Theirs is the first district to use this system which is funded by an insurance company that deals with stolen cars. They don't know if the apparatus can read motorcycle license plates.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kuakini Extension Project - Nishimura reported the Department of Transportation Services did not come to speak at this meeting as the Board's letter requested of them, which was voted on by the Board at the last meeting. Francis Nishimura, the Community Coordinator for the Kuakini Extension project, was very disappointed about that but as to not disappoint the citizens who came to hear a presentation, he will put one together later in the meeting which was approved by Chair Stubbs.

May Motion to request ITE traffic safety audit from DTS - Chair Stubbs addressed Kuo about his motion at the last meeting for the Board to draft a letter requesting DTS do an Institute of Traffic Engineering road safety audit on the intersections of Liliha and Judd streets, Liliha and School streets, Liliha Street and Vineyard Boulevard, Nuuanu Avenue and Kuakini Street, and Liliha and Kuakini streets and make results available to the Board. Kuo replied some board members expressed interest to request the City to look into the safety of these intersections therefore he suggested an ITE audit be done which is recognized by the industry standards.

Moepono moved and Fong seconded the motion for the Board to draft a letter to DTS requesting they perform an Institute of Traffic Engineering (ITE) traffic safety audit on the intersections just mentioned that were discussed at the last meeting by Kuo which were: Liliha and Judd Streets, Liliha and School Streets, Liliha and Vineyard Streets, Nuuanu Avenue and Kuakini Street. and make the results available to the Board.

Discussion ensued. Moepono explained, for those who just came on the Board, this motion is in conjunction with our discussion on intersections tonight that may be unsafe for the elderly; this is a way our Board can focus on the intersections in our area and help the elderly.

Stubbs moved and Moepono seconded to include the intersection of Liliha and Kuakini to the motion as well. The Board voted unanimously to add this amendment to the original motion. Stubbs will write letter and forward to Department of Transportation Services.

The Board passed the amended motion with a vote of 10-0-1 with Youngquist abstaining.

Kuakini Extension Project - Nishimura presented a map of the original community's proposal called the "Preferred Alternative" and Alternative #2 which was recently presented and proposed by the Department of Transportation Services. The "Preferred Alternative" goes east to west from Kuakini proceeding straight through Lanakila Avenue to meet the existing road going up to Hala Drive creating no new intersection. This facilitates east to west traffic across Honolulu relieving congestion and minimizing the impact to residents. He showed the new Alternative #2 as a route going east to west from Kuakini continuing beyond Lanikila Avenue, bending sharply and creating a new intersection at Keola Drive creating a new thoroughfare ending in people's driveways created supposedly to save money.

Nishimura continued to explain that currently motorists traveling down Hala Drive must travel on Keola Street and drive in a "Z" shape pattern going east to west because you must turn right on Lanakila Avenue and make a quick left onto Kuakini Street which creates undo hazard and risk to motorists and pedestrians. Their community has long wanted to complete the extension and DTS is in charge of getting this project completed. The project was fully funded but because the time table was not met, a large part of the construction funds were lost last December. The remaining funds are due to lapse this coming December and there is little time to complete the remaining work that they must do to encumber their funds.

In comparing the two proposals it was found that the Environmental Assessment, prepared by DTS, determined the "Preferred Alternative" promotes safety, relieves congestion and facilitates the flow of traffic by properly aligning the intersection and straightening the thoroughfare. The new "Alternative #2 from DTS, although it would align the intersection at Kuakini Street and Lanikila Avenue, the new intersection at Keola Street ending in residents' driveway with a sharp bend going up a steep slope could cause a visibility problem. Alternative #2 is presented in the Environmental Assessment as "unacceptable" because it doesn't meet the City and County's roadway standards therefore it isn't safe so why is it now being presented again? There is greater risk when roadway standards are not followed. The "Preferred Alternative" is the only alternative that conforms to the City and County roadway standards. .

His observations for Alternative 2 are as follows: 1) A revision of the environmental assessment is needed because the impact due to the change in the route needs to be considered. 2) We know there would be concern on Keola Street. 3) We would need a soil study for the new route requiring more expense and another delay. 4) It would also need land conveyance.

In summary: 1) To approve our Preferred Alternative proposal for the preferred route it took six years (since 2001) of hard work with the help of then Board Chair Moepono, Senator Chun Oakland and Councilmember Tam. 2) The new proposal would have to start from square one and get the land conveyance adding additional expense. 3) A written report from DTS says "they expect to have the preliminary design ready in September" but that doesn't leave much time until the end of the year. 4) Whether consultants do this or DTS does the work, four months of work costs a lot of money and there are too many uncertainties in proceeding on this route; any delay with such a short schedule will probably mean another lapse of funds.

Questions, answers and concerns:

1. Nishimura has spoken to many citizens and most feel they will not accept Alternative #2 but he wants to let the people here tonight respond to that question.
2. Resident Alvin Bactista reported the second alternative goes right up to his driveway creating more hazards and more confusion. He wants to stick with the "Preferred Alternative"; that would be the best route.

3. A resident who is Bactista's neighbor reported Alternative #2 will go right into his driveway and this is the zig zagging they are trying to avoid. He commends Nishimura because they started to work on this project in 2000 with the Neighborhood Board and the Vision Team. They worked with Councilmember Tam and many times they got so close to achieving their goal - they had the approvals and the funding but it wasn't encumbered. Councilmember Tam helped them all the way but he's disappointed that he wants them to accept Alternative #2, he refuses to accept it. Even if it takes two or three more years we should do it the right way because once we do it the wrong way, we can't fix it.
4. A resident suggested DTS do a traffic study the next time there is a serious accident in the City and see how badly traffic backs up on Hala Drive when you don't have a good street there. Nishimura reported the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) was involved with the Planning Commission's Report and they came out to view the area and found congestion was a problem. The Preferred Alternative would relieve congestion and provide a good flow of traffic. Many residents have pointed out that Alternative #2 does not fulfill all the objectives of the project.
5. Regarding the need for a new environmental assessment to be done for Alternative #2, Nishimura reported the "Preferred Alternative" has already had a final environmental assessment which takes many months to accomplish whereas Alternative #2 is clearly identified as "unacceptable" and has a number of uncertainties.
6. Chair Stubbs summarized that the community of 20 in attendance tonight wants to see the "Preferred Alternative" of the Kuakini Extension Project, not one that turns into people's driveways.
7. Vanessa Cabral represented 35 people in her community, most of whom support the "Preferred Alternative". They feel "Why spend more money on another loop when a project has already been proposed and approved."
8. Nishimura summarized the residents' thoughts: Alternative #2 is not likely to be completed by December 31, 2007 to encumber our funds so we could be wasting money and resources. The "Preferred Alternative" is the only alternative that conforms to the City and County standards and has the best environmental design and is already funded. The new alternative is shorter in length but the difference in construction costs will not be significant because the work around the Kuakini and Lanakila intersections, which accounts for most of the cost, is the same for both alternatives. The residents should not be penalized for the failure to complete the project in a timely fashion. The citizens don't want the new alternative and they don't need a preliminary design. They are asking the Board to reject it and support the "Preferred Alternative" which provides the best value at a minimal cost and lessens adverse impact to the residents.
9. Fong wants to hear from DTS before he votes on something. Morikawa responded to Fong that it sounds like DTS has a time line that will go into next year for completing the Kuakini Project. Fong asked that the project be on the July agenda for a vote so the Board can make a motion on it.
10. Chair Stubbs is concerned that the Kuakini extension has been the priority issue for this Board and the community since 2001. It concerns the safety of all of the residents in the community because they all have to go through the intersection and DTS themselves said this is the solution, whereas the new proposal is not accepted by the City and County as meeting their safety standards so it is not acceptable. Are they going to now say that because of money safety doesn't matter? We don't want DTS to come and speak at our meeting about other alternatives that will delay things again.
11. Moepono reported some of the history of this project which was approved 27 years ago by this neighborhood board. There were many, many long negotiations with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), herself, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation who represented Maluhia Hospital, Francis Nishimura, Senator Chun Oakland along with Claude Uehara who represented Councilmember Rod Tam. During the year of negotiations the Department of Transportation Services was never in attendance.

The concerns of the City regarding the wall that runs along Maluhia Hospital put up a road block because they didn't want to take responsibility for that wall so the group who was meeting convinced the DLNR to agree that the wall was not part of the parcel but rather it was part of Hawaii Housing Authority and those would be the people who would be held liable for it. Then the City said we don't want the whole parcel but the State said you take all or nothing. That was part of the negotiations and Maluhia Hospital said if they could use part of the remnant parcel for parking that would be acceptable. So DLNR agreed and Hawaii Health Systems took responsibility for the remnant parcel and the City had their way on this one too. She doesn't think the City has negotiated at all with the community and the State. As an individual, she wants to know why the City isn't moving on this? Almost \$2 million has been lost on this project because things have lapsed; the Harris administration and now the Hannemann administration lets money lapse. DTS has not come to any negotiations or to this Board to negotiate fairly; this seems like they are throwing up yet another road block.

Moepono feels there should not be further delay because all of the road blocks of the City have been met and resolved to the satisfaction of everyone, including the City. And yet the City has never agreed to accept what has been negotiated with the State. The State is ready to sign off and give the City whatever they need and give Hawaii Health Systems Corporation whatever is left. She doesn't think DLNR would agree to another entire negotiation if the City isn't going to take all the property and if the Hawaii Health Systems can't use whatever is remnant because what Alternative #2 is suggesting is the remnant parcel be on the makai side, not the mauka side that Hawaii Health Systems would be able to use. This situation is beyond the community's dissatisfaction – it's what is reality and what the State would actually end up agreeing to and she doesn't think they can wait another two years.

12. Chair Stubbs reported the motion was made years ago by this neighborhood board to support the preferred alternative for the Kuakini extension and somehow the community needs to come together to impress upon DTS to support what they are asking for and respond with much greater speed than they have with them in the past. If DTS wants to present something in July, they want to hear them talk about the "Preferred Alternative" only and how they are prepared to move ahead with it.

13. Nishimura reported that the objective of the residents is to have the Board reject Alternative #2, a preliminary design for it is just wasting the taxpayer's money on a project that is not appropriate. This administration talks about using money wisely yet they are going to do something that the people don't want. Nishimura asked for the Board's support for the "Preferred Alternative".

14. Moepono asked Nishimura if the Board could reaffirm their support with a motion supporting the "Preferred Alternative." What he is asking has not been agendaized and under Sunshine law we would be in violation if we took a vote on it. She was the chair of this board when there was a motion to write a letter inviting DTS to make a presentation on the new Alternative #2 and that presentation be placed on the agenda which it is. She doesn't think the Board can legally say they reject Alternative #2 since they have not received it from DTS.

15. Fong empathizes with Nishimura but as a Board member he wants to hear what the City has proposed and then he will make a motion about which alternative we think is more beneficial to the community.

16. Shishido feels that in Councilmember Tam's report it says DTS will possibly come to the July 9 meeting but what if they don't come? Even if they come and present the Alternative #2 proposal it probably won't be completed by the end of the year because you need another assessment to be done.

17. Chair Stubbs agreed with Moepono that the Board could not vote on the alternatives at this meeting but it will be on the agenda for July so it can be addressed then. Nishimura hopes the Board will remember the comments of the community this evening when they take a vote. Chair Stubbs asked those present if there was anyone in favor of the Alternative #2 and there were none. The informal poll demonstrated that support is unanimous for the Preferred Alternative.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY - Chair Stubbs read the Main Break report from their representative, Iris Oda, who was not in attendance as follows: The one main break in May was on May 8 at 1710 Liliha Street to a 12-inch cast iron main that is 81 years old. As the useful lifespan of our current water mains end, the Board of Water Supply is spending millions of dollars to replace them to insure reliable water service and help prevent main breaks.

Chair Stubbs reported that water main improvements were scheduled to start today on Liliha Street from Judd to King streets so watch for traffic to be heavy in those areas for the coming months.

Water Saving Tips:

1. When installing a drip irrigation system, don't exceed 200 feet of poly tubing from valve to end cap. Don't exceed a total flow of 200 gallons per hour per valve.
2. We're more likely to notice leaky faucets indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes and hoses for leaks.

COUNCILMEMBER ROD TAM – Uehara distributed Councilmember Tam's report; since the Kuakini Extension has been discussed he has nothing further to add for the Councilmember.

Questions, answers and concerns:

1. Uehara reported that Capitol Improvement Project #1996306 allocating \$1,680,000 is available to acquire land, plan, design, construct and inspect traffic improvements. The description of the Kuakini Street and Lanakila Avenue site was mentioned so if more funding for the project was needed, it could be taken from this lump sum. There is no specific amount dedicated to the project. If the City engineer requests upgrades after doing ITE traffic audits requested by a letter from the Board, these funds could be used to perform the upgrades if the intersections were ones noted for this project #1996306 or related to the Kuakini Street and Lanakila Avenue project.
2. Kuo thanked Councilmember Tam's office for pushing for the water cooler being installed into the Lanakila Park gym which he saw there today. Uehara clarified that Project #1971449 providing \$1,160,000 for Lanakila District Park is for items someone from the Park mentioned needed to be replaced or upgraded including equipment for replacement of the softball field lights, a play apparatus, swing set, air conditioning compressor, water heater and water cooler, to be used as needed.
3. Uehara clarified that the current construction project at Lanakila Park was put on hold to make the park available for the summer fun program. After that they will resume only with the construction that is under specific contract. The other items listed would have to go out to bid and be part of another construction project. It can't be added to the current construction.

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Debbie Morikawa, the Mayor's representative, reported the following:

Everyone should have received the Mayor's Midterm Report in their Midweek newspaper. They cost less than \$.12 per copy and the Charter requires the Mayor to advise the public of what he is doing. It is a good reference for information about hurricane preparedness, list of contact information and a review of some of the highlights of what the City has done for the first half of this term.

Responses to questions from last month's meeting:

1. DPP is still reviewing the traffic study regarding the impact to traffic in the proposed area of the planned Long's pharmacy. It strongly recommends contacting Long's directly to get the study because they are not required to make it public at this time at a library. DPP did share that the

Diamond Head/ Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Board pushed hard about Safeway's development in their neighborhood to the company doing the work and many of their concerns were taken into consideration.

2. Regarding the request that DTS look at alternatives to provide safer intersections at Liliha and Kuakini streets with a possible diagonal crosswalk and count down light, DTS asked if the board could provide more details about their concerns. Morikawa spoke with DTS Deputy Director, Richard Torres (Director Mel Kaku was out of town) who suggested that questions be put in writing with sufficient detail and DTS can respond back in writing. Morikawa apologized for misunderstanding the request about the Kuakini Project. She will express to the Mayor and his cabinet the concerns of the Board and the community in attendance tonight about the direction in which the Kuakini extension project is going and how many community members showed up to express their concern.

3. Regarding the request for DTS to lengthen the time at the following intersection crosswalks: Liliha and Judd, Liliha and School, Liliha and Vineyard and Nuuanu and Kuakini, particularly to accommodate elderly person, DTS has and will continue to monitor the crossing times at these intersections in consideration of the elderly and traffic assessment. Pedestrian countdown signalization will be considered for these urban Honolulu intersections. Also, of the intersection listed above, some of the crosswalk intersections were identified as "dangerous."

4. Regarding the cracks in the asphalt on Liliha Street between Kuakini and Wyllie streets, the street is on the list for street rehabilitation and DDC will be contracting a consultant for the design effort. However, there are no construction funds budgeted at this time. Since the Board of Water Supply (BWS) will be starting or might have started their their waterline project on Liliha Street, any road improvements would take place a minimum of one year after completion of the BWS project, subject to availability of construction funds. Therefore, it appears that the project may not get initiated for at least a couple of years. Any interim fixes should be referred to the Department of Facilities Management.

5. She will have a report in July regarding Mamalu Street.

6. DTS is currently doing a study at the intersection of Kapalama Avenue and Hala Drive which the Honolulu Advertiser found to be one of the deadliest intersections on the island. Per DTS, their findings should be available in August.

7. HPD is the proper agency to contact if you observe someone illegally dumping bulky items on your property; as a witness you can make a report. This offense is criminal littering with charges for petty misdemeanor. While there is no specific location to place bulky items, the guidelines instruct you to place the items between your property and the sidewalk without obstructing people who walk on the sidewalk. The bulky items should not be on private property as the City is not authorized to take items off of private property. The following website can provide you with more details and phone contact information: http://envhonolulu.org/solid_waste/contact/contact_us.html and email address info@opala.org.

Questions, answers and concerns:

She is waiting for an update on the hole in the slide up at Alewa Park.

GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Henry Oliva circulated the Governor's newsletter which highlighted her trip to Indonesia. In the next couple days you'll be reading about her trip to Japan.

SENATOR SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND - Her reports were distributed but she could not attend the meeting.

REPRESENTATIVE CORINNE CHING - Katie Churchey distributed Representative Ching's newsletter and reported the following:

She explained to Youngquist earlier that SB638 was vetoed due to a technical problem but SB25, SD1 was the vehicle for the legislature's budget signed into law February 20, 2007 which covers the funding for expenses for the legislature, auditor, Legislative Reference Bureau and the ombudsman that SB 638 would have funded.

Questions, answers and concerns:

1. Representative Ching distributed a letter sent June 14 to Laverne Higa, Director of the City and County Facilities Maintenance Department (DFM), regarding the potholes up and down Liliha Street. She will report to Fong on the developments at the next meeting.
2. Churchey explained the historic Henry Bill Building on Palama Street is being restored personally by Representative Ching and volunteers.

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN MIZUNO – Representative Mizuno was not in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

I Love Liliha Festival –Board members Fong, Matsumoto, Nitta, Stubbs, Thompson and White said they would be at the festival August 25, sponsored by Representative Ching to be at the Liliha Neighborhood Board Booth answering questions and distributing information.

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

Submitted by

Bonnie Trustin
Neighborhood Assistant