



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012
MA'EMA'E ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Robert Stubbs called the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **with a quorum of seven (7) Board members present.** Note – This 13 member Board requires seven (7) members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Chad Atkins, Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Bixby Ho, Carole Kaapu, Donald Nitta, Ethann Oki (appointed at this meeting), Robert Stubbs and Dale White.

Board Members Absent: Wesley Fong, Loy Kuo and Brandon Mitsuda.

Without objection, the agenda was amended to change item 4.1 from “Hawaii Baptist Academy” to “Academy of the Pacific.”

Vacancies: There are four (4) vacancies on the Board; one vacancy each in Sub-District 1, Sub-District 3 and Sub-District 4 and one (1) At-Large.

Guests: Deputy Director Randy Leong (City Department of Enterprise Services/Mayor’s Representative), Leolani Oyum (Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland’s Office staff), Senator Donna Mercado Kim and Daniel Holt (Senator Mercado Kim’s Office staff), Edward Hasegawa and Anthony Chang (Councilmember Carol Fukunaga’s Office staff), Representative Takashi Ohno and Jenna Takenouchi (Representative Ohno’s Office staff), Captain Ryan Fernandez (Honolulu Fire Department), Lou Young (Academy of the Pacific), Edmund and Karen Lee, Javier Mendez, Janice Lee (Ma’ema’e Elementary School Community Council), Iris Oda (Board of Water Supply), Sergeant Robert Oakes (Honolulu Police Department), Keith Yamamoto (State Department of Health), Pamela Chow (University of Hawaii), Robert Lau, Ronald Higa, Francis Nishimura, Lycha Chock, and Adam LeFebvre (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF BOARD VACANCIES: There are four (4) vacancies; one vacancy each in Sub-Districts 1, 3 and 4, and one (1) vacancy at-large. Ethann Oki submitted his candidacy for the at-large position, noting that he has lived in the area since 1985, served in the National Guard, participated in the legislature office staff, and seeks to give back to the community by serving on the Neighborhood Board.

Ho moved and Nitta seconded to appoint Ethann Oki to the vacant at-large position on the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14. The motion WAS ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 7-0-0 (AYES: Atkins, Dos Santos-Tam, Ho, Kaapu, Nitta, Stubbs and White)

Chair Stubbs called a recess at 7:06 p.m. for Neighborhood Assistant (NA) Adam LeFebvre to administer the Oath of Office to Ethann Oki. The meeting resumed at 7:08 p.m.

Ethann Oki was appointed to the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 at 7:08 p.m.; **8 members present.**

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Ryan Fernandez reported;

- Fire Statistics of December 2012: There was 1 rubbish and 1 vehicle fire, and 76 medical emergencies. There were no major or unusual incidents to report.
- Fire Safety Tip: Residents were advised to use only microwave-safe food containers or dishes in the microwave oven. Parents were encouraged to supervise children when they are using the microwave. If the microwave oven catches fire, residents were advised to unplug the device, and if the fire does not extinguish, to go outside and call 911.



Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Medical Emergencies – There were no specific details available on the emergencies.
2. Fireworks – New Years celebrations were noted to be quieter this year, with only a few explosions heard at midnight. Fireworks represent a safety concern, with numerous accounts of injuries each year.
3. HFD Safety Program – A program which provides smoke alarms for the elderly is ongoing, though no specific details were available at the meeting.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Sergeant Robert Oakes provided the following report:

- Retirement – It was noted that a number of HPD officers will be retiring soon.
- Crime Statistics for September 2012: There were 65 arguments, 1 assault, 13 burglaries, 1 drugs/narcotics offense, 11 driving under the influence (DUI) offenses, 7 motor vehicle thefts, 76 motor vehicle accidents (MVC), 7 property damages, 4 robberies, 32 thefts, 13 thefts from a motor vehicle (UEMV).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Dangerous Individuals – It was asked if there was a registry of known dangerous criminals operating in specific areas. Sergeant Oakes assured the community that they would be informed if anyone presented a particular danger to the community at large, but encouraged residents to assume that every criminal is potentially dangerous. Residents were advised not to engage criminals, but to call 911 immediately.
2. Stop Signs – HPD was requested to exercise vigilance at the intersection of Liliha and School Streets. Residents were advised to slow to a stop when the traffic light is yellow.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell Representative: Acting City Department of Enterprise Services (DES) Deputy Director Randy Leong reported;

- Intersection of Liliha Street and Kuakini Avenue – The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) conducted an investigation of the intersection in 2008, and the conditions were not meant to install a dedicated left-turn. A review of the collision history of the intersection shows that a dedicated left is not warranted. DTS is currently evaluating their guidelines for this type of installation, which is due for completion by the end of September 2013.
- Waikahalulu Street Rusted Fence – Board member Ho will submit a photo of the fence.
- DES Report – The Honolulu Zoo welcomes the birth of 3 lion cubs. The cubs are expected to be on exhibit in three months. The Neal Blaisdel Center boasts a number of profitable concerts and exhibitions lately, with Wicked, Chicago, Ludacris, Neal Diamond, and others performing on site. There are a number of other upcoming performances as well.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Kuakini Avenue Extension Project – An update will become available when Mayor Caldwell appoints a new director of DTS.
2. Kapalama Avenue and Hala Drive – A traffic collision history of the intersection was requested.

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Edward Hasegawa introduced his role as Councilmember Fukunaga's representative and opened for questions.

Councilmember Joey Manahan – No representative or report was available.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – No representative or report was available.

Senator Donna Mercado Kim – Senator Mercado Kim provided the following report:

- Reapportionment – The change in district boundaries has expanded the 14th Senate District, and Mercado Kim has been spending time getting to know the new sections of her district better.
- Legislative Session – The new session is starting on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, and interested residents were invited to come by her office. Daniel Holt will be serving as her representative to the Neighborhood Board meetings when she is unable to attend.

Representative Takashi Ohno – Representative Ohno reported the following:

- Legislative Office – Jenna Takenouchi is Representative Ohno's office manager. She used to work on Representative Carol Fukunaga's Office Staff. The telephone number and email address of his office was provided on the distributed report. The community was invited to attend the opening day of the legislature on Wednesday, January 16, 2013.
- Annual Tax Clinic – The clinic will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at the State Capitol from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. More information was provided on the distributed report.
- Pali Lookout – The State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) responded to a number of break-ins at the Pali Lookout by hiring Makai Parking Management to staff the lot with security at their discretion.
- Liliha and North Kukui Streets – The State Department of Transportation (DOT) is installing a signal at the intersection, and the nearby on-street parking will be eliminated to improve traffic flow.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Pali Lookout – The regularity of parking staff is determined by the income from the installed parking meter. The same company is contracted to patrol the Honolulu Zoo, and while they occasionally do patrols of the parking lot, there is not full-time coverage of the area. This was noted to be a security concern, and it was asked if full-time coverage could be attained. HPD has investigated the lot and found that some people are parking outside of the lot to avoid paying for parking, which may be contributing to the break-in problem.
2. North Kukui Street Parking – There will be a permanent removal of the on-street parking on North Kukui Street near the intersection with Liliha Street to improve traffic flow. A traffic signal was found to be warranted at the intersection. Representative Ohno will investigate further.
3. Waialae Off-Ramp – There is a construction area near the off-ramp that has had no activity for months, and it was asked if there were any plans for the area.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: Keith Yamamoto provided the following report:

- Senator Daniel Inouye – Yamamoto paid tribute to Senator Inouye and congratulated the recently-appointed Senator Brian Schatz. A number of different factors were considered in appointing the Senator, and he has been doing an excellent job.
- Fiscal Budget – The budget will be due soon, and the Governor will be submitting a balanced budget with a focus on revitalizing the economy, and including provisions such as transportation initiatives and improving the internet connection in Hawaii.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Aloha Order of Merit – Senator Daniel Akaka was acknowledged for his hard work, dedication, and service to the State of Hawaii with this special award.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Iris Oda reported;

- Water Main Breaks: There were no main breaks to report for December 2012.
- General Water Announcements: BWS will be switching to a new customer billing system in later in January 2013. In conjunction with the new billing system, BWS will be providing an online customer service option through www.boardofwatersupply.com. Online bill viewing, paperless billing and electronic service request forms are now available. A significant change is that water and sewer bills will be sent monthly for more timely information and all customers will be given new account numbers.
- 2013 Poster and Poetry Contest – This year's theme is "save water, save energy," and participants are encouraged to explore the relationship between the two concepts in the upcoming contest. The poster contest will be for students in Kindergarten through sixth grade, and the poetry contest will be for students in seventh through twelfth grade. Prizes will be awarded for the winning entries, which must be submitted by March 6, 2013.
- Water Improvement Projects – A major water main replacement will be taking place along Liliha Street between Nuuanu Avenue and the Pali Highway. A total of 1,700 feet of 12-inch water main will be replaced.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Water Improvement Projects – The water main replacement should not have any effect on the construction of Walgreens.

PRESENTATIONS:

Academy of the Pacific – Lou Young announced to the Board that the academy will be participating in a “community day,” which is an opportunity for the school to give back to the community. On that day, students from the school will go out into the community to help neighbors with miscellaneous projects around their houses, such as trimming hedges, mowing lawns and cleaning garages. Interested residents were invited to contact the school.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Light Malfunction – There is a blinking yellow light near the Academy of the Pacific that is no longer functional.
2. Overgrown Hedges – There were hedges near the school that were noted to be overgrown, limiting visibility. Young noted that if they are unable to find enough work with the school’s neighbors, the students will be put to work improving the local community by trimming hedges and cleaning up litter.

Communities For a Lifetime (CFL) – Pam Chow noted that Liliha is an aging community, and efforts must be made to make the community more age-friendly. CFL is targeting cities across America for their pilot program, which, if successful, will be applied on a broader level. Residents were invited to participate on a community level, noting trouble spots in the community where sidewalks can be improved to be more accessible, or public facilities can be made more age-friendly. Participating residents will be given cameras in order to take pictures of trouble spots, and the community will vote on the problems that are most important. Chow is interested in finding community leaders who would be interested in moving the program forward.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Community Outreach – Chow is beginning communication with a variety of community organizations, including the Neighborhood Boards and churches. The project has already begun, and she is reaching out to different groups to get a variety of people involved on the project.
2. Project Boundaries – The boundaries will coincide with the Neighborhood Board boundaries, until more logical boundaries can be determined.
3. Lanakila Senior Center – Outreach was recommended at the senior center.
4. Community Service – This project could count towards an individual’s community service hours. High schools often require community service, and it was suggested having intergenerational parent-child teams.
5. Photographers – The community-designated photographers will be trained for specific problems to look for, and may be equipped with a Global Positioning System (GPS) to help with locating the community problems.
6. Project Goal – The goal of the project is to make the community more age-friendly. Broken sidewalks can present a danger to the elderly or handicapped. This pilot project will determine if the project is worth pursuing on a national scale, and projects will be set up in urban, sub-urban, and rural areas.
7. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts – It was recommended contacting these organizations for participation.
8. Business Involvement – CFL is interested in attaining small business involvement. It was recommended finding a local small business association.

RESIDENTS’ CONCERNS: No additional residents’ concerns were raised.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2012: **Without objection by the Board the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2012 were ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT** as circulated, 8-0-0, (Aye: Atkins, Dos Santos-Tam, Ho, Kaapu, Nitta, Oki, Stubbs and White).

Without objections by the Board, Chair Stubbs deferred all other Unfinished/Ongoing Business items.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

Maluhia: The Maluhia Health Clinic opened on January 14, 2013, with two new physicians. They are still looking for a nurse practitioner, and look forward to better serving the community.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center: No representative was present, no report at this time.

Ma'ema'e Elementary School Community Council (SCC): Lenn Uyeda is the new principal from the Human Resources (HR) department of the State Department of Education (DOE). The school has been in contact with HPD regarding the homeless population at the school. The homeless hotline number was provided.

St. Francis Health Care System: No representative present and no written report provided.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Report of Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC): There have been a number of meetings focused on improving traffic flow on Oahu. Interested residents were invited to check Oahumpo.org for more information.

Transportation and Safety Committee: No report at this time.

Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Board of Director's Meeting: No report at this time.

Neighborhood Board No. 14 Facebook Page/Twitter Account: The Twitter account is active, but is constantly shifting and changing.

Treasurer's Report: This item was deferred to the next Regular Board Meeting.

Sunshine Law Online Training Program: Chair Stubbs reminded Board members to watch the Sunshine Law training clip online at the Neighborhood Commission Office website, www.honolulu.gov/nco.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Board Meeting: The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ma'ema'e Elementary School cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Submitted By: Adam LeFebvre, Neighborhood Assistant I

Reviewed By: Leland Ribac, Neighborhood Assistant II

Reviewed and Finalized By: Robert 'Bob' Stubbs, Chair