



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 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. **A quorum was NOT established with only six (6) 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, Carole Kaapu, Loy Kuo, Donald Nitta, Ethann Oki (arrived 7:39 p.m.) and Robert Stubbs.

Board Members Absent: Wesley Fong, Bixby Ho, Brandon Mitsuda and Dale White.

Vacancies: There are two (2) vacancies on the Board; one vacancy each in Sub-District 1 and Sub-District 4.

Guests: Leolani Oyama (Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland's Office staff), Daniel Holt (Senator Donna Mercado Kim's Office staff), Councilmember Carol Fukunaga and Anthony Chang (Councilmember Fukunaga's Office staff), Representative Takashi Ohno and Jenna Takenouchi (Representative Ohno's Office staff), Detectives Dean Mukaida and Peter Lee (Honolulu Police Department), Captain Elton Furutani (Honolulu Fire Department), Iris Oda and Henderson Kuuhiwa (Board of Water Supply), Keith Yamamoto (State Department of Health), Cyndy Aylett (Department of Facility Maintenance), Kristine Bernaldez and Steven Rodal (University of Hawaii School of Nursing), Steve Carvalho, Irvin Higashi, Donna Krueger, Ronald Higa, Francis Nishimura, Lycha Chock, and Adam LeFebvre (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF BOARD VACANCIES: There were no volunteers to fill the two (2) Board Vacancies at this time.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Elton Furutani reported the following:

- Fire Statistics of January 2013: There were 3 structure and 2 rubbish fires, 83 medical emergencies and 36 miscellaneous calls. There were no major or unusual incidents to report.
- Fire Safety Tip: Residents were advised to regularly empty the lint trap in their dryers, as they produce heat and have been known to catch fire.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Detective Dean Mukaida reported the following:

- Crime Statistics for January 2013: There were 69 arguments, 5 assaults, 8 burglaries, 2 drugs/narcotics offenses, 4 driving under the influence (DUI) offenses, 4 family offenses, 1 motor vehicle theft, 96 motor vehicle collisions (MVC), 13 property damages, 1 robbery, 36 thefts, 23 thefts from a motor vehicle (UEMV).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. UEMV Increase – It was noted that the number of UEMVs increased from 13 to 23 since last month. HPD is investigating the reasons behind the increase.
2. Hala Drive – It was requested that HPD keep an eye on the stop signs and red lights on Hala Drive. It was suggested that traffic cameras be installed at the intersections.
3. Major William Chur – It was noted that Major Chur has retired. His replacement will be Major Lester Hite.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell Representative: No representative or report was available.

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Councilmember Fukunaga introduced Anthony Chang of her office staff, who will be present for the remainder of the meeting. There will be a number of town hall meetings upcoming, and



Councilmember Fukunaga encouraged all interested residents to attend. She is also soliciting recommendations and requests for the City budget process, and requested feedback by February 22, 2013.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Overhanging Branches – Low hanging branches were noted near the intersection of Nuuanu Avenue and Kuakini Street near the service station. Councilmember Fukunaga will relay the message to the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM).
2. Alewa Drive – The sidewalk near to the Academy of the Pacific was noted to be in disrepair, and non-existent in places. It was asked if the addition of a sidewalk could be added to the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget. It was noted that this might be a good project for Communities for a Lifetime (CFL) to undertake.

Councilmember Joey Manahan – No representative or report was available.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – Leolani Oyama reported the following:

- Legal Assistance Program – The Legal Service Association is offering an assistance program. More information was provided on Senator Oakland's distributed handout.
- Planned Repair and Maintenance Program – The handout detailed the schools receiving maintenance.
- Human Services – A report was provided on homelessness priorities for legislature and Partners in Care.
- Community Beautification Project – Restoration of Kunawai Springs is scheduled for March 16, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Senator Donna Mercado Kim – Daniel Holt reported the following:

- Legislative Session – Senator Kim gave a speech at the opening ceremony highlighting the economy picking up speed but cautioning against excessive government spending. Senator Kim hopes to avoid new tax burdens, focusing instead on raising revenue in other ways. Operating costs will be factored into new projects, allowing legislators to better understand the true cost of a project.
- University of Hawaii (UH) – Financial accountability issues with the University persist. The Senate Accountability Committee held a "Question and Answer" session with UH administrators, and their suggestions appeared to be well received.
- Community Bulletin – A handout was distributed to all residents in the district and included a survey. All residents were encouraged to participate.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Community Bulletin – A resident who lives on Kamehameha Heights noted that he had not received a bulletin. The area was newly added to Senator Kim's district, and her office staff has been hard at work trying to better include the new areas.
2. Repair and Maintenance Projects – Holt was unaware of any schools in Liliha which are part of the project. Holt will check to see if any structural safety checks were performed. The State Department of Education (DOE) performed a check of all schools built around the same time to see if they were built to the same standards.

Representative Takashi Ohno – Representative Ohno reported the following:

- Pali Lookout Security – Makai Parking is responsible for security at the parking lot. They send the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) a percentage of their monthly income from the parking fees and are present from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. DLNR reports that UEMVs have decreased.
- Hawaiian Dredging – The dredging company will be starting a project soon and have acquired the necessary permits for their staging area. The company is performing maintenance projects while they wait for the dredging project to begin.
- Pali Highway Lighting Project – The State is currently accepting bids for contractors.
- Upcoming Town Hall Meeting – February 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at Lanakila Grill.
- Academy of the Pacific – February 15, 2013 will be their "Community Day," in which they perform household chores and maintenance for neighbors. The phone number was provided on the handout. They will be holding an admissions open house on February 28, 2013 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

- Kunawai Springs Beautification Project – Work will begin on March 16, 2013 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., followed by a pot-luck.
- School Repairs and Maintenance for District 27 – The following schools have projects planned:
 - Likelike Elementary – Dining room lighting, \$80,000
 - Lanakila Elementary – Building reproofing, \$180,000
 - Maemae Elementary – Ramp installation, \$80,000
 - Kaulawela Elementary – Kitchen improvements and Building C maintenance, \$236,000

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Maemae Elementary Ramp Installation – Representative Ohno will provide more specifics regarding the project.
2. Addition of Fluoride to Drinking Water – Concern was expressed that the fluoride may adversely affect koi fish ponds.
3. Pothole Responsibility – The State/City is not responsible if a resident is injured as a result of hitting a pothole.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: Keith Yamamoto reported the following:

- Addition of Fluoride to Drinking Water – The bill was proposed by the Dental Association, arguing that it is beneficial to Honolulu children. The Koi Club has expressed concern about what possible effects it may have on fish ponds.
- State of the State – Topics covered by the speech included bus innovation, food and energy security and *keiki* and *kupuna* care. More information can be found at governor.hawaii.gov.
- Economic Improvement – Governor Abercrombie has asked the Lieutenant Governor Shan Tsutsui to take the lead role in improving the State's economy.
- Agriculture – The State will be increasing agricultural access to the Capitol via loan programs.
- Energy – The State will be making increased use of liquid natural gas and will be creating a Hawaii Refinery Task Force, a government utility to address long and short-term energy goals.
- Keiki and Kupuna Care – The Governor has asked for an increased permanent allocation.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Iris Oda reported the following:

- March 18-24, 2013: Detect a Leak Week – Detection tablets were provided at the meeting, and residents were encouraged to use them to find leaks in their toilet basins.
- Henderson Kuuhiwa – The BWS Information Technology (IT) Manager introduced himself, and reported that the new billing system has been implemented. BWS will attempt to come to Neighborhood Boards to answer questions and hear concerns any time new or potentially controversial policies are implemented.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Monthly Billing System – New bills are generated every day and sent to districts on a rotating basis. Residents should be receiving the new bills soon.
2. New Account Numbers – Due to the account number change, residents who have automatic payment through their banks will have to update their payment information with their bank. Those who automatically pay through BWS do not need to change anything.
3. Online Payments – The payment option is not currently available, BWS is hoping to make it possible soon.
4. Fluoride – BWS is generally not in favor of adding fluoride to the water supply when only 5% of the water is used for drinking. BWS will keep the Board apprised of any updates to the situation.
5. Liliha Street Project – No updates were available at this time.
6. Drinking Water Survey – Only two residents present at the Neighborhood Board meeting did not drink tap water.

Ethann Oki arrived at 7:39 p.m., **A quorum was established with seven (7) members present.**

PRESENTATIONS:

Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) Pavement Preservation Program – Cyndy Aylett presented DFM's proposed road maintenance program which would prevent roads from deteriorating. All roads in Honolulu were rated on a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) scale, and many were found to be in poor to very poor condition. The new program would make sure that the roads in Honolulu would be maintained at an average PCI of 80 (good condition), and would never fall below a PCI of 60 (fair condition). New preservation technology would be implemented to coat roads with preservative oils which would protect them from heat and sun damage. Regular maintenance would be performed to fill cracks before they open into potholes, which would save the City tremendous amounts of money in the long run. To repave one (1) lane mile costs (on average) \$1 million. To maintain that road would cost closer to \$40,000 per lane mile.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Treatment Methods – A coat can be applied to pavement shortly after the road has been laid which protects it from cracking under the intense Ultra Violet (UV) rays. Another coat serves as a sealant to fill cracks and prevent water seepage. There are a number of types of coats that are applicable on different types of roads and in different situations.
2. Road Construction – It was noted that contractors and utilities often tear up the road to install new systems. These contractors are required to restore the road to its original condition following their work. The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) monitors these projects. BWS often needs to repair or replace a water main, and there was an incident where the road was not restored to its original condition. BWS was contacted and within a week returned to the site and restored the road.
3. PCI Scores – Close to 98.8% of Honolulu roads were surveyed, as some were inaccessible. It was asked if the scores for each road could be posted online. O'ahu's PCI average is at 70.59, but Councilmember Stanley Chang wants to improve the average to 80. The survey may be posted online at some point. DFM intends to do further surveys using 3-D imaging technology to make the results more objective.
4. Potholes – There are two (2) types of mixes that are regularly used for patching potholes. Coater Mix is often used for standard pothole repair, while the more expensive Package Mix is used for particularly large potholes. It was noted that better tamping equipment should be employed in the repairs.
5. Road Use – Some roads are used more heavily by nearby facilities, and it was asked if those facilities could provide a larger stake in the maintenance of those roads. Road maintenance is often funded by bonds, rather than taxes.
6. Road Repair Cost – The cost of repaving a road is significantly greater than the cost of performing regular maintenance to prevent the road from getting to a deplorable condition. The number of roads covered by the program will depend on the program funding received. Variables such as road usage and traffic will be taken into account.
7. PCI Scale – Each segment of the road is granted a specific PCI number, usually divided by intersections.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

Leaking Pipe – A pipe near the crosswalk by the Lanakila Gym on Lanakila Avenue has been noted to be leaking water heavily. BWS will investigate, but it may be an intentional leak.

Missing Signs – Street signs are missing from Keola Street and Hala Drive.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2013: Without objection by the Board the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2013 were ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT as corrected, 7-0-0, (Aye: Atkins, Dos Santos-Tam, Kaapu, Kuo, Nitta, Oki and Stubbs). Corrections include:

PAGE 2 – Update the date on the Crime Statistics from September 2012 to December 2012.

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Kuakini Street Extension Project Update – There was a meeting with the involved parties, they are now waiting for the funding to arrive. The City reports that the project is on schedule and they are hoping to begin construction in the summer of 2013. Gratitude was extended to Senator Chun Oakland for staying abreast of the situation. It would be possible to request an extension from City Council if the funding is delayed.

Hala Drive Signage – Two (2) signs have been installed which display a lowered speed limit to 20 miles per hour. However, signs had been requested which ask drivers to slow down when passing the nursing home.

Liliha Area MAPPING Project – Communities for a Lifetime (CFL) is seeking community volunteers to help make the Liliha area more age-friendly. Alewa Drive was noted earlier to be an area in need of attention.

NEW BUSINESS:

Neighborhood Board Elections – The filing deadline for interested candidates is Friday, February 15, 2013. All Board members and residents need to submit an application to be a candidate in the upcoming election. Elections will be held in April and May, 2013, either online or by telephone.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Public Notification – It was asked how the public will be notified. It was suggested having a public notice distributed to residents.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

Maluhia – A new parking area will be built for employee parking, which was considered a win for the community.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center: No representative or report was available.

Ma'ema'e Elementary School Community Council (SCC): No representative or report was available.

St. Francis Health Care System: No representative or report was available.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Report of Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC): Loy Kuo was nominated to be the primary OahuMPO CAC representative. **Loy Kuo WAS APPOINTED to be the primary OahuMPO CAC representative by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 7-0-0, (Aye: Atkins, Dos Santos-Tam, Kaapu, Kuo, Nitta, Oki and Stubbs).**

Transportation and Safety Committee: It was suggested that this item be removed from the agenda as the committee has not met for a long time.

Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Board of Director's Meeting: No representative or report was available.

Neighborhood Board No. 14 Facebook Page/Twitter Account: No update was available. Residents were encouraged to participate in the Facebook Page and Twitter Accounts.

Treasurer's Report: A total of \$33.07 was spent in January 2013 on printing and postage, leaving a remaining balance of \$414.40. The report was filed.

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, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ma'ema'e Elementary School cafeteria. Wesley Fong will chair the March 2013 meeting as Chair Stubbs will be absent.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Submitted By: Adam LeFebvre, Neighborhood Assistant I

Reviewed By: Leland Ribac, Neighborhood Assistant II

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