



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013 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 established with eleven (11) 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, Wesley Fong, Bixby Ho, Carole Kaapu, Loy Kuo, Brendan Mitsuda, Donald Nitta, Ethann Oki, Robert Stubbs and Dale White.

Board Members Absent: None.

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

Guests: Keith Yamamoto (State Department of Health and Governor Neil Abercrombie's representative), Captain Elton Furutani (Honolulu Fire Department Sergeant Robert Oakes and Lieutenant Ah Chong, (Honolulu Police Department)), Randy Leong (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's office), Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Leolani Oyama (Senator Chun Oakland's Office staff), Representative Takashi Ohno, Iris Oda (Board of Water Supply), Robert Lau, Francis Nishimura, Steve Carvalho, Robert Berris, Lydia Chock, Janice Lee, Sylvia Mitchell, Serita Corn, Ryan Hase, Corrine Ching, Ronald Higa, Laurie Komatsu, Janice Lee, and Aisha Wang (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:

- March 2013 Statistics: Included 4 structure fires and 69 medical calls and 35 miscellaneous calls. One (1) major incidents at 1121 Nuuanu Ave (Indigo building fire).
- Fire Safety Tip: Building identification is critical for emergency responders to quickly identify the correct location. House numbering requirements from the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), Chapter 2, Section 9.2(d)(2) are as follows: "All numbers shall be placed in such manner as to be readily seen from the street, roadway or lane, shall be of different color from the background on which they are placed in a permanent manner, chalk or other effaceable material not being permitted"
- Requirements: From the Fire Code of the City and County of Honolulu (ROH) Chapter 20 -1997 Uniform Fire Code, Section 901.4.4) are as follows: "Approved numbers or addresses shall be provided for all new and existing buildings in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property. "

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Penalty: It was asked what the penalty for not properly identifying a property is. The response was that there is no penalty, however, emergency vehicles have a difficult time identifying the property in an emergency.
2. Testing of Sirens: It was questioned and clarified that the testing of monthly emergency sirens fall under the jurisdiction of the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management (DEM) that test the sirens throughout the island.

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

- March 2013 Statistics: Included 69 arguments, 3 assaults, 13 burglaries, 1 drugs/narcotics, 16 driving under the influence (DUI), 3 family offenses, 5 motor vehicle thefts, 91 motor vehicle collisions (MVC), 7



property damage, 5 robberies, 2 sex offenses, 32 thefts and 23 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. UEMV: It was asked and clarified that UEMV stands for unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle not car theft, but breaking into a car.
2. Drugs/Narcotics: It was asked and clarified whether this was a major crime or just a kid smoking marijuana that is considered.
3. Hala Drive: It was reported that at the corner of Liliha and School Streets there were a number of red lights that were run in the morning causing traffic accidents.

Mayor's Representative: Deputy Director Randy Leong reported the following:

- State of the City Address: Was attended by Chair Stubbs; covered the five (5) priorities for the new fiscal year – repave and preserve roads, restore TheBus service, protect City parks and cultural resources invest in sewers and other infrastructure and build rail better.
- Fence Around Cemetary: There is a fence partially around a cemetery at the corner of School and Kapalama Streets. It was asked if the fence could be installed to keep out vandals at night and it was asked who has jurisdiction over the cemetery; city or state. The response from the Department of Facilities Maintenance (DFM) was that a cemetery on the Southwest corner called Maluhia Cemetary. There is also Kaahumanu Cemetary which is privately owned and maintained by the state. DFM cut down trees due to homeless concerns, there were no plans to fence the area.
- Basketball Backstop: At the Lanakila Gym the basketball baskets are no longer able to raise in order to allow volleyball to be played at the facility and has not worked for over a year. The issue is being raised to the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) rather than the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) because DPR did not have the knowledge or expertise to respond. The DDC conducted an inspection on the basketball backstop and found that one of the support systems framing had failed and the entire system needs to be replaced. They are procuring a contractor which will take 4 – 6 months and then another 6 - 8 months to complete the work.
- Crosswalks: Regarding the school/traffic safety of the crosswalks at Soto Academy, the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is waiting for tests on the crosswalk lights. The response given in November 2012 was that the post-speed study of driver feed-back signs that were installed in November of 2011 indicates that driver behavior has generally improved and recommends that the signs remain to help deter speeding in the area.
- Hala Street Signage: The response to this issue was also given in November 2012 regarding the slow traffic signs at Maluhia long term facility. DTS response is that records indicate that established speed limit along Hala Drive is 25 miles per hour (MPH). Turn warning signs with 20 mph advisory speed plaques are installed on both approaches to the horizontal curve in the vicinity of Keola Street. The advisory speed plaque advises motorists of the maximum safe speed, which they can negotiate the curve in the roadway and is based on an engineering study.
- Intersection of Ilima and Aulii: An earlier request of a crosswalk at the intersection of Ilima Drive, Aulii Street and Alewa Drive was answered at the November 2012 meeting. DTS completed their evaluation at the intersection of Ilima Drive, Aulii Street and Alewa Drive and have determined that the installation of crosswalks is not warranted. The evaluation also confirms that the existing Speed Limit (25 mph) and School Crossing signs are posted appropriately on Alewa Drive. The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) has been informed of motorists not stopping at the intersection and recommends that residents continue to contact the HPD by calling 911 (non-emergency) for enforcement whenever speeding and/or violations are observed.
- Update on Repaving and Drainage: An update was requested and reported that in September 2012 Panui and Lolena streets have been identified as in need of resurfacing and is tentatively scheduled to be resurfaced by contract, Rehabilitation of Localized Streets, Phase 12 project; using Fiscal Year 2013CIP Funds. The resurfacing will depend on the availability of funds and clearances for possible conflict(s) withplanned underground utility projects (clearance is presently on-going). The actual work schedule has not been determined at this time. Division of Road Maintenance will provide temporary pavement repairs as needed until both Panui and Lolena Streets are resurfaced. Pothole request(s) should be called in on the City's Pothole Hotline at 768-7777.
- Bus Route Restoration: It was asked if there were plans to restore the "B Express" with service from Middle Street to Waikiki. The response was that it would partially be replaced by route 2L and that Mayor

Caldwell and Director Formby announced in February that in May, Route 2L will add additional weekday morning peak hour trips and route 1L will be extended to serve School Street along the former Route B corridor. Leong to follow-up.

- Liliha Street Repaving: This street is in dire need of repair from the intersection of Judd Street up to the mountain. It was asked if there were plans to resurface this street. The response was the City will be reconstructing Liliha Street between Judd Street and Analu Street, under the Rehabilitation of Streets Unit 6 project which is currently advertised for bid. DFM also confirmed this information and reported that DDC is coordinating the resurfacing with Board of Water Supply (BWS) upcoming water line project for this upper Liliha Street area tentatively scheduled in calendar year 2013 of 2014.
- 5-cent Gas Tax Increase: It was asked and if the 5-cent gas increase would go into the Highway Maintenance Fund or general fund. The response was that it would go to the Highway Fund and can only be used for transportation purposes.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Further Clarification: There was a concern raised about an issue that was raised in a previous month about fencing around the cemetery to keep out the homeless. Leong to follow-up.
2. Signs in Bathroom: It was asked what happened to the signs that were up at the Liliuokalani Park outside the bathrooms
3. Kuakini Extension Project: It was asked what was going on with the Kuakini Extension Project. It was noted that no one in the community was in favor of the Kuakini Extension project.
4. Liliha Library: It was reported that the homeless are setting up camp on the second floor after it is locked for the night.
5. Potholes: It was reported that there are potholes on both sides of the road at 349 Judd Street making it difficult to avoid the potholes in both directions.
6. Resurfacing Project: It was asked why the rehabilitation project did not continue further than Judd St. below to School Street.

District 6 Councilmember: Councilmember Carol Fukunaga reported a number of actions relating to Homeless: Bill 7 which relates to immediate removal of items left on sidewalks by the homeless. Also a resolution 13-55 requesting an action plan to address public health/safety issues associated with Homeless persons in City & County of Honolulu. Both will be voted on in a full City Council Meeting on Wednesday April 17, 2013 in Kapolei.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. What Can Be Done: The Councilmember was asked what solutions there were for the homeless situation. Her response was most homeless refuse assistance and didn't want to go to shelters. They would rather seek help through communities and legislators are working with communities to come up with better solutions.

District 7 Councilmember: No representative; no report available.

13th Senatorial District Suzanne Chun Oakland: Representative Leilani Oyama distributed a flyer and highlighted the following:

- Kupuna Caucus: The purpose of this measure is to enhance services to elders by supporting programs and services such as Kupuna Care, the aging and disability resource center, senior centers and the healthy aging partnership program
- FYI Crossover: Its now the period where bills passed in the House are passed to the Senate and vice versa so that all bills are agreed upon by both House and Senate.
- Kuakini Extension: A hearing to determine the goals of the Kuakini extension work that is on-going will be held on Wednesday, April 17 2013 at the State Capitol.

14th Senatorial District: No representative; no report available.

District 27 Representative: Takashi Ohno reported the following:

- Ramp Installation: Project to include ramp access to assist handicap students access to the classrooms.

- Cemetery Fence: Notice that the fence on the City side is being placed, however the state and private portions of the fence remain open. Leong to follow-up.
- Crossover: As earlier mentioned House Bills are now going to the Senate and vice versa.
- Senate Bill SB 1357: Relates to Roads in Limbo in the Liliha area.
- SB 102: Relating to the Housing Loan and Mortgage Program to allow for broader program participation by potential homeowners by allowing more houses to qualify for the loan program.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Right Turn: There is a right turn onto Lusitana that gets congested with everyone making the right turn off Vineyard onto Lusitana. It was suggested that a right turn lane be added, however there is no room on Vineyard for another lane.
2. Bulky Item Fines: There were several questions about the convenience of the program and questions about penalties for putting bulky items out earlier/later than the time. It was questioned where bulky items may be placed if there are no sidewalks.
3. Kealakapu and Laki Streets: These streets should be included on the "limbo" list.
4. Flashcams: It was noted that there is a number of flashcams that would help in monitoring infractions like bulky item hotspots, etc.

8:40 p.m. Board members Wesley Fong and Carole Kaapu departed; **nine (9) members present.**

Governor's Representative: Keith Yamamoto reported the following:

- Council on Revenues: The State Council on Revenues increased its projection for 2013 General Fund tax revenues from 5.1% to 6.7% growth, along with similar increases for each of the next two years. The projections are encouraging and will assist legislators as they consider the State budget.
- Hawaii State Teachers: A tentative agreement was reached between the State of Hawaii and the Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) on March 24, 2013. The four-year contract provides opportunities for pay increases and fair performance evaluations. The HSTA membership will review the agreement, with a ratification vote reportedly on schedule for April 17, 2013.
- Sequestration Impact Response Team: Governor Abercrombie announced his plans to establish a Sequestration Impact Response Team to address nationwide federal spending reductions scheduled to take effect on March 1, 2013. The team will work to mitigate the impact throughout the state.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. HECO Pole: There were reports of a power pole that is leaning precariously. This is not state jurisdiction It is leaning at the corner of Kapalama and North School Street where there is fencing and tape holding up the pole and blocking the sidewalk. Yamamoto to follow-up.
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Board of Water Supply: Iris Oda reported the following:

- Main Breaks: There were no water main breaks for the month of March in the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/ Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board, No. 14 area.
- Online Bill Payment (BWS ePay): Starting April 24 the BWS and the City Department of Environmental Services are planning to begin offering its customers the option to view and pay their combined water and wastewater bills online. Online bill payment through "BWS ePay" is being offered as an initial step towards enhancing customer services options. This payment option is also available to water only customers of the BWS who may utilize private or individual wastewater services. To use BWS ePay, customers must first register for this service by clicking the "View Your Bill Online" Icon on the website , www.boardofwatersupply.com Doing so enables customers to: Pay their combined water and wastewater bill online, view and download copies of their current bill and past dozen bills; and "Go Green" by opting for paperless billing and bill notification via e-mail
BWS ePay will undergo a number of enhancements in the coming months. In the meantime, please note the following items regarding this service.

BWS ePay accepts MasterCard and Visa credit cards – debit cards are not accepted. Storage of credit card information for recurring payment is not available at this time. Payment must be made in full. BWS ePay does not allow for partial payment. Payment is not posted in real time; instead payment will be posted to a customer's account within 24 to 48 hours, and will not be reflected on BWS ePay until the next billing cycle. Customers will receive a receipt of the online payment via e-mail. Once payment is made online, please do not attempt to pay again and BWS ePay should not be used by customers who are delinquent or have received a Final Notice and are at risk of water services being disconnected.

Should you have any questions about this service, please visit the BWS website to view an online FAQ, call 748-5000 or e-mail contactus@hbws.org.

Liliha Water System Improvement, Part A: Contractors currently working in left, makai bound lane (center lane) on Liliha Street between Vineyard Boulevard. & North Kukui Street, Monday thru Friday

PRESENTATIONS: *None*.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

1. Liliha Library: Librarian Sylvia Mitchell reported that she was in despair and asked the board what could be done about the vandalism and homeless occupying the Liliha Library at night. It was noted that this Board does not cover the area where the Library is, however, this incident will be reported to the appropriate authorities.
2. Napeou Park: It was reported that the basketball court is slippery with a slimey green substance thought to be mold due to the overhang of the trees on that half of the courts. It was suggested that the trees be cut back to allow sun to enter and dry off the slippery side of the court to eliminate the mold.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hearing no objections, the minutes of February 11 and March 11, 2013 were UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 11-0-0, (Aye: Atkins, Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Ho, Kaapu, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, Oki, Stubbs and White).

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS: Items were touched upon in the Mayor's representative section.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Neighborhood Board Elections: The elections will begin via Internet and telephone on April 26.
- Lanikila Park Basketball Hoop Repair: Discussed with the Mayor's representative.
- Kapalama/School Street Cemetery Status: This issue has been discussed and all involved have been alerted to the problem.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS: There were no reports from the following community organizations: Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, St. Francis Health Care System and Others

Maluhia: Nursing Home Week. Call 733-4247 to schedule a nursing home visit. The community was urged to visit someone in a nursing home.

Ma'ema'e Elementary SCC: Friday, May 3, 2013 they will be holding a PTSA fair at the school. Sign up for a booth now with Janice Lee at Janicelee@hawaii.rr.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Next Board Meeting will be **Monday, May 13, 2013** at 7:00 p.m. at the Ma'ema'e Elementary School cafeteria.

Other announcements:

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

Submitted by: Aisha A.C. Wang, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Nola Frank, Neighborhood Assistant; Finalized by: Robert Stubbs, Chair