



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **MONDAY, MAY 13, 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 ten (10) 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, Donald Nitta, Ethann Oki, Robert Stubbs and Dale White.

Board Members Absent: Brandon Mitsuda.

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), Sergeant Hironaka, (Honolulu Police Department), Randy Leong (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's office), Anthony Chang (Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's Office staff), Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Representative Takashi Ohno, Daniel Holt (Senator Donna Mercado Kim's Office staff), Iris Oda (Board of Water Supply), Francis Nishimura, Steve Carvalho, Ronald Higa, Janice Lee, Robert Lau, Lydia Chock, Robert Berris, Lauren Oakland, Aisha Wang and Risé Doi (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): There was no representative from HFD present and no report available.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Sergeant Hironaka reported the following:

- April 2013 Statistics: Included 88 arguments, 4 assaults, 13 burglaries, 1 drugs/narcotics, 13 driving under the influence (DUI), 6 family offenses, 7 motor vehicle thefts, 85 motor vehicle collisions (MVC), 10 property damage, 1 robbery, 1 sex offense, 34 thefts and 14 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Sign Replacement: A facility sign was hit by a vehicle before the entrance to Maluhia. An audience member commented that there are many drivers using cell phones and texting while driving. Sergeant Hironaka indicated that officers have cited offenders in front of the facility.
2. Vehicles Parking on Sidewalk: Officers began to cite vehicles parked illegally on sidewalks, as it is dangerous for pedestrians.
3. DUI: Most DUI arrests were from road blocks around Kalihi Street and Bernice Street.
4. Cinder Blocks: A board member asked if it is legal to put cinder blocks on the sidewalk. It is not legal, but it would be better to park somewhere else. Let the police deal with it if a person is not comfortable approaching the person who put the cinder blocks on the sidewalk.

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

- Road Repairs: The City is making swift progress on road repairs, repaving more than 77 lane-miles since Mayor Caldwell took office, and has put 14 major road projects out to bid since February. All money budgeted from fiscal years 2007 through 2011 has been contracted to spend. Mayor Caldwell has designated \$153 million for road rehabilitation work in the proposed budget for the new fiscal year.



- Town Hall Meetings: The mayor talks about his priorities: Restoration, road repairs, general issues facing the community, parks and recreation issues, wastewater projects, and new initiative, housing of homeless. The final town hall meeting is on May 22, 2013 at Farrington High School, from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Kuakini Extension Project: The Kuakini Extension is wanted by the community. Federal funds were obligated for the project on April 15, 2013. Transportation Services (DTS) is proceeding to advertise for the construction of Kuakini Street Extension May 1, 2013. Bid opening will be on May 31, 2013. Construction is expected to begin in Fall 2013. Chair Stubbs asked if there is a provision if bid is not in by June 30, 2013, bid will be lost. Councilmember Carol Fukunaga asked for amendment to secure that money is not lost for Kuakini Extension Project. If not awarded by June 30, 2013 funds will lapse. Budget's third reading was last week, this week is final reading.
- Hala Drive: There were reports of speeding on Hala Drive, Liliha Street, and School Street. It was requested that DTS install "Hospital Zone, slow down" signs on the east and west approaches of the hospital. DTS will conduct an investigation and inform the board by the June 2013 meeting. A traffic study was conducted for one day, Leong will look into it as to why it was only for a day. A board member suggested that a speed bump by the nursing home should also be installed.
- Limited Amount of Parking: There was an application request for zoning variance at 1608 Stillman Lane, to exceed maximum floor capacity with less than the required parking spaces and no landscaping. A public hearing was scheduled for May 16, 2013 at 1:30pm at Mission Memorial. Public testimony will be taken if anyone wishes to testify. The lack of on-street parking and possibly other relevant circumstances related to the surrounding neighborhood, may be a consideration of the request to provide less than the minimum required off-street parking for the dwelling use. On April 24, 2013, the Land Use Permits Division received a written statement from the Board concerning this matter.
- Liliuokalani Park Restrooms: The restrooms at Liliuokalani Park are in need of repair. Although Leong did not have anything to report, an audience member noted that the restrooms have been fixed.
- Cemetery Fence: The City will do their section, and the State finished their section.
- Cutting Limbs of Trees Near Kawanakoa Middle and HBA Middle Schools: No report at this time.
- Repavement Project from Analu to School Street: It was requested that the repavement project from Analu to School Street to continue past School Street. Liliha Street is State owned between North School Street and North King Street. The State Department of Transportation (DOT) has scheduled an upcoming project, Liliha Street Rehabilitation, for Fall 2013. This \$4 million project covers the vicinity of North King Street to School Street and includes cold planning and resurfacing of existing pavement; reconstructing weakened pavement areas; constructing curb ramps, driveways, sidewalks, bus pads; adjusting manhole and valve box frame and cover; installing guard rail, loop detectors, pavement marking, signing, and striping.
- Potholes on Judd Street: Potholes in both directions were causing further damage and traffic. The potholes were fixed last month within a week.
- Liliha Library Vandalism: It was reported that Liliha Library was being covered with vandalism on the second floor. The District 1 Community Policing Team (CPT) officers met with the library manager, Ms. Sylvia Mitchell, regarding the vandalism. She mentioned that with the recent increase in patrol presence in the area, homeless people are no longer in or around the second floor area. She also advised her staff to report any suspicious people loitering around the library. The CPT officers will continue to work with Ms. Mitchell. The State Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) office was contacted by the library personnel and the paint over of graffiti is pending.
- Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) Utility Pole: There was a report of a HECO utility pole that is leaning over and surrounded by orange safety tape and is blocking sidewalks on Kuakini Avenue across from Lanakila Elementary. HECO is working with Hawaiian Tel to address this.
- Potholes on Lolena Street: 210 potholes on Lolena Street were filled on April 9, 2013. A board member mentioned that he saw the potholes being filled and was so impressed, he stopped his car to thank the worker who was doing the patching.
- Bus Route Restoration: It was asked if there were plans to restore the B Express Route with service from Middle Street to Waikiki. There was significant community outrage from cutting this route, as it adds an hour to the commute each way. Route B was partially replaced by Route 2L; 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. The administration continues to look for funds to make further restorations to TheBus.
- Repaving Panui Street: Leong will follow up.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Missing Street Sign: There is a missing street sign at Hala Street and Keola Street.
2. Bus Route B: Board members would rather have Route B back. A Board member suggested to take away Route 2L and just have Route B. Putting 2L that goes on same route as B but does not go quite as far does not make sense.
3. Kuakini Street Extension: A Board member mentioned that Councilmember Carol Fukunaga put an amendment in Bill 12 to reauthorize \$1 million of city funds so if money in FY 2012 elapsed, in FY 2013 it would be there.
4. Kapalama Heights Repaving: A Board member said that a map on the website indicated that all of Kapalama Heights is slated to be repaved, but none of the streets are listed on the street list. It was asked that the discrepancy be checked.
5. Road Repavement: An audience member said that roads still need to be repaved. He is wondering why Keola Street is not being repaved but adjacent streets are. He called in and there was no response from DFM. Chair Stubbs agreed that Keola Street needs to be repaved, but indicated that Keola Street is a private road with public right of way, and repavement is optional based on availability of funds. Keola is used more as a public road than a private road as it is the only way to access Hala Road.
6. Bus Fare: A Board member asked why weren't the bus fares increased to get the bus routes back. He asked what would the exact price be if bus fares were to increase. Leong responded that affordability to the public is a factor. If the bus fare was increased, the increase would be a lot. The Board member suggested just to tell people exactly how much the increase would be.
7. Request from DTS: There was nothing to report for traffic collision history of Kapalama Ave and Hala Drive from 2009 to April 2013.
8. Lanakila Park Basketball Hoop Repair: It was going to take six months, and is an ongoing project.
9. Na Pueo Park Moldy Basketball Courts: It was suggested by board member to trim the tree limbs to allow more sun or treat the mold somehow.

District 6 Councilmember Carol Fukunaga: Anthony Chang introduced himself and provided copies of Councilmember Fukunaga's newsletter. He apologized as he had been absent due to family events.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

Mahalo Councilmember: Chair Stubbs thanked Councilmember Fukunaga for her efforts on the Kuakini Extension project and looks forward to continuing working with her. A board member also thanked her for inviting him and other members to a discussion about Nuuanu Avenue. The intersection of Kuakini Street and Nuuanu Avenue is dangerous for kids crossing to Kawanakoa Middle School. Chair Stubbs noted that Nuuanu Avenue is a mix of bad traffic and pedestrian traffic. It was suggested to install lights for when people are crossing in front of Cathedral School. It is also difficult at night to see anyone in the crosswalk.

District 7 Councilmember Joey Manahan: No representative; no report available.

13th Senatorial District Suzanne Chun Oakland: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland distributed a comprehensive newsletter and highlighted the following:

- End of Legislative Session: Worked on a number of critical issues, including replenishing the hurricane relief fund, replenishing the rainy day fund, homelessness, early childhood education. Senator Chun Oakland also briefly mentioned some of the capital improvement projects (CIP) and indicated that a list of grant in aid awards are listed in the newsletter.
- Interim Working Groups: Senator Chun Oakland invited public to participate.
- Kuakini Extension Project: Senator Chun Oakland thanked the neighborhood board for their leadership and believes that funding is secured by June 30, 2013. She hopes that City will break ground sometime this year. Chair Stubbs thanked Senator Chun Oakland for her efforts in bringing everyone together. A Board member thanked Senator Chun Oakland for inviting him and members to her quarterly update. Other board members also thanked her. The next community planning meeting will be August 14, 2013, in Room 229 at the State Capitol.

14th Senatorial District Senator Donna Mercado Kim: Daniel Holt introduced himself and reported the following:

- End of Legislative Session: 293 bills passed out of the 2,872 bills that were introduced during the 2013 Legislative Session. There is a summary of some of the highlights in Senator Donna Mercado Kim's newsletter.

- CIP Projects for Senatorial District 14: Holt mentioned some of the projects that will receive funding, including Maluhia Hospital (\$1.4 million) and Ma'ema'e Elementary (\$80,000). Construction of a new roof for the auditorium of Farrington High School is to begin start this year.

District 27 Representative Takashi Ohno: Representative Takashi Ohno reported the following:

- End of Legislative Session: Representatie Ohno is working on a final write up on what happened this legislative session, next month there will be a full rundown.
- Downed Utility Pole: Representative Ohno contacted HECO. HECO took out their portion of wires off the pole, but Hawaiian Tel still needs to take theirs out. The pole is located on Kuakini across from Lanakila School.
- State Website: <http://www.hawaii.gov> website was redone.
- Ma'ema'e McTeachers Fundraiser: On Tuesday, May 14, 2013, from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., McDonald's in Liliha will donate a portion of purchases during that time period to Ma'ema'e Elementary.
- Board of Education: The Board of Education will host a meeting on Monday, May 20, 2013, from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at Lunalilo Elementary cafeteria.
- Walgreens: Walgreens is scheduled to open on June 1, 2013 at Nuuanu Shopping Plaza.
- CIP projects in House District 27: Some of the CIP projects Representative Ohno highlighted included: Likelike Elementary (\$68,000) Nuuanu Elementary (\$70,000), and Lanakila Pacific (\$280,000).
- HB 1132: This bill that Representative Ohno introduced is on the Governor's desk awaiting signature. It requires that legislators file financial disclosure statements before the legislative session begins.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. St. Francis: A Board member asked about the status of the former St. Francis. Senator Chun Oakland indicated that it was proposed that it be turned into a residential long-term care facility. St. Francis will own the property but it is not known who will manage it. Chair Stubbs asked for contact information and was told that Jerry Correa is the CEO of St. Francis. Senator Chun Oakland's office will get contact information. There will be a press conference regarding St. Francis.
2. Neighborhood Board Approval: A Board member asked if entities have to consult with neighborhood board for approval. Senator Chun Oakland noted that hospitals, churches, or if it would affect areas where there is high traffic must go to neighborhood board for approval. Chair Stubbs noted that entities must consult neighborhood board for permitting process. For any major or minor conditional use permit, or any large variance, the entity must present in front of neighborhood board.
3. Press Conference for St. Francis: A Board member asked when would be the press conference regarding St. Francis. Senator Chun Oakland would have to check her calendar but mentioned May 24, 2013.
4. HB 1132: A Board member asked why this bill has not been a requirement many years ago. Representative Ohno noted that currently, legislators have to file their financial disclosure statements after the end of the legislative session by May 31. However, if HB 1132 is signed by the Governor, legislators will have to file their financial disclosure statements before the legislative session starts. Another Board member asked if the bill also requires the Lieutenant Governor and Governor to file financial disclosure statements and noted that it might affect the Governor's decision to sign the bill.

Governor's Representative: Keith Yamamoto reported the following:

- Cemetery: Yamamoto held up a diagram of the cemetery on School St. The diagram showed the cemetery land is split by the city, state, and Kaahumanu Society. It is not Department of Land and Natural Resources that maintains it, it is DAGS.
- Downed Utility Pole: Governor's office Called HECO about the pole and will follow up with them.
- Bills for Signature: Governor Abercrombie will be reviewing bills and encourages the public to voice their opinion. Send the Governor an email referencing the bill number and whether he should sign, veto, or pass the bill into law without signature. He has until early January 2014 to sign, and must let legislature know about potential vetoes by June 24, 2013. The Governor has already enacted several dozen measures during session, including HB 411, which ensures that sexual assault victims are provided accurate, unbiased information about emergency contraception and access to it when receiving emergency medical care at Hawaii's hospitals.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Downed Utility Pole: A board member thanked Yamamoto for calling HECO, and Yamamoto noted that more people calling can make a difference.

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

- Water Conservation Week: Board of Water Supply's Water Conservation Week was from May 5 through May 11, 2013 to celebrate water as our most precious and valuable natural resource. In addition to encouraging residents to use water wisely, the BWS efforts include:

-Internal Leak Detection Program: A BWS Leak Detection Team uses sophisticated equipment to determine leaks within the BWS water system, allowing the BWS to conduct planned repair jobs to proactively fix leaks and minimize the occurrence of emergency main breaks

-Rain Barrel Program: These workshops educate homeowners on how to install rain barrels to collect and use rainwater for garden irrigation.

-Water Conservation Education: Facility tours, conservation contests for students, and community presentations allow BWS employees to promote personal responsibility for our water supply.

For simple tips on how to save water, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com

- Liliha Street Water System Improvement Project: The work area is still on Liliha Street between North King Street and Vineyard Boulevard. The contractor has placed the majority of the new line in this area and are now replacing hydrant laterals and is working on a service connection to North Kukui Street.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

- Communities for a Lifetime (CFL) Project: Communities for a Lifetime (CFL) Project: Chair Stubbs allowed Pam Chow from the University of Hawaii at Manoa to deliver information about the Communities For a Lifetime (CFL) project. The goal of this project is to assess the assets and resident perceptions of current and future resources required to improve the liability or 'age friendliness' of communities. The theoretical framework focuses on three environmental categories: physical (housing, outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation), social (social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic engagement and employment), and service (community support and health services, communications and information), which support or hinder independent lifestyle choices and participation of individuals as they age. Community volunteers will be trained and sent with cameras and GPS to take pictures of their community. Project objectives include: To engage residents in gathering data on age friendliness of their own communities, to provide residents, community agencies, and planning sector organizations with data on the livability attributes of their communities, and to increase capacity of residents to become advocates for age-friendly resources in their neighborhoods.

Chow encouraged the audience to email or call her if they had interest in a community meeting about the project or if they are interested in becoming a mapper for the project. A mapper must be a resident of the community. The CFL project is using the boundaries of the Liliha neighborhood board as a basis for the project. Chow noted that a similar project to CFL was completed in Oregon successfully.

Chow noted that she could not lead the CFL project, and it must be someone who lives in the community. Chair Stubbs asked if any of the board members would want to lead the CFL project, and said he would get back to her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There were several corrections to the minutes of April 8, 2013.

- Page 3: The minutes indicated that no one in the community was in favor of the Kuakini Extension project, but this project is the neighborhood board's number one priority.

- Page 4: Kealakai, Laki and Keola Streets should be included on the list of roads to be repaired. The leaning HECO pole is located at the corner of Kuakini Street between Alaneo Street and Lanakila Avenue, not Kapalama and North School Street.
- Page 5: The spelling of "Napeou Park" should be "Na Pueo." The minutes indicated that Board member Carole Kaapu was present during the approval of the minutes, but she was not.

With these corrections, **the minutes of April 8, 2013 were ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0, (Aye: Atkins, Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Ho, Kaapu, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, Oki, Stubbs and White).**

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS: It was advised that if a resident sees vehicles parking on sidewalks that impedes the passage of pedestrians, forcing them onto the roadway (Kamehameha Heights, especially Kealia, Hillcrest, and Makaanani) to call the police and make a report.

NEW BUSINESS: Neighborhood Board election voting ends on Friday, May 17, 2013. The new term starts on July 1, 2013.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS: There were no reports from Maluhia and Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

Ma'ema'e Elementary SCC: Janice Lee thanked everyone for participating in Ma'ema'e Elementary's family night. She also reported that there are two homeless people that are living on the campus who usually come onto the campus on weekends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be **Monday, June 10, 2013** at 7:00 p.m. at the Ma'ema'e Elementary School cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Submitted by: Risé Doi, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Leland S. M. Ribac, Neighborhood Assistant II; and Aisha A. C. Wang, Neighborhood Assistant

Finalized by: Robert Stubbs, Chair