



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 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 nine (9) Board members present.** Note – This 13 member Board requires seven (7) members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Wesley Fong, Carole Kaapu, Loy Kuo, Brandon Mitsuda, Donald Nitta, Ethann Oki, Robert Stubbs and Dale White.

Board Members Absent: none

Vacancies: There are four (4) vacancies on the Board; two (2) vacancies in Sub-District 1 and one (1) each in Sub-Districts 3 and 4.

Guests: Keith Yamamoto (State Department of Health and Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative), Lieutenant Peter Finnegan (Honolulu Fire Department), Sergeant Robert Oakes and Lieutenant Edward Ah Chong, (Honolulu Police Department), Randy Leong (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's office), Councilmember Carol Fukunaga and Mike Leach (Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's Office staff), Jenna Takenouchi (Takashi Ohno's Office staff), Iris Oda (Board of Water Supply), Francis Nishimura, Bixby Ho, Steve Miller, Derek Akiyoshi, Ronald Higa, and Aisha Wang (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Swearing-In of Newly Elected Board Members: A short recess was called in order for the Neighborhood Assistant to administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board members who were not sworn in at the installation ceremony.

Election of Board Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Chair: Chair Pro Tem Stubbs opened the floor to nominations for Chair. **Fong nominated Robert Stubbs to the position of chair.** There being no other nominees, the nominations were closed. **The motion to elect Stubbs as Chairman was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, (Aye: Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Kaapu, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, Oki, Stubbs and White.)**

Vice Chair: Chair Stubbs opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chair. **White nominated Wesley Fong to the position of Vice Chair.** There being no other nominees, the nominations were closed. **The motion to elect Fong as Vice Chair was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 9-0-0, (Aye: Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Kaapu, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, Oki, Stubbs and White.)**

Secretary: Chair Stubbs opened the floor to nominations for Secretary. **Fong nominated Brandon Mitsuda to the position of Secretary.** There being no other nominees, the nominations were closed. **The motion to elect Mitsuda as Secretary was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, (Aye: Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Kaapu, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, Oki, Stubbs and White.)**

Treasurer: Chair Stubbs opened the floor to nominations for Treasurer. **Fong nominated Dale White to the position of Treasurer.** There being no other nominees, the nominations were closed. **The motion to elect White as Treasurer was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, (Aye: Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Kaapu, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, Oki, Stubbs and White.)**

FILLING OF BOARD VACANCIES: There were no volunteers to fill the four (4) board vacancies at this time.



GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Lieutenant Peter Finnegan reported the following:

- June 2013 Statistics: Included 8 structure, 1 rubbish and 1 vehicle fire, 79 medical and 17 miscellaneous calls.
- Fire Safety Tip: Grilling Tips: Propane and charcoal barbecue grills should only be used outdoors and well away from the home and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Keep children and pets away from the grill area. Keep the grill clean by removing grease or fat build-up from the grills and in trays below the grill and never leave your grill unattended.
- Charcoal Grills: The Fire Code of the City and County of Honolulu prohibits charcoal grilling on or within buildings, which include lanais and recreation decks of hotels and condominiums Electric grills are permitted in these locations.
 - There are several ways to prepare the charcoal for use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal by using newspaper as fuel.
 - If you use starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or other flammable liquids to the fire.
 - Keep charcoal fluid out of children's reach and away from heat sources.
 - There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
 - When you are finished grilling, ensure coals are completely cooled before disposing in a metal container.
- Propane Grills: Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using if for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill!

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Which is Safer?: It was asked which of the two is safer and the response was that neither was safer, just different hazards.
2. Warning: It was noted that a lot of products contain alcohol which is flammable and should be kept away from flames.

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

- June 2013 Statistics: The statistics for June compared to May 2013 included: 77/75 arguments, 5/5 assaults, 7/12 burglaries, 1/3 drugs/narcotics, 5/9 driving under the influence (DUI), 7/4 family offenses, 4/6 motor vehicle thefts, 70/87 motor vehicle collisions (MVC), 17/9 property damage, 4/0 robberies, 1/1 sex offense, 37/38 thefts and 17/17 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).\
- Speeding on Liliha Street: Per Neighborhood Board request, Sergeant Oakes posted watch on Liliha Street between Judd and Wylie Streets where Board member Mitsuda suggested there were a lot of speeders; a total of 14 citations were given.
- Identity Theft: identity theft is when someone's identity is taken and used to impersonate that person. The quicker residents report identity theft the more likely large organizations will be able to help rectify the situation as much as possible.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Citations: A Board member noted that the amount of speeding had gone down markedly with the presence of HPD at Liliha Street. Just seeing the blue lights got a lot of speeders to slow down and Board member Mitsuda wanted to thank HPD.

2. Beat 571: Board member Kaapu asked where beat 571 was. The response was that this beat is the busiest in the Liliha district and is nearer to School Street.
3. Phone Scams: It was asked if there were any Publisher's Clearing House calls. Board member Kaapu relayed a report of a neighbor receiving a call claiming to be this popular company. HPD representative cautioned that although he had no specific reports from Publisher's Clearing House, there were many telephone scams. The best thing to do is not to give any personal information to callers.
4. Robberies: It was asked what robbery entails. The answer was that it is a theft with use of force.
5. AT & T: It was reported that there is a scam that AT&T calls asking for the last four of your social security number. The Board member was not aware that this was a scam and gave away the last four of the social security number. The HPD representative was unaware that the last four could be used in identity theft.
6. Property Damages: It was asked and clarified that the specific details of a property damage statistic could not be attributed to graffiti or other type of property damage.
7. When to Take Action: There was a lengthy discussion on the attributes of an identity crime and when it was illegal. A Board member relayed that his elderly father opened all kinds of mail and he wanted to know when it should be called in to 911. HPD representative said that the moment you are aware of a crime is when 911 should be called to report identity theft.

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

- Important Phone Numbers: City Pothole Report Line is 768-7777, Report Abandoned Vehicles 733-2530, 24 hour line is 532-7700 press 250 at the greeting; Crowing Roster/Feral Chicken has a new contractor, Animal Haven at 799-7791.
- Liliuokalani Park Restrooms: There is a concern that the Liliuokalani Botanical Gardens restroom is in need of repair and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has been alerted of the situation. Restroom facilities at Liliuokalani Botanical Garden (LBG) are inspected daily by grounds maintenance staff. As necessary, a work request is submitted to Maintenance Support Services (MSS) of Park Maintenance and Recreation Services, DPR, the branch responsible for the repair of park facilities. Restroom repair work at LBG continues to be an ongoing concern. On numerous occasions, staff has found evidence of deliberate vandalism of the restroom facilities. In 2012, work orders for restroom repair were submitted to MSS on October 9, 23, 29, 2012, and November 7, 2012. MSS responded in a timely manner to each request. The toilets were unclogged of pieces of clothing that were apparently deliberately inserted to compromise the sewer line. The public is encouraged to report any illegal activity they witness, including vandalism, to the HPD by calling 911. This may assist to deter future vandalism.
- Hala Drive: A request for speed humps/bumps (traffic calming measures) on Hala Drive to hinder speeding was made. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) considers several factors when evaluating requests to reduce speeding. These factors include review of local ordinances, roadway geometry, site conditions, accident history, traffic volume and prevailing speed. Engineering guidelines documented in the manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) significantly influence the evaluation. DTS recently completed a speed study, which confirmed that motorists on Hala Drive and on Liliha Street, Mauka of School Street were traveling near the posted speed limit of 25 MPH; however, there is sporadic speeding on both roadways. In this case, the primary way to manage speed on Hala Drive is through appropriate speed limit signage and frequent and consistent enforcement by HPD. Programs such as the Honolulu Police Department's Community-Traffic Awareness Program (C-TAP) have helped. A field check revealed that there is SPEED LIMIT 25" signs posted on both roadways, and they are in good condition. A work order has been issued to the Department of Facility Maintenance to straighten poles and trim back foliage from the signs on Hala Drive and Liliha Street to the HPD for their appropriate actions. As such, the reasons stated above, DTS does not recommend additional traffic controls.
- Keola Street: Board members wanted to verify that the City portion of Keola Street will be paved in FY2014, as they are responding to a "rumor" that it will be repaved. DTS is about to start the construction of the Kuakini Street Extension which will impact Keola Street. The project is anticipated to start Fall of

2013 and will take approximately one year to complete, upon completion of the extension DFM intends to resurface the remaining portion of the roadway.

- Speeding on Liliha Street: It was reported that there is speeding occurring in both directions from Judd Street to Wylie Street. Request was made to place traffic calming device to slow drivers. DTS will conduct an investigation, which may require research, site inspections, field assessments, collision history and traffic data analysis when schools are in full session to get a more accurate assessment. DTS will inform the Board of the status of their investigation by the November 2013 meeting. HPD will continue to monitor the area and issue citations.
- Pedestrian Markings: It was requested that an area near the retaining wall between Alewa Drive and Twin View Street on the Makai side near the Academy of the Pacific (AOP) because there is no sidewalk and poses a danger. DTS will look into this matter and inform the Board of the status of their investigation by September 2013 Board meeting.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. No Parking Sign: On Huli Street across from the Hospital there is a "no parking" sign that is covered with invasive vines.
2. Kuakini Extension Project: It was asked and clarified that the Kuakini Extension Project would be completed by 2014 in order to utilize encumbered funds.
3. Elderly Signs: Rather than placing a "Hospital Zone" sign, it was asked if there is a more descriptive solution like "Elderly" signs to indicate dangerous situation Handi-van drivers.
4. Vegetation: On the aforementioned strip of roadway between Alewa Drive and Twin View Street near Academy of the Pacific (AOP) the vegetation is getting overgrown and the City needs to clear this.
5. Poor Lighting: At the intersection of Kuakini Street and Alaneo Street, poor lighting at night. Difficulty seeing pedestrians crossing the street. It was requested that the City look into this matter.
6. Incorrect MPH: Speed limit on Puna Street is 15 mph but the sign is only posted on the right side (going up the street) and there is no posted sign going down the street.

District 6 Councilmember Carol Fukunaga: Councilmember Fukunaga distributed her newsletter and remained for questions.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Web Updates: For the City Council Website, residents can e-mail to her office; for the City Website, they are working on collecting information to build a better site, so hold onto those.
2. Conflicting Project Repairs: It was asked why there were so many conflicting completion dates for one project. Councilmember Fukunaga responded that there were many influences that complicated the completion date and it was difficult to make clear.
3. Community Gardens: Board member Dos Santos-Tam indicated interest in community gardens and requested to be kept informed of any events in their community.
4. Communities for a Lifetime (CFL): Lanakila Elementary Tuesday July 9, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. the program focuses on building communities that endure for a lifetime.

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

13th Senatorial District Suzanne Chun Oakland: No representative; no report available.

14th Senatorial District Senator Donna Mercado Kim: Daniel Holt was present for questions; written handout available.

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

- “Talk to Your Legislators”: This segment on ‘Olelo allows viewers to call in to speak to their area representatives in the legislature. Olelo will re-play four times; July 15, 2013 at 7 p.m. on 54, July 23 at 2 p.m. on 49, July 29, 2013 at 8 a.m. on 54 and July 30, 2013 at 10 p.m. on 49.
- Going Green: Working with Palama Settlement in collecting donated gently used items for re-sale sometime in mid September.
- Living Well in Hawaii: The organization distributed brochures on a comprehensive mental health plan offered by a collaboration of Kalihi Palama Community Mental Health Center and Kalihi Palama Health Center.
- Walgreens Opening: The new location in the old Lion’s Coffee Shop location will have its grand opening on Sunday, July 14, 2013 between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Governor’s Representative: Keith Yamamoto reported the following:

- As our state economy continues to improve, many bills, recently enacted with the Governor’s signature, represent long-term investments for the people of Hawaii. These include:
- **Senate Bills 1092 and 1094** direct a total of \$100 million in general funds for fiscal year 2013-2014 toward paying back borrowed money from the state’s Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund and “Rainy Day Fund.” (Each fund is appropriated \$50 million.)
- **House Bill 546** (Relating to the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund) creates a new statutory requirement to address long-term unfunded liabilities that have been deferred for decades.
- **Senate Bill 1093** establishes a statewide school readiness program that will help pay for about 1,000 children to attend preschool in 2014. It’s an important first step to transform early education and ensure that all island keiki have access to preschool.
- **Senate Bill 1087** establishes the Green Energy Market Securitization program (GEMS) which is an innovative financing model that will make clean energy improvements more affordable and accessible to underserved community members. It will allow payment for the devices to be made over time through one’s electricity bill and with the energy savings.
- More information about recently signed bills is available on the Governor’s website at: governor.hawaii.gov

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Iris Oda distributed leak detection pills and reported the following:

- Main Breaks: There were none reported in the area for the month of May 2013.
- Scheduled Water Rate Increase: As a reminder, effective July 1, 2013, water rates will increase by 9.65 percent as a part of the BWS’s revised water rate schedule. The increase is necessary to fund the operation, maintenance and replacement of Oahu’s aging water infrastructure, and to provide the BWS with the means to continue to deliver a safe and dependable water supply to customers. For more information visit the BWS website at www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- 25th Annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale: Bring the whole family to enjoy a fun-filled day at the BWS’s 25th Annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale on Saturday, August 3, 2013 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The event will feature a variety of unthirsty plants for sale by local growers, workshops by botanical experts keiki activities, free mulch and more! Most importantly event-goers will gain valuable insights on how to conserve water through water-efficient landscaping, otherwise known as “xeriscaping” which can help them to lower their combined water and wastewater charges. Proceeds from the event will help support educational programs and classes at the BWS’s Halawa Xeriscape Garden, Admission is free. For more information, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com or call 748-5041.

- Liliha Water System Improvements: There will be a waterline chlorination July 8-10, 2013, and waterline connection of new main to the existing main and transfer services the next week between Vineyard Avenue and South King Street.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Shut-off Valve: It was asked whether a BWS worker would locate a property shut-off valve. The response was not likely because they are only responsible up to the line.
2. Outcome: It was asked what the outcome was of the extra charges that are ongoing. Oda thought that this was resolved and the explanation had been provided about the reason for extra charges were billed.

MEETING DETERMINATION-DATE/TIME/LOCATION (AUGUST 2013-JUNE 2014): The Board made the determination that the meetings would be kept at the same location; Maemae Elementary School Cafeteria on the same second Monday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m.

DETERMINATION OF BOARD RECESS SCHEDULE (AUGUST 2013 to JUNE 2014): Hearing no objections, Chair Stubbs designated November 2013 a recess month because it would conflict with a holiday and they would not recess in December 2013 to avoid having two consecutive recesses.

PRESENTATIONS:

Hawaii Youth Challenge Academy by Tamafaiga Tuitelepeaga: No one was present for this presentation, the Board will remove this item from future agenda.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS: There were none at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **By ACCLAMATION the meeting minutes from the June 10, 2013 meeting were ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, (Aye: Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Kaapu, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, Oki, Stubbs and White).**

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Kuakini Extension Project: This was discussed earlier in the agenda.
- Request from DTS for traffic collision history on the corner of Kapalama Avenue and Hala Drive from 2009 until April 2013: As of this time, no report has been received.
- Lanakila Basketball Hoop Repair: Board member Kaapu relayed that she recalled the City reporting that in order to fix the basketball hoop the entire structure would need to be dismantled to repair it was a long process that is still not complete.
- Na Pueo Park Moldy/Slippery Basketball Courts: This item was discussed earlier in the agenda.
- Petition to Neighborhood Commission Office to combine subdistricts 4 and 5: Chair Stubbs reported he would like to withdraw his motion to consolidate. There was some discussion as to whether this would add another seat to the board, however Chair Stubbs said that it could be done by petitioning to the Neighborhood Commission.
- Discussion on the future focus of Neighborhood Board No. 14: Chair Stubbs reiterated that the Board's main focus was on accessibility and how to improve it. This would be covered in the presentation tomorrow night on CFL which was discussed earlier.
- Proposal to purchase signs posting throughout the community announcing Neighborhood Board 14 meetings: Former Board member Bixby Ho knows someone who is willing to donate two (2) banners to announce meetings and the Board discussed where to place them. One suggestion was the intersection Judd Street and Liliha Street, another was at the corner of Houghtailing and Hala Streets. Board member Mitsuda knows the residents at the corner of Liliha and Wylie Streets.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Letter to Add the 1300-1400 Blocks of Kealia Drive to City's Repaving Plan: A letter and a resolution was written by Board member Kaapu requesting that the City review the streets in the repaving plan and include the 1300-1400 blocks of Kealia Drive in its plan. **Board member Fong moved and Kaapu seconded to send resolution and letter to the Mayor, City Council and the Department of Transportation Services. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED 9-0-0, (Aye: Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Kaapu, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, Oki, Stubbs and White).**
- Letter requesting repaving of Keola Drive: Because there was no letter drafted, this item was not discussed and will be removed from the next agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer White reported that in the month of June 2013 the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa /Kameha- meha Heights Neighborhood Board spent \$24.88 and had \$242.51 at the time of this meeting. Report filed.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS: There were no reports from Maemae Elementary School, St. Francis and Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

- Maluhia: Administrator Derek Akiyoshi introduced himself to the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be **Monday, August 12, 2013** at 7:00 p.m. at the Ma'ema'e Elementary School cafeteria.
- Roster: Board member Fong requested that each of the members receive a copy of a list of contact information.
- Get Together: Board member Fong is taking charge to put together a small social for the members of the Board.
- Maps: It was noted that each member should have a map of the district boundaries and Board member Fong volunteered to make copies for everyone.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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

Reviewed by: Adam Lefebvre, Neighborhood Assistant

Finalized by: Robert Stubbs, Chair