



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

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014 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 7:02 p.m. **A quorum was established with 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: Michelle Achong, Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Wesley Fong, Carole Kaapu, Loy Kuo (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), Brandon Mitsuda (arrived at 7:11 p.m.), Donald Nitta, Ethann Oki, Robert Stubbs, and Dale White (arrived at 7:03 p.m.).

Board Members Absent: None.

Vacancies: There were two (2) vacancies in subdistrict 1 and one (1) vacancy in subdistrict 3.

Guests: Ronald Higa, Jason Lee, Mel Won, Sean Achong, Captain Peter Finnegan (Honolulu Fire Department), Lillie Andrews, Ilima Shima, Jonathan Allen (Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland's Office Staff), Steve Miller, Francis Nishimura, Lieutenant Edward Ahchong and Sergeant Keith Kessler (Honolulu Police Department), Robert Lau, Susan Carvalho, Iris Oda (Board of Water Supply), Keith Yamamoto (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative), Bertha Tomiyasu, Richard Tomiyasu, Chris Delaunay (Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's Office Staff), Daniel Holt (Senator Donna Mercado Kim's Office Staff), Representative Takashi Ohno, and Risé Doi (Neighborhood Commission Office Staff).

FILLING OF BOARD VACANCIES: There were no volunteers to fill the three (3) board vacancies at this time.

White arrived at 7:03 p.m.; **eight (8) members present.**

### GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FORUM

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

- December 2013 Statistics: There were 2 wildland fires, 2 rubbish fires, 1 vehicle fire, 95 medical emergencies, and 17 miscellaneous emergencies.
- Electrical Safety Tips: Ensure that electrical work is performed by a qualified electrician. Make sure only one heat-producing appliance is plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time. Plug major appliances directly into wall outlets. Do not run electrical cords across doorways or under carpets. Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Fireworks: Oki asked if there were any calls regarding fireworks. Captain Finnegan noted that calls reporting fireworks incidents have gone down quite a bit in the past few years.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant Keith Kessler reported the following:

- December 2013 Statistics: There were 81 argument calls, 3 break-ins, and 8 family offenses. There were 284 total calls in December 2013. There were 3,118 calls for 2013.
- Safety Tips: No safety tips were provided for this month.

Mitsuda arrived at 7:11 p.m.; **nine (9) members present.**

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Illegal Parking: Oki asked what the law is regarding cars parked at a corner. Sergeant Kessler clarified that cars are allowed to park 10 feet prior to an intersection. Oki noted that cars parked at Wyllie Street and Alewa Street were causing poor visibility for drivers who must enter the intersection. Kessler



recommended reporting the incident to HPD, and an officer will check the license plate of the car, and will look for other parking violations in the surrounding area.

2. Pedestrian Accident: Nitta asked about a recent accident involving a pedestrian. Sergeant Kessler did not have any information about the incident, but will follow up.
3. Commercial Vehicles: A resident asked about the law regarding commercial vehicles parked in a neighborhood. Sergeant Kessler noted that if the vehicle has a commercial license plate, the vehicle may park on the street during specific hours. Mitsuda recommended calling the City Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to report the commercial vehicle. An inspector will be sent, and if the vehicle is not moved within 24 hours, it will be considered an abandoned vehicle. If the commercial vehicle is parked on a private street and does not have a license plate, Kessler recommended calling HPD. HPD will log down the vehicle's identification number to see if the vehicle has been stolen.
4. Mahalo: Mitsuda thanked HPD for enforcement of speeding on Liliha Street.

Mayor's Representative – Nitta apologized to Randy Leong for the disagreement last meeting. Leong reported the following:

- HPD Initiated Tows: Starting Wednesday, January 1, 2014, HPD began a three (3) year contract with All Island Automotive towing. If a car is parked in a tow zone, HPD will tag the vehicle and call dispatch to have the tow truck pick it up. To report any illegal parking, call 911 and note a non-emergency. To report an abandoned vehicle, go to [www.honolulu.gov](http://www.honolulu.gov) to file an abandoned vehicle complaint.
- 311 Phone App: Leong noted there are glitches with the 311 phone app. Kaapu noted that the app works when reporting an incident to BWS.
- HPD Blue Lights: At the previous meeting, a resident had raised a concern asking if HPD can turn off the blue lights to be less obvious to speeders on Liliha Street. When beat officers are specifically conducting traffic enforcement, the blue lights are sometimes off. Otherwise, per HPD policy, the blue lights are on.
- Repaving of Keola Street: The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will start the Kuakini Extension Project in January 2014 and is expected to complete the project in the summer of 2015. DTS has no plans to resurface Keola Street with this project.
- Light Pole: There was a previous concern regarding a rotting wooden pole at 1047 Lolena Place. The wooden pole at 1047 Lolena Place is jointly owned. Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO), the lead agency for joint-pole replacements, has generated a changeover notice to all agencies with equipment attached to the pole. The City received notification on Thursday, December 12, 2013, and anticipates changing over their street light equipment to the new pole by Friday, January 31, 2014.

Kuo arrived at 7:32 p.m.; **10 members present.**

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Keola Street: Chair Stubbs commented that there are more potholes than paved road on Keola Street. A resident noted that Keola Street is on the list of streets to be repaved, but the date is unknown. Leong will follow up.
2. Mahalo: Mitsuda thanked the City Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) for filling the potholes on Liliha Street.
3. Abandoned Vehicles: Leong noted that abandoned vehicles are all over the island, but HPD initiated tows have been more prevalent in the Kalihi and downtown areas. Leong advised residents not to park on a public road if going on a vacation.
4. Kealia Drive: Kaapu raised a concern that Kealia Drive was not listed as one of the roads to be repaved. Kaapu also raised a concern that a recent water main break on Kealia Drive has caused even more damage to the road. Leong will follow up.
5. Update on the Kuakini Extension Project: Resident Francis Nishimura requested a monthly update on the Kuakini Extension project. Leong will follow up.

District 6 Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Chris Delaunay provided Councilmember Fukunaga's handout, the 2014 City Council Calendar, and a handout on the number of traffic related crashes to which Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responded on Houghtailing Street from 2007 to 2013. Delaunay reported that the Kuakini Extension project is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 27, 2014 and is expected to take 260 working days to complete. Delaunay referred to Councilmember Fukunaga's handout for a brief update on the Liliha Walk Audit.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Mahalo: Fong thanked Councilmember Fukunaga, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, and Representative Takashi Ohno for the Liliha Walk Audit. Lum also thanked Kuo, Dos Santos-Tam, and Kaapu, who had

also participated. On behalf of Councilmember Fukunaga, Delaunay thanked the Board members who had participated in the event.

2. Kuakini Extension Project: Nishimura requested information regarding the Kuakini Extension Project prior to the next neighborhood board meeting.

District 7 Councilmember Joey Manahan – No representative was present; a handout was provided.

13th Senatorial District Suzanne Chun Oakland – Jonathan Allen distributed Senator Chun Oakland's handout and noted that the report includes updates on upcoming legislation and planned projects in the Kakaako area. Allen also announced that the Opening Day of the State Legislature is on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, and refreshments will be available in Senator Chun Oakland's office.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Kuakini Extension Project: Nishimura requested to be mailed information regarding updates on the Kuakini Extension Project.

14th Senatorial District Senator Donna Mercado Kim – Daniel Holt provided Senator Mercado Kim's handout and noted that the handout includes information on how a bill becomes law, information about the Public Access Room in the State Capitol, and invited the public to the Opening Day of the State Legislature. Refreshments will be provided in Senator Mercado Kim's Office.

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

- Elimination of Street Parking on Liliha Street: Street parking on Liliha Street between King Street and Vineyard Boulevard has been eliminated to help traffic flow from the new traffic signal at Liliha Street and Kukui Street.
- Speeding: Speeding on Liliha Street between Wyllie Street and Judd Street has been reported to HPD for monitoring.
- Liliha Street Resurfacing: North King Street to School Street will be resurfaced this year. The State Department of Transportation (HDOT) is currently in the bidding process and expects resurfacing to be completed by the end of 2014. The City also has plans to resurface Liliha Street in phases from School Street to Wyllie Street. Construction is estimated to take place from 2015 to 2019.
- Vineyard Boulevard Resurfacing: HDOT will be resurfacing Vineyard Boulevard from Palama Street to the Punchbowl on-ramp and off-ramp. The estimated start date is March 2014. There will be daytime construction work.
- Pali Highway Improvements: HDOT will be resurfacing and replacing lights along Pali Highway from Vineyard Boulevard to Waokanaka Street. Anticipated advertisement bids will be at the end of 2015. Representative Ohno also noted that a letter signed by himself, Senator Chun Oakland, and Chair Stubbs will be sent to HDOT. The letter indicated that state elected officials will be checking on the progress of the resurfacing project.
- Opening Day: Opening Day will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 with both Chambers convening at 10:00 a.m. Representative Ohno will be hosting a small reception in the State Capitol Room 332 at 12:00 p.m. or immediately following the House floor session.
- Hawaii Alliance for Community Based Economic Development (HACBED) Tax Clinic: HACBED plans to host free tax clinics to assist residents with preparing taxes. One site will be at the State Capitol Room 329 on Saturday, February 1, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The last return will be accepted at 1:00 p.m. Call 808-393-4360 for an appointment. Walk-ins will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Priorities: Oki asked what Representative Ohno's priorities are for the legislative session. Representative Ohno explained his main priorities include road repairs, education, and the Future Caucus. Representative Ohno noted that he is making sure that road repairs for Pali Highway, Vineyard Boulevard, and Liliha Street stay a priority. Representative Ohno indicated support for mandatory kindergarten and introducing bills that reward nationally certified teachers. Representative Ohno also noted support for an education innovation fund. Representative Ohno explained that the Future Caucus will be working on bills that extend hearing notice dates and support more government transparency.
2. Air Conditioning: Mitsuda asked about air conditioning schools that are located in areas with high temperatures. Representative Ohno noted he has a bill requesting \$25 million to fund heat abatement for schools in hot areas. Representative Ohno commented that installing air conditioning includes taking

additional steps such as installing glass windows, changing the roof color, and electrical upgrades. There are no schools in the district on the top ten priority list for heat abatement.

3. Early Education: Fong asked about Governor Abercrombie's early education program. Representative Ohno noted support for the early education program and explained that the program is voluntary. Representative Ohno noted that there was some opposition from the teacher's union who would prefer public preschool. Representative Ohno wants to work with both public and private preschool providers.
4. Liliha Street: Nishimura asked if Liliha Street is under State jurisdiction. Representative Ohno noted from King Street to School Street is under State jurisdiction. Nishimura thanked Representative Ohno for removing the parking spaces and improving the traffic situation.

District 28 Representative John Mizuno – No representative was present; no report was provided.

Governor's Representative – Keith Yamamoto reported the following:

- Appointments: Patricia Kim Park was recently appointed to the Judicial Selection Commission. Scott Enright was appointed as the Chair of the Board of Agriculture. Gary Gill was appointed as Acting Director for the Department of Health (DOH).
- Economy: The state ended the fiscal year (FY) 2013 with an \$844 million positive fund balance.
- Managing Resources: Money is being put back into the rainy day fund and hurricane fund.

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

- Main Breaks: There were no water main breaks to report.
- Water Conservation Contests: This year's theme for the 36th annual BWS Water Conservation Week Poster Contest and 6th annual Poetry Contest is "Conserve Water: No Effort is Too Small." The poster contest is open to Oahu students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade and the poetry contest is open to Oahu students in grades 7 through 12. The deadline to enter these contests is Wednesday, March 12, 2014. Winners will be announced in May 2014 and will receive prizes and be featured in the 2015 Water Conservation Calendar.
- Olelo Youth Xchange Video Competition: Olelo Community Media is sponsoring a statewide student video competition. The BWS sponsored category is "Xeriscaping: Saving H2O outdoors" challenges students to come up with a 30-second public service announcement that expresses the importance of xeriscape and water conservation outdoors. The contest is open to students from kindergarten to grade 12 statewide, and the entry deadline is Saturday, March 1, 2014.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Water Main Break: Kaapu raised a concern that there was a water main break at 1556 Kealia Drive and houses were affected. Kaapu asked what homeowners could do. Oda advised residents to call 748-5041 to report any damages.
2. Mahalo: Mitsuda thanked BWS for responding to a leak at his residence. Nishimura thanked BWS for the 2014 calendar.
3. Billing: Fong asked if BWS has rectified the problems with estimated billing. Oda answered that there has been improvement and anyone who has overpaid will get credit.
4. Response Time: A resident noted that it took BWS three (3) hours to respond to a water main break after midnight. Chair Stubbs asked Oda what is the required BWS response time. Oda will follow up. Oda also offered to take any concerns through email at [ioda@hbws.org](mailto:ioda@hbws.org) and to indicate "NB 14" in the subject line.

## PRESENTATIONS

St. Francis Health Systems: No representative was present; no report was provided.

Complete Streets Permitted Interaction Group (PIG): Dos Santos-Tam reported that after receiving a memo regarding permitted interaction groups from the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO), last month's PIG report stands.

## RESIDENTS' CONCERNS

- Water Main Break: Kaapu noted that the recent water main break on Kealia Drive caused damage to the street. Fong commented that at least the water damage came before the road repaving.

- Parking: A resident noted that street parking on Rooke Avenue limits drivers' visibility. The resident also noted that street parking should be removed on Kauai Street.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The regular meeting minutes from the December 9, 2013 meeting were ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT as corrected, 10-0-0, (Aye: Achong, Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Kaapu, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, Oki, Stubbs and White).** Corrections include the following:

- Page 2: Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: "Solar Operated Light Emitting Diode (LED)" should read "Solar Operated Light Emitting Diode (LED)"
- Page 2: Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Should read "DTS reported four major accidents occurred at the subject intersection"

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Kuakini Extension Project: Nishimura asked if Chair Stubbs had received the site plan of the Kuakini Extension Project from Senator Chun Oakland. Chair Stubbs had not. Nishimura will follow up.
- Request from DTS for Traffic Collision History on the Corner of Kapalama Avenue and Hala Drive from 2009 until April 2013: Dos Santos-Tam noted that Delaunay from Councilmember Fukunaga's office is requesting information.
- Letter Requesting Repaving of Keola Drive: Chair Stubbs noted a letter was submitted before Wednesday, November 30, 2013.
- Traffic Study of Kapalama Intersection at Kamehameha School Bus Terminal: Nitta noted that Councilmember Manahan requested an extension to Friday, January 31, 2014.
- City's Response to Liliha/Ekekela Street Crosswalk: Chair Stubbs commented he was not sure if there were going to be any more improvements to the Liliha Street/ Ekekela Street crosswalk.
- Repaving of the 1300-1400 Blocks of Kealia Drive: Chair Stubbs noted this issue was addressed earlier in the meeting.
- Letter of Support for City Council Resolution 13-243: Chair Stubbs noted that he signed a letter in support for City Council Resolution 13-243 tonight.
- Street Parking by Liliha Bakery: Chair Stubbs noted there was no report.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS: There were no reports from Ma'ema'e Elementary School, Maluhia, St. Francis, Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, or any other organizations.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Treasurer's Report: White read the January 2014 financial statement, noting that \$23.22 was spent and there is a remaining balance of \$318.72.
- Neighborhood Board No. 14 Facebook/Twitter Account: No report was provided.
- Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA): No report was provided.
- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC): Chair Stubbs announced that Kuo cannot attend the meetings and will therefore need a replacement. **Kuo nominated and White seconded for Mitsuda to be the OMPO delegate. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 10-0-0 (Aye: Achong, Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Kaapu, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, Oki, Stubbs, and White).**
- Sunshine Law Online Training: Chair Stubbs reminded all Board members that Board members are required to complete Sunshine Law online training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ma'ema'e Elementary School cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Submitted by: Risé Doi, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: Jenilea Heath, Neighborhood Assistant  
Finalized by: Robert Stubbs, Chair