



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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 7:05 p.m. **A quorum was NOT established with six (6) Board members present.** Note – This 13 member Board requires seven (7) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Robert Stubbs, Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Wesley Fong, Donald Nitta, Ethann Oki, Dale White, Loy Kuo (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), and Brandon Mitsuda (arrived at 7:39 p.m.).

Board Members Absent: Michelle Achong and Carole Kaapu

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

Guests: Captain Scot Demotta (Honolulu Fire Department), Lorrain Tatupy, Ernest Asama, Mel Won, Leslie Chan, Janice Lee, Bertha Tomyasu, Richard Tomyasu, Michael Fichumoto (Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland's Office Staff), Sergeant Calvin Sung (Honolulu Police Department), Randy Leong (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Office), Iris Oda (Board of Water Supply), Keith Yamamoto (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative), Chris Delaunay (Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's Office Staff), Daniel Holt (Senator Donna Mercado Kim's Office Staff), Mitchell Cabrerros (Councilmember Joey Manahan's Office), Risé Doi (Neighborhood Commission Office Staff), and Daniela Arriaga (Neighborhood Commission Office Staff).

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FORUM: Hearing no objection, Chair Stubbs took the agenda out of order to item three (3), Government Agencies Forum.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Scot Demotta reported the following:

- **January 2014 Statistics:** There were 2 structure fires, 3 rubbish fires, 1 vehicle fire, 71 medical emergency, and 20 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Electrical Safety Tips:** Microwave Oven Safety – Purchase a microwave oven with an independent testing laboratory label. Complete and return the product registration card to ensure the manufacture notification in the in the event of a product recall. Always supervise children when using a microwave oven and use only microwave safe food containers. Never use aluminum foil or metal in a microwave oven. If a fire starts in a microwave oven, leave the door closed, turn the oven off, and unplug it form the wall receptacle. If the fire does not extinguish, go outside and call 911. Ensure that home addresses are made visible for emergency response.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: None.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant Calvin Sung reported the following:

- **January 2014 Statistics:** There were 44 motor vehicle thefts, 60 burglaries, 176 thefts, and 119 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). Formatting from the previous statistic sheet has been changed to a new uniform format. More in depth information regarding particular neighborhood crime statistics can be found at honolulupd.org
- **Safety Tips:** Unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV) have recently increased. Make sure to lock all vehicles and put away purses and laptops from car front seat in order to avoid theft.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: **Crime Statistic Sheet New Format:** Fong inquired over how to identify particular neighborhood crime levels with the new statistic sheet, and further requested that (HPD) change back to the old format. Chair Stubbs requested to pass on that the board and community residents prefer to look at crime broken down by district. Suggestions will be made to the Chief.



Kuo arrived at 7:10 p.m., **seven (7) members present. A quorum was established.**

FILLING OF BOARD VACANCIES: After quorum was established Chair Stubbs requested to go back to item two (2) on the agenda. Joey Garza spoke about her personal background and interest in serving on the board, and Neighborhood Assistant Daniela Arriaga verified Garza's residency to fill the vacancy in the subdistrict 1. Fong nominated and Oki seconded to appoint Garza to fill the subdistrict 1 vacancy. **Garza was APPOINTED to the Liliha Neighborhood Board No. 14 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (Aye: Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, Oki, Stubbs, White)**

Neighborhood Assistant Rise Doi administered the Oath of Office.

Garza joined the Board at 7:18 p.m. **There are now eight (8) members present.**

Mayor's Representative – Randy Leong reported the following:

- Mayor's State of Address to the City: The Mayor's State of the City Address will be at McCoy Pavilion on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.
- Repaving Keola Street: Last month there was a question regarding Keola Street and the need to clarify whether it will be repaved. The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) has estimated to start construction after 2014 and is subject to available funding. Once funding is appropriated from the 2014 fiscal year City budget, it can take up to two (2) years to complete the repaving.
- Kuakini Street Extension Project: Notice to proceed on the Kuakini Street Extension Project was given to Haron Construction on Monday, January 27, 2014. The contractor is currently in the process of getting permits and work will begin soon after.
- Repaving Status of Lolena Street: Construction is estimated to begin after 2014 and is subject to available funding.
- Repaving of 1300-1400 blocks of Kealia Drive: Construction is estimated to begin after 2014 and is subject to available funding.
- Potholes: To report potholes on a city road call 768-7777.
- Abandoned Vehicle Hotline: 733-2530.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Repaving of Roads: Board member Fong inquired as to if 2014 road repaving start dates could possibly last until 2016. Leong confirmed that they have a maximum time allowance of two (2) years to complete repaving once City funding is appropriated.
2. Light Pole: Stubbs noted that the wooden pole discussed last month has since been addressed by the cable company, phone company, and by Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO), but they are still waiting on the City and County street light to proceed. Leong responded that it was on the list.
3. Slurry Seal: Nitta inquired if the repaving of the roads on Middle Street is considered part of the Mayor's repaving miles, and also commented that the particular of method of repaving on the street, involving asphalt and steam rollers, seem like a quick fix. Leong confirmed that Middle Street is part of the refurbishment miles, and that the City also utilizes an easier method of repaving called "slurry seal" to fill and seal cracks in the road.
4. Potholes: Nitta commented that the City is creating manmade potholes as they fix the roads, and pointed out that the roads are built too high and creating flooding in neighborhoods.
5. Liliha Street Repaving: Fong inquired if the Liliha Street repaving from Wylie Street and Judd Street is still on schedule. Scheduling will be looked into for next month's meeting.
6. Street Refurbishment Schedule: Resident Nishimura requested that more in depth repaving schedules and timelines be provided by the City. Leong indicated that time lines for road refurbishments are subject to available funding.
7. Kuakini Street Extension: Nishimura inquired over estimated start dates, as well as delays in construction for The Kuakini Street Extension Project. Leong responded that he had no further information on Kuakini Street Extension other than that Haron Construction Company is still in the process of getting permits.
8. Currency of Information: Nishimura requested that when representatives come to meetings that they bring with them the most updated information possible and in addition requested to know when and where Representative Leong received his most recent reports. Leong reported that the information was received last Friday from DDC.

District 6 Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Chris Delaunay reported the following:

- 2014 Liliha/Alewa Town Meeting: The meeting will be held on Monday, February 24, 2014 at Lanakila Elementary from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Representatives from the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will provide information on the Liliha Complete Streets Walk Audit as well as the Kuakini Extension Project. A representative from the State's Department of Transportation (HDOT) will also discuss State transportation and freeway projects in the area.
- Liliha Walk Complete Streets Walk Audit: Delaunay referred to Councilmember Fukanaga's handout for a brief update on the Liliha Walk Audit and noted that the Department of Planning and Permitting recommendations are pending (DPP).
- Auwai Legislation: Bill 2 relating to maintenance of Auwai irrigations was introduced, which requires the owner of an auwai to maintain, repair, dredge, and clear waterways in order to minimize water flow interference. The bill passed first reading before the full Council and has been referred to the Public Works & Sustainability committee.
- Restrooms for Urban Honolulu Neighborhoods: Councilmember Fukanaga's recent Resolution 13-293 proposes site recommendations for public restroom facilities in Downtown/Chinatown. The proposed facilities are modeled after Portland Loo stand-alone public restrooms and made from graffiti resistant steel.
- Kuakini Street Extension Updates: Local funding has recently been added to offset federal funding for the project. Haron construction was issued a notice to proceed with construction on January 27, 2014, but after a site survey was conducted, a concern regarding the stability of a wall on lower end of the Lanakila Health Center Property was issued. The construction timeline has therefore been delayed and should continue in early March, 2014. Future construction timelines are contingent on the stabilization of the subject wall

Brandon Mitsuda arrived at 7:37 p.m.; **nine (9) members present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Kuakini Extension Project: Dos Santos-Tam inquired whether additional funding would be required for the Kuakini Extension Project if additional work needed to be done to secure the unstable wall. Delaunay answered that there is money set aside for the wall, but the project could require additional funding if the wall needs to be completely rebuilt. Delaunay added that Senator Chun Oakland has been looking into state funding and will be working with Councilmember Fukunaga on the issue. Nishimura asked if part of the federal funding could be used towards the wall, and Delany responded that he has not received any information regarding federal funding. Chair Stubbs requested clarification on if it the wall was historic, and Delaunay responded that historic findings have not yet been confirmed.
2. Department of Transportation Services (DTS): Nishimura inquired when Delaunay received his information on the Kuakini Extension Project, and Delaunay responded that he received his most updated information regarding the wall earlier that day from DTS. Nishimura recommended to Leong that it might be helpful if he also received his information from DTS. Leong then clarified that he actually did receive his information from DTS and not DDC as previously stated. Nishimura thanked Councilmember Fukunaga and Chris Delany for taking the initiative to report the most updated information available and requested a representative from DTS present at the next board meeting.
3. Restrooms for Urban Honolulu Neighborhoods: Fong commended Councilmember Fukanaga for her initiative in regards to restrooms in Chinatown, and stated that as a patron of Chinatown he has witnessed very few public restrooms in the area. Fong also voiced a concern over the possibility of the proposed facilities potentially turning into a homeless shelter. Delaunay responded that site locations are key in regards to the issue and reported that the facilities would potentially require security and attendants up to twice a day. Delaunay answered for Fong that budgeting funding is a City and State effort. Garza inquired into potential costs, benefits, maintenance, timelines, and requested further information on the Portland Loo facilities that the restrooms would be modeled after. Delaunay responded that in Portland the same stand alone public facilities cost \$90,000 and that monthly specifics included \$15,000 in permits, and \$1,200 in maintenance. Delaunay clarified he did not know what the exact costs would be in Honolulu. City administration is coming up with recommendations for site locations, such as the Cultural Plaza area, at the end of the month. Delaunay clarified for Chair Stubbs that the proposed site recommendations are specified for the Chinatown area and not the Liliha district.
4. Auwai Legislation: Kuo inquired over the genesis of Bill 2 and asked for a rough estimate on how many homes the bill would affect. Delaunay responded that he did not have those numbers available off hand, but the Auwai Study Group in Nuuanu requested drafting of the bill. Delaunay indicated that the bill proposes to ensure that the Auwai is structurally maintained and free of debris. Kuo inquired over maps of

the Auwai available to the public, and Delaunay responded that he would contact the Auwai Study Group regarding detailed maps currently available.

District 7 Councilmember Joey Manahan – Mitchell Cabreros reported that District 7 was scheduled to provide an update regarding the study of Kapalama intersection at Kamehameha School bus terminal, but DTS has not gotten back to their request for an investigation service report. A follow up email was sent Tuesday, January 14, 2014, but Councilmember Manahan's office is still pending response from the department. More time was requested to provide the board with a response. News letters were distributed to board members and the public outlining legislative updates introduced by Councilmember Manahan.

13th Senatorial District Suzanne Chun Oakland – Michael Fichumoto distributed Senator Chun Oakland's handout and noted that the report included information on free tax aide, solar energy for homes, Certificate of Need applications, and a link for the new 2014 Hawaii Directory of Public Officials. Questions regarding legislation or bills can be made by calling Senator Chun Oakland's office at (808) 586-6130.

14th Senatorial District Senator Donna Mercado Kim – Daniel Holt provided Senator Mercado Kim's spring addition of the community bulletin and suggested that surveys included be filled out and returned for individual response.

District 27 Representative Takashi Ohno – No representative was present; no report was provided.

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

Governor's Representative – Keith Yamamoto reported the following: (CAFR) State of Hawaii Annual Comprehensive Financial Report: The state has increased timeliness in filling CAFR report, which reflects in bond ratings and additional financial stability assessments of the state. Profit for the state has increase since 2006 from 4.5 billion to 4.8 billion. The state is moving forward with improving infrastructures and facilities such as the airport, H1 highway rehabilitation, replenishing state reserves, pension funds, health funds, and investing in early learning and development.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Honolulu Airport: Fong asked if the government had plans to renovate the Honolulu airport, and commented that compared to other international airports, the Honolulu airport is not as upscale. Yamamoto responded that Hawaii airport modernizations are still being addressed state wide and that modernizations are not just particular to Honolulu.
2. Surplus: Nitta asked for a breakdown of the \$850 million surplus. The surplus amount was broken down by Yamamoto as follows; \$182 million dollars in surplus from money that has been saved otherwise known as operational savings, \$223 million from realized tax revenues, and approximately \$118 million due to positive balances built over several of years. The remaining surplus amount will be included in the next meeting report.

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

- Main Breaks: There were two main breaks on Kealia Drive in January that occurred on Thursday, January 9, 2014 and on Friday, January 31, 2014. An ongoing comprehensive Water Master Plan is currently re-evaluating infrastructure across the island as a means to determine which water main systems need to be replaced or upgraded. Factors to determine replacement include main breaks as well as historical data, age of main, soil type, water pressure, and public impact.
- Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshops: The Board of Water Supply (BWS) and Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden continue to offer Saturday workshops. A full listing of the workshops can be found on www.boardofwatersupply.com. New upcoming workshops include the following: February 15, 2014 – Simply Compost: Participants will learn the five methods of composting, how to identify the method that best fits their lifestyle, and how they can start applying this method at home; March 8, 2014 – Bokashi Composting: This method uses a unique mix of microbes to cover food waste and decrease smell; March 15, 2014 – Chemical-Free Insect and Pest Traps: Participants will learn how to construct a mosquito or fly trap from repurposed material at home; and April 15, 2014 – 5 Simple Steps to a Beautiful Garden: Participants will gain basic knowledge and tools to have a lush home garden.
- Brown Bag Tours: BWS offers Brown Bag Tours at the garden every Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Learn about Oahu's water cycle and effective water conservation guidelines. Workshops and tours are open to the public. To register for workshops or Brown Bag Tours, call 748-5363 or email

workshops@hbws.org.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Halawa Tunnel: Kuo inquired as to if the tunnel would be open for tour in the future. Oda responded that currently there are no plans to open, but that the question is frequently asked, and she will follow up on the request.
2. Billing: Fong asked if BWS had rectified previous discrepancies over billing and addressed a situation where his condominium association was overcharged five (5) thousand dollars. Oda answered that the percentage of problems has significantly dropped and encouraged the particular address to call BWS.
3. Thank You: Brandon Mitsuda personally thanked The Board of Water Supply (BWS) for their quick response time and follow up on his property issue.

PRESENTATIONS: No presentations were provided.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS

- Kealia Street Parking: Community member Randy Gluck submitted written testimony that street parking near the intersection of Kealia Street and Hillcrest limits drivers' visibility and requested a no parking zone at the location to ensure safety. Mitsuda commented that in the past other residents of Kamehameha Heights have complained about Kealia Street, and Stubbs confirmed that the parking issue needs to be addressed.
- Lolena Street: Chair Stubbs reported written testimony from Gluck that road conditions on Lolena Street are poor, and agreed that the street needed to be moved further up the priority list for repaving.
- Liliha/ Ekekela Street Cross Walk: Chair Stubbs referred to a notice from Silvia Mitchell, of the Liliha Library, in support of community resident Leslie Chan, who was hit by a vehicle at Ekekela Street cross walk one year ago. Stubbs reported that since DTS has acted on the subject and made signs more visible, but that crosswalk lighting still needed improvement. Stubbs expressed gratitude that Chan was well enough to attend the board meeting, and thanked DTS for crosswalk improvements made thus far. Dos Santos-Tam suggested that the board make a recommendation to DTS to improve lighting conditions on the street.
- Town Hall Open House: Chris Delaunay clarified that the open house is Monday, February 24, 2014. Five (5) members committed to attending in response to Chair Stubbs clarification that there cannot be a quorum of seven (7) in attendance.
- Homeless Shelter: A possible homeless shelter site at a vacant property on 1739 Lanakila Avenue was brought to the attention of the Board at last month's meeting by Achong. No further information was available. Chair Stubbs made a note that he was opposed to the idea of the potential shelter due to the proximity of Lanakila Elementary School, residential neighborhoods, and traffic; Stubbs later clarified that this opinion was not based on a dislike of the homeless community but rather based on problems that could result from a nearby shelter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **The regular meeting minutes from the January 13, 2014 meeting were ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT as corrected, 9-0-0, (Aye: Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, Oki, Stubbs and White).** Corrections include the following:

- Page 1: Illegal Parking: "Ten feet prior to an intersection" should read "Ten feet prior to an intersection and thirty feet from the stop sign"
- Page 1: Illegal Parking: "At Wyllie Street" should read "At corner of Wyllie Street "
- Page 5: Parking: "On Rooke Avenue" should read "At the intersection of Rooke Avenue and Kauai Street."
- Page 5: Parking: "Street parking should be removed on Kauai Street" should read "Two spaces of street parking should be removed near the intersection of Kauai Street and Puunui Avenue"

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Complete Streets Report: Santos-Tam reported to be waiting on recommendations from City.
- Kuakini Extension Project: No further information was needed.
- Number of Traffic Related accidents on Kapalama Street: Crashes responded to by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) from 2007-2013 were reported from the Department of Health (DOH) as the following: Two (2) auto accidents on Kapalama Avenue and Kealia Drive; Three (3) auto accidents and one (1) pedestrian accident at Kapalama Avenue and Hala Drive; Ten auto accidents on Kapalama Avenue and

North School Street; One (1) auto accident on 1556 Kapalama Avenue; One (1) bicycle accident, and one (1) moped accident on Bernice Street and Kapalama Avenue.

- Letter Requesting Repaving of Keola Drive: The request to repave the subject location was submitted.
- Traffic Study of Kapalama intersection at Kamehameha School bus terminal: Councilmember Manahan's office followed up, and is waiting for a response from DTS.
- City's Response to Liliha/Ekekela Street Crosswalk: Chair Stubbs reported to be waiting for more safety improvements at the crosswalk and again thanked the resident injured for her attendance at the meeting.
- Repaving of the 1300-1400 Blocks of Kealia Drive: A request was made for the subject roads to be repaved by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS: The possible Homeless Shelter on Lanakila Avenue was previously discussed and opposed by the Chair.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- Ma'ema'e Elementary School Community Council: Volunteers are need for the Friday, May 2, 2014 Ma'ema'e School Fair.
- Maluhia: None.
- St. Nishimura: None.
- Lanakila Multi Purpose Senior Center: None.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Treasurer's Report: White read the January 2014 financial statement, noting that \$19.47 was spent, leaving a remaining balance of \$299.35.
- Conference of Chairs: Only two (2) members from each board are permitted to attend. Chair Stubbs and Dos Santos-Tam clarified that they were not eligible to attend because they serve on the Neighborhood Commission. Fong and Mitsuda will attend the conference on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Blaisdell Center Maui Room.
- Neighborhood Board #14 Facebook page/ Twitter account: Dos Santos-Tam announced that the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) Tweetup would be held tomorrow, at the Mission Memorial Building at 5:00 p.m. Dos Santos-Tam volunteered to attend.
- Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA): Mitsuda requested to be taken off the list for HPHA meetings.
- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC): The most recent Citizen Advisory Committee meeting approved additional funds for Kuakini Extension.
- Sunshine Law Online Training: Chair Stubbs reminded the new board member to the complete Sunshine Law online training.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Submitted by: Daniela Arriaga, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Rise Doi, Neighborhood Assistant II
Finalized by: Robert Stubbs, Chair