



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **MONDAY, MARCH 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 7:02 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 to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Robert Stubbs, Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Wesley Fong, Donald Nitta, Ethann Oki (7:17 p.m.), Dale White, Loy Kuo, Michelle Achong, and Brandon Mitsuda (7:15 p.m.)

Board Members Absent: Carole Kaapu

Vacancies: There were two (2) vacancies in subdistrict 1 and one (1) vacancy in subdistrict 3. Chair Stubbs reported that Joey Garza was admitted to the board to fill the vacancy in subdistrict 1 at the February 2014 meeting, but noted that the applicant did not live in the vacant district. The position was listed as still vacant.

Guests: Randy Leong (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Office), Keith Yamamoto (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative), Mitchell Cabrerros (Councilmember Joey Manahan's Office), Daniel Holt (Senator Donna Mercado Kim's Office Staff), Taylor Ritenberg, Ronald Higa, Yamoto Milner, Burt Lau, Bert Teruyn, Captain Jay Park (Honolulu Fire Department), Sergeant Brent Pernell (Honolulu Police Department), Iris Oda (Board of Water Supply), Michael Fujimoto (Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland's Office Staff), Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Chris Delaunay (Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's Office Staff), Chris Chong, Irene Lee, Les Iida, June Tsutsumi, Steven Tsutsumi, Charles Nagamine, Linda Lagamine, Francis Nishimura, Janice Lee, Duane Au, Steve Miller, Lillian Chavez, Donna Guieb, Sean Archery, SL Bonnetta, C Sung, Kent Takazawi, Stella Wong, Diane Tenada, Leslie Chan, Margahito Sosaki, and Daniela Arriaga (Neighborhood Commission Staff).

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain J. Park reported the following:

- March 2014 Statistics: There was 1 structure fire, and 1 vehicle fire, 95 medical emergency, and 27 miscellaneous emergencies.
- Fire Safety Tips: Propane and charcoal barbeque grills should only be used outdoors. Pack grills away from railings and overhanging branches. Propane and charcoal should not be used on balconies. Keep children and pets three (3) feet from the grilling area. Remove grease or fat buildup from grills and trays. Never leave a lit grill unattended. Ensure coals are completely cooled before disposal in metal containers.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Underground Fires: Kuo inquired over an incident regarding an underground manhole fire. Captain Park indicated that the incident took place in another district.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant Brent Pernell from District 5 reported the following:

- March 2014 Statistics: There were 48 motor vehicle thefts, 34 burglaries, 150 thefts, and 79 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (JEMV).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Crime Statistic Sheet New Format: Sergeant Pernell agreed to pass the Board concerns over the new crime statistics format changes to the Assistant Chief. For more information on crime statistics by district visit honoluluupd.org
2. School Street: Koi inquired about a recent street blockage on School Street; Pernell responded that there was a moped accident near the location.



Mayor's Representative – Randy Leong reported the following:

- Refuse Fee Service: The Refuse Fee Fact sheet was presented; Leong noted the proposed refuse bill had recently been deferred by Council. Under the proposal residents would be charged an additional \$10 per month for single residents and \$314 per month for multi-unit residential properties. Fees proposed would directly impact refuse fee services rather than a property tax increase. Fees were reported as being modest in comparison to other islands.
- Bill 69: Bill 69 was proposed by Mayor Caldwell and authorizes public transit exterior advertising on the buses. The bill was drafted with the intention of offering sustainable funding to the transit system. Leong recommended community members in support of the further bill discussion contact Council Members.
- Rehabilitation of Streets, Unit 06 Follow Up: The Unit 06 Rehabilitation of Streets project is currently out to bid and includes Liliha Street from Judd Street to Analu. Construction is estimated to begin in 2014. Liliha Street from Analu to Wyllie Street is not scheduled to be paved at this time due to a utility conflict
- Kuakini Street Extension Project: Kelly Cruise, from the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) was introduced. Leong noted that Cruise would report on information regarding the Kuakini Street Extension Project.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Parking in Proximity to Crosswalks and Stop Signs: Leong indicated to a resident that parking is permitted within 20 feet of a crosswalk, 30 feet from stop sign. Leong suggested to contact neighbors parking outside of the law and to contact HPD if further violations are viewed.
2. Refuse Fee: Nitta inquired about the \$10 fee and the fee's proposed use.
3. Bill 69: Kuo requested further information regarding an unidentified 2006 State bill relating to billboards in contrast to Bill 69. Leong will follow up.
4. Liliha Street Repaving: Fong inquired if the Liliha Street repaving from Wyllie Street to Judd Street is still on schedule. Leong responded that scheduling will be looked into for next month's meeting.
5. Kuakini Street Extension: Building permits for the Kuakini project have been received and the project materials are currently being secured. Cruise answered for Nishimura that the site plan, dated April 2013, was the latest construction plan available. Haron Construction was noted as the project's contractor.
6. Kuakini Street Extension Rock Wall Delay: Constructional engineers have determined that the subject rock wall responsible for the delay of the Kuakini Street Extension project is unstable and that the nearby tree needs to be removed. Cruise noted that the City is working with a rock specialist to try and preserve the wall; the rock specialist determined the stone wall is impacted by tree roots and needs to be stabilized. It has been determined that the tree will need to be removed. Cruise answered for Chair Stubbs that the historic integrity of the wall has not yet been determined
7. Kuakini Street Extension Funding: Cruise noted that the Federal Government will provide 80% of the Kuakini Street Extension funding and the City will provide 20% to match. The project contractor has requested more funding for the wall and has stopped construction from beginning because the wall is unstable; halting construction early create less liability for the contractor and the City. Available funding and costs are still being determined for wall repair; the rock wall delays will not impact funds already obligated for the overall project. Cruise indicated that Council Member Fukunaga's and Senator Chun Oakland's Offices have committed funds for the project and wall repair. Council Member Fukunaga indicated that the City budget process was currently taking place and will follow up on budget requests for the wall.
8. Location of Wall: Cruise answered for the board that the stone wall is located outside of the project scope; the wall is located on Hospital property and therefore the City requires a rite of entry to ensure the wall.
9. Time line for Kuakini Street Extension Project: Cruise answered for Nishimura that the time frame for the project is subject to available funding for the subject wall.
10. Thank You: The Board and Nishimura thanked Cruise and DTS for information provided and requested that the discussion continue at future meetings with updates from Kelly Cruise. Cruise will provide the Board with future updates on the status of the wall.
11. Keola Street: Cruise answered for Nishimura that Keola Street is substandard because there are no gutters, sidewalk or drainage, and therefore the City would not take ownership of the street; The City will still maintain the street. Cruise answered for Nishimura that the width for standard streets is ten feet.
12. Unimproved Sidewalks: A resident expressed concern regarding unimproved sidewalks and the inability to commute safely by pedestrians. A suggestion made by a community member was to further enforce violations by meter maids in lieu of a \$10 refuse fee increase.

District 6 Councilmember Carol Fukunaga

- Street Repaving Projects: Council member Fukunaga thanked the community for attending the Monday, February 24, 2014 town meeting at Lanakila Elementary School. A brief overview was given on the discussion regarding requests for street repaving and street construction timetables. Information was provided regarding the types of utility work that is needed before construction can occur. Fukunaga emphasized that staff and community would work together to expedite the street repaving process.
- Proposed Trash Fee Increase: Council member Fukunaga requested input from the community regarding the proposed trash fee increase and stated that the majority of public feedback thus far was oppositional.
- Alewa Hights Respite Center: A copy of a letter to the Department of Community Services was distributed regarding a request for non-profit organizations to submit lease proposals to a facility at 1816-A Alewa Heights. Fukunaga indicated the Board would be briefed on the item later in the meeting.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: None.

District 7 Councilmember Joey Manahan: (representative Mitchel Cabrerias): Bus Terminal Update: Cabrerias reported that traffic concerns at the intersection of Kapalama Avenue and North School Street were the result of backed up traffic from Kamehameha School's bus terminal. Cabrerias indicated that additional traffic control measures do not appear necessary at this time. The school has provided HPD officers to control traffic before and after school.

13th Senatorial District Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – Michael Fujimoto distributed Senator Chun Oakland's handout and noted that the report included information on housing and homeless bills currently in session and Meals on Wheels. Senator Oakland's Office looked into the homeless shelter brought up at February's 2014 Board meeting and noted there has been no need for action taken on the subject.

14th Senatorial District Senator Donna Mercado Kim – Daniel Holt provided Senator Mercado Kim's March 2014 community bulletin. 350 bills were voted upon, ahead of the cross over deadline when the Senate and House bills pass from one chamber to another. The Senator will continue to keep the Board informed on developments at the Legislature and in the community. The following dates and events were highlighted: Town Meeting to feature Mayor Kirk Caldwell will be held Friday, March 21, 2014 at Pearl Ridge Elementary School; The Farrington Recycling Drive is on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Farrington High School.

District 27 Representative Takashi Ohno – A report from Monday, February 24, 2014 was given and handouts were distributed. DOT projects and specifics were provided. A Liliuokalani Botanical Gardens clean-up was hosted on Saturday, February 22, 2014. The property owner of fire damaged property at 1937 Bachelot Street has been assessed a fine beginning on Monday, February 17, 2014 until the property is cleaned up. CIP requests that made it into the 2014 House Budget Bill were presented. Assets School is scheduled to take over Academy of the Pacific campuses.

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.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Honolulu Airport: Yamamoto followed up for Fong that the government had plans to renovate the Honolulu airport, and noted that the Governor would be releasing 96.6 million for Hawaii airports with a large portion of that amount designated to renovations for the Honolulu airport.
Surplus: Yamamoto answered for Nitta that a breakdown of the surplus amount asked for at the February 2104 Board meeting indicated the following surplus yearly amounts: \$126 million in surplus for 2011; \$149.3 in surplus for 2012, and \$568.7 in surplus for 2013. Yamamoto indicated that the total surplus amount was \$844 million.

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

- Main Breaks: There was one (1) main break on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014 at 560 Hanana Place.
- Telephone Scam Alert: A telephone scam warning was given. The public was informed that customers are not called outside of business hours to request payment. The public was encouraged to call 748-

5030 if they are contacted in regards to individual claims or to call 911 if they believe they have received a scam phone call.

- National Fix-a-Leak Week: Monday, March 17, 2014 - Sunday March 23 is National Fix-a-Leak Week. Residents were encouraged to check for property leaks that need to be repaired. For more information, contact 748-5041.

PRESENTATIONS:

Hawaii Bicycling League: Taylor Ritenberg

A Presentation was given on the plans for bicycling to benefit community as well as the health of bicyclists by the Hawaii Bicycling League. The Oahu Bike Plan is the master plan created by the City to guide the development of Oahu's bikeways. The plan's three major goals include: The implementation of a bike lane to be added to Liliha and Wyllie Streets, a future bike route to be added to School Street, and new bike paths along Kapalama and Nuuanu Streams. Visit bicycle@hbl.org for more information on promoting bicycle facilitation.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS

- Homeless Facility: A resident inquired over a possible future homeless facility proposed for the district discussed at the most recent February 2014 Board meeting. Chair Stubbs indicated that the study was a dated study from 2006 and noted that there are no current plans to build a homeless facility at the location discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The regular meeting minutes from the February 10, 2014, meeting were **ADOPTED** by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** as corrected. Corrections include the following:

Page two (2): Filling of Board Vacancies: After the appointment of Joey Garza should read "Later it was discovered that Joey Garza did not meet the residency requirements and therefore was not added to the board."

UNFINISHED / ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Complete Streets Report: Santos-Tam reported to be waiting on recommendations from the City regarding the report.
- Kuakini Extension Project: No further information was needed.
- Requests from DTS for Traffic Collision History: Chair Stubbs indicated that the request would be carried over to next Board meeting
- Number of Traffic Related accidents on Kapalama Street: No further information was needed.
- City's Response to Liliha/Ekekela Street Crosswalk: Chair Stubbs reported to have received no further information on the response and asked that the item be carried over to next Board meeting.
- Repaving of the 1300-1400 Blocks of Kealia Drive: No response was reported to have been received.
- Status of Lolena Street Repaving: No response was reported to have been received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alzheimer's Respite House at Na Pueo Park in Alewa Heights

A resident presented on the lease termination of the Alzheimer's Respite House clinic located at 1816-A Alewa Drive and distributed a letter from Council Member Fukunaga's Office to the Department of Community Services and Housing regarding a recent City Request for Proposals (RFP) for future proposals for the facility. The resident indicated that Council Member Fukunaga's Office had requested more information regarding the RFP as early as July 2013. A show of hands was taken indicating dozens of residents in attendance in response to concerns over potential future uses of the facility; residents indicated that the City administration's RFP was unclear and had not allowed for community input. In addition, it was noted that residents were not given prior notice regarding the City's plan for the park and the housing center changes. It was reported that the issue would return to Council if there was no viable applicant and additional use options would be reviewed or proposed. Terms of the current lease were discussed and it was requested that the community members sign a petition. Chair Stubbs asked if concerned residents present at the meeting would like the Board to adopt a resolution in response to community concerns; Dos Santos- Tam noted it would be premature for the Board to take action at this time. Dos Santos-

Tam suggested deferring Board action until the April 2014 Board meeting and indicated that deferring the item would allow for further time to research the facilities procedures and policy. Several Board members suggested that City staff report future additional information on the project at next month's meeting. Chair Stubbs requested that this item remain on the agenda in April 2014 for further discussion.

Lanakila Park Hours of Operation: This topic was deferred until the Board's April 2014 meeting.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- Ma'ema'e Elementary School Community Council: Volunteers are needed for the Friday, May 2, 2014 Ma'ema'e School Fair.
- Maluhia: No report was received.
- St. Nishimura: No report was received.
- Lanakila Multi Purpose Senior Center: The Lanakila Multi Purpose Senior Center is celebrating its 45 year anniversary this year; The Center's mission is to assist seniors who are at risk of losing their homes.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Treasurer's Report: White read the January 2014 financial statement, noting that \$19.06 was spent on postage; the remaining balance was \$280.29.
- Conference of Chairs: Fong reported on the Conference of Chairs and noted videotaping board meetings was one of the many topics discussed. Another issue that was discussed at the conference was if community boards would be covered by corporation council in the event of a law suit. A board member guidebook was distributed to board members present.
- Neighborhood Board #14 Facebook page/ Twitter account: Board member Dos Santos-Tam announced that the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) organized a successful Tweetup at the Mission Memorial Building. The tweetup was reported to increase social media tools such as Tumbler and Instagram to facilitate increased community and Board communication and participation
- Report on Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization: Mitsuda indicated that community participation and input was important to the planning of future island transportation systems.
- Sunshine Law Online Training: Chair Stubbs reminded board members to complete the Sunshine Law online training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Board Meeting: The next Liliha Neighborhood Board No. 14 meeting will be Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ma'ema'e Elementary School cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Daniela Arriaga, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Lori Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant
Finalized by: Robert Stubbs, Chair