



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **MONDAY, APRIL 14, 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 eight (8) 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, Ethan Oki, Loy Kuo, and Brandon Mitsuda, Carole Kaapu

Board Members Absent: Michelle Achong, Dale White

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

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), Captain Scot Demotta (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Edward Chong, Sergeant Keith Kessler (Honolulu Police Department), Iris Oda (Board of Water Supply), Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Scott Power (Oahu Cemeteries), Keith Ishida, Steve Karel (Department of Community Services), Francis Nishimura, Steve Miller, Leslie Chan, Kent Takazawi, Linda Nagamine, Wanda Mew, Ronald Higa, Janice Lee, Bert Teruya, Burt Lau, Sabrina Montgomery, Chis Villeneuve, Muriel Taira, Brandi Perez, Mahina Perreira, Priscilla Lee, Glenn Tamayori, Kainoa Castillo, Clark Llewellyn, , Hyewon Ing, and Daniela Arriaga (Neighborhood Commission Staff).

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FORUM:

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

- April 2014 Statistics: There were 3 structure fires, and 1 rubbish fire, 86 medical emergency, and 32 miscellaneous emergencies.
- Fire Safety Tips: Residents were encouraged to create a "kid free zone" in the kitchen around hot items and to place pots and pans on the back burner of stoves. It was also noted that matches, lighters and other smoking materials should be kept of children's reach or in a locked cabinet.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Edward Chong reported the following:

- March 2014 Statistics: There were 5 motor vehicle thefts, 14 burglaries, 24 thefts, and 3 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). It was noted by Chong that statistics reported are for the area and do not cover the whole district.
- Safety Tip for Keiki Month: Safety tips directed for keiki included the following: Do not accept gifts from adults you do not know; obey traffic signals when crossing the street.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Crime Statistic Sheet New Format: A resident expressed concern over the new crime statistic sheet. Chong reported more detailed information on crime statistics by district is updated daily on HPD's website honolulu.hpd.org. Chong explained how to navigate the website and several Board members researched the HPD website from smart phones.
2. Burglaries: Fong expressed concern over a recent trend in burglaries in the Alewa Heights area and requested statistics. Chong reported that in 2013 a crime analysis unit was created to look at crime trends and that the unit has been successful thus far at helping to prevent crime.



3. Car Ports: Chong recommended residents lock up valuables left outside the home such as kayaks and bicycles to prevent burglaries occurring in residential car ports.
4. Cameras: Chong answered for Kaapu that security cameras deter crime and recommended that camera lenses be kept clean for better visibility.
5. Neighborhood Watch: Chong answered for Kaapu that neighborhood watches are effective crime deterrents and recommended contacting the Kalii Police station at 723-8202 for further information on community policing.
6. Self Defense: A community member asked what a home owner's rights were if a burglar entered a private property and the home owner hit the burglar with a baseball bat, retained them in the home, and then called the police to pick them up. Chong cautioned that in some instances the home owner could be arrested especially if the perpetrator was of a young age or small stature. Chong noted self defense should be practiced with common sense, and exhibited within reason or with the minimum force necessary.
7. Thank You: A resident thanked HPD for the recent implementation of a radar gun to prevent speeding in front of Maemae Elementary School.

Mayor's Representative – Randy Leong reported the following:

- Town Hall Meetings: Mayor Kirk Caldwell will be conducting a new series of town hall meeting for Spring 2014.
- Honolulu Film Commission Office: The Honolulu Film Commission Office coordinates production shoots for major movies and television series filmed on the Island of Oahu, and brings in major revenue for the City. It was noted the Honolulu Film Commission Office is a staff of one and is instrumental in Honolulu Film production.
- Neil Blaisdell Center: For 50 years Honolulu's main stage at the Blaisdell Center has housed major talent from Elvis Presley to Bruno Mars and is a major source of revenue for the island.
- Community for Keiki Month: Mayor Kirk Caldwell thanked all the Neighborhood Boards that took part in the Community for Keiki month.
- Summer Fun Program: The City and County's Summer Fun Program will run from Thursday, June 12, 2014 to Friday, July 25, 2014, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Summer Fun is open to children ages five (5) to 13 years old, or those who have completed Kindergarten and who have not entered the 7th grade yet. For more information visit www.honoluluparks.com
- Bill 69: Leong answered a previous question from last month relating to Bill 69 versus billboard prohibitions. Leong indicated Bill 69 does not conflict with the 2006 Hawaii state law which bans billboards.
- Potholes: Leong reported the pothole hotline is 768-7777.
- Abandoned Vehicles: Leong indicated abandoned vehicles can be reported at the abandoned vehicle hotline at 733-2530.

Alzheimer's Respite House near Na Pueo Park in Alewa Heights: Director Leong introduced Keith Ishida and Steve Karel from the Department of Community Services (DCS) to report on the recent City Request for Proposals (RFP) for the vacant Alzheimer's Respite House at Na Pueo Park in Alewa Heights. Ishida and Karel presented the following:

Ishida reported the vacated Alzheimer's Respite House clinic located at 1816-A Alewa Drive was developed 20 years ago and the owners recently terminated their lease. The City has since put out a Request for Proposals (RFP). It was clarified by Ishida there will be no future change of use to the facility. Ishida noted site usage was bound by land use approvals received in 1994 and licensing restrictions enforced by the Department of Health (DOH). Ishida reported the City is in the process of reviewing proposals for future facility operators; the deadline for new bid submissions is Thursday, May 1, 2014. Ishida noted DCS representatives would follow up with the Board on progress; Karel can be contacted at 768- 7753 with future inquiries.

Questions:

1. Community Input: Chair Stubbs expressed concern over problems that could arise from lack of community input regarding the application selection process. Ishida clarified DCS does not have final approval of the selection process; final approval goes to Honolulu City Council. Karel indicated DCS is responsible for managing the selection process, which includes working with Neighborhood Boards,

- reviewing applications and making recommendations to the Budget Committee and to City Council. Prospective new owners are required to present to Neighborhood Boards.
2. Bids: Ishida clarified for a resident DCS is currently not accepting any bids other than Alzheimer's Centers. It was noted the property has been designed, developed and approved as an Alzheimer's Center.
 3. Elderly Group Home: Resident Burt Lau indicated an elderly group home had recently inspected the property. Ishida indicated various organizations were allowed to tour the facility; Ishida clarified proposals accepted would only include bids for Alzheimer's care centers.
 4. Alzheimer's Respite Care Centers: Lau noted that at a recent Thursday, March 6, 2014 public information meeting there were no bids for the vacant center; Lau and Kou expressed concern that if the RFP could not be fulfilled then the future use of the facility might be changed. Ishida reported a future change of use would require an amendment from Council and possible future rezoning. The site is currently zoned as P2 Preservations.
 5. Adult Day Health Care Center: There was discussion over terms and licenses required for adult day centers. Lau expressed concern that the restricted 12 hour operating time was limiting and noted overnight care licenses might be required. Lau responded licensing restrictions and the building's design might deter future organizations from making bids. Ishida noted there are many successful 12 hour adult day health care centers in operation. Ishida indicated license requirements have changed in the past 20 years since the original center was created.
 6. Licenses: Ishida and Karel indicated for Lau that the Department of Human Services (DHS) issued the license to operate for a respite center in Waianae.
 7. RFP: Kou inquired if the RFP was available for public viewing. Ishida presented a copy of the RFP and indicated the new minimum rent price is \$100 per month. Karel noted if a non-profit is willing to invest \$25,000 or more in capital improvements then the City will give a longer lease; standard new leases are currently five (5) years or \$25,000 to secure a ten (10) year lease. Ishida noted rent prices are low for organizations that offer human services because there is little profit generated.
 8. Thank You: Fong thanked Ishida and Karel for presenting to the community.
 9. Resolution 14-72: Fong read Councilmember Fukunaga's resolution which stated that if there were no Alzheimer bids then the DCS would collaborate with the Liliha Neighborhood Board and community to identify appropriate alternate uses for the facility. Ishida reported DCS is not opposed to Councilmember Fukunaga's resolution.
 10. Demolition: Ishida answered for Chair Stubbs that demolishing the facility and reassessing the location to become a park was not possible. Fong noted many community members were in favor of demolishing the building.
 11. Halfway House: Nitta expressed concern that 15 years ago the community had not been informed about a halfway house that had once opened and did not want the situation to occur again.
 12. Value: Ishida answered for several community members that the value of both the center and land surrounding combined was \$1.8 to \$2.1 million.

Fong moved and Mitsuda seconded that the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 support resolution 14-72, CD1 relating to future uses of Na Pueo Park.

Board Discussion: There was no Board Discussion.

The motion to support resolution 14-72, CD1 relating to future uses of Na Pueo Park was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0 (Aye: Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Kaapu, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, Oki, Stubbs).

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga indicated the Budget Committee had been requested to put the item on their next committee meeting agenda in April 2014.

Chair Stubbs reported he will be out of town during the upcoming weeks; Vice Chair Fong will be coordinating with Board members, Resident Burt Lau, and Councilmember Fukunaga's office regarding the resolution. Vice Chair Fong thanked Councilmember Fukunaga for helping to adopt the resolution. Chair Stubbs thanked Keith Ishida and Steve Karell from the Department of Community Services (DCS) for their report and also thanked community members and Burt Lau for their work on the issue. Lau noted there was a petition available to sign for the twenty plus community members present in response to the issue.

Chair Stubbs indicated there would be a five minute recess at 8:20 p.m. Chair Stubbs called the Board back in session at 8:25 p.m.

District 6 Councilmember Carol Fukunaga: Councilmember Fukunaga passed out an update on the Kuakini Extension Project and information on "Complete Streets Funding".

Questions, Comments, and Concerns:

1. Complete Streets/Bill 13: Fong inquired how the Board could assist in supporting the "Complete Streets" pedestrian improvements. Councilmember Fukunaga indicated the item was amended as part of Bill 13 CD1. Councilmember Fukunaga reported pedestrian and motorist safety was vital to the area. Fong requested that part of the language of Bill 13 CD1 be specific to road repair in the Liliha Area.
2. Kuakini Extension Project: Nishimura reported on information gathered from a meeting at the State Capitol, which indicated the Kuakini Street Extension Project's contractor is going to be responsible for stabilizing the subject wall. Councilmember Fukunaga reported there is an amendment in Bill 13 DC1 requesting an additional \$100,000 in funding for the wall.

Fong moved Oki seconded that the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 support Bill 13 CD1 and include in said bill "repair or redesign of streets within Neighborhood Board No. 14's jurisdiction that are in need of repair or redesign".

Board Discussion: There was no Board discussion.

The motion to support Bill 13 CD1 and include in said bill "repair or redesign of streets within Neighborhood Board No. 14's jurisdiction that are in need of repair or redesign" was ADOPTED 7-0-1 (Aye: Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Kaapu, Mitsuda, Nitta, Oki, Stubbs; Abstain: Kou).

District 7 Councilmember Joey Manahan: Representative Mitchel Cabrerias reported the following:

- Kamehameha School Street Usage Permits: Cabrerias followed up on a question regarding Kamehameha School Street Usage Permits and reported the permit does not encompass both sides of Kapalama Avenue; the permit encompassed only the Ewa side of Kapalama Avenue.

Questions, Comments, and Concerns: Bill 13 CD1: Dos Santos-Tam requested Cabrerias report the Board's support of Bill 13 CD1 back to Councilmember Joey Manahan's office. Cabrerias will follow up.

13th Senatorial District Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland: No representative was present; a report was provided.

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

- Session: There were two (2) weeks reported left in the legislative session.
- Red Hill: Senator Donna Mercado Kim introduced a resolution to create a task force to create strategies to mitigate future spills at Red Hill.

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 Neil Abercrombie's Representative: Keith Yamamoto reported the following:

- Race to the Top: During a recent visit with US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Hawaii was praised as a rising star and a possible model for schools across the nation. Hawaii's fourth graders surpassed the national average in mathematics. The contract with the Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) in April 2013 has allowed for implementation of the Educator Effectiveness System design and implementation. Principals, teachers, staff and students are recognized for their hard work and dedication. Thanks also go out to legislators who collaborated to fund early education bills.
- Airport Gates and Customs: In response to a question from last month's meeting the distance between the Honolulu Airport International gates and customs cannot be shortened. Vans or shuttles can be requested if passengers are in need of assistance.

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

- Main Breaks: During the month of March, 2014 there was one (1) main break reported on Mamalu Street and an additional main break reported on Waolani Avenue.
- Tours and Educational Programs: In support of the Neighborhood Commission Office's "Community for Keiki" month in April 2014, BWS invites the island youth and other community organizations to visit one (1) of the following educational facilities to learn about Oahu's water resources: Fred Ohrt Water Museum/Kalihi Pumping Station, Halawa Xeriscape, Nu'uuanu Watershed, Honouliuli Water Recycling Facility, and Waihee Tunnel. To schedule a tour, email tours@hbws.org or call 748-5041. Due to the many requests received, at least three weeks notice is required to book a tour. More information is available at www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contest: A big "Mahalo" goes out to more than 1,300 keiki artists and 200 poets, who participated in the 2014 Water Conservation Week poster and poetry contests. The art and poetry depicted the contest theme, "Conserve Water: No Effort is Too Small" to emphasize that every drop saved contributes to a larger island-wide effort to preserve and protect precious water resources. BWS appreciates the support of this community and educators, who encourage Oahu's youth and families to conserve water. Contest winners will be revealed at an Awards Ceremony in May 2014. Visit www.boardofwatersupply.com on Thursday, May 8, 2014, to see the names of the winners.

PRESENTATIONS: Scott Power from the Oahu Cemetery Association presented the following information on a new crematory:

- Permits: The Clean Air Branch issued a permit to the Oahu cemetery in March 2014 to install two (2) new crematory buildings and replace existing crematory buildings; permits have been submitted to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP).
- Community Impact: The Clean Air Branch engineer Kathy Lopez has done a thorough analysis on the project's impact to the community; over 300 residents in the community will be notified and invited to view the facility as planning proceeds.
- Air Quality: Emission factors for the facility are substantially below the allowable emission factors that the Environmental Protection Agency authorizes which will result in substantial air quality improvements. The new facilities will use all natural gas as opposed to diesel gas and will operate with improved efficiency. Permits are expected to go through in the next 60 days.

Questions:

1. Malfunctions: Power answered for a resident that in the case of a malfunction the cremation system would automatically shut down.
2. Emissions: A resident expressed concern over past problems with emissions. Power responded new operating requirements will be much stricter than past operating requirements. Power also noted the Clean Air Branch recently authorized new units. Mitsuda reported residents have expressed concern in the past over solid matter emissions. Power indicated for Mitsuda that emissions are metered by a scanner system so that in the case of malfunctions the system will be alerted and corrected within a five (5) minute window. Mitsuda inquired into filtration systems to mitigate future solid matter emissions.
3. Construction Timelines: Dos Santos Tam inquired into construction timelines; Power reported permits were expected to be completed within the next 60 days and construction was estimated to begin in July 2014. The crematory units are projected to be complete in 2015.
4. Proximity to Residential Neighborhoods: Nishimura expressed concern over the crematory's proximity to residential neighborhoods.
5. Stack Heights: Power indicated for a resident that higher smoke stack heights disperse emission concentrations more effectively than lower smoke stacks.
6. Inspections: Power indicated for Fong the facility will be regularly monitored by the Clean Air Branch. Power noted the Clean Air Branch will also conduct periodic unannounced inspections. Power encouraged residents to contact the Clean Air Branch with any future concerns.
7. Cremation Expenses: Power indicated for Fong cremation expenses were less expensive than standard burials.

Kaapu left at 9:00 p.m. There were now seven (7) Board Members present.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

- Nuuanu Avenue Care Home: Nishimura requested follow up on a proposed Care Home Facility located at 1038-1041 Nuuanu Avenue. Nishimura noted the area was in the Board's district and could potentially affect traffic. Burt Lau recommended contacting the Department of Health (DOH).

Lou left the meeting at 9:15 p.m. There were now six (6) Board members present.

Upon hearing no objection Chair Stubbs moved to item 8.2 on the agenda: Lanakila District Park hours.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lanakila District Park:

- Change of Hours Request: Councilmember Joey Manahan's representative Mitchel Cabrerias indicated that a constituent from District 7 had requested the beginning hours of operation for the basket ball court at Lanakila District Park to be changed from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. The constituent spoke to the Board and expressed concern over noise complaints from the basket ball court during the early hours of the morning. Cabrerias reported the issue had been directed to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR); DPR indicated the request would need Board support to take action.

Questions, Comments, Concerns:

1. Activity Use: Several Board members inquired into alternate uses of the park that occurred in the early morning. Dos Santos Tam noted he would support closing the basket ball court. Chair Stubbs indicated there was not Board quorum to take action. Dos Santos Tam and Chair Stubbs recommended putting the item on the May 2014 agenda.
2. Noise Ordinance: There was discussion over the noise levels required for a potential noise ordinance sign to be posted.
3. Quorum: Chair Stubbs indicated that when Board members leave the meeting to please notify the Chair. No action was taken on the request to change the hours at Lanakila Park because there was not a quorum of Board members in attendance to take action.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the regular meeting minutes from the Monday, March 10, 2014, meeting were **deferred** because there was not enough quorum of Board members in attendance to take action.

UNFINISHED / ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Complete Streets Report: Santos-Tam reported there was no additional information that needed to be reported on Complete Streets.
- Kuakini Extension Project: Chair Stubbs reported the State History Department was reviewing the existing wall located at the project; the wall is considered historic.
- Requests from DTS for Traffic Collision History: No further information was presented.
- Number of Traffic Related accidents on Kapalama Street: No further information was presented.
- City's Response to Liliha/Ekekela Street Crosswalk: No further information was presented.
- Repaving of the 1300-1400 Blocks of Kealia Drive: No further information was presented.
- Status of Lolena Street Repaving: No further information was presented.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- Ma'ema'e Elementary School Community Council: Volunteers are needed for the Friday, May 2, 2014 Ma'ema'e School Fair from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mitsuda volunteered.
- Maluhia: No report was received.
- St. Francis: No report was received.
- Lanakila Multi Purpose Senior Center: No report was received.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Treasurer's Report: Chair Stubbs read the March 2014 financial statement, noting that \$19.06 was spent on postage; the remaining balance was \$280.29.

- Neighborhood Board Commission Office: Fong referred to several notices from the Neighborhood Commission Office regarding the subject of Quorum, which indicated quorum was needed to take official Board action; it was noted neighborhood board meetings could still be held without quorum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Board Meeting: The next Liliha Neighborhood Board No. 14 meeting will be Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ma'ema'e Elementary School cafeteria. Chair Stubbs noted Vice Chair Fong will be responsible for organizing the May 2014 Board agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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