



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **MONDAY, MAY 12, 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, Dale White, Loy Kuo, and Brandon Mitsuda, and Carole Kaapu.

Board Members Absent: Michelle Achong, Ethann Oki

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

Guests: Director Randy Leong (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Office), Mitchell Cabrerros (Councilmember Joey Manahan's Office); Captain Jay Park, Captain Daniel Smith (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Erik Yamane, Joseph Kim (Honolulu Police Department); Councilmember Carol Fukunaga; Gerald Hieda (The Department of Transportation Services); State Representative Takashi Ohno; Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland; Questor Lau, Cindy Nelson (Waolani Judd School); Burt Lau, Denniss Arakaki, Warren Naai, Mel Won, Janice Lee, Steve Miller, and Daniela Arriaga (Neighborhood Commission Staff).

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Jay Park reported for Captain Daniel Smith the following:

- May 2014 Statistics: There was 1 vehicle fire, 91 medical emergency, and 26 miscellaneous emergencies.
- Fire Safety Tips for Home Fire Drills: HPD encouraged residents to have a working smoke alarm in every home bedroom and hallway, and to create a family fire emergency escape plan showing all potential exits. Residents were encouraged to know at least two (2) ways out of every room; in case of fire contact 911 from outside the home.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Erik Yamane reported the following:

- April 2014 Statistics: There were 6 motor vehicle thefts, 9 burglaries, 45 thefts, and 8 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). There were 1,227 total calls for service. It was noted that statistics reported are for the area and do not cover the whole district.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Burglaries: Kaapu inquired over a recent trend in burglaries in the Alewa Heights area. Yamane reported that the plain clothes operations will continue to monitor the area for crime; no further information was able to be shared. Mitsuda and Fong thanked HPD for their efforts and assistance with the local neighborhood watch program.
2. Twitter Feed: A resident suggested HPD create a crime twitter feed; Yamane indicated that private information leaked out through social media devices could potentially negatively affect investigations.
3. Crime Email Notifications: The board discussed email notifications for crime alerts. Councilmember Fukunaga will follow up.
4. Fraudulent Emails: White expressed concern over problems with fraudulent emails reported on the news. Yamane recommended to contact 911 regarding scams.

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



- City News May 2014 - The City News May 2014 handout was distributed.
- Sew a Lei for Memorial Day: Help honor our fallen veterans by coming down to Honolulu Hale to sew leis for the Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony. Over 50,000 fresh lei are needed to be placed on each veteran's grave marker at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) and other cemeteries in Hawaii. The Royal Hawaiian Band Glee Club will provide entertainment from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The public is also welcome to drop off lei at Honolulu Hale during this time. Lei need to be at least 22–24 inches in length. Lei may also be dropped off on May 23, 2014 between 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Vehicle Registration Office Opens at Pearl Harbor: Mayor Kirk Caldwell recently hosted the Satellite City Hall Vehicle Registration Office opening at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; the facility will decrease lines at other island vehicle registration facilities and support efficient access for military.
- 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.
- State Identification Card: Leong reported either a passport or birth certificate, social security card, and proof of residence are required when applying for state ID cards

Questions:

1. State Identification Card: Leong answered for White that either a passport or birth certificate, social security card, and proof of residence are required when applying for state ID cards. Leong noted state ID's are not required if you have a current drivers license.
2. Vehicle Registration Office at Pearl Harbor: Leong answered for Fong that the Vehicle Registration Office satellite center at Pearl Harbor services up to 200 transactions per day which will help to alleviate lines at alternate sites.
3. Seniors: Community concern was expressed regarding seniors having a lack of relevant documentation to receive new ID's or licenses. Leong noted that special circumstances for seniors can be looked at case by case; contact 768-3392 or email rleong@honolulu.gov for further information for subject license requirement assistance. It was also noted that several DMV's have staff available to assist seniors and residents with their paperwork before waiting in line.
4. Refuse Fees: Leong answered for White that the proposed \$10 refuse fee charge did not pass.

District 6 Councilmember Carol Fukunaga: Councilmember Fukunaga reported the following

1. Resolution 14-72 CD 1: Councilmember Fukunaga thanked the Board, local community, and local resident Burt Lau for their assistance with resolution 14-72, CD1, relating to future uses of a Alzheimer's Respite Care Center at Na Pueo Park.
2. Complete Streets/Bill 13: Councilmember Fukunaga thanked the Board for their assistance with supporting Bill 13 CD 1 "Complete Streets."
3. Kuakini Extension Project: Nishimura reported 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.

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

- Community Aide: Cabrerros passed out newsletters and introduced Dennis Arakaki; Arakaki will assist with the area's neighborhood concerns.

13th Senatorial District Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland reported the following list of capital improvement project funding.

- Capital Improvement Project Funding/ Education: Funding for Education includes the following: \$310 million for Central Middle School; \$12 million for Farrington High School; \$100,00 million for Kauluwela Elementary School; \$68,000 million for Likelike Elementary; \$10 million of McKinley High; \$70,000 for Nuuanu Elementary; \$38.2 million for Honolulu Community College; \$12.5 million for University of Hawaii-Manoa.
- Housing and Homeless: Funding for Housing and Homeless includes the following: \$59.4 million for the Hawaiian Homelands Trust Fund; \$7.8 million for low income housing; \$71 million for Public Housing Development; \$5 million for Rental Housing Trust Fund.

- Grant-In-Aid, Capital Projects: Funding for Grant-In-Aid includes the following: \$3 million for the Bishop Museum; \$550,000 for The Filipino Community Center; \$1.4 million for St. Francis Healthcare.

14th Senatorial District Senator Donna Mercado Kim: No representative was present; no report was provided.

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

- Grant-In-Aid, Capital Projects: Funding for Grant-In-Aid includes the following: \$3 million for the Bishop Museum; \$550,000 for The Filipino Community Center; \$1.4 million for St. Francis Healthcare.
- Liliha Civic Center: The new proposed building received \$15 million.
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Questions: Burnt home on Bachelot Street: Representative Ohno reported for White that the family member has not responded to letters issued by DPP; the issue has been passed to Corporation Council.

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

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: No representative was present; no report was provided.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): No representative was present; a report was provided

PRESENTATIONS

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS): Gerald Hieda provided a handout and reported three (3) updates relating to TheBus and the Handi-Van services:

- Revised Transfer Rules: Beginning Tuesday, July 1, 2014, TheBus Transfer will have a detachable coupon to allow for up to two (2) connections. Transfers will not be valid for return or round trips, and will only be valid for up to two (2) connections until the time shown at the top of the ticket.
- Reduced Reservations Window: Beginning Tuesday, July 1, 2014, The Handi-Van will reserve rides two (2) (2) days in advance instead of seven (7) days, in order to decrease service delays and create more timely service. There will be a public hearing on this issue on Monday, June 23, 2014.
- Volunteer Program: The City partners with community groups to keep the public transit facilities maintained. DTS will provide materials and supplies and community groups are requested to provide volunteer service.

Questions:

1. Bus Stop on Dillingham: White indicated the bus stop across the street from Cosco on Dillingham Boulevard is in sore need of weed maintenance and other repairs. Hieda will follow up with the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM).
2. Bus Stop on School Street and Kapuana Street: Nitta reported the bus stop on Bus Stop on School Street and Kapuana Street is in sore need of weed maintenance and other repairs; Nitta offered to volunteer to do maintenance and noted the poor conditions were an eyesore to tourists visiting the Bishop Museum. Hieda encouraged Nitta to contact DTS's office and to also fill out a volunteer program form.
3. Bus Transfers: Dos Santos Tam thanked DTS for the recent bus transfer changes; changes were noted to offer more flexibility for bus riders.
4. Adopt a Shelter Program: Hieda indicated that the Adopt a Shelter Program can organize plaques stating volunteer and donor names.
5. Audit: Councilmember Fukunaga answered for Kuo and a resident that Director Formby welcomed a recent audit as a chance to address and improve services; the audit will address areas that are in need of improvement.

Waolani Judd School Preschool Classroom Proposal: Questor Lau and school Principal Cindy Nelson presented the following

- Proposal: A new 40 student preschool classroom is being proposed to be added to an existing space at the location.
- Construction: Impact on the surrounding community from construction will be minimal.
- Students: The proposal is based on the new State requirements for preschool and kindergarten enrollment ages.

Questions:

1. Traffic Study: Chair Stubbs expressed concern regarding the new classroom's potential impact on already poor traffic conditions during morning drop off hours. Chair Stubbs and several community members requested a traffic study to mitigate future traffic problems. Nelson anticipated the school would not impact traffic; drop off is done near the Church Sanctuary.
2. Student Enrollment: Nelson indicated the proposal would result in the enrollment of 40 additional new students; the total enrollment of students is 200. Chair Stubbs expressed concern that 40 new students would potentially result in more vehicles on Judd Street in the mornings. It was noted there are several preschools and schools nearby.
3. Demographics: Nelson answered for Dos Santos-Tam that 30% of students enrolled are from the surrounding nearby area. It was also noted several incoming students have brothers and sisters that attend the school, which would potentially require less added vehicles.
4. Air Quality: Nitta expressed concern that the school is nearby the Oahu Cemetery, which could create poor air quality for children. Nelson indicated there have been no parent complaints regarding air quality concerns.
5. Oahu Cemetery: Nelson answered for Kuo that the school has an informal agreement with the Oahu Cemetery to pass through their property in route to Waolani Judd.
6. Hours: Nelson indicated the school hours begin between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.
7. Rock Sign: White noted it was a shame that the old rock formed school sign was taken down; Nelson indicated the school had received a complaint from a neighbor that the sign was not permitted so it had to be replaced.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS: There were no residents concerns reported.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chair Stubbs indicated that approval of the April meeting minutes will be deferred until the June 2014 meeting.

UNFINISHED / ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Complete Streets Report: Santos-Tam reported there was no additional information that needed to be reported on Complete Streets. Dos Santos-Tam thanked Councilmember Fukunaga for her work on including the Liliha area to Bill 13 CD1 relating to 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. Fong, Kaapu and several community members recently visited the location.
- 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. Kaapu will follow up.
- Status of Lolena Street Repaving: No further information was presented.
- Lanikila Park Morning Noise: Cabrerros noted that the constituent had been informed that DPR responded the basket ball court could not be closed before 7:00 a.m.
- Na Pueo Park: Lau noted Resolution 14-72, CD1, had passed and thanked Board Member Fong as well as Councilmember Fukunaga for their work on the resolution. Fong and Lau will continue to follow up with future updates on the care home.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bill 12: Dos Santos Tam noted there would be a hearing on proposed budget cuts to the Neighborhood Commission Office funding at 9:00 a.m. at Honolulu Hale. Dos Santos-Tam drafted a letter requesting for

the City Council Budget Committee to restore funding. Dos Santos-Tam noted that Neighborhood Boards advocate for residents to improve local neighborhoods and are important to the community.

White moved and Fong seconded to approve the letter to be sent to the Budget Committee. The motion was ADOPTED; 7-0-1 (Aye: Stubbs, Fong, Nitta, White, Kuo, Mitsuda, Kaapu; Nay: None; Abstain: Dos Santos-Tam).

- Complete Streets: Fong noted that at a previous board meeting the board voted to support Bill 13, Complete Streets; Fong sent a letter on behalf of the Liliha Neighborhood Board to Ann Kobayashi in support with the caveat that streets within the Liliha neighborhood be included in the bill.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- Ma'ema'e Elementary School Community Council: Volunteers were thanked for attending the Friday, May 2, 2014 Ma'ema'e School Fair from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 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 \$21.48 was spent on postage; the remaining balance was \$230.73.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Board Meeting: The next Liliha Neighborhood Board No. 14 meeting will be Monday, June 11, 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 9:04 p.m.

Submitted by: Daniela Arriaga, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant