



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

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**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2014**  
**MA'EMA'E ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Wesley Fong called the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 Board meeting to order at 7:04 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 (arrived at 7:11 p.m.), Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Wesley Fong, Carole Kaapu, Loy Kuo, Brandon Mitsuda, Donald Nitta, and Ethann Oki.

Board Members Absent: Robert Stubbs and Dale White.

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

Guests: Captain Cary Yamamoto (Honolulu Fire Department), Sergeant J. Kim and Brian West (Honolulu Police Department), Keith Yamamoto (Governor Neil Abercrombie's representative), Randy Leong (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative), Chris Delaunay (Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's representative), Mitchel Cabrerros (Councilmember Joey Manahan's representative), Iris Oda (Board of Water Supply), Bixby Ho, Les Chan, Jack Katahira, Carl Campagna, Steve Miller, Janice Lee (Ma'ema'e Elementary School Community Council), Francis Nishimura, Sean Achong, Edmund Lee, and Stephen Saito (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

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

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FORUM

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Cary Yamamoto reported the following:

- July 2014 Statistics: There was 1 structure fire, 80 medical emergencies, and 45 miscellaneous emergencies.
- Fire Safety Tips: The Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) investigates reports of smoke to determine if a fire exists. While some fires are authorized under county and state regulations, most are unauthorized. When the HFD encounters an unauthorized burn, the Fire Captain will request that the fire be extinguished immediately. If the fire is authorized, the Captain must determine if the fire is safe, properly contained, and not a nuisance to others.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Kalihi Fire Station Renovation: Kuo raised the question about the Kalihi Fire Station's renovation project to start in July. Captain Yamamoto noted that it was pushed back to the end of the year.
2. Fire Trucks: Mitsuda raised the question about what to do in an instance that you hear an emergency vehicle siren. Captain Yamamoto responded that when you hear emergency vehicle sirens from a vehicle going towards ongoing traffic, please move out of the path of the vehicle immediately, preferably pulling to the right and stop until the emergency vehicle has pass.

Michelle Achong arrived at 7:11 pm.; **eight (8) members were present.**

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Brian West reported the following:

- Safety Tip: Lieutenant West restated Captain Yamamoto's response about what to do in the instance of a vehicle siren. Also, when pedestrians are looking to cross the road at the crosswalk, the pedestrians need to look both ways frequently and not assume that they have the right of way.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:



1. Thefts/Break-ins: Fong raised the question about the Alewa Height's thefts/break-ins and if HPD had any updates. Sergeant Kim noted that they have received no reports about any break-ins or thefts. Lieutenant West noted that thefts are broken down into different categories.
2. Speeding: Mitsuda noted that on Liliha Street at the intersection of Ekekela Place and Liliha Street, there is a lot of speeding and requested police officers to look into this case of speeding. Noted that a resident was hit by a driver last year.
3. Ticketed Offense: Steve Miller raised a question about what is a ticketed offense for drivers in cases of pedestrians crossing the road on crosswalks who are still on the sidewalk. Lieutenant West noted that it is not required for drivers to yield for pedestrians who are still on the sidewalk.
4. Crosswalk Signal Countdown: Jack Takahira raised a question about what is the policy for crosswalk signals when the signal countdown begins with the not cross signal. Lieutenant West noted that police officers enforces the policy that it is a violation to cross when the signal shows the do not cross signal. The only problem is that police officers need to catch pedestrians in the act of violating the law.

Mayor's Representative – Randy Leong reported the following:

- General Election 2014: The General Election 2014 begins walk in voting on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 to Saturday, November 1, 2014. The deadline to register is on Monday, October 6, 2014.
- Pavement Marking: Restriping of the pavement markings on Mamamu and Alewa Drive was delayed due to limited staff resources, but was being completed on Monday, August 11, 2014. The faded street name signs at Mamalu and Alewa Drive will need to be fabricated utilizing the new federal standards, and will be installed by the middle of September 2014.
- Na Pueo Park Status on Former Alzheimer's Care Facility: Department of Customer Services (DCS) staff is still completing the information request on the status of Na Pueo Park's former Alzheimer's care facility in a joint letter and will provide a response in the near future. DCS noted to anticipate competition of letter by Thursday, August 14, 2014 and will forward through the Managing Director to Councilmember Fukunaga.
- Bulky Items: Residents are not allowed to place bulky items with other piles that are not fronting their own property; unless the area was approved as a designated neighborhood bulky item collection area by Refuse Division Supervisors with the agreement of surrounding property owners.
- Traffic Signal Timing: The Department of Transportation (DTS) has been adjusting the signal timing for the H-1 construction traffic detour along various streets. The H-1 construction has been recently completed, and the various traffic signals have been restored to their original timing.
- Road Construction Terms: To City staff, the terms "repaving" and "resurfacing" are currently used interchangeably to describe the scarifying of the road's top layer of asphalt and replacement with new asphalt. The term "resurfacing" may have been used in the past where a layer of asphalt may have been added onto the existing pavement that is now referred to as an "overlay." In other agencies, "resurfacing" may include the use of a topical pavement treatment such as a slurry seal or seal coat that involves thin layer application of material that preserves the asphalt surface. The City refers to slurry seal or seal coat applications as "pavement preservation" projects. Another term that is used in road repair is "rehabilitation" that would involve some reconstruction of the base layers beneath the top asphalt layer. The more expensive rehabilitation projects are required where the pavement has failed and there exists heavy vehicular traffic such as bus routes or routes used by large/heavy trucks.
- Phase 12 A Project: Lolena Place and the section up to Kula Street are scheduled to be resurfaced under Phase 12A. Scheduled for bidding at the end of 2014.
- Termite Eaten Pole: The three (3) light poles on Lolena Place are jointly owned by attaching agencies. The Hawaiian Electric Company is replacing the first pole on Lolena Place; the City will be expediting its street light changeover to the new pole. Please contact Hawaiian Electric if there is a problem with the other two (2) wooden poles.
- School Bus Stop: When the Houghtailing/ School bus stop, next to the 76 station bus shelter's asphalt pavement floor was removed, DTS discovered the metal posts that supported the floor to be completely rusted and detached from the base. New footings and other deficiencies required corrective action. As of Monday, August 11, 2014, the concrete floor has been completed and bus patrons have been allowed to use the benches and shelter. Additional repairs are in progress. However, these repairs will have a minimal impact on the use of the shelter by bus patrons.
- Board Member's Name plates: Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) stated that the subdistricts were eliminated on the name plates to ensure the names were big enough to be read by the audience.
- Important Phone Numbers: The City Pothole Report Line is 768-7777, the Report Abandoned Vehicle is 733-2530, and the Honolulu Liquor Commission Hotline is 768-7363.

- Mayor's Remembrance Walk: The Mayor's Remembrance Walk commemorates Tuesday, September 11, 2001 and the first-responders who were lost in the line of duty during the tragic event. The Remembrance Walk begins at 5:00 p.m. with a ceremony at the Honolulu Police Department headquarters on 801 South Beretania Street on Sunday, September 7, 2014.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Complete Streets Priority: Dos Santos-Tam requested how to advocate for Liliha to be more on the top of priority for the Complete Streets project. Leong noted that he will look into that.
2. Name plates: Francis Nishimura raised a question of more details on the name plate concern not having the subdistrict of Board members. Dos Santos-Tam noted he will follow up on the issue at a future Neighborhood Commission meeting.
3. Unfinished Business: Fong questioned Leong on various City reports under the "Unfinished Business" agenda item before he had to leave the meeting. Leong noted that he is unable to provide any further reports.
4. Speeding: Mitsuda asked if Leong could write an official letter for HPD to enforce speeding going up Liliha Street.
5. Naio Drive: Kaapu raised a question if the City could look into cutting back the Hale Koa in the surrounding location.
6. Alewa Drive: A community member noted down near Alewa Drive, a traffic light is not working properly.

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

- Complete Streets Community Meeting: On Monday, August 25, 2014 starting at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room 229 at the State Capitol (415 South Beretania Street) will be the Complete Streets Community Meeting. Contact Senior Aide Chris Delaunay at 768-5069 to obtain a copy of Dan Burden's report or for more information about the meeting.
- Road Repairs: The road repairs for substandard roads in Liliha-Alewa and Kalihi Valley are planned to start in 2015.
- Na Pueo Park Facilities Survey: Survey results on the Na Pueo Park Facilities showed response that 71% the facility should continue to be used for senior citizens, 23% for park use, and 6% for other use.
- Stream Overgrowth: Councilmember Fukunaga introduced Bill 52-14 to help expedite the removal of unsafe and unsanitary conditions on private property.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Bill 52-14: Kuo and Fong requested more information about Bill 52-14. Delaunay will report more about it at the next meeting.
2. Swift Response: Bixby Ho commended Delaunay's swift response to his residential concerns.

District 7 Councilmember Joey Manahan – Mitchel Cabrerros was not able to provide a report, but was available to respond to questions, comments, and concerns: No questions, comments, and concerns were raised.

13th Senatorial District Suzanne Chun Oakland – No representative was present; a handout was provided.

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

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:

- Tropical Storm: Neil Abercrombie would like to commemorate everyone's cooperation during the tropical storm Iselle.
- Support: Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA), formerly State Civil Defense, and the Hawaii National Guard went to support Hawaii County.
- Ice: at least thirty-two thousand pounds of ice was delivered to the county of Hawaii.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Price Gouging: Fong raised a question about enforcement of price gouging laws. Yamamoto noted that the State will enforce that law.

2. Vineyard Boulevard Resurfacing Project: Kuo stated his suggestion that at the Vineyard Boulevard intersection, the State should construct a median U turn at the town bound Vineyard Boulevard direction.

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

- Water Emergency Preparedness: Natural Disasters, power outages, or other unexpected events can disrupt the ability of the Board of Water Supply (BWS) to provide water service to the community. Hurricane Iselle and Tropical Storm Julio are the first major storm systems of the central pacific hurricane season and serve as an important reminder to have an emergency preparedness kit available for your household. One crucial component of your emergency preparedness kit is having a safe drinking water supply. Residents should store at least one gallon of water per person per day for at least five (5) to seven (7) days. For more information about water emergency preparedness, including a handout describing how best to store drinkable water in your home, is available online at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).
- Water Emergency Information: To receive water information bulletins, please stay tuned to media reports and take any appropriate actions announced by the BWS or other emergency response agencies. To receive emergency alerts via email or text messages, consider subscribing to the BWS at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).
- General Emergency Preparedness: Further information about emergency preparedness and storm monitoring may be found by visiting websites for the National Weather Service ([www.weather.hawaii.gov/hawaii](http://www.weather.hawaii.gov/hawaii)), Department of Emergency ([www.honolulu.gov/dem.html](http://www.honolulu.gov/dem.html)), and the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency ([www.scd.hawaii.gov](http://www.scd.hawaii.gov)). The pacific hurricane season continues until the end of November.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Fire Hydrant Request: Oki noted that he will follow up with the BWS with the street name of the location that Oki suggests needs a fire hydrant.
2. BWS Water Main Break Replacement: Kuo asked if the project of the BWS water main break replacement will start in September 2014 as stated. Oda noted that as of today, the estimated start date remains the same, but depends on process of contracts documents and obtaining permits.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **The Monday, July 14, 2014 regular meeting minutes were ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY as corrected 8-0-0; (Aye: Achong, Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Kaapu, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, and Oki).** Corrections included the following:

1. Page 1: Under the subheading, "Honolulu Police Department (HPD)—Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Police Response:," before "Ho," should be added "Resident Bixby."
2. Page 2: Under the subheading, "Questions, comments, and concerns followed:," the word, "repave" and "repaving" should be changed to, "repaved."
3. Page 3: Under the subheading, "Mural," "a resident," should be changed to, "Oki."

Discussion Followed: Oki raised a question about adding the title of "Resident" or "Community Member" in front of resident and community member's name in the minutes and "Board Member" in front of Board member's names in the minutes. Saito noted that he will defer that question to other staff members at the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO).

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Oahu Cemetery Construction: Kaapu noted that the start date of construction of the Oahu Cemetery crematorium will begin in the next few days. Completion of project should be in January 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liliha Library Hours: - Dos Santos-Tam reported the following from a correspondence from Representative Takashi Ohno: Library Hours: Representative Ohno met with Librarian, Richard Burns and noted that there is no funding to extend the library hours. Representative will work towards a budget request to extend the library hours.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

Ma'ema'e Elementary SCC: Ma'ema'e Elementary SCC will be having their next meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Treasurer's Report: Oki noted a total balance of \$444.40.

Discussion Followed: Board Banner: Kaapu raised a question to use the budget to purchase a banner as suggested at the last Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 meeting. Fong proposed carrying out a two-thirds vote.

Kaapu moved and Mitsuda seconded **the motion to add the agenda item a Board banner to advertise the monthly meeting was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0-0; (Aye: Achong, Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Kaapu, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, and Oki).**

Kaapu moved and Mitsuda seconded **the motion to approve Board expenditure of the purchase of a Board banner to advertise the monthly meeting was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0-0; (Aye: Achong, Dos Santos-Tam, Fong, Kaapu, Kuo, Mitsuda, Nitta, and Oki).**

Discussion followed:

1. Price: The purchase of a banner would estimate to be up to \$50.
2. Appointment: Kaapu was appointed by Fong to design the banner and be in charge of carrying out the purchase.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 regular meeting will be on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ma'ema'e Elementary School cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by: Stephen Saito, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant  
Finalized by: Robert Stubbs, Chair