



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

MA'EMA'E ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Wesley Fong called the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. **A quorum was established with nine (9) Board members present.** Note – This 13 member Board requires seven (7) members to establish a quorum and take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Carl Campagna, Mela Kealoha-Lindsey, Jessica Higgins, Brandon Mitsuda, Wesley Fong, Kenneth Huang, Carole Kaapu, Donald Nitta, and Manaia Alalamua.

Board Members Absent: Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Dale White, and Robert “Bob” Stubbs.

Vacancies: There was one (1) vacancy in subdistrict 1.

Guests: Randy Leong (Mayor's Representative); Robert Kroning (Department of Design and Construction); Mark Garrity and Michael Formby (Department of Transportation Services); Senator Donna Mercado Kim; Councilmember Carl Fukunaga; Lei Ishii (Councilmember Joey Manahan); Alisha Leisele (Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland); Lieutenant Brian West and Sergeant Keith Kesler (Honolulu Police Department); Captain Robert Data (Honolulu Fire Department); Iris Oda (Board of Water Supply); Keith Yamamoto (Department of Health); Ramsay Taum (PBR Hawaii); Thomas Lee and Kailyn Lee (Hunt); Lori Lum (Watanabe Ing LLP); Francis Nishimura, Ronald Higa, Robert Arakaki, Aaron Lau, and Catherine Graham; Sharon Baillie (Neighborhood Commission Office).

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FORUM (Part 1)

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Robert Data reported the following:

- **April 2016 Fire Statistics** –There was 1 structure, 1 cooking, and 3 nuisance fires. There were 60 medical emergencies, 2 motor vehicle collisions with pedestrians, and 3 motor vehicle crashes/collisions.
- **Fire Safety Tip – Wildland/Brush Fires:**
 - Wildland/Brush fires can cause extensive damage to the community.
 - The National Fire Protection Association suggests taking the following preventative steps around the home.
 - Removed flammable materials, such as dead vegetation and wood piles, from within 30 feet of the home.
 - Keep lawns hydrated and maintained. If a lawn is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for brush fires.
 - Clear leaves and other vegetative debris from roofs, gutters, porches, and decks. This helps prevent embers from igniting your home.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Nitta asked and Data responded that he did not have specifics on the location and seriousness of the accidents that took place.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant Byron Anaya circulated a handout and reported the following:

- **April 2016 Statistics** –There were 7 motor vehicles thefts, 6 burglaries, 23 thefts, and 17 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). A total of 1, 271 calls were placed for service.
- **Safety Tip – Pay Attention:**
 - Pay attention to everything around you.
 - Look around and consider what you are seeing.
 - Drivers need to be aware of other drivers and pedestrians.
 - Pedestrians need to be aware of other pedestrians and drivers.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS AND RECOGNITIONS: Park Hours – Mitsuda on behalf of Trisha Nakamatsu wants to thank the board and everyone who supported the letter sent to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) in consideration of changing Lanakila Park hours to a later opening.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FORUM CONTINUED

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Department of Customer Services (DCS), Deputy Director Randy Leong reported the following:

- Repaving – Houghtailing Street between North King Street and Hillcrest Street will be repaved as part of the Department of Design and Construction's (DCC) Rehabilitation of Streets, Unit 75 project. Because of a planned sewer project estimated to be completed in 2020, the resurfacing project will be scheduled after the sewer project is completed. In the interim the Department of Facilities and Maintenance (DFM) completed first aid road repairs on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 to provide some relief to motorists.
- Dwelling Units – The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) investigated 1819 Houghtailing Street on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 and revealed that the house was occupied by one family and not being used as a boarding house. If there are suspicions about violations of a dwelling unit violating their permit for a single housing dwelling unit call the DPP, Residential Enforcement Branch at 768-8159.
- Bulky Items – Due to a large amount of bulky items that needed to be picked up in Sector 1 (Foster Village to the Makai area of Kalihi/Palama), crews were unable to get to Sector 2 until Tuesday, April 12, 2016 to pick up bulky items from the area. Overtime is offered to crews in assisting completing bulky collection sectors that are behind in order to get back on schedule. Honolulu is divided into eight (8) sectors, each sector is serviced within a three (3) to four (4) day collection period, which allows sectors to be serviced monthly. When there is a full complete crew to service a sector over the designated collection period, each sector is completed on time. The manpower to assign three (3) crews to each sector is not feasible and would be a prohibitive cost burden to the city.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Chicken Coup – Campagna asked and Leong answered that if one is considering building a chicken coup they need to be aware of the noise ordinance that exists and the number of fowl allowed in a residential area. He will come back with an answer on the size of a coup allowed.
2. Construction – Nitta said that there is a project on Kapalama Avenue that is replacing concrete roadway, and that due to the construction the telephone line is taped to the power line right now. He would like to make sure that once the project is completed everything goes back to the way it was, i.e., the telephone line not being taped to the power line. He would also like to know who the project engineer is on this specific project.

District 6 Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Councilmember Fukunaga reported the following: Kuakini Extension – The Kuakini Extension project is a major source of concern for the community. However the project is starting up again and should be completed shortly. Fukunaga thanked Director Formby of the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and Director Kroning of DDC for being in attendance at tonight's meeting to answer questions and concerns about complete streets and other project updates.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Thanks – Mitsuda thanked Fukunaga and everyone that was involved in getting Liliha Street restriped. Fong thanked Fukunaga in regards to her championing for the affordable senior housing and community center in Chinatown, which is about half way to coming to culmination.
2. Bicycle Sharrows – Nishimura inquired about the sharrows on the left lane of traffic on Liliha Street and DDC Director Kroning clarified that sharrows identify, warn, and mind drivers of bicycle riders sharing the roadway. All roads are multi modal except for freeways and highways. Kroning will take a look at the sharrows painted in the left lane and see if they should be on right side.

District 7 Councilmember Joey Manahan – Lei Ishii reported the following: Streets – A list of streets to be rehabilitated in the Rehabilitation of Streets project Phase 12C is included in the report. Thanks to Mitsuda for helping with the recent Adopt-A-Block clean up.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Keola Street – Nishimura asked and Kroning answered that Keola Street is a private street that is a part of the Rehabilitation of Streets Project. There are 12 requirements that a private street must meet in order for the city to rehabilitate it. Nishimura stated that he did not see Keola Street on the list of streets

- to be rehabilitated on Manahan's report, Kroning reiterated that Keola Street is part of Phase 12B and that the 12B list was not provided in the Councilmembers report.
2. Liability – Fong asked if the city assumes responsibilities from any problems that may arise from when they pave the private streets. Kroning stated that they have inspectors that go and check out the work that has been done and does not accept anything below standard. Leong will come back with an answer.
 3. Requirements – Alalamua asked what the 12 requirements were for the city to rehabilitate a private road, Kroning stated that it is a city ordinance and can be found on the city website. Two (2) main factors are that there needs to be six (6) residences and no restricted signs on the road. Campagna asked for clarification if it is six (6) residences or six (6) parcels. Leong will come back with an answer.
 4. Construction – Nitta inquired as to why the construction on School Street from the UPW to the Like Like Highway started a few weeks ago, but nothing has been done since. Kroning answered that this was not one of his projects, however many factors can cause delays in construction such as a broken machine.

13th Senatorial District Suzanne Chun Oakland: Alisha Leisele reported the following:

- Mahalo – Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland has decided not to run for elected office this year. Chun Oakland is thankful for the 26 years she was able to represent the people in our community and state. Thank you to everyone that helped volunteer their time in the Vibrant Chinatown cleanup effort that took place on Saturday, April 30, 2016.
- Newsletter – The newsletter that will be going out in a few weeks includes information on the budget as well as bills that have passed. A listing of upcoming meeting in the community can be found in the back portion of newsletter. Please call the office with any questions as 586-6130.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Thank You – Board members voiced their thanks for all that Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland has done for the community in her years of service.

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

- Bills – Session ended on Thursday, May 5, 2016. Many bills passed.
 - \$ 100 million for air conditioning to cool schools in Hawaii.
 - \$ 1.2 million for air conditioning at Maluhia Hospital.
 - \$ 207,000 for air conditioning at Lanakila Healthcare.
 - \$104 million for various housing needs.
 - \$12 million for a 12 year study for a potential inter-island ferry.
 - \$4.7million towards kupuna care.
- Did Not Pass – The gas tax, car registration, and weight tax did not pass.
- Others – House Bill (HB) 32 was recommitted, which helps clarify the proper crosswalk procedures. Senate Bill (SB) 2816 to do with criminal trespassing was amended.

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 David Ige's Representative – Deputy Director Keith Yamamoto, Department of Health (DOH) circulated the Capitol Connection newsletter and reported the following:

- Newsletter – The Governor's newsletter highlights increased housing opportunities.
- Fight the Bite – The Fight the Bite campaign is still ongoing. Please be aware of mosquitos and protect yourself.
- Preschool – Legislature expanded the preschool open doors program with another \$10 million in funding.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Iris Oda circulated a BWS Calendar and reported the following:

- April 2016 Main Breaks: There were no main breaks to report
- General Water Announcements:
 - 2016 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contests Winners Announced – The BWS would like to thank everyone who participated in the contests. The winners were announced and recognized at an awards ceremony in April 2016. For a full list of winners and an online art gallery, go to www.boardofwatersupply.com.
 - Water Matters Customer Newsletter – The latest edition of the BWS's customer newsletter, Water Matters, is currently being distributed to BWS customers as a water bill insert. The spring

2016 newsletter shares information on the history of the BWS as a semi-autonomous government agency, upcoming water system improvement projects, xeriscape garden activities, and more. Please contact the communication office for any questions or comments at 748-5041.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Water – Fong asked and Oda answered that Hawaii has some of the best drinking water in the nation and reasons why people may prefer drinking bottled water could be that where they live may have old pipes and not like the taste.

PRESENTATIONS

Department of Transportation Services (DTS) – Public Transit Division (site distance issue at bus terminus at Liliha and Namau'u – DTS Deputy Director Mark Garrity reported the following:

- Buses – Due to the frequency of the buses along route 13, there may be a site distance issue if two (2) buses are waiting at bus stops for their time to depart, particularly at Liliha Street and Namau'u Drive.
 - Two proposals would be to lengthen the bus terminus zone and require when a second bus arrives, that the first bus moves forward up the street to allow the second bus to be in the designated bus stop area. As well as adjust the stop line at the Namau'u Drive intersection with Liliha Street.
 - These changes can be done on a temporary trial basis for three (3) to six (6) months. After this a more permanent solution could be found.

DTS Public Transit Title VI Program report to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – DTS Deputy Director Mark Garrity reported the following:

- Title IV – Receives federal funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), every three (3) years required to submit a Title IV program which prohibits against, race, color, and national origin.
- Comments – Comments are being accepted until Monday, May 30, 2016. Call 768-8396 or email at thebusstop@honolulu.gov.
- Outcome – The point of this program is to make sure that the transportation services are equitable for the state and provided in a non-discriminatory manner.

DTS, Traffic Engineering Division (Kuakini Street Extension Project) – No representative was present; no report was provided.

Hunt Companies – (HPHA–PBR) Hawaii Mayor Wright Homes Redevelopment – Peter Lee (HUNT) and Ramsey Taum (PBR) reported the following:

- HUNT – Hunt has been doing business locally in Hawaii for over 30 years. HUNT was selected by the state through a request for qualifications (RFQ) process in 2014 to be the master developer to redevelop the Mayor Wright housing.
- Meeting – There was a community meeting with the residents of the housing on May 6, 2016 to inform them of what would be taking place. There will be more meetings that everyone is welcomed to attend starting at the end of the month.
- PBR – Taum is the cultural sustainability planner for PBR. PBR is excited to be a part of this project and what it means for the community.
- More Information – There will be community meetings where everyone can attend, and an advisory committee will be formed in order to come up with wants and needs for this redevelopment. There will be community sharettes, which will be a process in which anyone can give their input on what they would like the redevelopment to look like. Pending final approval the next meeting will be Tuesday, May 24, 2016.
- Contact – For more information call Thomas Lee at 792-3760 or Ramsey Taum at 521-5631.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Updates – Nishimura asked and Taum answered that they would come back and give reports to the board of any updates on the project.
2. One (1) for One (1) – Huang asked and Lee answered that at a minimum the redevelopment will be a one (1) for one (1), however they will probably condense the space and the buildings could become a tower with some open spaces. Lee states they are unsure if it will be something like Kukui Gardens since it is in the early stages. He stated there will be meetings that lead up to a one (1) week design sharette in August where people in the community can share their input of what they would like to see and a master plan developed.

3. Meetings – Kealoha-Lindsey inquired and Lee responded that a process is in works to put updates about the project, other means of informing the public about these meetings may come through social media type posts as well.
4. Why – Nitta asked and Lee answered that the state put out a request for qualifications (RFQ) in 2014, and based on experience and resume HUNT was chosen.
5. Start – Nishimura asked and Lee stated that the project probably will not start in 2017 because they are in the beginning stages. Taum added that they are trying to expedite the process, however after a master plan has been developed, it takes about another 12 months for an environmental assessment to be done before work can start.

Pedestrian and Bike Elements of Complete Streets on Nuuanu and Liliha – DDC Director Robert Kroning reported the following:

- Repaving – As part of the Mayor's repaving program to repave 1500 miles of roadway, sections 12B and 12C have sets of roads either in or around the neighborhood.
- Complete Streets – Nuuanu Avenue as well as School Street are two (2) streets that can be a part of Complete Streets. They are in the process of hiring a consultant to do an assessment of what can be done on Nuuanu Avenue to make it safer for motorists, bicycles, and pedestrians.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Liliha – Huang asked and Kroning answered that they did not want to slow the repaving process down. Garrity mentions that Liliha Street from School Street to Wylie Street will be a part of a complete streets assessment and money should be allocated in next year's fiscal budget with Councilmember Fukunaga's help. The process takes a long time between hiring, assessment and input, and actual construction, therefore the repaving is something that can be done right now to make the ride smoother for motorist and to not slow down the repaving process.
2. Resolution – Fong mentions that Fukunaga has a resolution for the board to look over that would be in favor if pedestrian safety features for key Liliha complete street improvements. Fukunaga gave thanks to Kroning and Garrity for helping address the concerns of the community.

Mitsuda moved and Campagna seconded to support a resolution that supports pedestrian safety features as a key part of Liliha "Complete Streets" improvements.

Discussion Followed:

- Importance Mitsuda noted that it is important that we work together to see pertinent projects become successful. Campagna added that we need to support this in recognition of fellow resident Leslie, Fong echoed his sentiment.
- Riding – Lau thanked Kroning and his staff for putting in the sharrows, he was able to ride his bike on Liliha Street in a safe manner.

Mitsuda moved and Campagna seconded to support a resolution that supports pedestrian safety features as a key part of Liliha "Complete Streets" improvements. The motion was adopted by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 8-0-0. (AYE: Campagna, Kealoha-Lindsey, Higgins, Mitsuda, Fong, Huang, Kaapu, Nitta, and Alalamua; Nay: none; Abstain: none.) A copy of the resolution will be attached to the minutes.

Progression's Offshore Wind Project – No representative was present; no report was provided.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes: Hearing no objections, The April 11, 2016 regular meeting minutes was ADOPTED as circulated by UNANIMOUS CONSENT AS AMENDED, 9-0-0 (Aye: ; Nay: none; Abstain: none).

PAGE 2: The Division of Urban Forestry inspected several African tulip trees at 682 Kuakini Street in Kalihi, in early March, 2016. The DUF supervisor determined these trees are growing within private property and therefore, maintenance is the responsibility of the private property owner. The concern was relayed to the Department of Planning and Permitting, the department responsible for investigating these matters.

PAGE 5: Keola Street.

PAGE 6: HPHA contracted Hunt Development.

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

Complete Streets Report: There was no report at this time.

Kuakini Street Extension Project Update – Nitta does not think the public officer should come in unless there is something to report, mentioned at previous meeting the company doing the project is incurring daily civil fines.

Streets Repaving – There was no report at this time.

Status of HPHA affordable housing project at Lanakila Avenue and School Street – There was no report at this time.

Resolution to Reduce Excessive Moped Noise – Moped bill has passed.

NextEra/HEI Buyout Resolution – There was no report at this time.

Change of Operating Hours at Lanakila Park – Mitsuda stated he will let the board know when the approval of the park hour changes goes through.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislation Affecting Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14: There was no report at this time.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Maemae Elementary School SCC: No representative was present; no report was provided.

Maluhia: No representative was present; no report was provided.

St. Francis: No representative was present; no report was provided.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center: No representative was present; no report was provided.

Other Community Organizations: No representative was present; no report was provided.

BOARD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report: Kaapu noted a total balance of \$108.19 for April 2016. The report was filed.

Report on Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO): There was no report at this time.

Sunshine Law Online Training: There was no report at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: The next Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 regular meeting will be on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ma'ema'e Elementary School Cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by: Sharon Baillie, Neighborhood Assistant I

Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant II

Finalized by: Chair Robert "Bob" Stubbs and Vice Chair Wesley Fong

**SUPPORTING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FEATURES AS A
KEY ELEMENT OF LILIHA "COMPLETE STREETS" IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board #14 has affirmed that "Complete Streets" are streets that accommodate convenient access and mobility for all users of public highways, roadways, and streets — including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, and persons of all ages and abilities — while providing safe and efficient movement of people and goods (*Resolution adopted February 13, 2012 by Neighborhood Board #14*); and,

WHEREAS, numerous pedestrian fatalities and other serious accidents have occurred in recent years on [the] major thoroughfares within the Liliha, Puunui, Alewa and Kamehameha Heights region, including Liliha Street, Kuakini Street, School Street, and Nuuanu Avenue; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 formed a "Complete Streets" permitted interaction group, tasked with identifying problematic intersections, areas, and corridors and proposing possible solutions; and

WHEREAS, specific mobility and pedestrian safety issues along Liliha Street were identified in the *Honolulu Complete Streets Implementation Study Location Report - Liliha Street from School Street to Kuakini Street (Draft I - October 2015)*, and "Complete Streets" improvements between School Street and Kuakini Street are proposed in this year's City CIP budget (*Bill 15, CD1 - 2016*);

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board #14 encourages the Honolulu City Council and the directors of the departments of Transportation Services, Design and Construction, Planning and Permitting and Facility Maintenance to undertake pedestrian safety improvements along the Liliha Street traffic corridor within the same general time frame that bicycle and vehicular improvements are implemented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the mayor; managing director; all members of the City Council; directors of the departments of Transportation Services, Design and Construction, Planning and Permitting, and Facility Maintenance.

Adopted by the Liliha/Punu/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board 14. At its regular board meeting Monday, May 5, 2016, by a board vote 9-0-0.