



KALIHI – PALAMA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 15

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-draft WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2008 KAPALAMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were only 8 members present of this 19 member Board which did not constitute a quorum. The meeting was to continue without the Board taking action or discussion leading to any action. A vote of 10 is required for the Board to take action.

MEMBERS PRESENT – John Dell, Donald Guerrero (arrived at 7:08 p.m.), Roland Louie, Rodolfo Ibay, Fetu Kolio, Allyn Vasquez-Dela Cerna, David Yaw, Shane Yaw, and Bernadette Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT – Jennifer Waihe'e, Ken Harding, Cardy Fang, Calvin Konno, Jesusa Rone, and Florendo Juan.

VACANCIES – Four vacancies in Sub-District 3.

GUESTS: Senator Trimble, Senator Chun Oakland, Representative Karl Rhoads, Representative Manahan, Councilmember Cachola, Firefighter Frank Supranovich (Honolulu Fire Department-HPD), Officer Spencer Andersen, Sgt. Piros, Sgt. Agmata, Lt. Kau (Honolulu Police Department-HPD); Pat Lee (Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project-HHCTCP), Ted Saribay (Board of Water Supply-BWS), Donna Lim (Department of Parks and Recreation-DPR), Ross Tsukenjo (Senator Mercado-Kim's office), Dennis Galolo, Elenoa Fuka, Lorraine Robinson (TJ Mahoney & Associates), Joanna Chavez and Cliff Laboy (Mayor Wright Housing Management Office-MWH); Iwalani Sato (City Department of Environmental Services-ENV), Darren Ng, Alan Garcia, Jadelyn Neal, and Mary Chanel-Benjamin (Neighborhood Commission Office-NCO).

VOTE TO FILL THE VACANCIES – Chair Young asked the public if anyone was interested in filling Board vacancies. No one came forward to accept vacancies.

COMMUNITY REPORTS:

Honolulu Police Department (HPD):

HPD – Sgt. Agmata of District 1 reported total statistics for last month included: 1) 3 assaults, 4 drug offenses, 1 burglary, 1 graffiti, 15 motor vehicle collisions (MVC), 2 motor vehicle thefts (MVT), 1 driving under the influence (DUI), 2 robberies, 2 unauthorized entry into motor vehicle (UEMV), 29 miscellaneous calls.

Sgt. Piros of District 5 reported total statistics for last month included: 1) 256 arguments, 27 assaults, 37 burglaries, 4 drug offenses, 19 DUIs, 8 family offenses, 16 MVT, 247 MVC, 50 property damages, 14 robberies, 1 sex offender, 69 thefts and 24 UEMV. 2) He clarified an earlier report regarding children playing alone outdoors was not illegal; however, playing on the public streets was illegal. 3) HPD was willing to assist with MWH PIG; however, a schedule is needed in order for HPD to assist in walks. Please advise the Kalihi District station of the schedule by calling 845-1220.

HPD Community Police Team (CPT) – Officer Andersen circulated information regarding CPT and said the program was sponsored by HPD and relied on citizen participation and involvement in self-help cooperative battle against crime. Its primary purpose was protection of the communities. The goals were: a) education about area crime problems and improvement of security, b) implement coordinated community based programs to increase awareness and concern for protection, c) identify and develop effective measures for the prevention, deterrence and reduction of specific crimes, d) and strengthen police-community relations. Individuals were encouraged to contact HPD to request information, packets and flyers to prepare them to form CPT groups and schedule a meeting between community members and a CPT-HPD officer to start a program in a community.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. Supranovich reported statistics for last month included: 1) 3 structure, 2 rubbish, 3 wildland and 3 vehicle fires, 55 medical emergencies, 21 search and rescue and 7 miscellaneous calls. .



2) Fire Safety Tip: HFD investigated smoke to determine if a fire existed. HFD will request the fire be extinguished if found unsafe, not properly contained or a nuisance to others. Please call 523-4411 to report your event if a fire or a fire pit for food was involved; 10 minutes but not more than 20 minutes prior to igniting the fire.

Questions, answers and concerns:

- 1) Dell asked the solution about Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT) and HFD water-hose issue was addressed as a "wait and see" until a fire happens was not good for KPT families in the event of a fire. Capt. Supranovich said it was reported and KPT management was notified of the violation and to cease use of the hoses to water plants. Capt. Supranovich also said HFD carried hoses on all fire trucks and depended heavily on these resource-hoses at every single reported incident.
- 2) D. Yaw asked how often do the KPT fire hoses were inspected, also what can one do regarding a BBQ fire after midnight. Fire hoses at state buildings were inspected annually. There were no law against BBQ fires after midnight; however, HFD will respond if called regarding smoke complaint especially at an odd hour of the night.

Residents' Concerns:

- 1) T. Saribay was concerned about five district residence break-ins this month.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – T. Saribay reported: 1) BWS reminded residents to conserve water during the ongoing drought. 2) The ultra low flow toilet (1.28 gallons/flush) \$100 rebate has been extended until June 2009. 3) BWS utilizes four shafts, 12 tunnels and 84 well stations around the island to draw water from the ground to serve the public. Once water surfaces, it enters a complex through a transmission system which then transports water from the pumping stations to customers. Pumping stations pump water from the shafts, tunnels and wells into our transmission system. Occasionally, booster stations are used to push water over long distances and to higher elevations. Over 2,000 miles of transmission mains are utilized to convey freshwater from the pumping stations, to reservoirs, and to your home. Log on to www.boardofwatersupply.com for further information on water supply.

Questions, answers and concerns:

- 1) D. Yaw asked if there was an active conservation campaign since he has heard conflicting reports on conservation. T. Saraby said there was no draught currently, however, BWS constantly reminded citizens to use water wisely and not waste in order to conserve for future. T. Saraby also added the BWS does have a media department to convey public relation matters.

Mayor Hanneman's Representative – R. Tanimoto reported: 1) Flooding on N. King and Iwilei Streets was investigated and found that the 12 inch line from the catch basin crossing N. King Street to the drain line was damaged. The city will schedule the use of a camera to scope the drain line to determine damages. 2) The Awa Lane closure sign matters were referred to the State representative and he understood this parcel of land was currently being offered to the adjacent resident building to take over. 3) BWS investigated the site at N. School Street and Kamehameha IV Road regarding broken concrete and found the correct location was about a block diamond head from Kamehameha IV Road at N. School Street. This damage has been reported to City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) for repairs.

Adopt a Block and Stream Clean up: 1) I. Sato from city Department of Environmental Services announced a Adopt a Block and Stream community clean up was September 27 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Individual and community efforts can make difference; litter and graffiti removal as well as drain storm stenciling will be targets of this project. Banyan and Kanoa Streets and Honolulu Community College parking lot were two meeting places. 2) The October 11 Adopt a Stream was from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the Kalihi mountain to ocean connection. This Adopt a Stream was a program by the City & County of Honolulu partnered with other district groups; more information can be obtained by calling Iwalani Sato at 780-8872 or email isato@honolulu.gov.

Questions, answers and concerns:

- 1) Chair Young said the Ala Wai Canal dredging years brought 176,000 cubic yards of polluted dredging to the ocean off of Sand Island; now Ala Wai Canal has added plant restoration for bioremediation. Can this be done at Kapalama Canal? I. Sato said a pollutant and nutrient studies need to be made in order for such a project to happen like it did at the Ala Wai Stream; Environmental Protection Agency and partnerships with various strategic groups would also be involved. R. Tanimoto added the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) was the agency responsible for the Ala Wai Canal drainage.

A short recess was called by Chair Young from 7:38 to 7:50 p.m.

AGENDA RESIDENTS' CONCERNS –

- A. Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA), Stephanie Fo was not present; no report available.
- B. Mayor Wright Housing Management Office (MWH), Joanna Chavez and Cliff Laboy were present.

Questions, answers and concerns:

- 1) Kolio offered thanks to MWH for trying to stay on top of problems and said he knew most of the problems occurring currently were contributed by outsiders coming to MWH.
- 2) Vasquez-Dela Cerna said she made a complaint regarding unnecessary towing by a contract towing company hired by the state and MWH; towing only selected vehicles as well as illegally parking their tow trucks while visiting MWH residences. She also was upset the tow truck drivers followed residences back to MWH to try and tow them again and some towing took place in the middle of the night; MWH residences try to comply, however, it has been difficult since MWH management has been unsuccessful with protecting its' residences by considering giving a timeline to comply and offering solutions. Chair Young added she heard MWH towing was also occurring on weekends when most City offices were closed to take care of expired tags. J. Chavez said tow trucks do roam to secure the parking areas during a 24 hour per 7 day/week and residents were responsible to notify their guests regarding parking rules and enforcement. J. Chavez said MWH management had notified the tow truck company regarding its' drivers violating parking rules and said it will not happen again.
- 3) Dell asked if the security company hired by MWH was under City or State jurisdiction. C. Laboy reported: Ali'i Security which operated under a contract from the State was a visible force at MWH; Ali'i Security enforced house rules and wrote reports and had HPD backup if needed. However, Ali'i Security was not involved with the separate towing contract. He went on to say HPD was called if a confrontation seemed likely to get out of control; they also are trying to control the problems through HPD, Weed & Seed Programs and the public. He said funding was lacking to assist with more security measures and asked the Board to assist in lobbying for funds to continue to bring on more manpower as the contract was under funded.
- 4) S. Yaw asked if there were any evictions due to house rules broken. C. Laboy said security did not make such decisions; referred to HPHA process for this information. C. Laboy said Liliha Street to Dillingham Boulevard had about 87,000 trouble calls and over 3,500 reports made to HPD over a years' time; the district was also in much need of HPD manpower. C. Laboy also added borderline parks contributed to some drinking areas which then spilled onto MWH; MWH then becomes a haven for the drunkenness because HPD considered MWH a private section. C. Laboy said the new closure of parks could help alleviate MWHs' loitering problems.
- 5) D. Yaw asked why not change security contract to match other state housing projects. C. Laboy said the problem lies in budget and not security company issues; he also had the Ka'ahumanu Housing Project where shrubs were removed to allow better security force and opened up the project for better viewing. C. Laboy said grassroots efforts have to remain forefront to accomplish security issues and to assist residents to feel safer in their own neighborhoods. L. Robinson with TJ Mahoney said they could offer some assistance with organizing some cleaning up time.

C. City Department of Parks and Recreation address A'ala Park proposing name change, D. Lim was present and asked the Board to support the A'ala Park parking lot remained closed until 9:00 a.m. daily as the park cleaning crew needed that time to clean the surrounding area.

Questions, answers and concerns:

- 1) Chair Young apologized for having no quorum in order to make Board decisions, and deferred A'ala Park issue to next month's Board meeting; asked D. Lim if she didn't mind returning next month.
- 2) D. Ng said skate boarders only had a short time to use the skate ramp located near the parking lot; shortened parking time may upset some park users.
- 3) S. Yaw asked why the parking lot had to be closed to clean the area; a beach cleanup doesn't warrant beach closure necessarily. D. Lim said she will follow up DPR.
- 4) Louie added with due respect to the late Senator Hiram Fong; he preferred A'ala Park's name be left alone as it has been for many years.

D. District Homelessness -

Questions, answers and concerns:

- 1) Vasquez-Dela Cerna asked the Board to consider being more compassionate regarding homelessness issues as not all of them were drug users.
- 2) D. Ng said the homeless community resided all over the island and has considered some of them for jobsites; some of them try to contribute to society and were willing to become healthy again. He also added some homeless people try to stay near families in Kalihi therefore making the homelessness situation more evident.
- 3) Louie said the Kalihi District has been a "dumping" ground for the homeless community; the state should consider other districts as well.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION/ADDITIONAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

July 16, 2008:

The July 16 minutes were deferred without objections until next month's meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Vasquez-Dela Cerna reported expenditures for the month of July 2008 were: Total appropriated balance was \$3,566; the Operating Account expenses were \$27.61 for printing and postage with a balance of \$1,492.39; Publicity Account incurred no expenses leaving a balance of \$1,926.00. Refreshment Account incurred no expenses leaving a balance of \$120.00. After expenses the total appropriated balance was left at \$3,538.39.

CHAIRS REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no announcements.

OLD AGENDA BUSINESS:

A. Iwilei and N. King Streets flooding were addressed earlier in the Mayor's report.

B. NB No. 15 NCO website photograph will be taken during the September 17, 2008 meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Senator Trimble reported: September 6, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sate Capitol Auditorium will be a free seminar on the history and context for the vote on a ConCon in Hawaii. A reported cost of a Hawaii ConCon may be between \$6-8 million dollars. A report of the cost of the ConCon in Hawaii can be found at www.hawaii.gov/news/files/2008 or by calling 531-7448.

Senator Mercado-Kim – A monthly report was circulated.

Senator Chun Oakland – A monthly report was circulated.

Representative Manahan reported a series of meetings with HPHA have been scheduled in 2009 regarding management housing and focusing on security measures as well as other issues. KPT's residents' community meeting was scheduled for September 16 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at KPT Terrace Gymnasium. Everyone is encouraged to attend; however, comments and input may be called into his office at 586-6010 as soon as possible.

Questions, answers and concerns:

- 1) D. Yaw concerned about the current HPHA proposal of mixed income finance development that may change how families qualify for state housing; violated fair housing rules. Representative Manahan said a joint Senate and Housing Commission meeting was scheduled on the matter for Friday, August 22 at 9:00 a.m. at Honolulu Hale Room 329. S. Yaw added 60 families in a Waipahu project will lose their qualification due to the new rule.
- 2) Dell asked what the process was in placing families into state housing projects. Representative Manahan said he will have to follow up with HPHA on this question.

Representative Rhoads reported: 1) He received a letter from River of Life Mission regarding a re-location of the mission as they increase their services. They own the building they reside in currently and it will not be possible to force them to move out of the district; Chinatown and Palama fall under the same district. According to DLNR the move is on hold for the time being. 2) He met with Hawaii Escrow and Title to start compiling all Lanes on Oahu as no department can clarify who owns these lands. However, Pua Lane is owned by the city. 3) Letters were written to the following: HPD regarding: Aala Park parking meters, Kanoa Street drug dealings: State Department of

Health regarding rat infestation on Lakimela Street: City Department of Facility Maintenance regarding Banyan Street repaving; City Department of Emergency Services regarding flooding on Akepo Street and bulky items pick up.

Councilmember Cachola's report – D. Galolo reported: 1) On August 7, DPR voted on the requested park closure hours for Banyan Court Mall; signs were ordered to be installed for the park to be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. This will hopefully give HPD patrol force in keeping this area safer. 2) Fern Street Park has been nice and clean; thanks to DPR. The relocation electrical equipment will be done after ongoing summer programs to avoid conflicts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization / Citizens Advisory Committee (OMPO/CAC); (The sub-committee on Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) was formed to advise the CAC on PPP) – S. Yaw circulated a subcommittee suggested work element proposal sheet covering studies, improvements and alternatives throughout the Oahu.

Mayor Wright Housing (MWH) Security Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) – Vasquez and Kolio had no report available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEW AGENDA BUSINESS –

A. Conference of Chairs was scheduled for August 23, 2008. Chair Young and Vice-Chair D. Yaw to attend.

B. The Taste of Kalihi is slated for September 6 starting at 10:00 a.m.

C. An environmental impact statement preparation notice meeting for the proposed expansion of H-Power Energy from Waste Facility will be on August 21 at Kapolei Hale Conference Room from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Any written statements will be collected at the meeting or can be faxed to 682-5203.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned without objections at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Chanel-Benjamin, NA

Reviewed by Chair Young