



KALIHI – PALAMA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 15

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-draft WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 KAPALAMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Young called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. There were 10 members present of this 19 member Board which constitutes a quorum. A vote of 10 is required for the Board to take action. (Guerrero, Ibay, Harding, Kolio, Vasquez-Dela Cerna, Waihe'e, Fang, Rone, Juan and Young)

MEMBERS PRESENT – Donald Guerrero, Rodolfo Ibay, Ken Harding, Fetu Kolio, Alyn Vasquez-Dela Cerna, David Yaw, Shane Yaw, Jennifer Waihe'e, Cardy Fang, Jesusa Rone, Florendo Juan, and Bernadette Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT – John Dell, Roland Louie, and Calvin Konno.

VACANCIES – Four vacancies in Sub-District 3.

GUESTS: Representative Manahan, Diane Dunphy (Representative Karl Rhoad's office), Dennis Galolo (Councilmember Cachola's office), Firefighter Dominic Latorre (Honolulu Fire Department-HPD), Capt. Terrence Kong, Sgt. Yiu Chan & Lt. Norman Kau (Honolulu Police Department-HPD); Pat Lee (Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project-HHCTCP), Ted Saribay (Board of Water Supply-BWS), Ross Tsukenjo (Senator Mercado-Kim's office), Colette Devou (Representative Ching's office), Dennis Galolo (Councilmember Cachola's office), Royce Masuda (Boy Scout of America Troop No. 39), Lorraine Robinson (TJ Mahoney & Associates), Billy Tafea, Alan Garcia, 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 (District 1) – Sgt. Chan reported total statistics for last month included: 1) 1 drug offense, 11 motor vehicle collisions (MVC), 2 property damages, 1 unauthorized entry into motor vehicle (UEMV), 29 miscellaneous calls.

HPD (District 5) – Officer Dela Cruz reported total statistics for last month included: 1) 236 arguments, 30 assaults, 33 burglaries, 1 drug offense, 13 DUIs, 18 family offenses, 12 MVT, 237 MVC, 41 property damages, 10 robberies, 4 sex offender, 69 thefts and 23 UEMV.

Questions, answers and concerns:

- 1) Kolio asked how HPD could assist with fireworks problems at Mayor Wright Housing (MWH) State property. HPD said they were aware of the firework problems at MWH; private MWH security was handling complaints. HPD was called for violation citations and emergencies when needed.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Latorre reported statistics for last month included: 1) 5 rubbish, 2 vehicle fires, 91 medical emergencies, 34 search and rescue and 32 miscellaneous calls. . 2) Fire Safety Tip: Prevent Home Fires; Fire Prevention Week was October 5-11. This is the 40th Anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire; fire marshals nationally have focused on fire hazards campaigns to prevent fires. Practice an escape route and have updated working smoke alarms installed in all rooms. Elementary schools statewide will receive a fire safety guide kit from teachers; parents are encouraged to review them with all family members and practice them throughout the year.

Residents' Concerns: There were no concerns.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – T. Saribay reported: 1) A water main broke on August 8 at Kamehameha IV Road that was almost 50 years old. 2) BWS reminded residents to conserve water during the ongoing drought to



support the Windward/East Districts currently under drought watch. 3) Prepare for a water emergency by including at least one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days. Use clean containers to store water as the water will pick up storage odor; disinfect containers with mild bleach (two tablespoons bleach to two gallons of water and rinse containers thoroughly); fill containers with water from the tap; boiling water before storing was also possible after water has cooled; keep minimal amount of air between the water and the cap; store in cool, dark place. When power goes out, keep water use at an absolute minimum; BWS pumps run on electricity and during outages ability to pump water out of wells is low. Water use during emergencies should be limited to drinking and sanitation only; do not fill containers as it will drain reservoirs quicker. Conserve for whole community until power is restored as BWS will take preventative measures to secure all water pumps and facilities to prevent damages to specialized equipment. Stay tuned to media reports and bulletins for appropriate actions to be taken during emergencies. For further information log on to www.boardofwatersupply.com or call BWS.

David and Shane Yaw arrived to the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor Hanneman's Representative – No report or representative available.

AGENDA RESIDENTS' CONCERNS –

A. City Department of Parks and Recreation: A'ala Park proposed name change and parking lot hours: Chair Young said no representative from DPR including Donna Lim was present. She opened up the issues for discussion.

Questions, answers and concerns:

- 1) Several Board members opposed the proposal name change of A'ala Park to Senator Hiram Fong Park as proposed by DPR and Senator Fong's family, noting the current park name was of a historical symbol established in 1871 and was the center of Honolulu, a gateway to Chinatown. Chair Young and Kolio added that A'ala Park was also a landmark. **Vasquez-Dela Cerna moved and Fang seconded for the Kalihi Palama NB No. 15 to oppose the proposed name change of A'ala International Park as it was a landmark.** The motion was **ADOPTED** by unanimous consent; 12-0-0. (Guerrero, Ibay, Harding, Kolio, Vasquez-Dela Cerna, Waihe'e, Fang, Rone, Juan, D. Yaw, S. Yaw and Young)
- 2) Chair Young said DPR would like to keep A'ala Park parking lot closed until 9:00 a.m. in order to allow cleaning crew to clean the park safely without interference. She opened it up for discussion as well. **S. Yaw moved and D. Yaw seconded to keep A'ala Park parking lot closed until 9:00 a.m. daily to allow DPR to clean the park safely.** The motion was **ADOPTED** by unanimous consent; 12-0-0. (Guerrero, Ibay, Harding, Kolio, Vasquez-Dela Cerna, Waihe'e, Fang, Rone, Juan, D. Yaw, S. Yaw and Young)

APPROVAL/CORRECTION/ADDITIONAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –

August 20, 2008 meeting: the minutes were adopted without objection.

September 17, 2008 meeting: the minutes were adopted with the following amendments without objections:

Page 3: under No. C question 3: replace "beach cleanup" with "park closure".

TREASURER'S REPORT – Vasquez-Dela Cerna reported expenditures for the month of August 2008 were: Total appropriated balance was \$3,566; the Operating Account expenses were \$26.11 for printing and postage with a balance of \$1,466.28; 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, 512.28.

CHAIRS REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no announcements.

OLD AGENDA BUSINESS:

A. The NA took the Board members group photograph for the NCO website.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Representative Ching's report – A monthly report was circulated.

Senator Mercado Kim's report – A monthly report was circulated.

Representative Manahan reported: Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) was looking to model a California project which has used creative financing partnerships in hopes to turn three HPHA properties into affordable rentals under the plan. He said C. Taniguchi reported that this was a valuable resource of privatizing developments and leasing the land for 50 years will definitely give HPHA the time for the turnaround plan. HPHA has 83 public housing developments, some urgent maintenance were needed to renovated inventory; state had no funding for renovation therefore the mainland models has been considered to revamp housing projects.

Questions, answers and concerns:

- 1) D. Yaw said the proposed mixed income qualification was somewhat confusing to the public to understand and he was writing HPHA in opposition to the proposal. S. Yaw added the proposal may not work in Hawaii due to lack of properties as was in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Representative Manahan said based on HPHA information no units will be sold and all income requirements will be at different levels.
- 2) Vasquez-Dela Cerna said according to a HPHA hearing she attended; part of what needed to change were project managing agents; tenants being moved out of units were taking commodes, doors and items that belonged to units. Chair Young added another problem was the up keeping of units by residents as HPHA did not offer incentives for well kept units. Kolio said MWH's budget seems to have increased without any significant change to the project; an old boy network that has stalled the housing waitlist as well as project violations that place tenants in harms way more than offering solutions. S. Yaw said it was not fair to blame management and the issues should have been brought up when HPHA representatives were on the agenda a couple of months ago.

Representative Rhoad's report: D. Dunphy reported: Representative Rhoads was off island.

1) City Department of Facility Maintenance was scheduled to resurface Banyon Street. 2) State Department of Health was investigating alleged rat sightings on Pua Lane. 3) Adopt A Block community clean up was slated for September 27 starting at 8:30 a.m.; meet at Banyon Court Mall.

Councilmember Cachola's report – D. Galolo reported: 1) DPR was notified of three torn basketball nets at Kalakaua District Park. Thanks to community support and help of Board member Juan and Brian Ortiz for organizing the park upkeep. Kalihi Kai Citizens Patrol did a patrol walk filling five large trash bags and has requested more trash cans for the parking lot. Certificates of Merit were awarded to some seventh and eighth grade students at Kalakaua Middle School for their park beautifying efforts; painting of gym wall and parking lot to cover graffiti. Thank you to school administrator Carol Tanji and principal Robert Ginlack. 3) Banyan Court Mall overnight closure signs were posted in hopes to curb loitering between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. 4) Efforts by Queen Lilioukalani Childrens Center, resident Darryn Ng and inmates from Oahu Community Correctional Center for the upkeep work at Loi Kalo Park on August 18. The crew is expected to return several times during the coming weeks to complete landscape work at the park. 5) The City Department of Design and Construction will be holding an informational meeting on September 24 at Beretania Community park regarding the upcoming project to rehabilitate 10 corroded damaged sewer manholes from Iwilei Road to Pacific Street. 6) Many thanks also to Board members Kolio and Vasquez-Dela Cerna as well as ENV, Weed & Seed programs, TJ Mahoney, Kalihi legislators and community groups for Adopt A Block projects in the district. All efforts by these community leaders for taking an active role in making Kalihi a great place to live and work. 7) Encouraged everyone to vote on September 20.

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 had no new report.

Mayor Wright Housing (MWH) Security Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) – Vasquez and Kolio reported: 1) HPD Swat Team including helicopters circled the area in search for a criminal suspect sometime this week. 2) A meeting with C. Taniguchi was schedule as the PIG created two years ago was not being supported by MWH.

Announcements/New Business – Please vote on Saturday.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned without objections at 8:02 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Chanel-Benjamin, NA

Reviewed by Chair Young