



## KALIHI – PALAMA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 15

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### **DRAFT –REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012 KALIHI UNION CHURCH**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Donald Guerrero called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., **with a quorum of seven (7) members present.** Note: This 13 member Board requires seven (7) members to establish quorum and to take Board action.

**Board Members Present:** Cardy Fang (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), Cy Feng, Donald Guerrero, Rodolfo Ibay, Fetu Taua Kolio, Roland Louie, Darryn Ng (departed at 8:10 p.m.), Glorice Rone (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), and Bernadette Young.

**Board Members Absent:** Robert Lum and Pauni Nagaseu-Escue.

**Vacancies:** Two at-large seats.

**Guests:** Carole Kaapu (Office of Representative Aaron Johanson), Major W. Chur, Captain C. Caraang, Lieutenant R. Chinen, and Sergeant B. Bonnell (Honolulu Police Department, District 5-Kalihi), Bert Kaizuke, Jadine Urasaki (State Department of Transportation), Carter Luke (State Department of Transportation Harbors Division), Nancy Bernal (office of Senator Dona Mercado Kim), Lindsey Barrow (Office of Representative Corrine Ching), Tom Enos, Evelyn Cullen, Loretta Fuddy (Governor's Representative/Department of Health), Justin Kessler (Board of Water Supply), Representative Joey Manahan, Representative Karl Rhoads (House District 28), Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Project), Natalie Lukashevsky (Humane Society, Community Outreach Coordinator), Senator Glenn Wakai, Sergeant D. Vollrath (Honolulu Police Department, District 1-Downtown), Carl M., Captain Kim Rogge (Honolulu Fire Department), Councilmember Romy Cachola, Dennis Galolo (Office of Councilmember Romy Cachola, and Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**FILLING OF BOARD VACANCIES:** Chair Guerrero asked if there were any individuals interested in filling the at-large vacancies. There being no interested individuals, filling of the at-large vacancies were deferred to the next meeting.

**ELECTION OF BOARD SECRETARY:** Chair Guerrero asked if any Board members were interested in serving as Board Secretary. There being no interested Board members, the election of a Secretary was deferred to the next meeting.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY INPUT:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** Captain Kim Rogge reported the following:

- **February 2012 Statistics:** Included 26 structures, 6 rubbish, and 4 vehicle fires; 88 medical and 58 miscellaneous calls.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** Although cooking at home can be a fun family activity, please adhere to the following fire safety tips to avoid accidents in the kitchen: (1) Do not leave cooking food unattended. If you must leave the kitchen, even briefly, turn off the heat and take a spoon or oven mitt with you to remind yourself of the food on the stove. (2) Do not become distracted. Attending to children, answering phone calls, watching television, and answering doorbells can have devastating results when the stove is on and unattended. (3) Keep ignitable items, such as dish towels, paper or plastic bags, and curtains at least three feet away from the range top. (4) Learn how to use an ABC-rated fire extinguisher and kept it near the kitchen.
- **Building Identification:** Building identification is critical for emergency responders to quickly identify the correct location. Due to several inquiries last month, the following information is being provided:
  - ◇ **House Numbering:** House numbering requirements from the Revised Ordinance of Honolulu 9ROH, Chapter 2, Section 9.2(d)(2) are as follows: "All numbers shall be placed in such a manner as to be readily seen from the street, roadway or lane, shall be of different color from the background on which they are placed, and shall be at least two inches in height. The number shall be placed in a permanent manner, chalk or other effaceable material not being permitted."



- ◇ (2) Requirements: Requirements from the Fire Code of the City and County of Honolulu (ROH Chapter 20, 1997 Uniform Fire Code, Section 901.4.4.) are as follows: “Approved numbers or addresses shall be provided for all new and existing buildings in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property.”

7:10 p.m. Board member Glorice Rone arrived; **eight (8) members present.**

Honolulu Police Department (HPD):

District 1: Sergeant. Douglas Vollrath reported the following:

- February 2012 Statistics: Included 4 assaults, 3 burglaries, 6 drug offenses, 1 driving under the influence (DUI), 1 family offense, 1 graffiti, 17 motor vehicle collisions, 1 property damage, and 18 miscellaneous service calls.
- Fraud Prevention Tips for Seniors: (1) Do not give any personal information, including your credit card number or bank account number over the phone unless you were the one who made the call. (2) Do not take money from your bank account if a stranger tells you to. In one common swindle, a thief pretends to be a bank employee and asks you to take out money to “test” a bank teller. Banks do not check their employees this way. (3) Do be on guard about hiring people who come door-to-door looking for home repair work. They may be trained to do the work, and they may overcharge you. You should try to check their references. Always spell out the details of the work you want done in writing. Never pay for the whole job in advance. (4) Do be very careful when buying things online. Websites without security may not protect your credit card or bank account information. Look for information saying that a website has a secure server before buying anything online. (5) Don’t be fooled by deals that seem too good to be true. They are often rip-offs. Beware of deals that ask for a lot of money up front and promise you more money later. Check with your local Better Business Bureau to get more information about the record of any company before doing business.
- Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW): If you or someone that you know would like to join or participate in a Neighborhood Security Watch, Business Security Watch or Citizens Patrol group, contact Sergeant Lawrence Santos at 529-3695 or [Email lsantos@honolulu.gov](mailto:lsantos@honolulu.gov).
- Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA): The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) is scheduled for an on-site assessment by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The international accreditation program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services. As part of the on-site assessment, the public is invited to phone in comments by calling (808) 479-5675 on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The public may attend a public comment session on Wednesday April 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the HPD’s Career Center Conference Room, 715 S. King, Suite 500. Limited street parking is available. Persons wanting to submit written comments may write to: Commission Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 32, Gainesville, Virginia, 22030-2215 or [www.calea.org](http://www.calea.org). Telephone comments and appearances at the public comment session will be limited to 10 minutes and must address the HPD’s ability to comply with the CALEA’s standards of accreditation. A copy of the standards is available for review at the Professional Standards Office, Alapa’i headquarters, 801 S. Beretania Street, Monday through Friday, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call the HPD’s Professional Standards Office at 723-3775 for more information.

Questions, comments and concerns: Accreditation Years – Follow-up will be done on how many years the accreditation is good for.

District 5: Sergeant Brent Bonnell introduced Captain Chris Caraang, distributed the statistics, and reported that District 5 covers nine (9) area beats.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Unauthorized Entries into Motor Vehicles (UEMV): It was asked and clarified that District 5 covers a larger and area including commercial, residential, and a broad spectrum compared to District 1 coverage for this area. However, one vehicle complaint may result in multiple vehicles. The boundaries span from Aliamanu to Pali highway (west to east) to the rim of the Koolau mountain range to the central county eastern shoreline of Oahu (north to south).
2. New Year’s Eve Fireworks: Follow-up will be done regarding the illegal aerial statistics.

3. District 5 Boundaries: District 5 runs from Ala Kapuna Street, freeway, from the airport to Pali tunnels and just before Aala Park. The boundaries span from Aliamanu to Pali highway (west to east) to the rim of the Koolau mountain range to the central south eastern shoreline of Oahu (north to south). The Sheriffs department patrols the streets around the airport and Nimitz Highway to Iwilei.
4. Mahalo: District 5 officers were thanked for increasing patrols on Leilani Street, especially during the peak hours from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.; citations were issued to speeders and for other violations.

Weed and Seed (W&S) Updates: No report.

7:25 p.m. Board member Cardy Fang arrived; **nine (9) members present**.

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative: Keoki Miyamoto reported the following:

- TheBus – A response regarding concerns raised regarding overcrowded buses from Middle Street to Downtown and the handicapped and elderly not allowed to sit will be provided next month.
- Rubbish on 2211 North School Street: A Honolulu Yard supervisor investigated the situation and found that 2211 N. School Street is private property and owned by the Nissan car dealership. The city cannot pick up refuse at this site which is considered a business and would have to have a city account for collection
- Rubbish on School Street: The city is working with UPW to force this commercial property to provide their own dumpster. Details are being worked and updates will be reported at a future meeting.
- Leilani Street: This item will be placed on the April agenda.

Questions, comments and concerns: None.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Justin Kessler reported the following:

- Water Main Breaks: No water main breaks in the district during February 2012.
- Charter Amendment: A resolution proposed by the Honolulu City Council (12-25) seeks to amend the Revised City Charter and transfer the powers, duties, and functions of the Board of Water Supply (BWS) to a Department of Water Supply under the Executive Branch of the City and County of Honolulu and remove the Board of Water Supply's semi-autonomous status. As a semi-autonomous agency, funds collected from water customers are used solely for the benefit of the water system and are not diverted to other non-waterworks uses. The BWS does not receive any funds generated from Oahu's property taxes. As the municipal water utility for Oahu, the BWS has been working to address Oahu's aging water infrastructure. An example of which is the nearly \$232 million in contracts the BWS awarded from FY2005 thru FY2011 to improve the water system infrastructure. The scheduled water rate increases over the next five years will generate the necessary funding to increase the work in replacing aging components of the water system, thereby reducing water main breaks, and ensuring that a reliable, high quality water supply is always available to the customers. Semi-autonomous provides for greater efficiency in decision-making, policy setting, encourages continuity of management, and ensures a long range planning approach. As a result, the BWS is in full compliance with environmental regulations and has never been subjected to Federal actions due to a lack of maintaining its water systems. The Semi-autonomous status to the BWS, which has been dutifully carried out for more than 80 years, is a wise and responsible governance model to maintain the precious water resources and the municipal water system for current and future generations.
- Upcoming Workshops at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden: (1) Saturday, March 24, 2012, Rain Barrel Catchment; Saturday, March 31, 2010, Decorate an Egg the Xeriscape Way; and Saturday, April 7, 2012, User Friendly Compost. To register for these workshops call 748-5363 or email [tours@hbws.org](mailto:tours@hbws.org).

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Sewer Easement: A resident raised concern that there is a sewer easement going through her property and ask if she would be compensated for any entitlement met; the residence is two (2) miles from the Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant. In response, BWS and Environment Services are two separate agencies. Mayor's Representative Keoki Miyamoto will follow-up with the resident.
2. Contact Information: Call 748-5636 for information regarding xeriscape workshops. Follow-up will be regarding Halawa Tours.

Councilmember Romy Cachola: Dennis Galolo distributed the monthly newsletter and the Draft 2012 TheBus service change outline, and highlighted the following:

- Budget: The fiscal Year 2013 budget is only 1.5 percent higher than the current year's budget. The new budget holds the line on salary costs by continuing an across-the-board labor cost reduction of five percent within each City agency. The new budget builds on efforts initiated for the current year to slow the growth of general debt service. Taking advantage of low interest rates and bond refunding, opportunities to generate savings will lower the City's debt service by \$7 million in the new fiscal year.
- Capital Improvement Program (CIP): The proposed CIP budget of \$577 million represents a 5.5 percent increase over the current year to fund city projects.
- Bus Route Changes Meetings (1) Thursday, March 29, 2012 at the Mission Memorial (next to Honolulu Hale) at 7:00 p.m.; (2) Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at the Oahu Veterans Center at 7:00 p.m.

Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP): Pat Lee reported the following:

- Update: The HART board has confirmed Daniel Grabauskas as the Executive Director of the semi-autonomous transit agency. The vote was unanimous, and Grabauskas will begin his new job in mid-April. Grabauskas is chairman and senior strategic advisor for the Bronner Center for Transportation Management, and is the former general manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). As chief executive officer of MBTA, Grabauskas had oversight of a 6,100-employee operation, with an annual operating budget of \$1.4 billion and an annual capital budget of more than \$500 million, with operations in 175 municipalities throughout eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. His work also included completion of several capital expansion projects, including an 18-mile commuter rail line. Grabauskas also served as Secretary of Transportation for the state of Massachusetts under former Governor Mitt Romney, with oversight of a \$1.4-billion annual administrative budget and an annual capital budget of more than \$1.8 billion. In that cabinet-level role, Grabauskas had oversight of MBTA, highways and municipal airports. Some have asked about the number of future rail riders and whether or not it will make a difference. By all predictions, both state and city planners say our island's population will grow in twenty years by as much as 14%, anywhere between 150,000 to 200,000 more residents, most who will live in leeward Oahu where much of the new affordable housing is being built. In comparison, Oahu's population increased by about 9% or 80,000 residents from 2000 to 2010 during a decade that was considered a down economic period. The Federal Environment Impact Statement (FEIS) and ridership projections anticipate 116,300 daily riders. This amounts to roughly 40,000 vehicle trips per day. To put this in perspective, our traffic engineers point out when schools are not in session, UH, all other colleges, public and private schools K-12, you experience about a 10% decrease in traffic. Most agree that's beneficial. Rail will reduce future traffic by 18%, so this reduction in the amount of vehicle trips, just getting these cars off the road, will make a difference. This forecast is not taken into consideration Transit Oriented Development (TOD) on the alignment, or future zoning.
- Information: For more information on rail and HART please visit our website at [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org) or call our hotline 566-2299.
- Town Hall Meetings: The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) will present a series of five informational community updates on the Honolulu Rail Transit project. The public is welcome to attend and learn up-to-date details from project experts, experience informational displays, and ask questions of HART representatives. There will be a meeting in Kalihi at Farrington High School Cafeteria on Thursday, May 3, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the public is welcomed. Other meetings will be held at McKinley HS, Radford, Waipahu and Mililani next month (flyer circulated).

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Funding: It was asked and clarified that the bus funding is not being raided. Cost for the project has been identified in the financial plan. The project receives federal and general excise (GET) tax funding.
2. Concern: Concern was raised that the new Executive Director Daniel Grabauskas would be earning \$245,000 yearly plus \$36,000 for housing and \$6,000 for transferring to Hawaii. Also, if he does a good job he will receive a bonus of \$35,000. Lee replied there were thousands of candidates for the position in an international search. Compensation commences with qualifications.
3. Natural Disaster Insurance – It was asked and clarified both the City and Board of Water Supply (BWS) is self-insured. Relative to the rail, the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) wants to make sure that is a disaster strips once the project starts they would ask for an additional money credit line for the construction.

**Without objection, the agenda was taken out of order to Elected Officials, Representative Joey Manahan.**

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Representative Joey Manahan: Representative Joey Manahan reported that David Shiraishi of the City Department of Environmental Services (ENV), Councilmember Cachola, area legislators, and Dr. Fuddy of the State Department of Health went to Sunny's Market site to identify the trash issue. ENV is working with the union on this matter. The residents will be provided with automated trash containers for City pick-up.

The agenda order resumed.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS: None.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:

Shipping Container Terminal at Kapalama Military Reservation: Chair Guerrero introduced Jadine Urasaki, Deputy Director of the State's Capital Improvement Program, and Carter Luke, State Harbor's Division Program Manager. A power point presentation included the following:

- Honolulu Harbor-The Hub: Honolulu Harbor has been the port-of-entry since the late 18th century and today, continues to be the hub of Hawaii's ocean transportation system because of its developed infrastructure.
- Commercial Harbor System: The commercial harbors system is Hawaii's marine highway and lifeline to the world.
- Importance of Commercial Harbors: Hawaii's commercial harbors system handles 98.6% of imported goods. Ocean transportation is 18 times more energy efficient than shipping by air.
- Major Users: Include YB, Pasha, Matson, Horizon, and the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Sand Island Terminals: A graph showed cargo volumes, containers and all autos.
- Sand Island Working Conditions: Due to lack of space, photos showed containers stacked on each other (at least 5).
- Kalaeloa Harbor Limitations: This is a port that handles bulk cargo that cannot easily replace Honolulu Harbor for container shipments because of several issues – (1) The narrow channel entrance that was originally designed for vessels no longer than 720 feet long. (2) Vessels entering the harbor are affected by both cross currents. (3) Daylight only navigation harbor. (4) It has limited berthing capacity and landside space (42 acres) to accommodate a possible container operation. (5) The West Oahu market, while growing, is still a secondary market compared to Honolulu where 70% of the state's population resides. DOT Harbors Division has been moving forward to develop the Honolulu Kapalama Container Facility because of limitations at the Kalaeloa Harbor.
- Kapalama Terminal Development: (1) Description – Development of 1,800 plus long pier, 90-acre plus cargo yard, and roadway and gate improvements. (2) Estimated Construction Cost – \$221 million. (3) Schedule – Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)-fall 2012, design 2012 and construction 2014 (tentative).
- Information: Visit [www.KapalamaEis.com](http://www.KapalamaEis.com) for project details, EIS project schedule, meeting information, and planning process.
- Kapalama EIS Public Meeting: Thursday, May 10, 2012 at Pier 19 Ferry Terminal, Nimitz Highway at 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Parking is free.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Mokauea Fishing Village: It was asked and clarified that the Mokauea Fishing Village will not be affected.
2. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): The studies for the EIS are being completed and still going through the process and preparing the impact analysis.
3. Alternate Location: It is significant that the terminal is developed; more information will be provided at the informational meetings; everyone was encouraged to attend.
4. Financing and Traffic Plan: Funding is through bond financing. It is hopeful that area traffic would decrease since the Horizon inter-island container lines are located at piers 34 and 40, will be trucked from Sand Island and taken off the roads.
5. Comment: It was suggested to look at Kapolei (the second city) as an alternative site. Sand Island Access Road would still impact traffic. In answer, research on the matter continues. An EIS development will be started to better utilize Kalaeloa.
6. Kalaeloa Harbor: It was asked and clarified that Kalaeloa is a heavily used harbor with space at a premium.

7. Decision: (A) The project has been on the State's Master Plan since 1997 and is a critical site for cargo. DOT made the decision. The project will be supplemented through federal grants. (B) A resident stated as a former worker on the piers, pier 29 alone cannot accommodate large container ships. (c) In response, BCP is currently accommodated at the pier and Pasha Hawaii will be obtaining a second vessel October 2013.
8. Comment: An inquiry was made as to when the public can expect improvements to Pier 29.
9. Comment: Regarding the history of the area, a resident pointed out that she was shocked to hear that the speaker did not know of the Mokauea Fishing Village. She added that her family has been living below Nimitz Highway before the 1940's. The project would cause an increase in noise, pollution, trucks reversing with beepers, and 24-hour operations. In response, DOT is conducting a noise study.
10. Zoning: A resident relayed that her property below Nimitz Highway is zoned I-2 and is concerned that her property tax would increase. CM Cachola was thanked for assisting her with this matter. The resident opposed the expansion.

8:23 p.m. Recess; 8:25 p.m. the agenda order resumed.

Kalihi Outreach: Natalie Lukashovsky, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Hawaiian Humane Society (HHS), distributed a packet and reported the following: A brief history about the Humane Society was reported noting that it is the second oldest non-profit organization open 24/7. It was originally opened as a transition house for women and children. The organization enforces animal and livestock cruelty laws and provides 30 programs and other services. HHS is the only animal lost and found center on Oahu. Animal control is contracted by the City and County of Honolulu with 10 officers. It was asked to contact her with feedback regarding animal issues in the area.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Euthanization: Unhealthy animals, not treatable or aggressive animals are euthanized.
2. Neutering of Feral Cats: It was asked and clarified that for management feral cats are trapped, neutered (\$10.00), and returned to the same area.

Sand Island Recreational Park: No representative present; report not provided.

#### BOARD BUSINESS:

Planning of Future Meeting Presentations and Topics: None.

#### MONTHLY REPORTS:

Approval of the January 18, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes: **Fang moved and Feng seconded to APPROVE the January 18, 2012 regular meeting minutes following correction. The motion was ADOPTED, 8-0-0 (Aye: Fang, Feng, Guerrero, Ibay, Kolio, Louie, Rone, and Young).**

- Page 3, Board of Water Supply, Questions, comments and concerns should read, "... Rate Increase – There were no water rate increases from 1996 to 2006 (10 year period) in efforts to minimize impact on our customers. If it does not happen now, it will cost more in the future..."; Older Homes – Fees will be assessed if the home is being renovated with new fixtures. All renovations require a permit..."; Grants – "...Kessler was not aware of any grants. Per the Charter, BWS can only generate funding **for its operations through water rates...**"

Approval of the February 15, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes: **By UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the February 15, 2012 regular meeting minutes was ADOPTED as circulated, 8-0-0 (Aye: Fang, Feng, Guerrero, Ibay, Kolio, Louie, Rone, and Young).**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Glorice Rone reported account balance is \$145.39; the report was filed.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: Loretta Fuddy reported the following:

- Disaster Proclamation: On March 3, 2012 the Governor signed a disaster proclamation for Oahu and Kauai. The proclamation allows for any necessary and appropriate steps to be carried out, and provides for activation of civil defense and other emergency functions to ensure public health and safety.
- National Governor's Association (NGA) Winter Meeting: The Governor had the opportunity to speak with the President and other U.S. governors on a myriad of issues shared by states, including the Obama Administration's efforts to increase travel and tourism. Efforts are continuing to pursue federal and regulatory assistance for Hawaii to lessen the impact of the Federal Compact of Free Association (DOFA) mandate on our state. The Governor arrived one-day early to meet one-on-one with U.S. Department of Education Secretary Anne Duncan about Race to the Top. Overall, it was reported the meeting was positive and reaffirmed the state's commitment to fulfilling Race to the Top requirements in order to improve educational outcomes for children.
- Hawaii's Legal Presence Law: Effective March 5, 2012, anyone applying for an original or renewal of their Hawaii driver's license or permit must show proof of identity, legal presence in the United States, and Social Security number. The State of Hawaii needs to do this to comply with federal law. If not, our identifications cards may no longer be accepted for official federal purposes in the future. For more information visit [www.govdot](http://www.govdot) and click on "Hawaii's Legal Presence Law."
- Hawaii Speed Test: The state launched HawaiiSpeedTest.net last month to measure current Internet network speeds across the state for the Hawaii Broadband Initiative. More than 15,000 tests have been performed by Hawaii residents.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Flesh Eating Bacteria: Young asked how is the bacteria contracted. Fuddy replied four cases have been reported since January 2012. A main concern is open sores not properly cleaned with antiseptic. If the antiseptic does not work it is advised to see a doctor.
2. Previous Nuclear Testing on other Pacific Islands: A federal agreement allows the Micronesian populations that come to the United States, are not considered immigrants, and no quotas. They come for work, health care and education. The Department of Interior funds their nations to provide healthcare on their own island. However, no Medicaid is provided.
3. Mayor Wright Housing Incidents: It was asked and clarified that there was no reference to a particular group.

Senator Donna Mercado Kim: Nancy Bernal reported the following:

- State Capitol Status Report: The Senate Special Committee on Accountability, chair by Senator Kim held public hearings on two resolutions she introduced – Senate Concurrent Resolution 37 and Senate Resolution 20 calls on the Legislative Auditor to conduct a financial and management audit of state agencies to assess the scope of salary overpayments to public employees. An audit will be performed.
- Boundary Redistricting: Senator Kim's District 14 boundaries have been slightly modified and will now represent almost all of Alewa Heights, with the Aiea Stream remaining the westernmost boundary.
- Outstanding Educators Honored: The Senate honored a number of distinguished educators in public ceremonies at the State Capitol Senate Chambers.

Questions, comments and concerns: Redistricting Information – Visit [www.hawaii.gov/elections](http://www.hawaii.gov/elections) for more details.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland: No representative present; report not available.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria: No representative present; report not available.

Senator Glenn Wakai: Representative Glenn Wakai circulated his written report and highlighted the following:

- 2012 Legislative Session: The session is two-thirds completed with approximately 700 bills.
- Capitol Improvement Program (CIP): \$500 million has been proposed for CIP. Since interest rates are low the state is selling bonds.
- Aloha Stadium Development: A bill moving through the legislative process would allow development of the 104 acres around the Aloha Stadium area, perhaps in five to ten years.
- Volunteerism: On February 25, 2012, Reach Out Pacific (REPAC), a non-profit organization, Senator Wakai's Action Team (SWAT), and Farrington High Schools' Hawaii Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America filled a 20-foot container with televisions and stands, overhead projectors, boxes of toys, and books bound for the Marshall Islands.

Representative Corinne Ching: Lindsey Barrow distributed a written report and noted:

- Likelike Elementary School: House resolution 177, urging the Department of Education (DOE) to explore options in preventing Likelike Elementary School from future closure was included with the handouts.
- Vitality Project Revitalizing Our Community – Paint is being donated to the Palama Settlement to help with the revitalization.

Questions, comments and concerns: Resolutions: Each representative is permitted to propose five (5) resolutions each this session.

Representative Karl Rhoads: Representative Karl Rhoads reported the following:

- Bus Stop Complaint: Trash left behind from the homeless at the bus stop fronting Kaiulani Elementary School along the fence and edge of the bus stop. Referred to the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and told clean up crews would clean the area.
- Graffiti Removal Complaint: The concern was that whenever the original graffiti is painted over by the City and then new graffiti appears on top of the paint, when the new graffiti is cleaned off the old graffiti reappears. Response from the City Department of Facility Maintenance is that they use solvent to remove the paint. They noted that the handling and disposing of hazardous chemical (solvent) is the biggest issue. DFM encourages the community to continue to report any illegal activity.
- Trash between Kaiulani Elementary School and the Chevron Gas Station: A letter was sent to the owners of the gas station requesting they work with the elementary school.
- Kapalama Avenue and Bernice Street: Complaint received about vehicles parking too close to the corner at this intersection was forward to HPD.
- Traffic Light Request: A request to have traffic lights installed at the intersection of Kapalama Avenue and Bernice Street was forwarded to DTS.
- Mayor Wright Housing Improvements: Include a new security company, identification program, better fencing, and the hot water restored.

Representative Aaron Johanson: Carole Kaapu circulated a newsletter and highlighted the following.

- Legislation: House Bill 2789, relates to highway traffic cameras; House Bill 2790, Traffic red light cameras; House Bill 2626, Safe Routes to School; House Bill 2046 related to adult and community education; and House Bill 2736, relates to controlled substances.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting: The next regular Meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kalihi Union Church, 2214 North King Street.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Donald Guerrero, Chair