



KALIHI – PALAMA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 15

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DRAFT-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2012 KALIHI UNION CHURCH

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Donald Guerrero called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. **Quorum was established with seven (7) members present.** Note – This 13 member Board requires seven (7) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present – Thomas Enos (Appointed at this meeting), Cardy Fang, Donald Guerrero, Rodolfo Ibay, Fetu Taua Kolio, Roland Louie, Darryn Ng, and Bernadette Young.

Members Absent – Cy Feng, Glorice Rone, and Nicole Velasco.

Vacancies – There are currently two (2) At-Large vacancies on the Board.

Guests – Sergeant Calvin Sung, Lieutenant Eric Zarriello and Sergeant L. Fleck (Honolulu Police Department); Fire Fighter 3 Jack Crouse (Honolulu Fire Department); Justin Kessler (Board of Water Supply); Lucy Taketa; Gary Taketa; Kahele Porter (Kalihi Weed and Seed); Pat Lee (Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project); Lina Aipopo, Michael Hoffman and Jodie Maesaka-Hirata (State Department of Public Safety); Lyrelle Thompson (Representative Corinne Ching's Office staff); Yolanda St. Laurent (Puuhale Elementary School); Senator Glenn Wakai; Nancy Bernal (Senator Donna Mercado Kim); Sonny Le (Representative Karl Rhoads' Office staff); and Kazuaki McArthur (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEAT: Guerrero opened the floor for nominations of persons to fill the vacant board seats. Thomas Enos introduced himself and expressed interest in serving on the Board.

Louie nominated Enos to fill an At-Large vacancy on the Board. There being no other interested individuals, nominations were closed. Enos was UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTED to fill an At-Large vacancy, 7-0-0 (Aye: Fang, Guerrero, Ibay, Kolio, Louie, Ng, and Young).

A short recess was called while the Neighborhood Assistant administered the Oath of Office to Enos. Following the recess; eight (8) members present.

PUBLIC SAFETY INPUT:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Fire Fighter 3 Jack Crouse reported the following;

- **July 2012 Statistics:** Included 19 structure fires, 1 wild land fire, 3 rubbish fires, 7 vehicle fires, 91 medical emergencies, 2 search and rescues, 25 miscellaneous calls for service, and 2 major incidents.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** The risk of wild land fires increases as the summer heat continues. Make a 30-foot wide fire break by clearing vegetation and clutter around all structures. If your property borders an area where a wild land fire could occur, consider the need for HFD access in case the fire approaches your home. Have an emergency preparedness plan available. Consider a route you would take and other preparations in case you need to evacuate.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 1 – Lieutenant Eric Zarriello and Sergeant L. Fleck circulated a report and reported the following;

- **June 2012 Statistics:** Included 2 assaults, 3 drug offenses, 2 driving under the influence (DUI), 2 family offenses, 17 motor vehicle collisions, 3 motor vehicle thefts, 4 property damages, 1 unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle (UEMV), and 22 miscellaneous calls for service.



- July 2012 Statistics: Included 1 assault, 2 burglaries, 4 drug offenses, 2 family offenses, 23 motor vehicle collisions, 1 motor vehicle theft, 4 property damages, 1 UEMV, and 25 miscellaneous calls for service.
- Safety Tip: Starting this month, thousands of school age children will be returning to school. Accidents can be prevented if parents are on the lookout for potential hazards. To keep children safe from harm, consider the following:
 - Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop and choose the most direct route.
 - Walk the route with your child beforehand.
 - Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers.
 - Be sure your child walks to and from school with a sibling, friend, or neighbor.
 - Teach your child to obey all traffic rules.
 - When driving your child, deliver and pick them up as close to the school as possible.
 - If your child bikes to school, make sure they wear a helmet.
 - Children should arrive at the bus stop early while waiting for the bus and stay out of the street.
 - Remind your child to stay seated and to keep their head and arms inside the bus at all times.
 - Be sure your child knows his or her home phone number, home address, your work number, the number of a trusted adult, and how to call 911 for emergencies.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 5 – Sergeant Calvin Sung reported the following;

- July 2012 Statistics: Included 239 arguments, 13 family offenses, 4 graffiti, 10 motor vehicle thefts, 29 property damages, 3 sex offenses, and 34 UEMV.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. HPD Conduct: A Board member expressed that HPD had treated a family unfairly when HPD responded to a call. It was noted that the family was victimized by individuals with weapons near their residence; however, HPD treated the family as if they were at fault.
2. Citizen's Patrol: A Board member raised concern that citizen patrol members are going beyond their responsibilities and getting confrontational with individuals while on patrol. It was noted that the citizen's patrol officer can provide more training to patrol members.
3. Illegal Parking: A Board member reported that individuals are parking vehicles on the sidewalk during daytime hours near 1315 School Street.
4. Blocked Driveway: A Board member reported that a vehicle is blocking the driveway and sidewalk near 1474 Liliha Street. HPD suggested taking the license plate number and calling 911.
5. Motorized Skateboard: A Board member raised concern of a noisy motorized skateboard near 1031 Noble Lane.
6. Presence: A Board member noted that HPD is not around when you need them.
7. Practice: A community member noted that a Tahitian dance group practices at Kamehameha Field as late as 8:00 p.m. Concern was raised of noise generated by the drums. HPD noted that the park does not close until 10:00 p.m.

Weed and Seed – Kahele Porter reported that 300 youth participated in the recent late night basketball league. It was noted that seven (7) agencies teamed up to sponsor 21 teams in the league. Youths in the league participated in six (6) community clean ups and 16 of the teams participated in some sort of community service. Six (6) cyber safety classes were also offered; 19 of the 21 teams participated in the classes. Trophies were awarded for community service.

Mayor's Representative – Koeki Miyamoto reported the following;

- Fernandez Street: The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS), City Department of Environmental Services (ENV), City Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM), HPD, and HFD have

concluded to restrict access to the freeway from Fernandez Street. Several options to do so are currently being considered.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Taste of Kalihi: A Board member asked if Taste of Kalihi would be taking place in 2012. Miyamoto was not sure if would be happening in 2012.
2. Bill 15: A Board member noted that Bill 15 was passed and bans the storage of personal items on the sidewalk. Concern was raised of people are still leaving belongings near River and Kukui Streets. The Board member noted that he had already called the City; however, the items have yet to be removed. Clarification was requested on how to report such matters.
3. Lifted Walkway: A Board member reported that the concrete walkway between the park and housing on Kauluwela Street is somehow being lifted.

City Councilmember Romy Cachola – Dennis Galolo circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Veto Override: Councilmember Cachola voted against overriding the Mayor's veto of Bill 11; however, the Council decided to override Bill 11, 7-2-0. Councilmember Cachola raised concern that the businesses would simply move to another beach park.
- Homeless Issues: It was reported that Keith Ishida is the Executive Director of the City's Office of Housing. It was suggested contacting Ishida with regards to homeless issues and items on sidewalk.
- Taste of Kalihi: It was noted that the Taste of Kalihi was sponsored by the Filipino Chamber of Commerce (FCC) in the past. It was suggested calling FCC regarding information on the Taste of Kalihi.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Kalakaua Park: A Board member reported homeless individuals are sleeping at Kalakaua Park after park closure hours.
2. Chicken Eradication: A Board member asked and it was clarified that \$10,000 has been spent to eradicate feral chickens from Loikalo Park. A Board member noted that many of the complaints were generated by a single individual. It was expressed that property owners adjacent to the park have not complained about the chickens.

Rail: Pat Lee reported the following;

- The Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA): The FFGA is moving ahead through the Federal process. The Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transit (HART) anticipates that the grant for \$1.55 billion in Federal funds will be approved by the end of the year. After receiving Honolulu's grant request, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will review it before forwarding the request to the Office of Management and Budget at the White House for its own review. From there, the FTA will inform Congress of its intent to sign the agreement as part of a notification process.
- Work Update: Work continues all along the 20-mile rail route. Heavy construction is taking place in East Kapolei, where foundations are being poured and columns are being erected. Soil testing and pre-engineering work for the second segment, called Kamehameha Highway Guideway (KHG) is underway with pot holing and utility relocations. For the Airport Guideway and City Center segments, archeological fieldwork is taking place with trenching in the median of roadways to determine the presence of any archeological resources. Motorists are advised to use caution due to lane closures and traffic detours in certain areas. When completed, rail will be 20 miles long, with 21 stops, using one fare for both bus and rail with stops at Middle Street, Mokauea and HCC. For more information, please visit the project website at www.honolulustransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299, or send an e-mail to info@honolulustransit.org.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Kalihi Impacts: A Board member suggested making a presentation at the next meeting regarding the impacts the rail will have on the Kalihi community.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chair: Kolio nominated Kolio to serve as Chair. Young moved, and Louie seconded to close nominations. **Guerrero was elected Chair by ACCLAMATION, 8-0-0 (Aye: Enos, Fang, Guerrero, Ibay, Kolio, Louie, Ng, and Young).**

Vice Chair: Ng nominated Louie to serve as Vice Chair. Louie declined the nomination. Louie nominated Fang to serve as Vice Chair. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed. **Fang was elected Vice Chair by ACCLAMATION, 8-0-0 (Aye: Enos, Fang, Guerrero, Ibay, Kolio, Louie, Ng, and Young).**

Secretary: Ng nominated Enos to serve as Secretary. Enos declined the nomination. Ng nominated Kolio to serve as Secretary. Kolio also declined the nomination. The election of a Secretary was deferred to the next regular meeting.

Treasurer: Fang nominated Kolio to serve as Treasurer. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed. **Kolio was elected Treasurer by ACCLAMATION, 8-0-0 (Aye: Enos, Fang, Guerrero, Ibay, Kolio, Louie, Ng, and Young).**

BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING:

Pre-Establishment of Board Meeting Day, Time, and Location – **Young moved, and Fang seconded to retain the current meeting day, time and location. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 8-0-0 (Aye: Enos, Fang, Guerrero, Ibay, Kolio, Louie, Ng, and Young).**

Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Funds for Meeting Location Costs – **The Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED \$25/month to pay for facility rental costs at Kalihi Union Church, 8-0-0 (Aye: Enos, Fang, Guerrero, Ibay, Kolio, Louie, Ng, and Young).**

Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Funds for Video Recording of Meetings – **Ng moved, and Ibay seconded to not approve funding for video recording of monthly meetings. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 8-0-0 (Aye: Enos, Fang, Guerrero, Ibay, Kolio, Louie, Ng, and Young).**

Consideration of Board Recesses – **Louie moved, and Fang seconded to recess in December 2012. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 8-0-0 (Aye: Enos, Fang, Guerrero, Ibay, Kolio, Louie, Ng, and Young).**

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Shipping Container Terminal at Kapalama Military Reservation – Guerrero reported that the Board was supposed to write a letter in opposition to the shipping container terminal at Kapalama Military Reservation. It was noted that the letter has yet to be drafted. It was reported that Senator Chun-Oakland planned a tour of the pier. It was clarified that Young Brothers does have a competitor in Pasha shipping. Concerns were raised regarding containers being stacked five-high. It was further noted that nobody walks the pier on foot due to the possibility of the containers falling. It was noted that Servco is not aware that the containers are being stacked so high. Guerrero suggested the Board halt the drafting of the letter until after the Board has toured the facility.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Pasha: it was asked and clarified that Pasha has recently been licensed by the State. It was expressed that Pasha is an efficiently run company.
2. OSHA: It was asked why OSHA hasn't stepped in if the work environment is unsafe.

3. Letter: A Board member encouraged the Chair to draft the letter as indicated in the Board's motion at the last Board meeting. A Board member noted that the letter needs to be drafted soon because the project is already moving forward. Concern was raised as to how the project would affect residents in the area.
4. Status: A Board member asked if the project is already approved. It was noted that planners are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and will be applying for funding soon after.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) – Jodie Maesaka-Hirata of the State Department of Public Safety (DPS) note the department is focusing on trying to bring home local inmates that have since been transported to mainland penitentiaries due to overcrowding in local prisons. In an effort to clear more space in local prisons, qualified parolees are screened and cleared to participate in the DPS Work Furlough Program. The program assists parolee candidates to successfully reintegrate into society by providing parolees with training and employment opportunities. The individuals enrolled in the program are granted a temporary release from the prison to seek employment opportunities. Individuals in the program are also required to return to the prison at the end of their allotted temporary release. Individuals who do not abide by the rules will be removed from the program and sent back to prison.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Monitoring Device: A Board member asked and it was clarified that monitoring devices are not used on program participants.
2. Return to Facility: It was asked and clarified that individuals who violate the parameters set forth in the work furlough program face the possibility of five (5) additional years in prison.
3. Sex Offenders: A Board member asked and it was clarified that not all individuals enrolled in the work furlough program are sex offenders.
4. Percentage: A Board member asked and it was clarified that 37% of work furlough program participants do not return to jail.
5. Program: A Board member asked and it was clarified that most program participants are released out of the Kalihi facility. Females enrolled in the program are released out of the Kailua facility.
6. Proximity to School: Concern was raised of program participants being released so close to Puuhale Elementary School. Concern was raised of sex offenders being in close proximity to children.
7. Program Participants: It was asked and noted that many of the participants in the program are from the Leeward side of the island. It was noted that many of the participants are released from the Kalihi facility because of the location of jobs near the Kalihi facility.
8. Release Times: A Board member asked and it was clarified that release times from the facility depends on the participant's work schedule.
9. Religious Groups: A Board member noted that faith based recovery programs have a better success rate. Maesaka-Hirata reported that 1700 religious groups volunteer to assist the prison system.
10. Kalihi Facility: A Board member asked and it was clarified that inmates at the Kalihi facility are more ready community reentry; while inmates at the Halawa facility are not.
11. Puuhale Principal: The Puuhale Elementary School principal noted that she was not aware of prisoners being released so close to the school. It was noted that there is no guarantee that program participants will not cause harm to the children. The principal noted that her job is to assure student safety. Maesaka-Hirata noted that there is no way to guarantee safety; however, DPS is committed to taking the proper steps to ensure that program candidates are properly screened.
12. Sex Offender Registry: It was asked and clarified that all sex offenders are listed on the sex offender registry. The registry is accessible via the State website.

13. Returning Inmates: It was asked and clarified that over the past 25 years, 38 of 1200 sex offenders have returned to jail. It was noted that many program participants are near the end of their jail sentence and are unlikely to do something that would send them back to jail.

Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT) Tour Analysis – Chair Guerrero reported the KPT project was done well; however, raised concern of noise due to the lack of carpet.

Ng retired from the meeting at 9:10 p.m.; **seven (7) members present.**

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Approval of June 20, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes – Young moved, and Ibay seconded to approve the June 20, 2012 regular meeting minutes. **The minutes were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS AMMENDED, 7-0-0** (Aye: Enos, Fang, Guerrero, Ibay, Kolio, Louie, and Young). Corrections included;

- Page 3 – Under Personal Property Stored on city Property should read...It was asked why Bill **54**...
- Page – Under Bus Stop at the Intersection of King and Beretania Streets should read...reiterated why Bill **54**...

Treasurer's Report – None.

Governor's Representative – Loretta Fuddy reported the following;

- Economic Outlook: On July 19, 2012, Governor Abercrombie reported that the State of Hawaii concluded its 2012 Fiscal Year (FY) with a positive ending balance of \$306 million, as well as an increase of 14.9% in tax revenue from FY 2011. FY 2012 marks the second consecutive year the State has ended in the black.
- Job Creation: The State's unemployment continues to hover around 6.4%. The national average stands at 8.2%. Since 2012, the Governor has released more than \$423.8 million for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). Projects have been selected for their potential to immediately stimulate the economy and generate local jobs.
- Affordable Housing: 10 State affordable housing projects were listed in the June 29 Pacific Business News as being among the top 25 residential construction projects in Hawaii. These 10 projects alone are expected to generate a total of 6,050 direct jobs and 8,766 indirect jobs, as well as restore 3,901 affordable homes or units. For more information on these public-private ventures, visit <http://hawaii.gov/gov/faq>.

Senator Donna Mercado Kim – Nancy Bernal circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- KPT Renovations: Senator Kim toured the newly renovated KPT towers. Renovations of the nearly 50 year old towers totaled \$135 million.
- OCCC Prisoner Release Program: After receiving many inquiries regarding the OCCC prisoner release program, Senator Kim drafted and sent a letter to Senator Will Espero, Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

Senator Glenn Wakai – Senator Wakai circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Senate District (SD) 15: SD 15 now extends to the lower portion of the freeway and now covers a larger portion of Kalihi.
- Shipping Container Expansion: The shipping container expansion would alleviate much of the traffic in the area.
- OCCC: There is a movement to redevelop the area surrounding OCC. There is a proposal to shut down OCCC and to seek out public/private partnerships to revitalize the area.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Prime Land: A Board member noted that OCCC sits on prime land and recommended OCCC be moved.
2. Pier: A Board member suggested moving the shipping pier to Barber's Point. Wakai noted that Kalaeloa is not a deep draft harbor. Wakai further noted that Kalaeloa harbor is heavily used for shipping construction material, oil, and aggregate material. Wakai expressed that the Kalaeloa Harbor would not be appropriate for shipping containers.

Representative Corinne Ching: A representative was not present; a newsletter was made available.

Representative Karl Rhoads: Sonny Le reported the following;

- Gambling: HPD was contacted regarding a complaint of a gambling den on the 1300 block of Palamea Lane.
- Drug Dealing: HPD was contacted regarding drug dealing activities at 1815 Kalani Street. The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) was also contacted regarding drug dealing activities at 1555 Haka Drive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next Meeting: The next Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kalihi Union church, 2214 North King Street.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Kazuaki McArthur, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Adam Lefebvre, Neighborhood Commission Office staff; Donald Guerrero, Chair