



KALIHI – PALAMA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 15

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015 KALIHI UNION CHURCH

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Daniel Holt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with 10 members present.** Note: This 13-member Board requires seven (7) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Theresa L. Cummings, Joe Dumayag, Cy Feng, Daniel Holt, Rodolfo Ibay, Fetu Kolio, Roland Louie, Ryan Mandado, Mar Velasco, and Jonie Williams.

Board Members Absent – Tom Enos, Leo Gozar, and Michael Koontz.

Guests – Captain Jay Peloso (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Baron Lee, Sergeant Jonathan Castro (District 1), Lieutenant Stephen Gerona, Sergeant Harry Burt, Major Criz Caraang (District 5) (Honolulu Police Department), Sheri Kajiwara (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative), Dennis Arakaki (Councilmember Joey Manahan's Office staff), Charles Izumoto (Representative Romy Cachola's Office staff), Representative Karl Rhoads, Mudra Josephson (Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland's Office staff), Oryn Nakamura (Board of Water Supply), Nobu Nakamura (Kalihi Union Church), Gary Bautista (Kalakaua Lions Club), Wayne Miyashiro, Mike Uechi, Norma G. De Jesus, Michelle Tanigawa, and Ronald Higa (Residents); David Jones (videographer) and Neighborhood Assistant Neil Baarde (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

PUBLIC SAFETY INPUT

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Jay Peloso reported the following:

- **December 2014 Fire Statistics** – There was a total of 11 structure fires, 179 medical emergencies, and 64 miscellaneous calls for service. There were no major or unusual incidents.
- **Hiking Safety Tips** – HFD often responds to hikers who are lost or injured and would like to provide some tips courtesy of the State of Hawaii's Division of Forestry and Wildlife. When planning a hike, inform others of the plans, let someone know which trail the hike will be on, and when one plans to return. If something should go wrong, rescuers will have accurate information on where to start searching. Plan to have enough time to return from the hike and keep a fully charged cell phone just in case. HFD relies heavily on phone contact when trying to locate a lost hiker or for information regarding an injured hiker.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 1 – Lieutenant Baron Lee reported the following:

- **December 2014 Crime Statistics** – There were 2 motor vehicle thefts, 5 burglaries, 10 thefts, 0 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), 0 assaults, 1 sex assault, 0 graffiti and 2 drug offenses. There was a total of 371 calls for service.
- **Pedestrian Safety Tips** – “Be safe, Be seen!” When walking or jogging at night, wear bright clothing and bring a flashlight to see. Look both ways when crossing the street, always use the crosswalk. Be alert, and do not assume cars will stop. Make eye contact with the driver before crossing the street and do not step off the sidewalk in between cars or other objects that can block the driver or the pedestrian's vision. Do not wear headphones or talk on a cellphone while crossing the street.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 5 – Lieutenant Stephen Gerona reported the following:

- **December 2014 Crime Statistics** – There were 21 motor vehicle thefts, 13 burglaries, 87 thefts, and 36 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), for a total of 3,551 calls for service.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. **Coverage Area** – Williams asked what areas the beats cover. Lieutenant Gerona responded that it starts from Houghtailing Street to the mountain.
2. **Theft Patterns** – Mandado asked if there was any type of pattern to the thefts. Lieutenant Gerona responded that thefts are unusual, and are known to be crimes of opportunity.
3. **New Major** – Ibay congratulated the newly promoted Major Criz Caraang.



4. Feral Cats – A resident raised a concern about feral cats and noted that there are over 30 cats between the Chevron and the First Hawaiian Bank. The resident noted that the security cameras have caught and photographed the four (4) people that are constantly feeding the feral cats. Lieutenant Gerona noted that he will speak to the resident after for more information on the situation. Cummings noted that there is probably a health risk and asked if HPD can follow up with the Board if any action will be taken. Lieutenant Gerona responded that if HPD takes action they will follow up with the Board. Arakaki commented that he is a member of Kalihi Union Church and noted that the church has set up traps to try and capture some of the cats. Arakaki noted that City Council is also trying to solve the feral cat issue.
5. Drug Den – Norma G. De Jesus raised a concern about a store near her residence of 1325 North School Street. De Jesus noted that the Board of Directors of her building also own the commercial buildings in the area and commented that she believes they are selling or manufacturing drugs within the store. De Jesus commented that in September 2004 the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) had raided the building and confiscated some plants. Lieutenant Gerona noted that HPD will need to research the report first and then take action. Lieutenant Gerona asked De Jesus for more information.
6. Gang Fights – Dennis Arakaki raised a concern about the gang fights that are occurring at Kalihi Waena Park and Kuhio Park Terrace softball field. Lieutenant Gerona responded that in regards to all fights, HPD is asking for the community's help and to call HPD. Arakaki commented that Councilmember Manahan thanks HPD D5 for helping in catching the roosters in the area.
7. Pool Hall – Arakaki raised a concern about a pool hall at 915 Factory Street and commented that the nearby residents have been complaining about the loud noise and the suspected drug dealing that is occurring within the establishment. Lieutenant Gerona responded that HPD needs more information to definitely call it narcotics, and commented that specifics will be needed to open an investigation. Michelle Tanigawa asked what specifics HPD is looking for. Lieutenant Gerona responded the foot traffic, vehicle traffic, dates, times, and reoccurring faces.
8. Shooting on King Street – Mandado asked for information on the shooting that occurred on King Street earlier in the week. Lieutenant Gerona responded that the shooting is under investigation and HPD cannot disclose any information at this time.
9. Strange Activities – Williams raised a concern about the canal from Houghtailing that connects the Kapalama Canal and noted that she has been noticing a lot of strange activity, including a dead body with a sheet over the body, and asked what the regular procedure is when someone jumps into the canal. Lieutenant Gerona responded that HPD will cite those who jump in because they are trespassing and noted that HPD is aware that people use the canals to evade HPD or to use the canals for other criminal activity.
10. How to Report a Crime Flier – Gary Bautista asked if HPD can include a flier on how to report a crime so it can be easier for the person calling HPD. Cummings asked if HPD does make the fliers, can the Board get copies as well. Lieutenant Gerona responded that a list can be made and will follow up with the suggestion.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Oryn Nakamura reported the following:

- Water Main Breaks – No water main breaks reported for the month of December 2014.
- 2015 Water Conservation Calendar and Water Conservation Contests – BWS is pleased to bring you the 2015 Water Conservation calendar. The calendar presents artwork and poetry submitted by Oahu youth in Grades K-12, who were selected as winners of the water conservation poster and poetry contests held earlier this year. Copies of the calendars were provided.
- 37th Annual Water Conservation Week Poster Contest and the 7th Annual Poetry Contest – “Water Matters” the theme for this year's contests invites Oahu students to creatively express their understanding of the incomparable value of Oahu's drinking water supply and the importance of protecting it for future generations to come. The poster contest is open to Oahu students in grades K-6, and the poetry contest is open to Oahu students in grades 7-12. The deadline to enter these contests is Wednesday, February 26, 2015. Winners will be announced in May 2015, prizes received, and be featured in the BWS 2016 Water Conservation calendar.
- ‘Olelo Youth Xchange Video Competition – BWS is pleased to sponsor a category in Youth Xchange Video Competition, which is a statewide student video competition coordinated by ‘Olelo Community Media. “The Value of Water” challenges Hawaii's youth to come up with a 30-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) that highlights water's journey from source to tap. Deadline for entries is Tuesday, March 3, 2015. For more information visit www.boardofwatersupply.com or call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Rail Suggestion – Ronald Higa announced that he recently visited Las Vegas, Nevada and rode their monorail system. Higa noted that their transportation system is all linked and timed correctly. Higa commented that there should be signs informing commuters where and how far the station is.

CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Director Sheri Kajiwarra reported the following:

- City Newsletter – In the January 2015 City Newsletter there is a section that honors the late “Parade Man” Nelson Fujio as well as describes the events of City Lights. Also in the Newsletter, there is a recap of all the initiatives that the Mayor and the City will be tackling as the New Year starts.
- Neighborhood Board Elections – The deadline to apply is Friday, February 20, 2015. More information on the Boards and the election are available online or by calling 768-3708. The community can also apply online at www.honolulu.gov/nco.
- Keep Hawaii's Heroes – On Sunday, November 9, 2014 Mayor Caldwell co-sponsored a petition named Keep Hawaii's Heroes, to urge the Army to maintain its Military Presence in Hawaii. The considered proposal would eliminate 19,800 soldiers and approximately 30,000 civilian jobs. For more information, please visit www.KeepHawaiiHeroes.org or to request for more information at info@KeepHawaiiHeroes.org.

Councilmember Joey Manahan – Dennis Arakaki distributed Councilmember Manahan's newsletter and reported the following:

- Happy New Year – Councilmember Manahan wishes everyone a Happy New Year!
- Committee Chair – Councilmember Manahan was elected as Chair for the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Policy Committee at the Monday, January 12, 2015 meeting.
- Top of Agenda – The top of Councilmember Manahan's agenda for 2015 are The Rail Project, the lack of affordable housing, and homelessness.
- Kalihi Water System Improvements – A two (2) year improvement project will be taking place to upgrade the fire protection and replacement of failing mains due to mainbreaks within an industrial/business area. Majority of the mains in the area were installed in 1922 and 1938. The tentative construction timeline for the Kalihi Water System Improvements is from November 2014 to September 2016. After the improvement project is completed, streets that were worked on will also be resurfaced.
- Bill 52 – Bill 52 was passed by the City Council and the purpose of the ordinance is to protect residential property and uses from unsafe and unsanitary conditions that prevent or impair the safe use and quiet enjoyment of residential property.
- Pump Station – There will be work on the pump station in Iwilei and construction will begin July 2015 and end in January 2018.
- Safety Campaign at Puuhale Elementary – There will be a safety campaign at Puuhale Elementary on Friday, January 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. and a memorial walk to talk about safe pedestrian driving and walking safety at 8:00 p.m.
- Graffiti – The Leo Club from Farrington High School and Adult Friends for Youth will be helping the City clean the area of graffiti. They will be cleaning the area as well as Gulick Park and Kalihi Waena Park.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Bill 52 – Williams asked who should the community contact regarding Bill 52. Arakaki responded that the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) sends an inspector to see if the residency is safe or not and then they will initiate a fining process if necessary. Williams asked if the feral cat issue goes under Bill 52. Arakaki responded that it can be if the residency is unlivable.
2. Kapalama Canal – Chair Holt noted that he saw the “No Camping” signs at Kapalama Canal. Arakaki responded that there is still a gray area between the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Arakaki commented that they are still working on the jurisdiction issue.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative – No representative was present; no report was available.

Senate President Senator Donna Mercado Kim – No representative was present; an information packet was made available.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – Senator Chun Oakland was not present; an information packet was made available.

Representative Karl Rhoads – Representative Rhoads reported the following:

- Nuuanu Stream – Representative Rhoads received a complaint about shopping carts being dumped in Nuuanu Stream and noted that the issue has been forwarded to the City.
- Damaged Wall – Received a complaint about the damaged wall along the Diamond Head side of Nuuanu Stream, just mauka of Kukui Street, and noted that the issue has been forwarded to the City.
- Missing Street Sign – Received a complaint regarding a missing street sign at the Ewa/mauka corner of Colburn Street and McNeill Street, and commented that the issue has been forwarded to the City.
- Kapalama Canal – Received a complaint about the homeless tents along Kapalama Canal and noted that he has forwarded the issue to the Institute for Human Services (IHS) and HPD.
- Bills of Interest – Representative Rhoads noted that he is trying to draft two (2) bills. 1) Moped muffler violations, raise fine from \$100 to \$1000. And 2) Restart the Assertive Community Treatment Team for managing the mentally ill.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Bills – Kolio asked for the Bills' numbers. Representative Rhoads responded that they do not have numbers yet, but will inform the Board when there are any updates. Arakaki noted that for the moped noise variance Bill, another Board suggested having mopeds registered like automobiles. Representative Rhoads responded that he has tried that and noted that the process takes a lot longer.

Representative Romy Cachola – Charles Izumoto reported the following:

- Opening Day – Izumoto announced that Opening Day went well and noted that Representative Cachola will be the Chair of the Veterans, Military, and International Affairs (VMI).
- Keep Hawaii's Heroes – Representative Cachola agrees with Mayor Caldwell on the Keep Hawaii's Heroes Petition and noted that if the military decreases their number of soldiers and civilians there will be a huge impact on Oahu's economy. There will be two (2) informational listening sessions: On Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hale Koa, and on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Leilehua High School.
- Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) – Izumoto noted that the OCCC long range plan was originally made with the Abercrombie administration to consolidate the prison with Halawa. Izumoto commented that they are currently working with Governor Ige's administration and will follow up with more information.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Electricity – Cummings asked for information on the residents that were having issues with their electricity. Izumoto responded that the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) does credit checks and base their deposit amount off of those credit checks. Izumoto noted that it has been HECO's policy. Cummings commented that HECO gave some of those residents a waiver for Christmas.

UNFINISHED/ON-GOING BUSINESS

Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) – No representative was present: A report can be made available by contacting Neighborhood Assistant Baarde.

BOARD BUSINESS

Resolution to Support Funding of Social Services – Chair Holt introduced the resolution and noted his appreciation for Arakaki for writing the draft resolution. Chair Holt announced that the Board will have a discussion and vote at the February 2015 meeting.

Resolution to have the People's Open Market at Banyan Court – Chair Holt introduced the resolution to the Board and noted that the Board will have a discussion and vote at the February 2015 meeting. Arakaki gave some background information and commented that the City might need to talk to the administration before finalizing the resolution. Chair Holt suggested that they do not open the People's Open Market to any private properties such as Kaiulani Elementary School for location purposes. Arakaki noted that the resolution could still be amended.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Cummings moved and Mandado seconded that the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15 approve the November 19, 2014 regular meeting minutes. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 10-0-0 (AYE: Cummings, Dumayag, Feng, Holt, Ibay, Kolio, Louie, Mandado, Velasco and Williams).

OTHER REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Cummings reported that \$24.07 was spent in December 2014, the remaining balance was \$311.27 The Treasurer's report was filed. Kolio asked if money has been spent on the banner. Chair Holt responded not yet, because the Neighborhood Commission Office is still following up. Arakaki noted that the banner is falling apart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting – The next Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15 meeting will be on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 7:00 p.m., at the Kalihi Union Church, 2214 North King Street.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Submitted by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed and Finalized by: Chair Daniel Holt