



## KALIHI VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 16

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2006 KALIHI REGIONAL DISTRICT PARK**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair William Woods-Bateman called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm with a quorum of five (5) members present. (There are no vacancies on this Board.)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lance Bateman, Anthony DeCampo, Lisa Mitchell, Jory Watland, William Woods-Bateman.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Merry Balatico, Kanoa Bristol, Wilton Ching, Chester Koga.

**GUESTS:** Firefighter 1 K. Farm (Honolulu Fire Department – Kalihi Uka); Sgt. K. Kessler (Honolulu Police Department – Kalihi); Pat Lee, Gary K. Omori (Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project Public Involvement Team); Nikki Love (Charter Commission Researcher); Ron Borne, Mike Egami (U.S. Army); Noel Ono (Mayor's Office – City Department of Human Resources, Deputy Director); Elisa Agpaoa (Councilmember Romy Cachola's Office staff); Al Canopin (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office staff); Lisa Ginoza (Governor's Office – State Department of the Attorney General, First Deputy Attorney General); James M. Rodrigues (Booster Kalihi); Hinaleimoana Wong (Free Church of Tonga); Bob Farrell (Olelo Videographer); Pexii Gasio, Cliff Slater; Rachel M. Glanstein (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

### **CITY GOVERNMENT REPORTS:**

**HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD) –** FireFighter 1 (FF1) K. Farm reported the following for the Kalihi Uka Station:

- 1) September Statistics – 2 structure, 1 rubbish, and 1 vehicle fire; 57 medical emergencies and 5 miscellaneous calls.
- 2) Fire Safety Tip – Select Halloween costumes that are flame-resistant, made of lightweight fabric, brightly colored, and clearly visible to motorists. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape and keep costumes short to prevent tripping. A natural mask of cosmetics is better than a mask that may restrict breathing or obscure vision. Carry flashlights to light the way.
- 3) HFD provides assistance to the City Department of Emergency Services (ESD) by responding cooperatively when the need for emergency care arises.
- 4) There were no reported fires or injuries in the Kilohana Street area.

DeCampo expressed his concern over the hazardous amounts of bulky trash along roadways. FF1 K. Farm noted that bulky item pickup occurs the first Wednesday of every month in Kalihi Valley, but explained that many people do pile the trash by fire hydrants, which could delay a response to any fire. He added that the Mayor is trying to get bulky items picked up in a timely manner, but many residents are putting out their bulky trash without regard to when the pickup is.

**HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD) –** Sgt. K. Kessler distributed the report and provided the following statistics from the Kalihi Station: There were 62 arguments, 4 assaults, 6 burglaries, 13 drugs/narcotics, 2 driving under the influence (DUIs), 2 family offenses, 5 motor vehicle thefts, 0 murders, 22 motor vehicle collisions (MVCs), 6 property damages, 0 robberies, 1 sex offenses, 19 thefts, 4 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMVs).

Questions, comments and concerns:

- 1) Chair Woods-Bateman suggested that HPD leave the statistics of previous months on the report so that the Board may be able to spot trends in crime; he conveyed his appreciation for the statistical report.



- 2) Mitchell inquired about an incident on Laumahi Street about a week ago. Sgt. K. Kessler answered that he can search the database for information about incidents, but a specific address, street name and/or timeframe is required.

**RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:** Chair Woods-Bateman explained the effect of the Sunshine Law on Board members – that any meeting participant, community or Board, may bring up a concern, but that the Board members are not allowed to discuss or take action on a matter that is not on the agenda.

Comments and concerns followed:

- 1) James Rodrigues stated that the potholes on Laulani Street are still there. The Mayor's representative will follow up, since the report noted that they were filled on October 3.
- 2) Pexii Gasio expressed concern about his neighbor on Gulick Avenue, and the hazardous amounts of trash piled on the property. Sometimes the neighbor covers up the trash with tents. He has been cited previously, yet the problem persists. There has been dumping of sewage there, which goes onto P. Gasio's property. There is permanent scaffolding, and the neighbor is encroaching onto P. Gasio's property.
- 3) P. Gasio also mentioned that many motorists are speeding over the 10 mph speed limit on Gulick Avenue, mauka of School Street, going both ways. Chair Woods-Bateman suggested that he bring up these items during the HPD report, so that they can follow up on it, although the Mayor's representative will follow up.
- 4) Mitchell asserted that everyone should vote "yes" on Charter Amendment No. 8, relating to making Honolulu bike- and pedestrian-friendly; the Board supports Charter Amendment No. 8.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Chair Woods-Bateman noted that Treasurer Bristol was absent and announced that the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) has increased the Board's budget to help all Neighborhood Boards to afford videotaping their meetings and broadcasting them on Olelo.

**APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** Bateman moved, and Mitchell seconded, to approve the September 13, 2006 regular meeting minutes as circulated, which was **ADOPTED unanimously, 5-0-0**. Chair Woods-Bateman complimented the minutes.

**CHAIR'S REPORT:** No report.

#### **BUSINESS AND REPORTS:**

**HONOLULU MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM – PRESENTATION OF ALL FOUR (4) ALTERNATIVES –** Chair Woods-Bateman gave the following perspectives on last month's presentations:

- 1) The plans presented to the Neighborhood Boards are not the ones that will be presented formally to City Council, therefore the public is being denied a reasonable time to review the actual plans. The exact routes of bus increases, HOT lanes and rail possibilities have not been determined. City Council limits oral testimony at their meetings to one minute per person per subject.
- 2) The rail system desired by the City planners will cost billions of dollars more than the \$3 billion estimate (which only covers one part of the corridor), and does not have one plan to go down Nimitz Highway, which is less expensive than going down Dillingham Boulevard or King Street. Nimitz Highway is mainly owned by the City and State and is industrial, and so would allow for non-disruptive development of the system and its terminals (and implementation of the proposed Council Resolution 06-273 to allow hotels and commercial activities around rail terminals). Dillingham Boulevard and King Streets are two of the most used surface streets.
- 3) There are discrepancies in the cost between the City's plan and Slater's plan for HOT lanes. The number of entrances and exits were unknown but many will be needed along the route to the Hilo Hattie's area so that buses and other high-passenger vehicles can enter and exit the HOT lanes as needed. HOT lanes could be limited to just buses and high-occupancy passenger vehicles, but could also be used as a toll road to increase productive usage and pay for the construction.

- 4) The Waikiki Residents' Association and the Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9 oppose any link of rail to Waikiki. Since this destination represents millions of people per year, this would drastically reduce the need and positive impact of a rail system. The proposal also excludes the University of Hawaii (UH), the airport and Kapolei; however, over six million visitors come through the airport, UH has more than 25,000 students (plus faculty and staff), and Kapolei is supposed to be promoted as a true city.

Chair Woods-Bateman then indicated that the two groups of presenters could each have an opportunity to present more information.

**Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) Public Involvement Team:** Pat Lee introduced himself and Gary K. Omori, and showed some statistics for each alternative; he was available for questions.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Chair Woods-Bateman asked what information the statistics are based on. P. Lee replied that the statistics relate to the entire route from Kapolei to Waikiki. Chair Woods-Bateman stated that the statistics are not accurate for what's being considered right now. P. Lee offered that all transit systems are built in phases.
- 2) Bateman requested an estimated timeframe of the entire project. P. Lee responded that there are many factors to be considered in a timeframe, including funding; he added that all of this information will be packaged and given to the Council on November 1, 2006.
- 3) Chair Woods-Bateman noted that the Boards won't have an opportunity to take a position on the formal presentation on November 1, which may differ from the presentations given here, before the end of the year, when Council must choose an alternative. Watland stated that the Council will be choosing an alternative based on different information than that given to the community at Neighborhood Board meetings. P. Lee answered that the Public Involvement Team wanted to ensure that the community got to hear about all four alternatives before Council chooses between them; Council will figure out how to phase in the preferred alternative. He added that it's really an academic study that he and Omori will be presenting to Council.
- 4) Chair Woods-Bateman had a notion that the plan was to focus on using the \$3 billion from the excise tax increase, not to create something more expensive. P. Lee replied that the team was given the question of how to connect UH to Kapolei, regardless of cost, aesthetics, etc.
- 5) Bateman asked if the alternatives other than the No Build alternative have a completion date. P. Lee responded that the estimate is 2030. Bateman continued to state that choosing any alternative assumes that the current method of transportation (cars) will not change by 2030.
- 6) Mitchell asked how the \$3 billion plus alternative will be paid for, since the administrations have asserted that there will be no further tax increases. P. Lee answered that much of it will be covered by the general excise tax increase and anticipated federal funding; he will follow up.

**Cliff Slater's Perspective on the Managed Lanes Alternative ("HOT lanes"):** Cliff Slater gave the following presentation: The 2030 plan for a rail system indicates that traffic congestion will be worse than it is today, and C. Slater questioned the reason of spending so much money to have traffic worsen by 2030. The State Department of Transportation (DOT) has admitted that something must be done about the traffic. Tampa, Florida painted the underside of their HOT lanes sky blue so that it still looks natural from the bottom highway. In the next week, the head of Tampa's Department of Planning will be speaking to the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce. C. Slater was available for questions.

Questions, comments and concerns:

- 1) Bateman noted that the HOT lanes result in moving more cars, and asked where they would park. C. Slater replied that toll roads don't require the creation of parking, since no more than 10-15% of the capacity of the roads would be filled by new vehicles. Regardless of the transit system, approximately 2,000 parking stalls will be needed in the near future. P. Lee added that there are 60,000 homes planned for central and leeward Oahu in the next 20 to 25 years, which would increase the amount of vehicles by about 120,000 cars (assume two cars per household); exiting the HOT lanes onto surface streets is where the amount of vehicles would greatly affect traffic. Parking lots will need to be created for all of those cars.

- 2) Mitchell mentioned that House Resolution 119 (HR119) relating to instituting a “green belt” strategy was adopted this year. She pointed out that transportation is just one part of the whole island system, and she would like to see more holistic planning by the City and State. P. Lee indicated that the Public Involvement Team studied the ordinances, laws, and policies, and agrees with Mitchell’s idea of a more holistic view, since it’s a quality-of-life issue.
- 3) Watland commented that buses are around somewhat to help with parking problems; he asked what the average vehicle occupancy (adults only) is from 6 to 8 a.m. P. Lee estimated that the average occupancy is one person; C. Slater gave an estimate of one to two people. Watland suggested restricting highways to vehicles with three adult occupants to maximize bus and carpool use. C. Slater contributed that there are foreign cities that won’t let singly-occupied vehicles enter. Mitchell recounted that Amsterdam doesn’t allow any cars in the city. She continued to state that she would like to see all government agencies to approach everything with a holistic outlook. **Chair Woods-Bateman called Mitchell out of order and ruled that her testimony needed to be restricted to the agenda item pending.**

Chair Woods-Bateman invited the Board members to make motions supporting, opposing, or supporting with conditions, the alternatives presented.

**Mitchell moved to support Alternative No. 2 (Transportation System Management), which was NOT considered due to the lack of a second.**

**Chair Woods-Bateman moved, and Watland seconded, to recommend HOT lanes of three (3) lanes with multiple entrances and exits starting at Kapolei and ending around Hilo Hattie’s – this system to be used exclusively for buses and high density passenger vehicles and possibly toll to increase practical usage.** Discussion ensued:

- 1) Chair Woods-Bateman gave the following rationale: Most communities currently need more bus opportunities such as number of buses and expanded schedules. The buses would feed generally mauka to makai into the HOT lanes and continue quickly to their destinations. This system would increase bus ridership, address current needs, and free up other roadway space for the constant expected increase in automobiles. These HOT lanes could be the basis for future review of the effectiveness of hub and spokes concept with real tangible usage figures to determine if a rail system might be practical in the future. High-cost terminal structures planned along the proposed rail route would be eliminated by HOT lanes, and no extra parking structures would be needed. HOT lanes are affordable with the existing excise tax and/or private funding.
- 2) Bateman inquired as to why the HOT lanes should end at Hilo Hattie’s and not further downtown. Chair Woods-Bateman explained that these are just basic guidelines from C. Slater, but the HOT lanes should stretch all the way to UH, and invited any amendments. C. Slater responded that his plan doesn’t go further than Hilo Hattie’s because then the HOT lanes would have to go through residential areas. Chair Woods-Bateman specified that a transit system will have to connect to UH and Waikiki in order to work.

**Unanimous consent was used to amend the motion by striking out “Hilo Hattie’s” and inserting “the University of Hawaii”.**

- 3) Watland commented that the idea is only a partial solution, that other alternatives should also be considered; he remarked that if Oahu doesn’t move away from cars in general, the traffic problems won’t be addressed. Chair Woods-Bateman suggested recommending a policy to that effect to City Council.

**The motion to recommend HOT lanes of three (3) lanes with multiple entrances and exits starting at Kapolei and ending around the University of Hawaii – this system to be used exclusively for buses and high density passenger vehicles and possibly toll to increase practical usage, as amended, was NOT adopted, 2-2-1 (Aye: DeCampo, Woods-Bateman; No: Bateman, Mitchell; Abs: Watland).**

There was general consensus that none of the transit alternatives are good. Mitchell requested that HR119 (relating to a greenbelt strategy) be placed on next month’s agenda.

**HONOLULU CHARTER AMENDMENTS – Charter Amendments Nos. 1 to 12** (see [www.honolulu.gov/chc/](http://www.honolulu.gov/chc/)) – Charter Commission researcher Nikki Love introduced herself, gave some background on the Charter Commission, and distributed handouts explaining the Charter amendments. She explained that when voting on Charter amendments, blanks/abstentions don't affect the vote – there simply have to be more “yeses” than “noes” to adopt a Charter amendment, which is different than adopting amendments to the State constitution. N. Love briefly described each Charter amendment and its potential effect.

**Charter Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 (CA1 and CA2) – Changing Council Term Limits and the Staggering of Terms:** N. Love confirmed that if CA1 is adopted, then one of the two options in CA2 will be selected, so she suggested that everyone vote on CA2 regardless of how they feel about CA1.

**Bateman moved, and Watland seconded, to oppose Charter Amendment No. 1.** N. Ono informed the audience that the Mayor does not support CA1. Bateman offered that it's not a good public policy to presume that CA1 will pass (by offering CA2). N. Love noted that if CA1 is adopted, the current Councilmembers would get a “fresh start” as far as terms served. **The motion to oppose Charter Amendment No. 1 was ADOPTED unanimously, 5-0-0.**

**Bateman moved to vote for option B (to eliminate staggering of terms and limit consecutive four-year terms to a maximum of three terms) on Charter Amendment No. 2, which was NOT considered, due to the lack of a second.** Watland stated that he doesn't want to guess on the results of CA1, and expressed that no action should be taken on CA2.

**Charter Amendment No. 4 – Curbside Recycling:** Mitchell expressed her belief that recycling is a “no-brainer”. **Watland moved, and Bateman seconded, to support Charter Amendment No. 4, which was ADOPTED unanimously, 5-0-0.**

**Charter Amendment No. 5 – Civil Fines for Ethics Violations:** Mitchell moved, and Bateman seconded, to support Charter Amendment No. 5. Watland inquired who currently administers civil fines for ethics violations; N. Love replied that there are currently no fines. **The motion to support Charter Amendment No. 5 was ADOPTED unanimously, 5-0-0.**

**Charter Amendment No. 6 – Races with Two Candidates in General Election:** Watland moved, and Mitchell seconded, to support Charter Amendment No. 6. Watland asked why non-partisan elections are on the primary election ballot. Chair Woods-Bateman answered that the primary election narrows the number of candidates running for election, partisan or non-partisan. **The motion to support Charter Amendment No. 6 was ADOPTED unanimously, 5-0-0.**

**Charter Amendment No. 7 – No Council Rejection of Salary Commission Recommendations:** Bateman moved to support Charter Amendment No. 7, which was NOT considered, due to the lack of a second.

**Charter Amendment No. 9 – Liquor Administrator Exempt from Civil Service:** Watland moved, and Bateman seconded, to support Charter Amendment No. 9, which was ADOPTED unanimously, 5-0-0.

**Charter Amendment No. 10 (CA10) – Emergency Services Director and Fire Chief:** Chair Woods-Bateman commented that emergency service personnel are very much opposed to CA10, because it may cause them to lose some State funding. Many have testified against CA10 at the hearings. The Board of Water Supply (BWS) also doesn't support CA10.

**Charter Amendment No. 11 – Extend Time for Capital Funds:** Bateman moved, and Mitchell seconded, to support Charter Amendment No. 11. Mitchell noted that CA11 could also hinder projects, since providing more time before capital funds elapse could create more delays; Chair Woods-Bateman agreed. **The motion to support Charter Amendment No. 11 was NOT adopted, 1-3-1 (Aye: Bateman; No: DeCampo, Watland, Woods-Bateman; Abs: Mitchell).**

**Charter Amendment No. 12 – Additional Electronic Notice; Housekeeping:** Bateman moved, and Watland seconded, to support Charter Amendment No. 12, which was ADOPTED unanimously, 5-0-0.

N. Love urged everyone to vote on the Charter amendments.

**PROPOSED FORT SHAFTER PERSONNEL AND MISSION CHANGE** – Ron Borne, Transformation Manager, and Mike Egami, Community Liaison Specialist, both from the U.S. Army, gave the following presentation:

- 1) The U.S. Army will establish a modernized Theater Army headquarters in the Asia-Pacific region to support the U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM) with a land component command (LCCO headquarters anywhere in the Area of Operations (AOR).
- 2) The proposed unit restructuring would occur in late September 2006 through 2008 (specifically September 2006 through September 2007, June and October 2008). It involves an increase of approximately 1,635 military personnel (1,000 to Fort Shafter and 600 to Schofield) and 450 military vehicles, and construction of a Command and Control facility beginning in 2011, a 150-soldier barracks, one consolidated motor pool, and associated utility upgrades. There are six projects designed, with an estimated spending of \$217 million. The soldier increase also statistically adds 860 spouses and 1,365 children; the total increase of military population is approximately 3,860 people. Most of the new military personnel will be higher-ranking, will stay longer, and will be more likely to purchase homes in Hawaii and send their children to local schools. The extra students were estimated as follows – 362 extra students in elementary schools (five to 11 years old), including 43 special education; 105 extra students in middle schools (12 to 14 years old), including 13 special education; and 230 extra students in high schools (15 to 19 years old), including 28 special education.
- 3) Land use changes in support of the restructuring would be limited to existing military installations. Installations include Fort Shafter, Tripler Army Medical Center, Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Air Field, and Navy Magazine (NAVMAG) Lualualei. The personnel will be spread from Schofield to Fort Shafter, and much work will be done during non-peak hours so as not to affect traffic; a traffic study was done and didn't show much of a difference. The face of Fort Shafter will not change much.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Watland asked if the Middle Street gate would be reopened. R. Borne replied that he's not sure yet; right now, it's closed because of the threats to the base but is open at night.
- 2) Chair Woods-Bateman noted that officers receive more money to find off-base housing, and inquired if they will be required to live on base. R. Borne responded that military personnel may not receive money to rent outside until the housing on-base is full; however, military personnel are allowed to purchase homes.
- 3) DeCampo asked if more telecommunications facilities would be installed and who would operate them. R. Borne answered that there's already enough at Fort Shafter and it will be operated by both civilian and military personnel.
- 4) Watland inquired how many new civilian jobs will be created by the expansion. R. Borne replied that they are in the planning phase, but he roughly estimated about 100 new jobs in the service fields.
- 5) Mitchell emphasized that this Fort Shafter expansion assumes that the U.S. will be at war forever, and continued to comment on the escalation of violence in Iraq. **Chair Woods-Bateman repeatedly asked Mitchell to keep to the subject and then called her out of order when she would not stop speaking.**
- 6) Chair Woods-Bateman asked when the proposed expansion plan will be finalized, and if the community will have the opportunity to provide input. R. Borne responded that the U.S. Army has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA), which included public input, but they assured that they will welcome public input as they proceed with the project. Chair Woods-Bateman requested that the U.S. Army representatives return periodically to update the Board on any changes to the plan and thanked them for attending the meeting.

**KALIHI STREET S-CURVE (one block from Kalaepaa Drive, either 3097 or 3135 Kalihi Street)** – No update.

**GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PROGRAMS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

**CITY ADMINISTRATION AGENCIES –**

**Mayor's Representative:** Noel Ono has expressed the Board's concern about the "S-Curve" to the directors of the affected departments and pertinent portions of last month's minutes were passed along to the appropriate parties. He distributed the Mayor's newsletter and reported the following –

- 1) HPD officers issued two citations for "No Parking Zone" violations along Gulick Avenue; they will continue to monitor the situation and take enforcement action as necessary.
- 2) The resurfacing of Gulick Avenue follows the existing roadway grades. This area does not have a below-grade drainage system, all drainage is surface flow. The surface drainage conforms to the natural contours of the surrounding area as it historically has done.
- 3) City inspection of debris in Kalihi Stream: exact locations were requested, since the stream is long and changes ownership through out its length. The City, not the State, expended considerable resources dredging the area in Manoa immediately above and below the Woodlawn bridge after the Manoa flooding.
- 4) The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) does take advantage of available federal programs related to making cities more pedestrian-friendly. An example is the recently completed Waikiki Livable community Project. DTS applied for and received a federal grant to conduct the project study through the Federal Highway Administration's TCSP pilot program. The extensive undertaking resulted in the adoption of a "pedestrian first policy" for Waikiki and suggested measures and improvements to make Waikiki more pedestrian-friendly. DTS has also used federal funds for several bike projects and programs. The Pearl Harbor Bike Path Extension and the Kailua Beach Bike Path were both constructed using federal monies. A safety program, "Share the Road with Bicycles" was produced with federal funding. The City will continue to seek federal funds for bikeways when appropriate.
- 5) No decision regarding the sale of any City land asset has been made. An idea was floated to possibly sell part of the City's affordable housing inventory. The Mayor has asked the administration staff for an analysis of this proposal and is awaiting that analysis. If and when the Mayor prepares to make a recommendation, the City Council and the public will be brought into the discussion before a decision is made.
- 6) Last month there was a request for a representative from the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) to attend a meeting to Board explain DPP's position on the moratorium on the unilateral agreement requirements for developers to create affordable housing and the allegation that DPP just grants building permits without considering the ramifications. The moratorium has expired and unilateral agreements for the provision of affordable housing are in full force and effect. They apply to properties that have sought rezoning and do not apply to properties already zoned.

Chair Woods-Bateman added that the City is informing private property owners that they need to clean the parts of streams that run through/by their property. If they fail to take care of it, the City will clean it and bill them.

Watland departed at 9:23 p.m., leaving four (4) members present. Chair Woods-Bateman explained the limitations of the Sunshine Law requirements when the Board does not have a quorum – Board members may not take action or discuss any issues.

**COUNCILMEMBER ROMY CACHOLA** – Elisa Agpaoa circulated the report and was available for questions.

**COUNCILMEMBER ROD TAM** – Al Canopin distributed the report and thanked everyone for their support of Councilmember Tam. He highlighted the following information:

- 1) Addressing Community Concerns – Councilmember Tam urges anyone with community concerns to contact his office immediately and not to wait until the next Board meeting. His staff will refer the concerns to the appropriate government agency and will make follow-up inquiries on all pending issues.
- 2) Honolulu Mass Transit System – The City Council is still awaiting a proposal from the City administration. Councilmember Romy Cachola is the Transportation and Planning Committee Chair, and he sets the "fashion" of the agenda; he may be contacted at 547-7007.
- 3) Recycling Definition – Submit concerns to Councilmember Barbara Marshall, the Public Works Committee Chair; she may be contacted at 547-7003.

- 4) A resolution for "Land Covenant" for all City-owned affordable unit properties may be under consideration by Councilmember Tam.

**STATE AGENCIES –**

**Governor's Representative:** Lisa Ginoza distributed the Governor's Update and relayed the following information:

- 1) The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration awarded a \$14.2 million grant to transform Hawaii mental health care over the next five years. Hawaii is one of only two states to receive the Mental Health Transformation State Incentive grant this year. To implement the grant, Governor Lingle will convene the Governor's Mental Health Transformation Working Group. The group will develop, implement, evaluate and sustain a Statewide Comprehensive Mental Health Plan for transforming the organization, delivery and financing of services for people with mental illnesses.
- 2) The funds provided to offer peri-natal care and resources for substance abusers have all been expended.
- 3) In total, there are 88 vacant affordable housing units on Oahu. In Kalihi Valley, 12 units are vacant and 21 units need repair. There are 12 vacant units in Hauiki.

Chair Woods-Bateman expressed his appreciation for the temporary repair of Likelike Highway.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1) The next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) The Annual Halloween Contest is on Friday, October 27, at 6:30 p.m at Kalihi Uka Elementary School; prizes will be awarded. There will be a haunted house, cold drinks and a cake after the contest.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Submitted by:

Rachel M. Glanstein, Neighborhood Assistant