



ALIAMANU/ SALT LAKE/ FOSTER VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 18

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007 ALIAMANU MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Len Pepper called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with a quorum of five members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Egge, Rachel Glanstein, Lorene Godfrey, Len Pepper and Thomas Strout.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Baird, Steve Glanstein (notified) and Barbara Troegner (notified).

GUESTS: Michelle Hill (Deputy Director, State Department of Health, Governor Linda Lingle's representative); Senator Norman Sakamoto, Representative K. Mark Takai, Representative Glenn Wakai; Dana Takahara-Dias (Deputy Director, City Department of Parks and Recreation, Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative); Sharleen Oshiro (Councilmember Romy Cachola's Office staff); Sgt. David Yomes (District 5, Kalihi, Honolulu Police Department); Sgt. Ken Miyazaki (District 3, Pearl City, Honolulu Police Department); Capt. Barney Hanson (Honolulu Fire Department); Jim Waters, Milton Sagon (First Hawaiian Bank), Howard Shima, Pat Lee (Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project [HHCTCP]), Hong Li, Reshawn Fields and David Atkin (PB, formerly known as Parsons Brinckerhoff); Deputy Director Brennon Morioka and Wayne Kawahara, Highways Division, Advanced Planning Branch (State Department of Transportation [DOT]); William Troegner, Suzette Adversalo, Eddie Beckhusen (Belt Collins), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

ADD TO AGENDA - The current Revised Neighborhood Plan (RNP) allows the Board to add items to the agenda. The Board voted to add "Authorization for payment of \$45 for Lorene Godfrey's registration to the second annual Transit Symposium on November 13, 2007." **The motion was ADOPTED by unanimous consent.**

FILLING OF ONE AT LARGE VACANCY - Due to the resignation of Board member Neill McCormick, Chair Pepper asked for any nominations. **Strout nominated Maurice Morita to fill the vacancy.** No second is required. Strout mentioned that Morita was a resident of the District and a member of the Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA). He enjoys ballroom dancing and his area of interest would be Education. **The motion was NOT adopted, 4-1-0. Aye** - R. Glanstein, Godfrey, Pepper and Strout. **No** - Egge.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS OF RESIDENTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Capt. Hanson reported: 1) 5 structure and 2 vehicle fires; 83 medical emergencies and 28 miscellaneous service calls. There was an unusual incident, where HFD removed a hazard on Nimitz Highway at Sand Island Access Road on October 17, 2007 and a major incident, where there was a structural fire with one fatality at 4411 Likini Street on November 7, 2007. 2) Fire Safety Tip: This holiday season, consider a fire-resistant, artificial Christmas tree. If you purchase a natural tree, choose one as fresh as possible, keep it hydrated, and keep it away from heat sources in the house. Use noncombustible materials for decorations. Choose only Underwriter's Laboratory-approved electrical decorations and follow manufacturer's instructions for installation and load. Do not overload extension cords.

Comments followed. 1) Strout mentioned seeing a HAZMAT vehicle recently. Capt. Hanson replied that last Saturday, 500 cartons of heavy cream were frozen and ready for delivery. However, by Monday, they had defrosted and spilled on the road. HFD had to purchase absorbent and it took three hours to clean up. 2) Someone reported that Pali Momi sent an ambulance 20 minutes after HFD arrived. Capt. Hanson replied that sometimes the ambulances are sent from Waianae or Kahuku.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) -

District 3, Pearl City - Sgt. Miyazaki reported 5 auto thefts, 4 auto theft recoveries, 6 burglaries, 7 criminal property damage and 7 Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle (UEMV) for Foster Village (Beat 384). There were 445 calls for service, which was 6.46 percent of the total calls for District 3.



District 5, Kalihi - Sgt. Yomes distributed the statistics and reported: 1) Regarding the speed board, HPD is in the "citing stage." Chair Pepper mentioned that Councilmember Cachola's staff was working on this. Chair Pepper preferred a two-week "education period" before citing. 2) There were three pedestrian accidents and there needs to be more driver awareness on left and right turns. 3) There was one armed robbery near Ala Napuanani and Ala Ilima Streets, involving \$300, but HPD could not find suspects.

Comments followed. 1) R. Glanstein complained that many drivers do not stop on red before turning right. She asked if banning right turns on red lights would greatly decrease the number of pedestrian accidents. 2) Someone mentioned that Makalapa School students are jaywalking. Sgt. Yomes will talk to the Principal. 3) Resident Howard Shima asked about the number of accidents at the Salt Lake roundabout. Sgt. Yomes was not aware of any.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

Chair's Report - 1) Chair Pepper has been attending the School Community Council at Radford. They will be helping with a recycling fundraiser for the Radford High School paddling team on Sunday, December 9, 2007. 2) There is a resident, who wants to start a business picking up medicines and delivering to residents. Chair Pepper will give his information to R. Glanstein to work with condo associations.

Traffic /Parking - No report.

Parks/Recreation - Emphasis Leader Godfrey had no update.

Health/Human Services - Emphasis Leader R. Glanstein had no update.

Education - No report.

Police/Fire - No report.

Zoning/Planning - Emphasis Leader Strout had no update. There is a special hearing for CARE Hawaii on November 16, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Room 205 at Honolulu Hale.

Environment - No report.

Emergency Preparedness - Emphasis Leader Egge had no update.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizens Advisory Committee - Emphasis Leader Godfrey attended a meeting, where there was a discussion on the transit (rail) system. Visit honolulutraffic.com, to learn about High Occupancy and Toll (HOT) lanes. On Tuesday, November 13, 2007 the second annual Transit Symposium will be held at the Neal Blaisdell Center. Because of Godfrey's attendance, the Board is in "good standing" again.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Residents' Concerns -

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative - Dana Takahara-Dias reported: 1) The second annual Transit Symposium is on November 13, 2007. 2) Curbside recycling pilot projects have started in Hawaii Kai and Mililani. There is some confusion, but it is a start. 3) There will be storm drain stenciling on the second Saturday in November. 4) Regarding the median on Salt Lake Boulevard, this area belongs to the City & County of Honolulu and has been put out for contract maintenance by the City. The contract is expected to start in November. The unimproved section is owned by the school and she will contact the Principal. 5) The State Department of Education (DOE) owns TMK: 1-1-063:013 (Salt Lake Elementary School) and the City owns TMK: 1-1-063:018 (Salt Lake District Park). There is an easement for a storm drain which the City maintains fronting Ala Liliko'i and Likini Street. 6) Happy Holidays!

Comments followed. 1) Chair Pepper mentioned that they are working already on the median on Salt Lake Boulevard. 2) Shima asked for the timetable for more islandwide recycling. Takahara-Dias replied that after evaluation of the pilot projects, they will expand to other areas. 3) Chair Pepper requested the repair and

maintenance of the swimming pool and surrounding areas at the Salt Lake District Park. He suggested power-washing the swimming pool area and re-doing the area near the bleachers and public restrooms. 4) Chair Pepper again requested the removal of the crosswalk at Reeves Street and Salt Lake Boulevard. He asked Hiroko Nakamura from Councilmember Romy Cachola's office to also follow up. 5) R. Glanstein was concerned about the graffiti and signage at the Ala Lilikoi/Likini Street roundabout. Chair Pepper asked Hiroko Nakamura from Councilmember Romy Cachola's office to also follow up.

Councilmember Romy Cachola - Sharleen Oshiro distributed Councilmember Cachola's newsletter and was available to hear community concerns. When Chair Pepper asked about Councilmember Cachola's request for input regarding right turn only at Ala Ilima/Ala Napunani Streets on school days 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Oshiro mentioned that Senior Staff member Hiroko Nakamura would know more about it.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Thomas Strout reported: 1) No water main breaks in October 2007. 2) GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - In celebration of this festive holiday season, the BWS is inviting the public to several holiday events. The Board will offer two wreath-making classes at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden on Saturday, November 24, 2007 and December 1, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The classes will teach how to use xeriscape or "unthirsty" plants to create colorful and festive holiday wreaths. One week advanced registration is required and there is a cost of \$5 per person. For more information or to register, please call the Communications Office at 748-5041. The BWS will also be participating in the annual decoration of Honolulu Hale and Kapolei Hale in December. Trees decorated by each City department will be on display in the lobbies of the two city halls. The BWS ohana will also participate in the City's Christmas parades on December 1, 2007 in downtown, and on December 8, 2007 in Kapolei. As always, check out the annual Christmas light display at the South Beretania Street building. The BWS wishes everyone a very safe and happy holiday season!

Governor Linda Lingle's representative - Michelle Hill distributed the Governor's Weekly Update and a Governor's news release on the Special session on the Superferry. Hill reported on the opening of Walgreens in Hawaii.

Someone commented that at 3443 Likini Street, there appears to be a chaotic situation. There are 15 people at a licensed mental health facility. Hill will follow up.

Legislators:

Senator Norman Sakamoto - Senator Sakamoto distributed his newsletter and reported: 1) Three Senators went to the mainland to see the privately-run prisons, where some "local" prisoners are housed. 2) The Governor is withholding funds for education on global issues. 3) Senator Sakamoto requested Board input for needed legislation.

Comments followed. Resident Shima remarked that the Superferry bill passed, despite challenges.

Representative Lynn Finnegan - No representative present.

Representative Glenn Wakai - Representative Wakai reported that he had presented a \$2,300 check on behalf of him and Senator Sakamoto from the Aloha Island Clean Up in April to the Moanalua High School Athletic Director. The Legislature appropriated \$2.3 million to area schools and he would continue to focus on economic development in 2008.

PRESENTATIONS:

Kamehameha Highway Task Force Update - The State Department of Transportation (DOT) Deputy Director Brennon Morioka and Wayne Kawahara, Highways Division, Advanced Planning Branch wanted public participation in this Kamehameha Highway Improvement Project (KHIP). The whole project would cover from Center Drive (Arizona Memorial) to Waihona Street (Sam's Club). They plan to install a chain-link fence on the median strip to prevent jay walking. It would have a two-foot "banner" at the top with Hawaiian designs of shark tooth, mountains or dolphins and would have three to four years of life. To prevent graffiti, the designs would have a clear sealant and they felt a cultural link may get the most respect. They distributed a picture, which showed that the "vegetation" in the picture was actually a print. Besides the median fencing, they plan to change the signal pattern and highlight the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites Gateway project. The KHIP would cost \$9 million of

encumbered funds, which will lapse on June 30, 2008. Statistics show that one person dies per year along the project route.

Comments followed. 1) Resident Shima commented that he thought the designs were not attractive. 2) Chair Pepper was concerned about the Opticom system for emergency vehicles. 3) Regarding the pedestrian countdown signals, Strout was concerned that seniors take longer than the 15 seconds allotted, especially at the left turn onto Acacia Road from Kamehameha Highway.

Representative K. Mark Takai, Co-Chair of the Task Force, mentioned that the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 supports median fencing. They will match the fencing by Pearl Ridge Shopping Center.

Someone mentioned that at the bus stop near Makalapa Gate, there is a need for median fencing. There are no street lights. DOT will look into it.

DOT has not implemented a contra-flow from Center Drive to Aloha Stadium for the afternoon rush hour, because the timing of the lights is not on the same system. DOT is concerned about what happens in catastrophic emergencies and has plans for contra-flow. DOT is still repairing the H-1 airport viaduct. The Task Force meets quarterly.

Revised Neighborhood Plan (RNP) 2007 - Rachel Glanstein had distributed a Revised Neighborhood Plan (RNP) "Talking Points" handout last month. **R. Glanstein moved, and Godfrey seconded, that the Chair of the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 write a letter to the Neighborhood Commission with the testimony that was distributed. The motion was NOT adopted, 3-2-0. Aye - R. Glanstein, Godfrey and Strout. No - Egge and Pepper.**

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Bill - Chair Pepper announced that comments were due to the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) by November 30, 2007. (Materials had been e-mailed to Board members.) The Board is concerned about development around the two stations at or near the Kmart near Stadium Mall and at or near Aliamanu Elementary School.

Authorization for payment of \$45.00 for Lorene Godfrey's registration to the second annual Transit Symposium on November 13, 2007 - Strout moved, and R. Glanstein seconded, that the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 authorize the payment of \$45.00 for Lorene Godfrey's registration and attendance at the second annual Transit Symposium. The motion was ADOPTED unanimously, 5-0-0.

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) Public Involvement Team Update - Pat Lee gave a summary of the project so far. The City Council voted for a fixed guideway and must select the technology. Rubber tires would fit within the technology parameters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution for increased enforcement of parking regulations - Chair Pepper relinquished the gavel to Acting Chair Godfrey. **Pepper moved, and Egge seconded, to adopt the following resolution:**

REQUESTING INCREASED ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN PARKING LAWS, REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES

WHEREAS the Honolulu Police Department does not have sufficient staff to completely enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations; and

WHEREAS short term concentration of police resources such as the Click it or Ticket program and crosswalk enforcement have apparently been successful; and

WHEREAS parking issues have been a source of danger, conflict, and discontent in neighborhoods served by the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 (NB No. 18); and

WHEREAS lack of sufficient police and parking enforcement staff has made it difficult to adequately enforce existing parking laws, regulations, and ordinances; and

WHEREAS 86 percent of the NB No. 18 residents responding to a Board survey want regulations relating to parking proper distance from bus stops, fire hydrants, driveways, crosswalks, etc. enforced more; and

WHEREAS 93 percent of the NB No. 18 residents responding to a Board survey want regulations relating to parking across sidewalks enforced more; and

WHEREAS 90 percent of the NB No. 18 residents responding to a Board survey want regulations relating to no parking without proper license and inspection sticker enforced more; and

WHEREAS 99 percent of the NB No. 18 residents responding to a Board survey want regulations relating to prompt removal of abandoned vehicles enforced more; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 requests the Honolulu Police Department to undertake a four-month program of increased enforcement of the following parking laws, regulations, and ordinances: those relating to parking the proper distance from bus stops, fire hydrants, driveways, cross walks, etc.; and those relating to no parking across sidewalks; and those relating to no parking without proper license and inspection sticker; and those relating to prompt removal of abandoned vehicles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Chief of the Honolulu Police Department, the Pearl City police, and the Kalihi police for their appropriate actions.

Discussion followed: 1) Egge suggested that Traffic Control Branch rather than HPD enforce parking violations. 2) R. Glanstein mentioned that 60 percent of newsletter responses were from the high-rise area and that there were only 300 responses out of 30,000 residents. She added that residents can call HPD directly.

The resolution was NOT adopted, 3-2-0. Aye - Egge, Godfrey and Pepper. No - R. Glanstein and Strout.

Chair Pepper then introduced four separate resolutions related to parking enforcement. **Pepper moved, and Egge seconded, to adopt the following resolution:**

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NB No. 18 requests the Honolulu Police Department to undertake a four-month program of increased enforcement of the parking laws, regulations, and ordinances, relating to parking the proper distance from bus stops, fire hydrants, driveways, cross walks, etc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Chief of the Honolulu Police Department, the Pearl City police, and the Kalihi police for their appropriate actions.

The motion was NOT adopted, 3-2-0. Aye - Egge, Godfrey and Pepper. No - R. Glanstein and Strout.

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NB No. 18 requests the Honolulu Police Department to undertake a four-month program of increased enforcement of the parking laws, regulations, and ordinances, relating to no parking across sidewalks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Chief of the Honolulu Police Department, the Pearl City police, and the Kalihi police for their appropriate actions.

The motion was ADOPTED unanimously, 5-0-0.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Chief of the Honolulu Police Department, the Pearl City police, and the Kalihi police for their appropriate actions.

Egge moved to amend the resolution by assigning the Parking Control Branch instead of the HPD for enforcement. The motion died for lack of a second.

The motion was ADOPTED unanimously, 5-0-0.

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The motion was ADOPTED unanimously, 5-0-0.

Acting Chair Godfrey relinquished the gavel to Chair Pepper.

Proposal for the Neighborhood Board to recess in December 2007 - R. Glanstein moved, and Godfrey seconded, that the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 recess for December 2007. The motion was ADOPTED unanimously, 5-0-0.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - The October 11, 2007 regular meeting minutes were approved as circulated by unanimous consent (5-0-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT - Godfrey reported the previous Operating balance was \$1,299.32. With expenditures totaling \$106.67 (\$54.13 for July 07 facility rental, \$10.72 for the printing of the agenda/minutes and \$41.82 for postage), the balance was \$1,192.65. The Publicity balance remained at \$2,227.00 for the annual newsletter and the Refreshment balance remained at \$120.00. The Treasurer's report was filed.

Comments followed. Chair Pepper asked, regarding the annual newsletter, if the Board does not listen to community responses, is there a better way to hear from the community? One suggestion was to contact each Association of Apartment Owners (AOAO) with a survey.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1) Chair Pepper announced that Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) comments are due by November 30, 2007. 2) The public hearing notice on the CARE facility went to Planning and Zoning Emphasis Leader Strout. 3) The request for monthly HHCTCP updates went to Transportation Emphasis Leader Larry Baird and Neighborhood Assistant Ho. 4) "Hurricanes in Hawaii" was given to Emergency Preparedness Emphasis Leader Egge.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - 1) Chair Pepper mentioned that the Board has a vacancy to fill at the January 2008 meeting. He added that under the new Revised Neighborhood Plan (RNP), the Neighborhood Commission can fill a Board vacancy after 60 days. 2) It is possible to get a list of AOAOs from property management companies. R. Glanstein will follow up and get back to Chair Pepper. 3) There were concerns about residential housing. Recently in the Salt Lake district, 18 people were living in a house, which caught on fire and one person died. Strout will check zoning laws..

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Submitted by: K. Russell Ho

Reviewed by: Rachel Glanstein