



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010
ALIAMANU MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
3271 SALT LAKE BOULEVARD
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Maurice Morita called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum of **seven (7) members present**. Agendas and minutes of the Board meetings are also available on the internet at www.honolulu.gov/nc. Note - This nine-member Board requires five (5) votes for a quorum and to take official Board action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Baird, Dennis Egge, Rachel Glanstein, Lorene Godfrey, Chandra Kanemaru, Maurice Morita, Barbara Troegner and David Yomes.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Len Pepper (notified absence).

GUESTS: State Representative Lynn Finnegan and Aaron Johansen (State Representative Lynn Finnegan's Office), Linda Ichiyama (State Representative Glenn Wakai's Office), Jiro Sumada (State Department of Transportation, Highways Division, Deputy Director), Sandra Sagisi (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative, City Department of Customer Services, Deputy Director), Councilmember Romy Cachola and Corinne Gallardo (Councilmember Romy Cachola's Office); Capt. Ron Hashimoto (Honolulu Fire Department), Sgt. Jensen Okagawa (District 3, Honolulu Police Department); Major William Chur and Lt. Robert Chinen (District 5, Kalihi, Honolulu Police Department); Thomas J. Strout (Board of Water Supply), Director Wayne Yoshioka, Glenn Moir and Revon Leggett-Beasley (City Department of Transportation Services), Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Transit Project), Capt. Rick Kitchens (U.S. Navy), Linda Rosehill (Rosehill & Associates), Gerraine Hignite, John Cortez, Paul Lucas, Ryan and Jean Okamoto, Anosh Yaqoob, Lynda Takamoto, Rocky Rockwell, Jenna Lum (Friends of Rocky), Teacher/Advisor and seven students (Moanalua High School); and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Capt. Ron Hashimoto reported: 1) **December 2009 Statistics** - 11 fire-related calls; 5 structure, 1 brush, 1 vehicle and 4 rubbish fires; 151 medical emergencies, 1 search/rescue and 17 miscellaneous calls for service. There were 3 fireworks-related alarms on New Year's Eve. From December 30, 2009 to January 1, 2010 HFD took 438 calls island-wide, of which 38 were fireworks-related.

Baird entered the meeting at 7:06 p.m.; **eight (8) members present**.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD)

Pearl City - Sgt. Jensen Okagawa reported: 1) **December 2009 statistics** - 3 auto thefts, 5 burglaries, 6 criminal property damages and 17 thefts.

Kalihi - Lt. Robert Chinen reported: 1) **December 2009 statistics** - 52 arguments, 5 assaults, 7 burglaries, 2 driving under the influence (DUI), 3 family offenses, 8 motor vehicle thefts, 25 motor vehicle collisions, 12 property damages, 1 sex offense, 12 thefts, and 18 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle) for a total of 145 cases. The total for 2009 was 1550 cases.

Comments followed: 1) From the November 2009 meeting, the Board wanted to know what happened at the gang-related shooting in Aliamanu. There were no arrests and it is an on-going investigation.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Thomas J. Strout read the written report. 1) **Water Main Breaks** - There were no main breaks for Neighborhood Board. 2) **New Year's Resolution** - The New Year is a time to reflect on the changes that we want or need to make. Why not make one of your New Year's Resolutions to cut down your water usage by 2, 5, or even 10 percent? Not only is it easy to do, but it will also save you money while helping to



conserve our precious water supply. To help achieve this, we brought some brochures that demonstrate 32 ways to save water from the watershed to your home. Here are some very simple steps you can take to help you achieve this resolution: A) Install a low-flow fixture in your shower. Doing this can save about 3 to 28 gallons of water a day per 5-minute shower. B) Turn off the water when you brush your teeth. Using a cup of water to rinse can save seven gallons of water a day. C) Check for Leaks! Leaky flapper valves in household toilets are the most common leaks. A leaky flapper alone wastes about 60 gallons per day. It's best to replace flapper valves every two years. D) For more water saving tips and to watch a video showing how to check for leaks, visit our website www.boardofwatersupply.com. 3) Water Conservation Contests Reminder - Speaking of leak detection, we also would like to issue another friendly reminder that the BWS has launched its 32nd annual poster contest, open to students in Kindergarten through 6th grade, and the second year of our poetry contest, open to students in grades 7-12. This year's theme for both contests is "Stop the Drop." Students are encouraged to artistically and poetically depict the theme as a way to learn and better understand the value of water conservation.

Mayor's Representative - Sandra Sagisi reported: 1) At the November meeting, the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) presented their findings on the Ala Napunani corridor study. There were no further comments. 2) DTS is working with the Bus Realignment Task Force. The Task Force met on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Fleet Reserve Association Meeting Hall B. The Task Force is expected to present its findings to the full Neighborhood Board at the January meeting. 3) Regarding the possible elimination of parking stall at the right corner of Wanaka Street and Puuku Makai Drive, DTS previously informed Chair Maurice Morita by letter of November 10, 2009 (see attached letter); regarding the removal of one parking space on the Koko Head side of Wanaka Street at Puuku Makai Drive. DTS is waiting for further communication from Chair Morita. 4) Regarding the "dip" in the street at the 3400-block of Salt Lake Boulevard, the City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) investigated and it appears the "dip" is actually ponding from collected roadway runoff. The ponding may be caused by a driveway in the area which was reconstructed and appears be preventing the runoff to drain properly. The City Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) is aware of the problem and funds for repair will be budgeted. 5) City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Director Lester Chang sent a letter, dated November 6, 2009, to Chair Morita about the Sunday closing of the swimming pool. Board member Len Pepper is working with Rosalind Young, West Honolulu District Manager.

Comments followed: 1) A resident suggested placing a camera on Wanaka Street, as drivers do not stop for emergency vehicles, move the bus stop up and allowing more parking on Puuku Makai Drive.

Councilmember Romy Cachola - Corinne Gallardo distributed the newsletter and reported on Bill 78, regarding bulky item trash pick-up.

Comments followed: 1) Board member Glanstein reported that at her condo, they get everyone's trash.

Honolulu Rail Transit Project - Pat Lee reported: 1) Collections from the rail transit General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge have remained on course. Revenues for Fiscal Year 2009 (from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009) and the first two quarters of Fiscal Year 2010 (from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) were ahead of financial projections: A) The Project collected \$247.9 million for that period, slightly ahead of the \$246 million forecast. B) Overall, the GET surcharge to date has attained 99.5 percent of anticipated revenues. 2) A quick look back at 2009 and the Honolulu Rail Transit Project's achievements: A) Entered the preliminary engineering stage, a major milestone that keeps the project eligible for federal funding for construction. B) Awarded the first rail construction contract, which came in \$90 million below cost estimates. The first phase of construction will run 6.5 miles from East Kapolei to Pearl City. C) Signed an agreement with 12 private labor unions that will assure a steady force of local skilled labor, while guaranteeing no labor disruptions such as strikes and lockouts during construction. 3) We have been strictly following the environmental review process. Once the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is completed, we look forward to a Record of Decision (ROD) from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA). Then, the City can apply for Federal funds and break ground. Rail will become the state's biggest economic stimulus project by creating thousands of jobs and jump-starting our stagnant economy. 4) The EIS document is almost "ready to go" and everyone must sign off on it.

Comments followed: 1) A resident had many questions about the EIS.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

State Senator Norman Sakamoto - Newsletter was available.

State Representative Lynn Finnegan - Newsletter was available. Representative Finnegan reported that she has joined the House Finance Committee and heard Council of Revenues projections. Hawaii's economy is turning, but the State should remain fiscally conservative. Programs will be cut back. She will complete her survey by next week and she introduced her staff member, Aaron Johansen.

State Representative Glenn Wakai - Linda Ichiyama distributed the newsletter and mentioned the opening day at the Legislature.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: There were none.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam - Capt. Rick Kitchens distributed information sheets and reported on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The Navy is the lead agency for this base consolidation, which is one of the first 12 joint bases, required by a 2005 Federal law. About 1100 Air Force/civilian employees will become Navy personnel. This is not a job loss project, but there will be cost savings over time. State contracts for ground maintenance will still be awarded. The Air Force will require a Department of Defense (DOD) sticker for entry with contractor passes. From January 31, 2010 to October 1, 2010 will be the transition period and on October 1, 2010, they expect full operation of the joint base.

Comments followed: 1) The City & County of Honolulu mows the grass along the military housing fence on Salt Lake Boulevard. Troegner will contact Forest City to attend a Neighborhood Board meeting.

Kamehameha Highway Improvement Project - Deputy Director Jiro Sumada distributed informational material and mentioned that this project is chaired by State Representative K. Mark Takai, Director Wayne Yoshioka, City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and Director Brennon Morioka, State Department of Transportation (DOT). 2009 Project Update - Completion of the contract items is anticipated in January 2011. Traffic Control Plan for Contract: No night work; lane closures will be limited to off-peak hours only; only one lane closure per direction permitted; and weekly updates for lane closures through our website. Visit our project website at www.kamehamehighwayimprovements.org. The fences and motif will be up by May 2010. By January 2011 the pedestrian countdown signals, optics and cameras should be installed. Representative Takai, because of community concerns about time, requested DOT to speed up the project. So, it will try to co-ordinate traffic and make other improvements by July 2010.

Comments followed: How were the four motifs chosen? How much cost for a driver to repair the fence? Sumada will follow up. The fences are to prevent pedestrian traffic, not to prevent drivers from crossing the median. The contractor will turn the project over to the DOT in May 2010. It is hoped that there is respect for the Hawaiian motifs. DOT will look at the intersection of Acacia Road at Kamehameha Highway again.

Honouliuli/Waipahu /Pearl City Wastewater Facilities Plan Project - A representative from Rosehill & Associates distributed informational materials and reported on the Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The City & County of Honolulu (CCH) contracted AECOM Pacific, Inc. (AECOM) to provide engineering planning for a study of the sanitary sewer system served by the Honouliuli WWTP. They will study the 30 year-old gravity collection system and will evaluate the pump station. There is a 25-foot deep tunnel near Aloha Stadium to 100 feet deep nearer to the plant. The tunnel has no air pollution and no noise. They expect to have a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by December 2010 and offered to come back to the Neighborhood Board. For more information, visit - www.honouliuliinfo.com.

Salt Lake Bus Stop Re-alignment - Director Wayne Yoshioka, City Department of Transportation Services (DTS), gave some background information and presented two proposals from the Task Force for Salt Lake Bus Stop Re-alignment. Last year, the DTS wanted to move the bus terminus, as two buses cannot park at the same time at the Likini Street roundabout and there were no bathroom facilities. A Task Force was formed and it received Neighborhood Board and community input. The Task Force came up with two alternatives - Proposal #1 would move the new bus terminus in front of the Blockbuster store on Ala Ilima Street. It would lose seven parking spaces. Proposal #2 would move the new bus terminus in front of Hoaloha Park, move the crosswalk to the Diamond Head side and lose only one parking space.

Comments followed: 1) Vice Chair Yomes surveyed 40 homes and 11 were against Proposal #1, 16 were for and 13 did not care. He said it would increase ridership and it would provide more safety for the elderly. Bus drivers

avored the Blockbuster location. The roads are 39 feet wide on Ala Ilima Street and 27 feet wide on Likini Street. Proposal #1 benefits the whole community. 2) A resident lamented the loss of seven parking spaces. 3) Another resident claimed that cars are vandalized.

Yomes moved, and Godfrey seconded; that the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 supports the results of the Bus Terminus Realignment Task Force Proposal #1 of moving the bus terminus near to the Blockbuster Video Store on the corner of Ala Ilima and Ala Liliko'i Streets. As there were no objections, Proposal #1 was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0 (AYE: Baird, Egge, Glanstein, Godfrey, Kanemaru, Morita, Troegner, and Yomes).

2009-2010 Neighborhood Board No. 18 Priorities - Chair Morita met with Vice Chair Yomes and the following Board priorities were consolidated by Secretary/Treasurer Troegner after reviewing Vice Chair Yomes' recommendations and the 2008-2009 Board Priorities. These are the 2009-2010 Neighborhood Board No. 18 Priorities:

- Salt Lake Boulevard getting completed.
- Keeping the community informed of the Rail Transit updates.
- Improving quality of life (to include deterring criminal activity, improving parking conditions, and traffic safety.
- To better know our community partners - schools, businesses, government officials and the military.

Egge moved, and Glanstein seconded; that the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 adopt the proposed Board Priorities for 2009 - 2010. As there were no objections, the 2009 - 2010 Board Priorities were ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0 (AYE: Baird, Egge, Glanstein, Godfrey, Kanemaru, Morita, Troegner, and Yomes).

Removal of Utility Line from City & County of Honolulu light pole on Ala Aloalo Street - DTS Director Yoshioka will follow up.

Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 Graffiti Task Force Report - No report, but a question was raised - Is graffiti litter?

Bus Stop Shelter Concern (Minors drinking alcohol) - No report.

Inquiry of a Halfway Home at 1084 Puolo Drive - No report.

Elimination of Parking Stall at the Right Corner of Wanaka Street and Puuku Makai - No report.

Radford Military Housing Area Fence Condition from Maluna Street to Aliamanu Middle School - A letter from Forest City mentioned that they will get fence repair budgeted in the next fiscal period.

City & County of Honolulu Bulky Trash Set-Out Violation Enforcement Policy Concerns & Recommendations - Bulky item trash will be on the next meeting's agenda.

Salt Lake District Park Swimming Pool - Board member Pepper had e-mailed Board members about fixing the showers. District 2 Supervisor Young had authorized the spending money for the needed equipment. Her "chief of maintenance" will make sure that the equipment is available locally. City plumbers will install it according to the schedule Ms. Young will provide.

Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project - No report.

Improvements to Salt Lake Boulevard/Kahuapaani Street (Completed) - No report.

REPORTS

Chairman's Report - Chair Morita submitted a written report: 1) He thanked Vice Chair David Yomes for attending the December MYAC meeting for him at Radford High School. 2) He thanked the Bus Terminus Realignment Task Force members, who are Jean Okamoto, Tom Strout, Gene Abano, Dennis Egge, David Yomes and ex official members Larry Baird, Chair, Transportation Committee and Maurice Morita, Chair, Aliamanu/Salt

Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18. 3) The following are concerns that have been requested to be placed on the February 11, 2010 meeting agenda: A) Study to make Wanaka Street one way from Salt Lake Boulevard, going mauka. B) Study to make one way streets for the following: 1. Puuku Mauka Drive-one way from Pearl City to Diamond Head. 2. Puuku Makai Drive-one way from Diamond Head to Pearl City. 3. Aliamanu Street-one way from Pearl City to Diamond Head. 4. Likini Street - one way from Diamond Head to Pearl City. C. Evaluate the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) program to give citizens certain rights to tag cars and trucks. D. Study fireworks enforcement of illegal and home-made fireworks in Salt Lake, Aliamanu, and Foster Village. E. Study of the City's bulky items policy: 1. Policy should be suspended. 2. If residents cannot take bulky items off their property, call City & County to come and pick up and charge for the pick up. Senior citizens/handicap residents can have an exemption. 3. This will make our community look cleaner instead of having residents put their bulky items on the side of the streets. There is no enforcement even with a big fine.

Correspondence: There was none.

Approval of November 12, 2009 regular meeting minutes - **As there were no objections, the November 12, 2009 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as circulated by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0 (AYE: Baird, Egge, Glanstein, Godfrey, Kanemaru, Morita, Troegner, and Yomes).**

Treasurer's Report - Troegner reported that the Previous Balance was \$2,956.35; \$52.98 was expended for current expenses, leaving a balance of \$2,903.37. The Operating Balance was \$956.35. With \$52.98 in expenditures for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, the Operating Balance was \$903.37. With no expenditures, the Publicity Balance remained at \$2,000.00. The Treasurer's report was filed. Chair Morita will meet with the Aliamanu Middle School to drop the rental fee.

Committees

Transportation (bus/rail transit) - This item was previously discussed.

Environment - Chair Egge was "uneasy" with the City Administration's proposal on Bill 78. He requested that "Bulky items" be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Legislative - Chair Glanstein also mentioned Bill 78 and regarding the new homeowner's exemption classification, the City has not lowered the tax rate yet.

Emergency Preparedness - Chair Egge mentioned that residents should take measures for personal emergency preparedness. With fires in California and earthquakes Haiti, where an estimated 100,000 to 250,000 people were killed, he suggested a three to four-day supply of non-perishable food and water for each family member, at home and an additional emergency personal supply at the office and in the car, in case you are stranded at work when the emergency strikes.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO), Zoning/Planning, Parks/Recreation, Education/Military, and Senior Citizens - No report.

Police/Fire - Chair Yomes reported that on Arizona Road the overgrown grass is a fire hazard that the State and/or City should trim the grass. DTS Director Yoshioka will notify the City Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) to trim the area.

Health/Human Services - Chair Kanemaru mentioned: 1) Influenza Vaccination Week is from January 10 to 16, 2010. The Proclamation was signed and presented by Governor Linda Lingle and Lt. Governor Duke Aiona. Visit the State Department of Health (DOH) website at www.flu.gov or call 211. 2) Regarding the 2010 U.S. Census, ten questions, which should take ten minutes to complete, will be mailed out in March 2010. April 1 is the official U.S. Census Day. It is important to get an accurate census count as it determines and ensures that each community receives fair political representation in Congress and funding. The U.S. Census 2010 will not be allowed to give out any information collected to other agencies and each person not counted will cost Hawaii \$1,000 in funding. They want to hire 10,000 workers at \$11.25 to \$17.00 per hour with flexible hours, working in the residential area with training provided.

Kamehameha Highway Task Force - This item was previously discussed.

Permitted Interaction Groups

Neighborhood Board Boundaries - No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The regular timeslot for the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 broadcasts is Saturdays at 12:00 noon, 'Olelo Channel 54.
- The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at Aliamanu Middle School cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by:
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Reviewed by:
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Secretary/Treasurer
and Maurice Morita
Chair