



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

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010 ALIAMANU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CAFETERIA 3271 SALT LAKE BOULEVARD**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Maurice Morita called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with a quorum of **eight (8) members present**. Agendas and minutes of the Board meetings are also available on the internet at [www.honolulu.gov/nc](http://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, Chandra Kanemaru, Maurice Morita, Len Pepper, Barbara Troegner and David Yomes.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lorene Godfrey (notified absence).

**GUESTS:** Phil McInnis (Senator Norman Sakamoto's Office), Aaron Johanson (State Representative Lynn Finnegan's Office), State Representative Glenn Wakai and Linda Ichiyama (State Representative Glenn Wakai's Office), 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); Wayne Yoshioka (City Department of Transportation Services, Director), Capt. Barney Hanson (Honolulu Fire Department), Sgt. Ken Miyazaki (District 3, Honolulu Police Department); Maj. William Chur, Capt. Britt Nishijo, Lt. Robert Chinen and Sgt. Paul Lucas (District 5, Kalihi, Honolulu Police Department); Thomas J. Strout (Board of Water Supply), Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Transit Project), Jenna Lum (Friends of Rocky), Rocky Rockwell, Howard Shima, Anosh Yaqoob, Ryan Toyomura, Suzette Adversalo, Ryan and Jean Okamoto, Teacher/Advisor and seven students (Radford High School); and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

#### **PRESENTATION:**

**Aliamanu Elementary School Principal** - Ms. Valerie Kanemoto was the Vice Principal for five years and the school has a good relationship with the community. They are part of the Radford High School Complex and excel in the math program. Next week, there will be a Spring Extravaganza fundraiser on April 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### **CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** - Capt. Barney Hanson reported: 1) **March 2010 Statistics** - 8 structure, 3 wildland, 4 rubbish and 7 vehicle fires for a total of 22 fire-related calls; 96 medical emergencies, 3 search/rescues and 43 miscellaneous calls for service, which included assisting residents and activated alarms. 2) **Fire Safety Tip**: The time for picnics and outdoor events will soon be here. Fire departments nationwide respond to an average of 7,900 home fires involving outdoor cooking and/or barbecue grills each year. Thirty-three percent of cooking grill fires start on an exterior balcony or enclosed porch. The following are helpful safety precautions when cooking on a grill: A. Do not leave your cooking grill unattended when in use. B. Keep children and pets three feet from cooking grills when in use. C. For charcoal cooking grills, use only starter liquids recommended by the grill manufacturer to facilitate the initial charcoal (coal) burning process. D. Allow coals to cool completely prior to disposal. Dispose of coals in designated fire-safe areas or receptacles, and thoroughly saturate the coals with water to ensure they are extinguished. E. Propane gas can quickly develop into a large, colorless cloud that is ignitable; therefore, use the "ten to five" rule when igniting gas grills. If the grill does not start within ten seconds, exercise safety precautions and turn the gas off, keep the grill lid open, and wait five minutes prior to repeating. 3) **Previous Neighborhood Board Questions and/or Concerns** - Last month the question was asked, "How often does HFD arrive on the scene for medical alarms before Emergency Medical Services (EMS)?" The answer is - Approximately 75% of time HFD arrived before Emergency Medical Services (EMS). From February 2009 to February 2010, there were 1,500 medical incidents and HFD arrived first 747 times and EMS arrived first 258 times. As there are more fire stations, they arrive faster (by a few minutes).



Questions and answers followed: 1) Do they know if it is an emergency call or fire alarm? Yes, the signals are different. 2) Can they use a special van instead of a fire engine? No, they have only limited medical response equipment.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD)

Pearl City (District 3) - Sgt. Ken Miyazaki reported: 1) March 2010 statistics - 2 auto theft recovery, 4 burglaries, 14 (+9) criminal property damages, 9 thefts and 12 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle) for a total of 423 (+75) calls for service, which were 6.03% of total calls (7,016) for District 3.

Kalihi (District 5) - Maj. William Chur, District Commander, District 5, distributed the statistics and reported: 1) March 2010 statistics - 37 arguments, 2 assaults, 5 burglaries, 1 driving under the influence (DUI), 4 family offenses, 10 motor vehicle thefts, 32 (-10) motor vehicle collisions, 5 property damages, 10 (+6) thefts, and 11 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle) for a total of 117 (-11) cases. 2) The Kalihi District is from Nuuanu to Red Hill, but does not include Foster Village (District 3). 3) The protocol at a roundabout is to yield to the left. Once in the roundabout, try to get out. 4) Regarding the illegal left turn at Moanalua High School, there is a small temporary sign, "Right Turn Only" and it is working well. 5) There is escalating gang violence near the Kalihi Police Station, involving Kuhio Part Terrace and Kalihi Valley Homes gangs. A stabbing has escalated to a shooting. HPD is working with the Hawai'i Housing Authority and a private security company.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Thomas J. Strout read the written report. 1) Water Main Breaks - There were one main break in Foster Village, which was on March 18 at 11:00 a.m. The 8" pipe was installed in 1966. 2) GENERAL WATER ANNOUNCEMENTS: Water System Improvement Projects: Which Mains to Replace and When? Many O'ahu communities were first established more than a century ago. As these communities age, major portions of our infrastructure like roads, sewers and water mains are also aging and nearing the end of their useful life spans. The BWS system includes nearly 2,000 miles of pipeline, with more than 40% between 30 and 60 years old. In an ongoing effort to provide a safe and reliable water supply, BWS carefully manages and plans for the renewal and replacement of its infrastructure. The BWS continually analyzes the water system to prioritize which mains need to be replaced. There are four primary factors that BWS takes into account:

Condition Assessment: Utilizing maintenance and main break records for historical data and analyzing the factors that affect pipe longevity, like soil type and pipe material, in a predictive analysis, BWS engineers determine which pipe segments have the highest probability of near future failure.

System Improvements: The BWS identifies areas where the performance of the water system can be improved by adjusting water pressures, increasing main size, or by installing additional fire hydrants.

Public Impact: Higher priority is given to mains along major traffic routes where main breaks will have significant impacts on traffic. Mains serving facilities that provide essential services, such as hospitals, or that serve large numbers of customers are also given a higher priority.

Project Coordination: If there is a possibility to mitigate the impact on residents or motorists by combining projects with other City or State agencies, those projects are also given a higher priority.

The BWS recognizes the impact construction projects can have on a community. However, these projects are critical to reducing the number of emergency repairs and to ensuring a continued safe and dependable water supply. To find out if the BWS has a construction project in your area, log onto [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com), pull down the "Community" tab, and click on "Construction Projects." Maps of active construction projects are posted by neighborhood board districts. For questions about a BWS construction project, contact the BWS construction section at 748-5730.

Comments followed: 1) Strout will follow up with the Salt Lake Boulevard repair. 2) It was reported that in the condo area, the water tastes funny, like chlorine? He will follow up.

Mayor's Representative - Sandra Sagisi acknowledged the attendance of Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director Wayne Yoshioka and reported: 1) Regarding the graffiti and rubbish at the bus stop at Wanaka Street and Puu Mauka Drive, O'ahu Transportation Services (OTS) bus stop crew removed and painted over the graffiti and picked up the rubbish on March 18, 2010. 2) Regarding the Arizona Road issue; this might be under state jurisdiction. 3) Regarding the City DTS putting up "no parking" signs near the military housing fence on Salt Lake Boulevard, so that HPD can enforce them, the DTS has completed their investigation and observed that vehicles are parking along the grassy area on Salt Lake Boulevard near Wanaka Street. This portion of Salt Lake Boulevard is bordered by raised asphalt curbing and the grassy area is part of the unimproved sidewalk, which is covered under the City's Traffic Code, Section 15-14.1(a)(1), that states parking is prohibited on a sidewalk and signs are not required for enforcement by the Honolulu Police Department. Since "No Parking Anytime" signs are

installed to inform motorists of parking restrictions on the roadway and not the sidewalk, signage is not recommended. Information regarding the jurisdiction of City roadway right-of-ways falls under the responsibility of the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) for their appropriate investigation and direct reply to the Board. 4) Regarding the one way streets, DTS did not receive any request from the Board. In any case, a consultant study needs to be done prior to any modification to consider the Salt Lake area as a system. This study should consider the effect of the proposed changes on the street system in terms of traffic operations, emergency responses, and inconveniences for residents and refuse collection. The DTS Director will attend meeting to clarify issue. 5) Regarding the "dead vines," Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) responded: The vines along Salt Lake Boulevard died off due to problems with irrigation system breakage years ago and the inability to isolate problem areas so plumbers could troubleshoot and repair the system. It should be noted that the dead vines did reveal some issues involving the vine's root system affecting the wall's protective paint coating. In order to restore vegetation in the vine's planter areas, a project in the Capital Improvement budget would need to be initiated to correct the design of the irrigation system, repaint the walls and replant appropriate vegetation. (Pending availability of funds.)

Comments followed: 1) Director Yoshioka mentioned that the airport access for the rail system would be a big improvement over now. There will be different bus routes, when the rail is built. He is talking with OTS. When the rail is built, Salt Lake residents can go to either the Aloha Stadium Station or the Kalihi Transfer Station. Last month the consultant gave out maps of the bus routes. 2) Regarding Salt Lake Boulevard from Radford High School to Wanaka Street and the military fence, a few months ago Forest City put the repair of the fence in their budget. As to the "no parking" signs, DTS does not know who owns the land and Department of Design and Construction (DDC) thinks there may be underground gas lines. He will not pursue "no parking" signs. 3) Director Yoshioka would like to meet with Chair Morita about the proposed one-way streets. Puuku Mauka Street is too narrow. 4) The utility line was removed. 5) Regarding the narrowing of lanes on Salt Lake Boulevard at Maluna Street, DTS crews said the barriers, requested by Board member Pepper were not warranted. They will go with Pepper to see the area. One suggestion was at the Maluna Street merge, make the right lane - right turn only. Pepper requested that this be added to next month's agenda. 6) Regarding the repaving of many streets from Wanaka to Ala Liliroi, the City ran out of money. Yoshioka will follow up. 7) At the 3400-block of Salt Lake Boulevard it is "ponding" again. 8) Another suggestion was - on Salt Lake Boulevard going west, make the right lane a right turn only into Salt Lake Shopping Center (SLSC).

City & County of Honolulu Budget Cuts - The Budget Committee Chair is proposing to cut \$1 million from the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO). The Mayor will fight for the Neighborhood Board system.

Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) - Pat Lee reported: 1) The City is working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on the airport mitigation problem. They will move to Ualena Street and Lagoon Drive and plan to start the project in 2014. There are industrial and commercial structures, which are not on the Federal or State Historical Registers. 2) It is up to the City Council to re-consider moving back to the Salt Lake route. 3) Lee does not know if any businesses will be relocated or will go out of business. The City must notify the property owners. Many residents favor the Salt Lake route. Lee gave some background to the change to the airport route. The City is following the Minimal Operable Segment (MOS) and the station moved mauka. They already made many adjustments along the way. The elevated system and stations have less of a "footprint," as the columns drop to the street. A map was distributed last month.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Councilmember Romy Cachola - Corinne Gallardo distributed the newsletter and reported: 1) Councilmember Cachola thanked the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) Director for last month's presentation on the Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project (SLBWP) and for future monthly or periodic updates. 2) A City budget hearing will be on Monday, April 12 on the 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Councilmember Cachola has done everything, got the \$6 million put in, put the SLBWP on the 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with \$22 million.

Comments followed: 1) A Board member recommended that Councilmember Cachola vote for the funding of the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO). He advised her to lobby the Budget Committee. She favored raising the property tax, which is low compared to the mainland. 2) Councilmember Cachola wanted to make a clarification of the MOS. The two routes (Salt Lake and the airport) were in it. The Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 passed a resolution to support the Salt Lake route from East Kapolei to Ala Moana Center. The fifth vote was Councilmember Cachola. In the 2008 elections, the people voted for the Salt Lake

Boulevard route. Then, after the election, the City Council voted to move to the airport route. Councilmember Djou was the fifth vote. Councilmember Cachola and the late Councilmember Duke Bainum were the two, who voted against the move.

State Senator Norman Sakamoto - Phil McInnis distributed Senator Sakamoto's newsletter and reported: 1) He wished everyone a happy May Day and Cinco de Mayo.

Comments followed: 1) Regarding the Hurricane Relief Fund, a Board member suggested that refunds should go back to the people who paid in. 2) Regarding the Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT), the funds should go to the counties. 3) For any legislative concerns, call Senator Sakamoto's Office at 586-8585.

State Representative Lynn Finnegan - Aaron Johanson distributed a chart of House bills moving to Conference Committee and reported that she participates in two radio shows.

Comments - There was a suggestion that the State could make more money by increasing the fines to \$300 for non-use of seat belts and to \$4,000 for driving under the influence (DUI).

State Representative Glenn Wakai - Linda Ichiyama reported: 1) Aloha 'Aina Earth Day will be on Saturday, June 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Moanalua High School, 2825 Ala Ilima Street. 2) The 6th annual free Vision Screening will be for 1st graders at Salt Lake Elementary School on Tuesday, May 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. 3) May will be the final three weeks of the Legislature. There is a \$700 million shortfall, which the State can reduce if it brings in big events and eliminate General Excise Tax (GET) exemptions.

Comments followed: 1) A Board member opposes ending the 1% tax exemption of condo management fees. There was an amendment to the ending of exemptions, but it failed. 2) Increased fees to three times the fines will not get support. 3) It was suggested to save the Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) for the counties and to increase in the General Excise Tax (GET). The House is not in favor of increasing the General Excise Tax (GET). 4) There is a "Micronesian House" in Salt Lake and the neighbors called Vector Control for the rat problem. However, there are no inspectors, as there was a cut in services. Representative Wakai favors tax increases instead. This problem would not come under the City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) as it is on private property.

#### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

There were none.

#### BOARD BUSINESS:

Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project - The resolution was completed and delivered.

Request to have a Governor's Representative to attend Neighborhood Board No. 18 Meetings - Neighborhood Assistant Ho's received an e-mail from Charen Ching of the Governor's Office. She mentioned that with the budget cuts and furloughs, the Governor's representatives are working harder with fewer resources. Attending night meetings would place additional burdens on them and many of the issues are City issues. Also, if there is a specific issue in the Salt Lake district, then she would direct the appropriate State department to send a representative to address the issue. She requested that the Board continue to forward any concerns to her.

Discussion on videotaping of board meetings - There are funds for one newsletter or 10 video tapings. Last month the Board requested what the funds were used for. There was no written contact, but only a verbal agreement. Chair Morita is working with Olelo to remain open until 10:00 p.m. Other suggestions included: get other venues to save money, get students to distribute flyers at Salt Lake Shopping Center (SLSC), put this item on the next agenda with starting at 6:30 p.m. and effectiveness of the Saturday, 12:00 noon timeslot.

City Department of Transportation Services - This item was previously discussed by DTS Director Wayne Yoshioka.

Removal of utility line from City & County of Honolulu light pole on across of 1142 Aloalo Street - This item was previously discussed.

Bulky Items Pickup concerns - The Kuli'ou'ou/Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2 resolution was distributed. This item was deferred to the next meeting for a resolution for action with charging for pick up.

Stadium Mall Incident - Vice Chair Yomes followed up with the Stadium Mall security, which will monitor the area better.

Candidates Forum for House District 31/32 (if there is no incumbent) on Thursday, August 12, 2010 - A Board member asked if there would be video taping on Olelo. It depends on the budget.

Resolution to have City & County of Honolulu to have a plan to promote the passage of the Transit Rail Authority on the ballot on November 2, 2010, as a Constitutional Amendment - This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Resolution to Urge the City & Council of Honolulu to reopen the rail transit route through Salt Lake Boulevard - This item was deferred to the next meeting.

#### REPORTS:

Chairman's Report - There was none.

Correspondence - There was none.

Approval of March 11, 2010 regular meeting minutes - This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Troegner reported that the Previous Balance was \$1,780.09; \$59.64 was expended for current expenses, leaving a balance of \$1,720.45. The Operating Balance was \$780.09. With \$59.64 in expenditures for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, the Operating Balance was \$720.45. With no expenditures for videotaping, the Publicity Balance remained at \$1,000.00. The Treasurer's report was filed.

#### Committees

Transportation (bus/rail transit), Environment, Legislative, Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO), Zoning/Planning, Education/Military, and Senior Citizens - No report.

Emergency Preparedness - Dennis Egge reported that Salt Lake area shelters are pet friendly shelters and for those who need special services like electricity. He had other emergency preparedness tips.

Parks/Recreation - Pepper reported that Rosalind Young, Supervisor for District 2, faces an "incredible" bureaucracy. She needs \$5,000 for the repair of the swimming pool showers, but is waiting for one signature. The repair of the showers at the Salt Lake District Park will be put on next month's agenda.

Police/Fire - The Stadium Mall issue was previously reported.

Kamehameha Highway Task Force - Chair Morita missed the last meeting, but there was a display at the Pearl Ridge Shopping Center.

#### Permitted Interaction Groups

Neighborhood Board Boundaries - Dennis Egge reported that two Neighborhood Board (No. 17 - Moanalua and No. 19 Airport) were not organized. He proposes to "annex" the area in gold on his map. This item will be deferred to next meeting. The Neighborhood Commission requires two public hearings and he does not want to infringe on Board No. 20 Aiea district. Egge was asked if he contacted U.S. Navy Housing and the Mapunapuna industrial area. He will get more information.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- April 22 is Earth Day. Everyone is encouraged to ride the bus.
- The Board is scheduled to meet from June to December at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC). Thomas J. Strout will follow up.

- The regular timeslot for the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 broadcasts is on Saturdays at 12:00 noon, 'Olelo Channel 54.
- The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at Aliamanu Middle School cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Submitted by:  
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