



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010** **ALIAMANU MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chair David Yomes called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Lennard Pepper and David Yomes.

Members Absent: Maurice Morita (notified) and Barbara Troegner (notified).

Vacancies: None.

Guests: Aaron Johanson (State Representative Lynn Finnegan's Office), Linda Ichiyama (State Representative Glenn Wakai's Office), Sandra Sagisi (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative, City Department of Customer Services, Deputy Director), Corinne Gallardo (Councilmember Romy Cachola's Office); Acting Capt. Jon Omori (Honolulu Fire Department), Sgt. Roger Nitta (District 3, Honolulu Police Department); Lt. Robert Chinen and Sgt. Hilarion Oliva (District 5, Kalihi, Honolulu Police Department); Thomas J. Strout (Board of Water Supply), Ryan Toyomura, Jenna Lum (Friends of Rocky), Rocky Rockwell, John Cortez, Abe Pacheco, Suzette Adversalo, Lynda Takamoto, Steve Glanstein, Teacher/Advisor and eight students (Moanalua High School); and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Acting Capt. Jon Omori reported:

- **April 2010 Statistics** - Included 8 structure, 3 wildland, 1 vehicle and 3 rubbish fires for a total of 15 fire-related calls; 125 medical emergencies and 43 miscellaneous calls for service, which included assisting residents and activated alarms. There were no major or unusual incidents.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** Summer usually accompanies hot weather and dry vegetation conditions increasing the risk of wildland fires. Residents are asked to practice their fire escape plan, make a 10-30 foot fire break between vegetation and clutter around homes and to remove combustible debris from around buildings. At the sighting of a wildland fire or if you witness someone starting a fire or behaving suspiciously, call 911 immediately.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD):

Pearl City (District 3) - Sgt. Roger Nitta reported:

- **April 2010 statistics** - 3 auto theft recovery, 8 (+4) burglaries, 1 (-13) criminal property damage, 21 (+12) thefts and 7 (-5) UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle) for a total of 399 calls for service, which were 5.83% of 6,841 calls for District 3.

Kalihi (District 5) - Sgt. Hilarion Oliva, District 5, distributed the statistics and reported:

- **April 2010 statistics** - 43 arguments, 5 assaults, 3 burglaries, 2 drugs/narcotics, 2 DUI (driving under the influence), 4 family offenses, 13 motor vehicle thefts, 29 motor vehicle collisions, 4 property damages, 2 robberies, 2 sex offenses, 9 thefts, and 9 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle) for a total of 127 cases.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Thomas Strout read the written report:

- **2010 Detect-A-Leak During Water Conservation Week - May 2,2010 to May 8,2010** – The BWS recently celebrated Detect-A-Leak during Water Conservation Week from May 2 to May 8, 2010 to remind customers on O'ahu to use the water they need, but not to waste it. According to the U.S. Environmental



Protection Agency (EPA), the average American home can waste more than 10,000 gallons of water every year from running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks. That's also why it is important for all O'ahu residents check their plumbing fixtures for leaks. Leak detection is simple. Just turn off all the water fixtures, and then check to see if the property's water meter (the red arrow or black triangle) is moving. If it is, there is a leak. There are three types of leaks that should be checked - toilet, property and underground leaks. The most common household leaks are caused by the flapper valve in the toilets. For a detailed handout or to watch an instructional video on how to check your property for leaks, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.

- 2010 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contests - Mahalo and aloha to the more than 2,500 student artists and 250 poets who participated our 2010 Water Conservation Week poster and poetry contests. Their art and poetry creatively illustrated our contest theme, "Stop the Drop," depicting leak detection as a means of water conservation. The winners were announced and honored at an awards ceremony on May 5. A full list of winners, an online art gallery and a short video may be found on our website at www.boardofwatersupply.com. Also, these posters and poems will be on exhibit at Honolulu Hale's Lane Gallery from May 4 to May 15; Pearlridge Uptown from May 18 to May 29; Kahala Mall from June 1 to June 12; Kapolei Hale from June 15 to June 26; and Windward Mall from June 29 to July 10. Congratulations to our winners!

Comments followed:

- Using drinking water for watering the grass at golf courses - It was suggested that the BWS call those golf courses to encourage and remind them to conserve and use recycled water instead.

Mayor's Representative - Sandra Sagisi reported:

- "No parking" signs near the military housing fence on Salt Lake Boulevard - The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has completed its 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. The Department of Design and Construction (DDC)'s response was - Besides Salt Lake Boulevard (SLB) the City owns the land between SLB and the private property line. The private property line is usually demarcated with fencing by the private property owners. Otherwise, limits of City's jurisdiction can be approximately determined by location of traffic signal boxes, utility poles/boxes, and mailboxes (these are normally located within City's right-of-way).
- Two studies on one-way streets - DTS is conducting an evaluation and will inform the Board by June 2010 of the status of their study.
- Dangerous situation on Salt Lake Boulevard where the lanes narrow into one lane at Maluna Street - DTS discussed the traffic safety issues with Mr. Pepper and no meeting is required at this time. Board member Pepper will report on this item later.
- Funding for repaving of Salt Lake area streets - The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) responded - Ala Liliko'i Street, from Salt Lake Boulevard to Likini Street is programmed to be resurfaced as part of an ongoing Rehabilitation of Streets, IDIQ #2 Project being administered by the DDC. The actual date when Ala Liliko'i Street will be resurfaced has not been determined at this time. The contractor for this project is presently resurfacing roadways in the Halawa area. B) Numerous residential roadways from Nuuanu to Salt Lake were recently resurfaced by contract, Rehabilitation of Localized Streets Phase 3, also administered by the DDC. Although identified as in need of resurfacing, Wanaka Street and other roadways in the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village areas could not be resurfaced due to limited funding for this project. They will be considered and programmed for resurfacing as additional funds become available. The DDC responded - Regarding Wanaka Street, the contractor had notified the residents earlier that the street would be resurfaced. The contractor had miscalculated the number of streets that could be resurfaced, and informed the residents on May 5, 2010, by a notice that the listed streets would not be resurfaced. Wanaka Street was one of those streets listed. Ala Liliko'i Street was not under this project and will be considered under another project to be repaved.
- "Right-turn only" sign on Salt Lake Boulevard going towards Aloha Stadium, at the Salt Lake Shopping Center (SLSC) - DTS is conducting an investigation which may require site and field assessments, research, and traffic data analysis. DTS will inform the Board of the status of their investigation by the August 2010 meeting.

- Refinement of the airport alignment to transition to Ualena Street - This would result in the displacement of five businesses. Where relocations will occur, compensation will be provided to affected property owners and tenants, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State laws and will follow the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (49 CFR 24).
- Old electrical line on Ala Aloalo Street - DFM reported work on project has been delayed. It is currently scheduled to start on Tuesday, May 18. Work involves coordination with the City and Hawaiian Electric.
- "Dip" at the 3400 block of Salt Lake Boulevard - The DFM response was - This area has a designed dip in the road. There is a low point within 1,000 feet. Our crews cold-planed a low area to remove the ponding effect near a driveway on February 19, 2010. Since then, our crews did not notice any ponding in the road.
- Periodic updates on the Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project (SLBWP) - \$1 million was allotted for the planning phase and a request for an independent services contract was approved on May 3, 2010.
- Repair of showers at Salt Lake District Park - Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has ordered the replacement shower water heater. It is expected to be delivered in four to six weeks from April 14, 2010 when it was ordered. DPR plumbers will install the heater as soon as possible after delivery.

Comments followed:

- There were many concerns about the bidding process, decision-making process and questions about who decides the order of which streets are paved and how can contractors "run out of money."

Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) - Pat Lee e-mailed the following report:

- Earlier this month the City resolved the issue of the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) near the Honolulu International Airport. This milestone means there are no outstanding issues associated with the rail system serving the airport or completing the rail transit Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The FEIS is being reviewed by the Federal Transit Administration. We await the agency's approval for public release of the document. Recently, in the news questions were brought up by former Governor Ben Cayetano about the City procurement process. We are confident the complaint filed regarding the City's procurement practices, including rail transit, is without merit. The City has carefully followed all procurement requirements regarding the award of design, engineering and other contracts for the rail project.
- In response to questions posed by Board members at the April 2010 meeting:
 - 1) What is the height of the airport rail station and will it be the same height as the new parking structure? The height of the rail station at the Honolulu International Airport will be approximately 55 feet from the ground and the top of the canopy is at approximately 70 feet. The new interisland parking structure is about 112 feet high.
 - 2) What is the cost of the airport route versus the Salt Lake route? The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) notes that the cost (in year of expenditure dollars including finance charges) of constructing the Salt Lake alternative is approximately \$5.276 billion and the Airport alternative is approximately \$5.433 billion so the airport route is about \$157 million more, prior to RPZ mitigation. This is from Table 6-1 in the DEIS. The cost for the RPZ mitigation will be contained in the FEIS.

Question, comments and concerns followed:

- There were concerns about the cost of airport mitigation and the lower cost of the airport route.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: There were no objections to taking RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS before ELECTED OFFICIALS.

- A Board member requested that the River Street Residence handout be placed on the next agenda.
- A resident asked why do property owners get fined when graffiti appears on their walls.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Councilmember Romy Cachola - Corinne Gallardo distributed the newsletter and reported the following:

- The Budget Committee is looking at cuts for Summer Fun, the Royal Hawaiian Band, The Mayor's Office of Economic Development, the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) and the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO).

- Regarding repaving, Councilmember Cachola sent an inquiry to the DDC and the Salt Lake repaving projects should be put in the budget.
- The Administration is proposing a real property tax increase for the non-homeowners classification.
- The City hopes that the Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) will go to the counties. Each department submits requests and each program is reviewed in the budget process.
- The newsletter highlighted Councilmember Cachola's report after a recent meeting with Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) officials in Washington, D.C.

State Senator Norman Sakamoto - The Senator's newsletter was available.

State Representative Lynn Finnegan - Aaron Johanson distributed the newsletter and reported:

- The fireworks bill passed.
- House Bill (HB) 444, relating to civil unions, also passed.
- As did the bill to have a Constitutional Amendment to appoint the Board of Education (BOE).
- Governor Linda Lingle can still veto bills.
- The Legislature must reconvene to override vetoes.

State Representative Glenn Wakai - Linda Ichiyama reported:

- A flyer announced that the Fifth Annual Aloha 'Aina Earth Day will be at the Moanalua High School, 2825 Ala Ilima Street on Saturday, June 5, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- A Board member asked the amount of money that was raised last time.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project (SLBWP) Update - Godfrey reported the following:

- The SLBWP was put on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). It will be a four-year project and not funded until 2014 to 2016. Salt Lake people can write in comments until June 23, 2010 to the O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO). The cost is estimated at \$22 million each year.

Comments followed:

- A question was asked how much the total amount is.
- Salt Lake residents must keep watch on this project.

Narrowing of Lanes on Salt Lake Boulevard at Maluna Street/Namur Street - Baird reported the following:

- Jay Hara of the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) said that they will look at it again in two weeks. Baird noted the excellent co-operation from DTS. There have been no serious accidents.

Comments followed:

- A suggestion was made to have a right turn only at the traffic light and the passing of a resolution for reflectors.
- Next month this item will be placed on the agenda for a resolution or action. Strout will send pictures of the reflective signs.

Discussion on videotaping of board meetings -

- Steve Glanstein likes the videotaping of well-run meetings. At Salt Lake there is mutual respect. He is okay with changing to a 6:30 p.m. start time and likes the Saturday, 12:00 noon broadcast timeslot.
- This item will be deferred to the June 10, 2010 Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 meeting.

City Department of Transportation Services - Items were previously discussed.

Study to make Wanaka Street one way from Salt Lake Boulevard, going mauka - Items were previously discussed.

Study to make one way streets for the following (Aliamanu-side of Wanaka and Likini Streets):

a. Puuku Mauka Drive - one way from Pear! City to Diamond Head.

- b. Puuku Makai Drive - one way from Diamond Head to Pearl City.
- c. Aliamanu Street - one way from Pearl City to Diamond Head.
- d. Likini Street - one way from Diamond Head to Pearl City.

Items were previously discussed.

Removal of utility line from City & County of Honolulu on light pole across of 1142 Aloalo Street - Item was previously discussed. The City will complete repair work by May 18.

Bulky Items Pickup concerns -

- There was discussion about bulky item pick up, condos being fined for other's trash, the end of free bulky item pick up and charging a nominal fee for pick up, and better HPD/DPP enforcement in the high-traffic condo area.
- The Kuli'ou'ou/Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2 resolution and the City's response were distributed.
- A suggestion was made to have the Mayor and the City go to every condo board and talk to them.
- Another suggestion was to have the Aloha 'Aina Day on a regular schedule.
- This item was deferred to the next meeting for a resolution or action.

Candidates Forum for House District 31/32 on Thursday, August 12, 2010, at Aliamanu Middle School - **Egge moved** (no second is required) **that the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 have a Candidates Forum on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC). The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Baird, Egge, Glanstein, Godfrey, Kanemaru, Pepper and Yomes).**

Resolution to Urge the City & Council of Honolulu to reopen the rail transit route through Salt Lake Boulevard - **Pepper moved** (no second is required) **that as the airport route was previously estimated to cost \$157 million more than the Salt Lake route and with the additional yet-undisclosed cost of the RPZ mitigation, the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 urges the City Council to reconsider the Salt Lake route. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Baird, Egge, Glanstein, Godfrey, Kanemaru, Pepper and Yomes).**

Neighborhood Board No. 18 Meeting on December 9, 2010 (No meeting on November 11, 2010 due to Veterans Day Holiday) - **Egge moved** (no second is required) **that the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 NOT meet on Thursday, November 11 (Veterans Day holiday) and meet on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC). The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Baird, Egge, Glanstein, Godfrey, Kanemaru, Pepper and Yomes).**

Acting Chair Yomes called a recess at 8:28 p.m.; the meeting reconvened at 8:32 p.m.

REPORTS:

Chairman's Report - No report.

Correspondence - No report.

Approval of March 11, 2010 regular meeting minutes - **The March 11, 2010 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as circulated by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Baird, Egge, Glanstein, Godfrey, Kanemaru, Pepper and Yomes).**

Approval of April 8, 2010 regular meeting minutes - **The April 8, 2010 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as circulated by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Baird, Egge, Glanstein, Godfrey, Kanemaru, Pepper and Yomes).**

Treasurer's Report - Glanstein reported that the Previous Balance was \$1,720.45; \$56.64 was expended for current expenses, leaving a balance of \$1,663.81. The Operating Balance was \$720.45. With \$56.64 in expenditures for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, the Operating Balance was \$663.81. With no expenditures for videotaping, the Publicity Balance remained at \$1,000.00. The Treasurer's report was filed.

Committees

Transportation (bus/rail transit/Kamehameha Highway Task Force) - No report.

Environment - Egge reported that there are fire hazards at vacant lots. He suggested cutting the grass short and keeping the fire hose ready.

Legislative - Glanstein reported that the Legislature put the condo management exemption back in. Regarding House Bill (HB) 444, Glanstein did not know what the Governor was going to do. On Thursday, April 29, the Legislature ended. The City Council is still looking at the new non-homeowners tax increase, as it meets all year round.

Emergency Preparedness - Egge reported that the Salt Lake shelters are "pet-friendly." He will have more information at the next meeting. Kanemaru was contacted by Ken Gilbert, the Department of Emergency Management (DEM)'s Disaster and Preparedness and Recovery Officer, who has offered to speak at any interested community group that wants to learn more about how to be better prepared for a disaster. Kanemaru will approach Gilbert for a June presentation

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) - This item was previously reported.

Zoning/Planning - No report.

Parks/Recreation - Pepper reported that the showers at the Salt Lake District Park should be repaired by four to six weeks from April 4, 2010.

Police/Fire - No report.

Education/Military - No report.

Health/Human Services - Kanemaru reported that the Memorial Day Ceremony needs 40, 000 - 50,000 lei. May is Children's Mental Health Awareness Month. National television talk-show host Oprah Winfrey is concerned about distractions while driving - no texting, talking or eating.

Senior Citizens - Pepper reported that "Project Dana" is a volunteer interfaith project, founded in 1989, that provides support services for caretakers of frail elderly and disabled persons. 51% of deaths among elders are caused by falls occurring in the home, mostly between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., 61% are women, and falls commonly occur in the bathroom, bedroom and kitchen. Some services offered include - home visits, home safety assessments, minor home repairs, telephone visits, light housekeeping, respite care, hospital & care home and transportation. Possible suggestions for home modifications include - nightlights, grab bars, non-skid strips, shower seat, portable tub rail, and raised toilet seat. For more information on Project Dana or for a free home safety assessment, contact: 945-3736.

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) on Boundaries - Egge reported that the Mayor (Neighborhood Commission) was not encouraging "annexing" Neighborhood Board No. 19 (Airport residential housing) or the Mapunapuna area. This is not a big priority. Neighborhood Board No. 19 can contact Neighborhood Board No. 18 if they want representation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 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 regular meeting will be on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC), 1298 Kukila Street, Honolulu, HI 96818, (808) 422-4000.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Submitted by:

K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant and Bambi Wong, Support Staff

Reviewed by:

David Yomes, Acting Chair