



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2010 OAHU VETERANS CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pro Tem Maurice Morita called the meeting to order at 7:03 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: Dennis Egge, Rachel Glanstein, Chandra Kanemaru, Maurice Morita, Lennard Pepper, Barbara Troegner and David Yomes.

Members Absent: Larry Baird and Lorene Godfrey.

Vacancies: None.

Guests: State Senator Norman Sakamoto and Phil McInnis (Senator Sakamoto's Office staff), Linda Ichiyama (State Representative Glenn Wakai's Office staff), Sandra Sagisi (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative, Deputy Director, City Department of Customer Services); Corinne Gallardo (City Councilmember Romy Cachola's Office), Wayne Yoshimura (Director, City Department of Transportation Services), Richard Haru (Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation), Sgt. Roger Nitta (Honolulu Police Department, District 3); Sgt. Paul Lucas (Honolulu Police Department, District 5); Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Transit Project), Garner Shimizu, Joy Shimizu, Ryan and Jean Okamoto, Howard Shima, Sandy Ballard (Oahu Veterans Center), John Cortez, Abe Pacheco, Suzette Adversalo, Craig Hirai (Baseball Director, Lakeside Athletic Youth Association), Susan Glanstein, Steve Glanstein, Rocky Rockwell, Jenna Lum (Friends of Rocky), Lawrence Shimizu, Teacher/Advisor and 12 students (Videographers, Moanalua High School); and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS: (1-year term from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011)

Chair - Glanstein nominated David Yomes to be Chair. (No second is required.) **Egge nominated Maurice Morita to be Chair.** (No second is required.) Discussion followed. Resident Susan Glanstein read a statement by former Neighborhood Board Chair Steve Glanstein, that he watched other Neighborhood Boards on the 'Olelo Public Access Channel and commended the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18's spirit of co-operation in getting the business of the board done. Board members commented on the merits of each candidate. **David Yomes received five (5) votes (Glanstein, Kanemaru, Pepper, Troegner and Yomes) and Maurice Morita received two (2) votes (Egge and Morita). The Board voted David Yomes to be the Chair.**

Vice Chair - Glanstein nominated Maurice Morita to be Vice Chair. (No second is required.) **As there were no other nominations or objections, the Board voted Maurice Morita to be Vice Chair. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0** (Egge, Glanstein, Kanemaru, Morita, Pepper, Troegner and Yomes).

Secretary/Treasurer - Egge nominated Barbara Troegner to be Secretary/Treasurer. As there were no other nominations or objections, the Board voted Barbara Troegner to be Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0 (Egge, Glanstein, Kanemaru, Morita, Pepper, Troegner and Yomes).

SELECTION OF MEETING DAY, TIME AND LOCATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT:

As the Aliamanu Middle School (AMS) and Oahu Veterans Center (OVC) may not charge a meeting room rental fee, the Board voted to hold five meetings at each location (July 2010 through November 2010 with recesses in August 2010 and December 2010 and June 2011 at the OVC and January 2011 through May 2011 at the AMS. Also, the Board will continue to meet on the second Thursday of the month, starting at 7:00 p.m. **The motions were ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0** (Egge, Glanstein, Kanemaru, Morita, Pepper, Troegner and Yomes). (Note - The videotaping of the meetings by the Radford High School and Moanalua High School students was authorized at the June 10, 2010 meeting.)



CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - No representative or report was present.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD)

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

- June 2010 statistics - Included 7 auto thefts, 1 auto theft recovery, 7 burglaries, 4 criminal property damage, 16 thefts and 9 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV). There were 353 calls for service, which were 5.25% of 6,727 calls for District 3.

Comments followed:

1. More "Color" - Board member Pepper requested better reporting of "trends" and more "color" on the statistics for Foster Village. Sgt. Nitta will follow up.
2. Hale Keiki Pre-School Traffic - It was reported that at Hale Keiki Pre-School near Radford High School the cars line up to pick up the kids and take up one lane of traffic. Sgt. Nitta will follow up.

Kalihi (District 5) - Sgt. Paul Lucas, District 5, distributed the statistics, received a call for service and left the meeting:

- June 2010 statistics - Included 32 arguments, 2 assaults, 4 burglaries, 2 driving under the influence (DUI), 3 family offenses, 5 motor vehicle thefts, 33 motor vehicle collisions, 5 property damages, 1 robbery, 3 sex offenses, 3 thefts and 8 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) for a total of 111 cases.

Comments followed upon his return:

1. More "Color" (Part II) - The Board requested more than just "dry" statistics and more details. Although District 5 Commander Maj. William Chur was not present tonight, he previously was moving in that direction. Sgt. Lucas will follow up.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Chair Yomes read the written report:

- 2010 Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale - It is on Saturday, August 7, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. More information about the plant sale will be made available at www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- BWS Furlough Information - BWS business offices will begin observing furlough days in July 2010. While BWS business offices will be closed on designated Furlough Fridays, some BWS sections will work staggered schedules in order to maintain operations for public health and safety. BWS Furlough Friday is one day a month, not two.

Mayor's Representative - Sandra Sagisi reported the following:

- Running for Governor - Mayor Mufi Hannemann will be stepping down by the Tuesday, July 20, 2010 deadline to run for Governor.
- Paving of Streets in Salt Lake - The City Department of Design and Construction (DDC)'s response was: There is no update to the paving in the Salt Lake area as it was noted earlier that the contractor paved as many miles of roadway as the \$10 million allowed them to. There was no additional funding received; and the remaining streets in Salt Lake will be paved upon the City Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM)'s priority road repaving islandwide schedule and availability of funds.
- Bus Stop Task Force - Based on conversations with Task Force members, it was decided that a meeting was not necessary. City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director Yoshioka will report on the modifications to the roundabout later in the agenda.
- Dangerous Situation on Salt Lake Boulevard at Maluna Street - Per discussions with Board members, DTS Traffic Engineering continues to monitor the merge situation and will report back to the Board at the August 2010 meeting.
- Update for the Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project (SLBWP) - DDC has submitted and awaiting approval of the consultant selection committee.
- Repair of Showers at Salt Lake District Park - The hot water heater was received on or about June 22, 2010 and installed by City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) plumbers on June 25, 2010. DFM hooked up the electrical connection on July 1, 2010. Ms. Young kept Board member Pepper informed of each step.

- Lakeside Baseball Shed - Craig Hirai has met with Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and an agreement was reached on the removal of existing storage unit.
- River Street Residences - Due to a prior engagement, City Department of Community Services (DCS) Director Debbie Kim Morikawa requested to be on the next agenda and will make a presentation then. As the Board will recess in August, this item will be placed on the September agenda.
- Graffiti - The City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) needs more time to follow up on the rules or laws on graffiti and enforcement. This item will be placed on the September agenda.

Comments followed:

1. Lakeside Baseball Shed - DPR Deputy Director Richard Haru reported on a meeting with Craig Hirai and Supervisor Rosalind Young. The City was concerned about liability and the height of the shed. There was a three-year-old concern about sheds at District Parks pending at the City Department of Corporation Counsel (COR). Haru reported that the contractor was to come back, tear down the shed, submit plans and build a smaller shed. According to Hirai, there was no resolution. Discussion followed. **Glanstein moved** (no second is required) **the following resolution:**

Resolution Supporting Baseball Storage Shed at Salt Lake District Park

Due to the need of the community for the baseball shed at the Salt Lake District Park, and that a shed was donated by the community, the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 urges the City Department of Parks and Recreation to work with the community to allow the shed to remain, and that the Chair send a letter to the City Department of Parks and Recreation stating the Board's position and including the gist of the discussion on the issue at the July 8, 2010 Neighborhood Board meeting. **The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0 (AYE: Egge, Glanstein, Kanemaru, Morita, Pepper, Troegner and Yomes).**

Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) - Pat Lee reported the following:

- Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) - It was released and can be reviewed at the H RTP website at www.honolulutransit.org.
- Impact on Traffic - Daily ridership estimates were increased from 95,000 in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to 116,300 in 2030. Reduction of traffic delay will be 18 percent. Using figures in the FEIS, the project team estimated the rail system will take approximately 40,000 cars, instead of 30,000 vehicles in DEIS, off the roads every day in 2030.
- Environmental Impacts - No threatened, endangered or protected species are impacted.
- Economic Impacts - About 10,000 people will be employed a year by rail construction.
- Noise Impacts - No severe noise impacts are expected.
- Historic Properties Impact - Thirty-three historic properties will be impacted by the project. In some cases, the effect means the rail line will be visible from the property.

Comments followed:

1. Airport Route Compared to the Salt Lake Route - The cost for the H RTP is projected to be \$5.5 billion and the Airport route was estimated to be \$237 million over the Salt Lake route. The \$237 million included the airport mitigation.
2. Governor Linda Lingle's Response - The Governor has no statutory time limit to "sign off" on the FEIS, before it goes for a "Record of Decision" and to starting construction. The State Office for Environmental Quality Control had the DEIS for a year.
3. Ridership - The ridership numbers were not broken down into "residents/tourists."
4. State Economic Recovery - The Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) would help the State by providing Federal funding for jobs.

The agenda was taken out of order.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: There were none.

Agenda resumed.

PRESENTATIONS:

Kaneohe Bay Air Show - Due to a scheduling conflict, no representative was present. The Air Show will be on September 25-26, 2010, featuring the Navy's Blue Angels. This item will be placed on the September agenda.

Salt Lake District Master Plan - Matthew Cohen was not present. This item will be placed on the September agenda.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

- Furlough Fridays - Councilmember Cachola and his staff will be working on the City Furlough Fridays.
- Aloha 'Aina Earth Day - This recycling/community clean-up day and fundraiser for the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC) will be on Saturday, July 10, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

State Senator Norman Sakamoto - Senator Sakamoto reported:

- Governor's Veto - The Hawai'i Constitutional amendment to create an appointed Board of Education (BOE) will be on the November ballot. If it passes, the reform will be delayed, as Governor Lingle vetoed the underlying legislation.
- "Salary Cap" - A "salary cap" for the Superintendent of the Department of Education (DOE) would delay getting the best leader.
- Aloha 'Aina Earth Day - This recycling/community clean-up day and fundraiser for the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC) will be on Saturday, July 10, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Comments followed:

1. Salt Lake Route For Rail - Senator Sakamoto supported the Salt Lake route. He supports the HRTP, not only because it would remove 40,000 cars, but because of the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) gives communities an opportunity to "re-invent" the communities around the rail stations.

State Representative Lynn Finnegan - No representative or report present.

State Representative Glenn Wakai - Linda Ichiyama reported the following:

- Clean Up of the Banks along Salt Lake - Representative Wakai has been meeting with representatives from Country Club Village and the Honolulu Country Club to clean up and maintain the areas bordering Salt Lake. This issue is ongoing and each year a very foul odor develops. Councilmember Cachola, the State and the Federal governments are also working on the problems. A resident mentioned a Federal program to fund these kinds of City projects. Councilmember Cachola's staff person Gallardo will follow up.

BOARD BUSINESS:

City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Items - DTS Director Wayne Yoshioka reported the following:

- Honolulu Rail Transit Project (HRTP) - The airport station is not being built primarily for tourists, as Bus Routes 19 and 20 have high demand with airport employees and local residents traveling light to the Neighbor Islands. The FEIS has been released and the Governor must "sign off" on it. The project would be good for economic recovery. It would be easier to get to the airport from Salt Lake, the Windward side and from Hawaii Kai. With rail as the "backbone," there would be more feeder buses. Salt Lake residents could get on the rail system at Aloha Stadium or at the Middle Street Station. This item will be placed on the September agenda.
- Ms. Inouye's Garden Repair - City Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) will repair the damage to her garden on Ala Aloalo Street by Wednesday, July 14, 2010.
- Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project Update - DTS and DDC are waiting for the approval of the consultant team.
- Narrowing of Lanes on Salt Lake Boulevard at Maluna Street/Namur Street - DTS has consulted with Board member Pepper and is monitoring the area.
- Funding for the Paving of Wanaka and Ala Lilikoi Streets - The Board requested that Salt Lake streets are made a priority. Director Yoshioka has made DFM aware of the priority. **Pepper moved** (no second is required) **that by letter to Mayor Mufi Hannemann, the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 recommends, as a matter of fairness, that first priority for repaving money in the current Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 be given to completion of repaving planned but not**

completed in the last Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 in the Salt Lake, Aliamanu and Foster Village area. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0 (AYE: Egge, Glanstein, Kanemaru, Morita, Pepper, Troegner and Yomes). DTS Director Yoshioka will follow up with DFM. The Board requested a representative from DFM to attend the next meeting.

- New Bus Terminus Concerns - DTS Director Yoshioka has worked closely with the Board. The long-term "fix" would be to correct the right turn on Ala Ilima Street, by removing part of the island and repainting, so the buses can drive over the area. Also, they may have to re-position the bus stop. There were many positive comments.

Lakeside Baseball Shed Issue - This item was previously discussed.

River Street Residences - This item will be placed on the September agenda.

Property Owners Getting Fined for Graffiti on the Walls - This item will be placed on the September agenda.

Representative Glenn Wakai's Offer to Include a Neighborhood Board No. 18 Insert in his Newsletter - The Board wanted more feedback from other politicians and the State, but as this is an election year, the Board will wait until after the elections.

Committees

Transportation (Bus/Rail Transit/Kamehameha Highway Task Force), Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO), Zoning/Planning, Health/Human Services and Senior Citizens - No report.

Environment - Egge had e-mailed his report to Board members. There were six (6) bills signed into law, relating to graffiti, invasive species, renewable energy facilities, shoreline vegetation encroachment, endangered species and pesticides. He reported his observations on the street sweeping program in Salt Lake. There appears to be a lack of co-ordination between DFM and HPD. He will continue to monitor the situation. As the street sweeping program was a "pilot project," a Board member asked if it could be expanded to other parts of the community and requested that the Mayor's Representative follow up.

Emergency Preparedness - Egge had e-mailed his report to Board members. There were four (4) bills signed into law, relating to Civil Defense, firearms and disaster preparedness planning. Previously, it was reported that HFD responded to medical emergencies before the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) 75% of the time. The City may need to consider expanding the number of ambulances stationed at fire stations. The American Red Cross has been invited to come to the September or October meeting and share information.

Legislative - Glanstein reported that the homeowner's tax credit of \$100 was approved and the minimum tax was increased from \$100 to \$300, which may adversely affect non-profit organizations and totally disabled veterans.

Parks/Recreation -

- Repair of Showers at the Salt Lake District Park - This item was previously reported by the Mayor's Representative.

Police/Fire - Chair Yomes distributed a 9-1-1 Call Distribution Report. Pepper requested that the Mayor's Representative follow up on the request for a speed trailer in front of Radford High School/Makalapa Elementary School and near Salt Lake Middle and Elementary School.

Education/Military - Troegner reported the following:

- School Year Begins Anywhere From July 30 to August 2, 2010 - As the school year begins anywhere from July 30 to August 2, 2010, depending in the boundaries, remember to drive carefully.
- Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Naval Exercises - RIMPAC is on and there are an additional 20,000 people in Hawai'i. Be careful driving as many of these visitors are from other countries.
- Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam - The transition is coming along smoothly and is on schedule, if not ahead of schedule.

REPORTS:

Chairman's Report - No report.

Correspondence - No report.

Approval of June 10, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes - **The June 10, 2010 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as circulated by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Egge, Glanstein, Kanemaru, Morita, Pepper, Troegner and Yomes).**

Treasurer's Report - Troegner reported that the Previous Balance was \$1,080.33; \$847.98 was expended for current expenses, leaving a balance of \$232.35. The beginning Operating Balance was \$580.33. With \$597.98 in expenditures for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes and facility rental for January to May 2010, the ending Operating Balance was -\$17.65. With \$250.00 expended for videotaping for May 2010, the Publicity Balance was \$250.00. The Treasurer's report was filed. Note - Outstanding bills included the Oahu Veterans Center room rental fee and videotaping costs for June 2010.

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.
- Candidates Forum for House Districts 31/32 will be on Thursday, August 12, 2010, at the Aliamanu Middle School from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE. Chair Yomes would like to ask former Neighborhood Board Chair and Certified Parliamentarian Steve Glanstein to be the Forum Moderator and everyone was asked to submit questions for the candidates.
- The Board will RECESS in August 2010 and the next regular monthly meeting will be on Thursday, September 9, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC), 1298 Kukila Street, Honolulu, HI 96818, (808) 422-4000. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.
- As Thursday, November 11, 2010 will be the State Veterans Day holiday, the Board voted to meet on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at the O'ahu Veterans Center at 7:00 p.m. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Submitted by:
K. Russell Ho
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Barbara Troegner
Secretary/Treasurer
and David Yomes
Chair