



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2010 OAHU VETERANS CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair David Yomes called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with a **quorum of six (6) 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, Lorene Godfrey, Lennard Pepper, Barbara Troegner and David Yomes.

Members Absent - Larry Baird, Chandra Kanemaru (notified) and Maurice Morita (notified).

VACANCY - None.

Guests - Phil McInnis (State Senator Norman Sakamoto's Office staff), State Representative Glenn Wakai and Linda Ichiyama (State Representative Glenn Wakai's Office staff), Deputy Director Sandra Sagisi (Acting Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, City Department of Customer Services); Director Debbie Kim Morikawa (City Department of Community Services), Corinne Gallardo (City Councilmember Romy Cachola's Office), Capt. Gerald Kaneshiro and Sgt. Roger Nitta (Honolulu Police Department, District 3); Maj. William Chur, Lt. Robert Chinen, Sgt. Calvin Sung (Honolulu Police Department, District 5); Capt. Blaine Shimizu (Honolulu Fire Department), Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Transit Project), Ryan and Jean Okamoto, Abe Pacheco, Lina M. Salvador, Ben Pascua, Franklin "Don" Pacarro, Jr.; Keith Kaneshiro, Darwin Ching, Suzette Adversalo, Teacher and three students (Videographers, Radford High School), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Capt. Blaine Shimizu reported the following:

- **August 2010 Statistics** - Included 7 fire-related calls, 86 medical emergencies, and 27 miscellaneous calls, which included 4 hazardous conditions, 6 service calls, 14 good intents and 3 false alarms. Sometimes there is smoke, but no fire hazard.
- **Fire Prevention Week** - The National Fire Protection Association selected "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week (FPW) on October 3-9, 2010. This year's campaign reminds everyone about the importance of smoke alarms and encourages families to take the necessary steps to update and maintain smoke alarms. Prior to FPW, HFD will be delivering Fire Fighter's Safety Guides and posters to elementary schools islandwide. Fire companies will also be distributing the posters for display in prominent community locations. The posters depict the FPW theme and were created by HFD family members.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) -

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

- **August 2010 Statistics** - Included 2 auto thefts, 2 auto theft recovery, 6 burglaries, 3 criminal property damage, 1 sex assault, 13 thefts and 11 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) for a total of 364 calls for service, which were 5.35% of 6,808 calls for District 3.

Comments followed:

The Board requested more "color commentary" instead of only statistics.

Kalihi (District 5) - Maj. William Chur reported the following:

- **August 2010 statistics** - Included 59 arguments, 2 assaults, 4 burglaries, 1 drugs/narcotics, 2 driving under the influence (DUI), 3 family offenses, 11 motor vehicle thefts, 34 motor vehicle collisions, 8



property damages, 2 robberies, 1 sex offense, 19 thefts and 3 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) for a total of 149 cases.

- Traffic Accidents - Maj. Chur was concerned about the seven traffic fatalities in District 5 and the 362 citations issued for the use of mobile electronic devices while driving.
- Street Crimes - Maj. Chur was also concerned about the "spike" in car break-ins in Salt Lake and the military housing.

Comments followed:

1. Alternate-side Parking for Street Sweeping - Citations were being issued.
2. Moanalua High School Pedestrians - More students were being educated.

Acting Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative - Sandra Sagisi was not present at 7:17 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Councilmember Romy Cachola - Corrine Gallardo distributed a report and highlighted the following:

- Real Property Tax - Homeowners received real property tax bill and noticed an increase of four times more. The City Council is working with the Administration to find a remedy and relief in form of a cash rebate. Wednesday, September 22, 2010 is a Special Budget meeting to address the proposed bills.
- Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project - The Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project is moving along. The City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is looking into qualifying environmental engineers for the planning and design of the project. Gallardo will provide the Chair with a list of the engineering firms considered for the Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project.
- Bulky Item Bill - The bulky item bill passed. There will be a \$250 fine to homeowners who prematurely place items out before scheduled pick-up days, effective January 2011. Also, Councilmember Ann Kobayashi introduced Resolution 10-208 for a pilot project to install video surveillance night vision cameras, posted at "hot spots" where illegal dumping occurs. The rules will include an appeal process.
- Moanalua High School Homecoming Parade - The Moanalua High School Homecoming Parade is tomorrow on Friday, September 10, 2010.
- 4th Annual "A Taste of Kalihi" - It is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2010 on Colburn Street near the Dillingham Plaza from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Comments followed:

1. Clarification of Contractors for the Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project - The City is looking for qualified engineering firms.
2. Graffiti Repellent Signs - A new technology of coating makes it easier to remove graffiti and in the long run will be cost effective.
3. Enforcement of the Bulky Item Bill - It may not be enforced until next fall, as the City still has to work on the rules and appeal process.

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

- 2010 Seniors and Disabilities Workshop: Equality and Mobility Through Transit - The Seniors Workshop was held at the Neal Blaisdell Center on Tuesday, August 31, 2010

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

State Senator Norman Sakamoto - Phil McInnis distributed the newsletter and was available to hear concerns. The Board requested the percent of students/teachers in Special Education.

State Representative Lynn Finnegan - No representative or report present.

State Representative Glenn Wakai - Linda Ichiyama reported the following:

- Percent of Student Population in Special Education - It is about 12 percent of the student population is in Special Education and about 20 percent of State Department of Education.
- Crossing Salt Lake Boulevard - There was concern about people crossing Salt Lake Boulevard at Aliamanu Elementary School, across Funi's at the Salt Lake Shopping.
- Prescription Medicine Seminar - The seminar for Salt Lake/Moanalua seniors will be put on Hot Spot.

- Aloha 'Aina at Oahu Veterans Center (OVC) - The recycling fundraiser raised \$970.00. Representative Wakai worked with Councilmember Cachola's Office.

Lakeside Baseball Shed Issue - Director Les Chang from the City Department of Parks and Recreation was not present. No report.

Oahu Veterans Center - Sandy Ballard was not present. No report.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Smoke Testing and Excavation Notices - Board member Pepper saw a notice in the newspaper for smoke testing from September 13 to September 16, 2010. This was not communicated well to the Neighborhood Board by the City. Also, Pepper asked who is doing the excavation work on Salt Lake Boulevard.

Salt Lake District Master Plan - Matthew Cohen was not present. No report.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Videotaping Payment For The July 8, 2010 Meeting - Chair Yomes reported that the videotape for the July 8, 2010 regular monthly meeting was lost and not shown on 'Olelo. According to the teacher/advisor at Moanalua High School, the tape was returned to 'Olelo with the other equipment. There was a prior incident and former Chair Maurice Morita authorized payment for the missing video. **EGGE MOVED (NO SECOND REQUIRED) THAT THE ALIAMANU/SALT LAKE/FOSTER VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 18 NOT AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF \$250.00 FOR THE JULY 18, 2010 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AS THERE IS NO PRODUCT. THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 6-0-0 (AYE: Egge, Glanstein, Godfrey, Pepper, Troegner and Yomes).**

Future Videotaping/Change Of Videographer - **GLANSTEIN MOVED (NO SECOND REQUIRED) THAT THE ALIAMANU/SALT LAKE/FOSTER VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 18 HIRE MAKAKILO.COM TO VIDEOTAPE THE REST OF THE BOARD MEETINGS UNTIL THE JULY 2011 MEETING, AT A COST OF \$250.00 PER MEETING. THE MOTION WAS NOT ADOPTED, 4-2-0 (AYE: Glanstein, Godfrey, Troegner and Yomes, NO: Egge and Pepper).** Board members wanted the high school students to get "intern" experience. Other suggestions were to let other videographers bid and to get only Radford High School students to videotape. **PEPPER MOVED (NO SECOND REQUIRED) THAT THE ALIAMANU/SALT LAKE/FOSTER VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 18 AUTHORIZE CHAIR YOMES TO NEGOTIATE THE VIDEO CONTRACTS WITH THE HIGH SCHOOLS AT A REDUCED RATE OF \$200.00 PER MONTH FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2011. THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 6-0-0 (AYE: Egge, Glanstein, Godfrey, Pepper, Troegner and Yomes).**

Acting Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative - Sandra Sagisi introduced Director Debbie Kim Morikawa and reported the following:

- Graffiti - The City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) responded that there are no rules or laws currently that require a property owner to remove graffiti from their property.
- Paving of Salt Lake Streets - Sagisi assured the Board that this item was a top priority of for Acting Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Administration.
- Roundabout To Be Fixed - Public Transit Division is finalizing the arrangements with the contractor for the modification of the roundabout. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of September. The relocation of the bus stop at 3479 Ala Ilima Street is currently under consideration.
- Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project (SLBWP) - The City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) responded that the selection committee is approved and the consultant selection is in process.
- Repair Of The Showers At The Salt Lake District Park - The showers were repaired.
- Lakeside Baseball Shed Issue - The City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has been working with Mr. Hirai to resolve the issue of the storage unit that was built without authorization. Public property cannot be used for private purposes. This was explained to the organization back in 2009. The only storage units allowed are those that have been previously approved by the DPR. Those storage units would have met City standards with plans having been reviewed and approved by the Department of Design and Construction to ensure that the units are City Code-compliant. Mr. Hirai was sent a letter on July 28, 2010 requesting that he have the storage unit disassembled and removed by August 16, 2010. A subsequent request was made by Mr. Hirai to have an extension to this deadline, as an individual was interested in taking ownership of the storage unit, was extended the to August 23, 2010.

Comments followed:

1. Speed Trailers - Every weekend for the football games, there are signs out.
2. Repairs of Showers - This item will be taken off the agenda.
3. Shed Destroyed - The Board requested DPR to help build a new shed and invited DPR Director Les Chang to come to next meeting.
4. Smoke Testing - There was no prior notice or information about the September 13 to 16 smoke testing. If the Board receives prior notice, it can answer residents' questions. Also, the Board asked for follow up on the excavation on Salt Lake Boulevard.
5. Funding For Paving of Salt Lake Streets - The funding is there. **Pepper moved (no second required) that the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 authorize Chair Yomes to re-send the letter for priority funding to Acting Mayor Kirk Caldwell. The motion was ADOPTED unanimously, 6-0-0 (AYE: Egge, Glanstein, Godfrey, Pepper, Troegner and Yomes).**
6. River Street Residences - Director Debbie Kim Morikawa gave a brief summary of the project to help with the homeless problem. After a "Chinatown Summit" and learning from the experience of a mainland city, this "Housing First" project was proposed. There is some Chinatown opposition, as every community does not want the homeless people.

Honolulu Prosecutor Candidates - Darwin Ching, Keith Kaneshiro and Franklin "Don" Pacarro, Jr. gave background information and plans for the Prosecutor's Office.

State Senate District 15 Candidates - State Representative Glenn Wakai, Democrat, and Ben Pascua, Republican, gave background information and plans for the State Senate Office.

Budget Cuts Of Neighborhood Board And Restoration/Letters From Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) - For Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011) Executive Secretary Rae Gee originally allocated \$2,000 for each of the 33 Neighborhood Boards. On August 30, 2010 Gee re-instated all budgets to Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 levels.

Meeting Location Venue For January Through May 2011 - The Board used to meet from January through May at the Aliamanu Middle School and from June through December (with recesses in October and December) at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC). Due to recent budget cuts in the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO), the Board began looking for alternate meeting sites. **The Board voted to continue meeting at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC) at no charge through Thursday June 9, 2011, 5-1-0 (AYE: Egge, Glanstein, Godfrey, Troegner and Yomes; NO: Pepper).**

2010-2011 Neighborhood Board No. 18 Priorities - This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Board Committee Assignments - It was suggested that "Emphasis Leaders" be used for the October 2010 agenda. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

REPORTS:

Chairman's Report - Chair Yomes reported that the Board recessed in August 2010, but hosted a Candidates Forum instead. The Candidates Forum featured the Mayoral and State House Candidates. Chair Yomes acknowledged former Board Chair Steve Glanstein for serving as moderator.

Correspondence - No report.

Treasurer's Report - Troegner reported that the Previous Balance was \$4,059.98; \$50.31 was expended for current expenses, leaving a balance of \$4,009.67. The beginning Operating Balance was \$1,419.98. With \$50.31 in expenditures for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, the ending Operating Balance was \$1,369.67. With no expenditures for videotaping, the Publicity Balance remained at \$2,640.00. The Treasurer's report was filed.

Approval of July 8, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes - **The July 8, 2010 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as circulated by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 6-0-0 (AYE: Egge, Glanstein, Godfrey, Pepper, Troegner and Yomes).**

Committees

Environment and Emergency Preparedness - Dennis Egge submitted two reports and a resolution calling for bulky trash collection policy improvement. He wants to post reports on the NCO website, but received no response from NCO.

Transportation (Bus/Rail Transit/Kamehameha Highway Task Force), Legislative, Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO), Zoning/Planning, Parks/Recreation, Police/Fire, Education/Military, Health/Human Services, Senior Citizens - No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Beware of investments/insurance scams.
- The Kaneohe Bay Air Show is scheduled for September 25-26, 2010, featuring the Navy's Blue Angels.
- 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 monthly meeting will be on Thursday, October 14, 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 is the State Veterans Day Holiday, the Board voted to meet on Thursday, December 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.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

K. Russell Ho and Gloria Gaines
Neighborhood Assistants

Reviewed by:

Barbara Troegner
Secretary/Treasurer
and David Yomes
Chair