



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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 - Larry Baird, Lorene Godfrey, Chandra Kanemaru, Maurice Morita, Barbara Troegner and David Yomes.

Members Absent - Dennis Egge (notified), Rachel Glanstein (notified), and Lennard Pepper (notified).

VACANCIES - None.

Guests - Phil McInnis (State Senator Norman Sakamoto's Office staff), Aaron Johanson (State Representative Lynn Finnegan's Office staff), Corinne Gallardo (Councilmember Romy Cachola's Office staff), Capt. Barney Hanson (Honolulu Fire Department), Maj. William Chur and Sgt. Roger Nitta (Honolulu Police Department), Thomas J. Strout (Board of Water Supply), Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Transit Project), Jeremy Koch (AECOM Pacific, Inc.), Carl Takata, John Cortez, Sharon Lum Ho, Linda Rosehill, Sandy Ballard (Oahu Veterans Center), Rocky Rockwell, Suzette Adversalo, Hakim Nance; Del and Leila Fujinaka, Janet Gilbert, Cecily Lam, Gary Arimoto, Lina M. Salvador, Rachel Nakasaki, Tracy Miyashiro, Joy Shimizu, Glenn Nakasaki, Bill Enslow, Bud Welch, Carol Hoomanawanui, Gerri and Ted Otaguro; Eric and Kristy Lum, Jean Leung, Filomena T. Mina, Elaine Kamemoto, Gladys Conrath, Gordon Leung, John Whitson, Jessie Whitson, Joy and Calvin Chinen, Eric Yuasa, and Garner Shimizu (Supporters of Garner Shimizu); Cindy and Larry Johanson, Steve and Susan Glanstein, William Chang, Linda Ichiyama, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Capt. Barney Hanson reported the following:

- **September 2010 Statistics** - Included 6 structure, 9 brush (wildland), 10 rubbish and 8 vehicle fires; 91 medical emergencies, 6 search and rescue, and 7 miscellaneous calls. No major or unusual incidents reported.
- **Fire Safety Tip** - Plan ahead for a fire-safe Halloween. Buy only costumes, wigs, and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. If you are making your own costume, choose material that will not easily burn. Avoid using costumes with billowing or long-trailing features. Ensure the "eye" holes are large enough so child's vision is not obscured. Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry. Dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations away from open flames and/or heat-generating sources, including light bulbs and heaters. Also, use simulated candles with battery-powered lights.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD)

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

- **September 2010 Statistics** - Included 2 auto thefts, 4 burglaries, 3 criminal property damage, 13 thefts and 8 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) for a total of 358 calls for service, which were 5.45% of 6,568 calls for District 3.
- Public concerns can be filed online at HPD.org.

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

- **September 2010 Statistics** - Included 32 arguments, 3 assaults, 8 burglaries, 1 drugs/narcotics, 1 driving under the influence (DUI), 3 family offenses, 3 motor vehicle thefts, 20 motor vehicle collisions, 6 property damages, 1 robbery, 8 thefts and 3 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) for a total of 89 cases.



- Car Break-ins - Maj. William Chur was especially concerned about car break-ins at the military housing.
- Jay-walking At Aliamanu Elementary School - There were no significant violations of jay-walking across Salt Lake Boulevard.
- Likini Street Street Sweeping - This is not a tow away zone, so HPD can cite, but not tow.
- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit - This international conference is scheduled for November 2011 and there will be a lot of training and security.
- Punishment For Graffiti - The level of community service depends on the degree of damage.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY (BWS) - Thomas J. Strout e-mailed the report today and read the following:

- Safety And Security At BWS Properties And Facilities - With concerns about national security, and the increasing problem of theft and vandalism of public property, the BWS has been proactive in its efforts to protect the safety of O'ahu's water supply. While the BWS appreciates the help of the public keeping an eye on its various properties, especially the remote ones, the BWS would like to remind everyone that should one see anything that looks out of the ordinary or suspicious, call 911 (HPD) first to allow them to respond faster to the situation. Then, after contacting the police, please call the Board of Water Supply's Security Office at 748-5911. BWS does truly appreciate the public's assistance with helping to keep O'ahu's water supply and its facilities safe.
- Water Conservation Tips - Collect rainwater for outdoor irrigation. A thousand square feet of roof or sloped surface can collect 420 gallons of water from just an inch of rain. Visit www.boardofwatersupply.com for more information on rain barrel water catchment. Don't let the water run. Be mindful in turning off the shower when lathering or shutting off the faucet when shaving or brushing one's teeth. Doing this can save up to 56 gallons a week.
- Water Main Break - There was one break in Foster Village on September 28 at 4260 Halupa Street.

Comments followed: A resident reported that on Nimitz Highway under the overpass, when the City turns on the water, it is going on the road. Is this for Department of Transportation Services (DTS) or Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM)?

PRESENTATIONS:

Oahu Veterans Center (OVC) - Sandy Ballard reported the following:

- Friday Exercise Days For Seniors - Starting on Friday, October 15, 2010 through Friday, December 3, 2010 from 9:40 a.m. to 10:40 a.m., the OVC will be having exercise days (eight classes for \$20.00 total). The first one will feature Tai Chi and Qigong. Also, line dancing will be offered.
- Fourth Annual Veterans Appreciation Day BBQ Fundraiser - It is scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2010 at the OVC from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. (food until 3:00 p.m.) \$20.00 donation. Children (under 12) \$5.00 donation. Donations are for scholarships to local high schools Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and other programs. Phone - 422-4000.

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative - No representative present or report available.

Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP)/Proposed City Charter Amendment To Create A Transit Authority - Pat Lee reported the following:

- Ballot Initiative To Establish A Public Transit Authority - On November 2, 2010 voters will have the opportunity to decide on a ballot initiative that would establish a semi-autonomous public transit authority to create a more efficient and effective system for building, operating and maintaining the City's Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP). The question on the ballot is worded as follows: "Shall the revised City Charter be amended to create a semi-autonomous public transit authority responsible for the planning, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion of the City's fixed guideway mass transit system?"
- Purpose For The Amendment - The purpose for the amendment is to create a single entity which would have a singular focus: the success of the rail project. Under the current format, how it is today, the City's Department of Transportation Services oversees the rail project in addition to new and existing roadways, traffic signals, parking facilities, the bus operations and many other responsibilities. Likewise, the Mayor and the City Council deal with multiple issues. As the City Council determined, by putting the question on the ballot, a transit authority with a single purpose would be able to make decision more expeditiously, as it focuses on one area of responsibility. Virtually every municipality with a rail transit system has a

designated public transit authority. Honolulu's transit authority would include an appointed board of directors.

- Appointed Board Of Directors - The board would consist of: three appointees selected by the Mayor, three appointees selected by the Honolulu City Council; two ex-officio voting members (the State Director of Transportation and the City's Director of Transportation Services); one ex-officio non-voting member (the Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting); and a tenth member appointed by majority vote by the six appointed and two ex-officio voting members.
- In Summary - Again, voters will be asked to approve the formation of a transit authority to oversee the rail project on the General Election ballot, and H RTP urges everyone to participate in this important decision. For more information, visit the website at www.honolulutransit.org or phone 566-2399.

Comments followed:

1. Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) - The FEIS still needs to be accepted by Governor Linda Lingle. Also, the agreement for cultural resources has to be agreed to by all parties involved.
2. Staffing - The public transit authority would oversee only rail. Bus service would remain under the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS). If this amendment does not pass, the administration of the rail system would remain under Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and will not stop construction of the rail project. Some of the staff is already under the Rail Division of Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and the Board of Directors will serve as volunteers.

Baseball Shed Removal Of Illegal Structure At Salt Lake District Park - No City Department of Parks and Recreation representative or report present.

Completion Of Salt Lake District Park Master Plan - No representative present or report available.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

- Fireworks Ban - This law would go into effect on January 2, 2011. It would prohibit all consumer fireworks, but allow 5,000 firecrackers with permit.
- Changes To Program On Parking Placards For Persons With Disabilities - The State of Hawaii Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) will now process all renewal applications for parking placards for persons with disabilities. It is hoped that this statewide service to renew removable windshield placards by mail will be more convenient for people.
- Bulky Item Pick Up Law - As mentioned last month, the new law will go into effect on January 1, 2011. Two items to be added will be a pilot project for video surveillance and Resolution 242 provides for an educational program at the Neighborhood Board meetings and by mass mailings.

State Senator Norman Sakamoto - Phil McInnis distributed Senator Sakamoto's newsletter and read the following:

- Senator Sakamoto's "Mahalo" Message - "Thank you for your continued support over the years as I have done my best to represent you in the Hawaii State Legislature. As a member of the Senate for the last fourteen years, I have enjoyed the life lessons and struggles that have challenged us as legislators during every session. Working together throughout the years, I have seen many examples of selfless service that have been to shaping our Hawaii. Thank you for your commitment to making our community a better and safer place to live. My faith in our community has become stronger in seeing us rise above any challenges that come our way and being willing to work to find solutions."
- Aloha 'Aina Earth Day Recycling - At Leeward Community College on Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and at Palama Settlement on Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, call Rene at 306-1876.

State Representative Lynn Finnegan - Aaron Johanson reported the following:

- Representative Finnegan's Mahalo Message - As Representative Finnegan is running for Lt. Governor on the Republican ticket, she extended her thanks to the residents of House District 32.
- Community Concerns - Although the Office Manager is on extended medical leave, Johanson would be available to answer any community concerns.

State Representative Glenn Wakai - No representative present or report available.

PRESENTATIONS (continued):

Honouliuli Wastewater Facilities Plan - Jeremy Koch reported the following:

- One Year Ago - A presentation to the Board was made about one year ago. This study phase is estimated to take approximately two years and completed by the end of 2011. The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is scheduled to be issued by September 7, 2011 and Koch plans to report back to the Board.
- Some Historical Background - 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 Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The study includes the area from West Beach to Halawa in order to determine the improvements necessary to provide adequate conveyance and treatment systems minimizing sanitary sewer overflows, and complying with Consent Decrees between CCH and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to meet future sanitary sewer needs. The study area includes current wastewater flows to the Honouliuli WWTP as well as potential future flows up to year 2030 from areas including, but not limited to, Halawa, Aiea, Pearl City, Waipio, Waikele, Waipahu, Ewa, Kapolei, and Mililani.
- Alternatives Being Considered - AECOM plans to construct Gravity Sewer Tunnel systems, upgrade pump stations, minimize rain infiltration, manage increased flow impacts and have no above-grade disruptions.

Comments followed:

1. Details In The Environmental Assessment (EA) - This project is one of the two EPA-mandated upgrades to the City's Wastewater System. There was concern expressed about the estimated \$5 billion cost for the two upgrades. The Board requested that a representative from the City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) explain the increased fees in the payment schedule.
2. Map - The colored lines represent potential pipe alignments.

Emergency Preparedness - No representative or report present.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Videotaping Of Board Meetings - Moanalua High School is no longer participating. Radford High School plans to videotape the December 9, 2010 meeting. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

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

Approval Of The September 9, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes - **As there were no objections, the September 9, 2010 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED AS AMENDED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 6-0-0 (AYE: Baird, Godfrey, Kanemaru, Morita, Troegner and Yomes).**

- Page 2, under Representative Glenn Wakai, it should read, "Crossing Salt Lake Boulevard - There was concern about people crossing Salt Lake Boulevard at Aliamanu Elementary School, across Soon's at the Salt Lake Shopping Center."
- Page 4 at the top, it should read, "5. Funding for Paving Streets in Salt Lake, Aliamanu, and Foster Village - 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).**

REPORTS:

Committees:

Transportation (Bus/Rail Transit/Kamehameha Highway Task Force), Environment, Legislative, Emergency Preparedness, Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO), Zoning/Planning, Parks/Recreation, Police/Fire and Senior Citizens - No report.

Education/Military - Troegner reported that the Joint Base Pearl Harbor/Hickam consolidation has been completed.

Health/Human Services - Kanemaru reported:

- City Department of Community Services (DCS) Website - Information about elderly affairs and grants from the Federal government are posted on the DCS website.
- Flu Shots - A list of pharmacies where the public can get flu shots is online.

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.

Chairman's Report - No report.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: Residents offered many suggestions about bicycle/moped licensing and the non-existent "helmet law." Also, concerning the crosswalk in front of Moanalua High School, a resident suggested removing the crosswalk, so that students should walk up to the roundabout at Ala Napunani and Likini Streets.

Correspondence - No report.

Chair Yomes called for a 10-minute recess at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was re-convened at 8:10 p.m.

State House Districts No. 31 And No. 32 Candidates For The General Election On Tuesday, November 2, 2010

State Representative, District 32 (Foster Village) - Lei Sharsh (Democrat) sent her regrets that she will not be participating in tonight's discussion, as she works a 40-hour week.

Aaron Johanson (Republican) gave background information, mentioned plans for serving the district if elected and answered questions from Board members and the public.

State Representative, District 31 (Aliamanu/Salt Lake) - Linda Ichiyama (Democrat) and Garner Shimizu (Republican) gave background information, mentioned plans for serving the district if elected and answered questions from Board members, the public and each other.

Chair Yomes thanked the three candidates for their willingness to serve the area residents.

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 Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 will RECESS on Thursday, November 11, 2010. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.
- As Thursday, November 11, 2010 is the State Veterans Day Holiday, the Board voted to hold the next regular monthly meeting 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 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

K. Russell Ho and Gloria Gaines, Neighborhood Assistants

Reviewed by:

Barbara Troegner, Secretary/Treasurer
and David Yomes, Chair