



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

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chair David Yomes called the meeting to order at 7:05 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. Note - This nine-member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

Members Present - Larry Baird, Dennis Egge, Rachel Glanstein, Lorene Godfrey, Chandra Kanemaru, Len Pepper, Barbara Troegner and David Yomes.

Members Absent - Maurice Morita (notified).

Vacancies - None.

Guests - State Representative-elect Linda Ichiyama (District 31), State Representative-elect Aaron Johanson (District 32), Tofi Mika (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative, Mayor's Office of Economic Development); Corinne Gallardo (Councilmember Romy Cachola's Office staff), Justin Nii and Stuart Ujimori (City Department of Design and Construction), Capt. Matthew Zane (Honolulu Fire Department), Maj. William Chur, Capt. Gerald Kaneshiro, Lt. Robert Chinen, Sgt. Keith Kessler and Sgt. Roger Nitta (Honolulu Police Department), Tom Strout (Board of Water Supply), Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Transit Project), Mike Gangroff (MIRA IMAGE Contracting), Howard Shima, John Cortez, Abe Pacheco, P. Rocky Rockwell, Garner Shimizu; one teacher and five students (videographers, Radford High School), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Capt. Matthew Zane reported the following:

- November 2010 Statistics - Included 34 fire-related calls; 126 medical emergencies, 3 search and rescue, and 26 miscellaneous calls. No major or unusual incidents reported.
- Fire Safety Tips -
 - Dried Christmas trees, wreaths, and other natural decorations are extremely flammable. Remove them from the home as soon as possible and consider recycling the tree at a participating green waste center in the area.
 - Leave the fireworks to the pyrotechnic professionals and enjoy the fireworks displays offered by various communities on New Year's Eve. As a reminder, the law states that children under the age of 18 shall not possess or have access to fireworks, matches, and/or lighters, except under adult supervision.
 - Leftover fireworks are potential fire hazards and can be a great temptation for children to play with unsupervised. For safe disposal, call 911 and the Honolulu Police Department will dispatch a patrol officer to collect the unused fireworks.

Comments followed:

HFD Responded to a Motorcycle Accident - It was reported that on November 6, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. HFD responded to a fire call, which involved a motorcyclist, who was seen sitting on the side of the road on Salt Lake Boulevard at the narrowing of lanes at Maluna Street/Namur Road. The motorcycle was reported to be still there at 1:00 p.m. This location has been an agenda item for a few years. A Board member again requested for improved markings and right turn only into Namur Road from Salt Lake Boulevard for the Diamond Head-bound right lane.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD)

- Pearl City (District 3) - Sgt. Roger Nitta reported the following:
 - November 2010 Statistics for Beat 384 (Foster Village) - Included 2 burglaries, 4 criminal property damage, 6 thefts and 11 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (JEMV). There were 326 total calls for service, which were 5.21% of calls for District 3.



Comments followed:

Lockdown - Sgt. Nitta will follow up on the "lockdown" at Radford High School a few days ago in the afternoon.

- Kalihi (District 5) - Sgt. Keith Kessler reported the following:
 - November 2010 Statistics - Included 50 arguments, 1 assault, 5 burglaries, 3 driving under the influence (DUI), 6 family offenses, 37 motor vehicle collisions, 3 property damages, 1 robbery, 4 sex offenses, 9 thefts and 8 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) for a total of 127 cases. There were no drastic changes from October 2010.

Comments followed:

1. Blue Lights - A resident suggested that when HPD drives up Wanaka Street, patrol cars should have the blue light "on" for safety. Sgt. Kessler will take the suggestion back to the station.
2. Garbage Bins on Aliamanu Street - It was reported that the garbage bins are left on the curb 365 days a year. Department of Environmental Services (ENV) was asked to investigate and cite violators.
3. Officers in Patrol Cars at the Salt Lake Shopping Center (SLSC) - A resident thanked the HPD for increased "presence" at the SLSC, which deters crime.
4. New Crime Fighting Tool - Maj. William Chur mentioned HPD's new Criminal Mapping feature online. This tool will provide faster information to the public.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Tom Strout had e-mailed the report, distributed the BWS 2011 Water Conservation calendar and read the following:

- Water Conservation Contest and Calendar - The calendar features artwork and poetry from the winners of the water conservation contests held earlier this year. The calendar also includes coupons and helpful information from the calendar and contest sponsors. Calendars will also be available to the public at the BWS' main building at 630 South Beretania Street during normal business hours, beginning on December 13, 2010.
- Contest Sponsors - Included the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden, Alexander and Baldwin Foundation, Clear Channel Hawaii, Times Supermarket, City Mill Company, BWS Federal Credit Union, The Cookie Corner, Aloha Pacific Federal Credit Union, Chuck E. Cheese's, Whole Foods Market in Kahala, Pasha Hawaii, and Hawaii Pizza Hut.
- Entry Form - Also included in the calendar is an entry form for the 2011 Water Conservation Poster and Poetry Contest. The poster contest is open to students in Kindergarten through 6th grade and the poetry contest is open to students in grades 7-12. This year's contest theme is "Me He Ahupua'a - Mai Uka I Kai, E Malama Wai (As an Ahupua'a – from Mountain to Sea, Conserve Water)", focusing on educating island keiki about the importance of water conservation, sustainability and resourcefulness. Winning entries will win cash prizes and be featured in the 2012 Water Conservation calendar. The deadline to enter these contests is Wednesday, March 16, 2011. More information is available at www.boardofwatersupply.com or by calling 748-5041.
- Happy Holidays/Honolulu City Lights - The BWS and other City departments will participate in various Christmas activities this holiday season. Celebrate the festive holiday season at the following events and locations:
 - Decorated Christmas trees and lights will be displayed at both Honolulu and Kapolei Hale through December.
 - City Lights Christmas parades will be held downtown on December 4 and in Kapolei on December 11, 2010.
 - Visit the BWS' annual Christmas light display fronting the building on South Beretania Street.

On behalf of the BWS employees and Ohana, BWS wishes everyone a very safe and joyous holiday season.

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative - Tofi Mika reported the following:

- Paving of Streets in the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board District and Immediate Funding for Paving of Wanaka Street and Ala Lilikoi Street - The October Department of Design and Construction (DDC) response was - DDC understands the concern and is working on finding funds for the streets that were scheduled to be repaved. Ala Lilikoi from Salt Lake Boulevard to Likini Street, Ala Napunani Street from Salt Lake Boulevard past Likini Street's roundabout, and Salt Lake Boulevard from Puuloa Road to Maluna Street is funded and is scheduled for paving in the beginning of 2011. Utility clearances are being done for Wanaka Street and the rest of the Salt Lake Streets including Foster

Village streets. Funding has been reserved for this work. Schedule for paving would be about April 2011. Streets with utility work will be postponed to a later date. Completion of paving work is dependent on dry weather.

- TheBus - The Likini Street roundabout modifications were completed on September 24, 2010. The bus stop was also relocated shortly after.
- Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project Update - The December DDC response was - The Planning consultant was selected; pending approval by Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS). Upon approval by BFS, negotiations with the selected consultant will commence. DDC has put this project as one of its priority projects. The scope of service will include the environmental assessment (EA) to address Chapter 343 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and U.S. Navy environmental documents.
- Baseball Shed Removal of Illegal Structure at Salt Lake District Park - The October response was - Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) met with the league representatives, who arranged for the previously built storage unit on June 24, 2010. At this meeting the procedures were discussed on how to they could build a storage shed utilizing community volunteers and resources. Plans would have to be submitted to DPR for approval by the DCC to ensure that they are City code compliant. The Board invited a representative from DPR to come to the December meeting to report on any progress on the replacement. As the new Mayor's Administration is being organized, Mika will follow up on this item.
- Smoke Testing in Salt Lake from September 13 to September 16, 2010 - The October Department of Environmental Services (ENV) response was - The Division of Collection System Maintenance field crews performed the smoke testing. A mass mailing of notices was sent via United States Postal Service (USPS) on September 7, 2010 to the neighborhood and published in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser on September 8, 2010. Door to door notices were also distributed on September 10, 2010.

Comments followed:

1. Paving in the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 District - A resident lamented that the repaving of streets in Kalihi Valley are a higher priority than finishing the repaving project in Salt Lake, as the contractor ran out of money. The City's new Administration should over-see the contracts better and penalize bidders, who under-bid the contracts, do uneven road repair and get too many change orders. Mika will follow up.
 2. Smoke Testing - Board member Pepper asked what information was learned from the smoke testing.
- Honolulu Rail Transit Project - Pat Lee reported the following:
 - The City Charter Amendment to create a Transit Authority to plan, construct, operate, maintain and expand the City's fixed guideway mass transit system was approved by the voters of O'ahu on November 2nd by a margin of 63.6% yes and 29.1% voting no.
 - The Transit Authority is formally named the "Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation" or HART, and will be in place by July 1, 2011.
 - Support for Honolulu's rail transit project remains strong in Washington with the Obama Administration and Hawai'i's Congressional Delegation.
 - Once the Governor accepts the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) as complete and the revised Programmatic Agreement (PA) is executed, the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) would provide a Record of Decision (ROD) and construction can begin on the 20-mile rail project.

Comments followed:

- "The More You Delay, The More You Pay" - New Governor Neil Abercrombie must still sign off on the FEIS, which has been at the State Office of Environmental Quality Control since June 2010. Former Governor Linda Lingle's financial review, which was paid for with \$350,000 from the State Highways Fund, will be reviewed. The FTA must issue a ROD.
- Completion of Salt Lake District Park Master Plan - Chair Yomes gave Mayor's Representative Mika a map of the Salt Lake District Park. Two parks were proposed to be joined. This item will be on the next agenda.

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

- New City Council Members To Be Sworn-In - On Monday, January 3, 2011 the new Council members will be sworn-in.
- Fireworks Ban - It takes effect on January 2, 2011.

- Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project (SLBWP) - Collins Lam was confirmed as the Director of DDC and has weekly meetings on DDC projects.

PRESENTATIONS:

Oahu Veterans Center (OVC) - Sandy Ballard was not present, but Chair Yomes announced the following:

- Toys For Tots - The OVC is an official drop-off location for the annual Toys for Tots campaign.
- Honoring Returning Military Personnel - On Saturday, December 18, 2010 at 11:30 a.m., the OVC will be hosting a potluck to honor returnees from the Middle East.

Certificates of Recognition to the Graffiti Busters of the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 - Chair Yomes and Maj. William Chur presented Certificates of Recognition to Howard Shima, P. Rocky Rockwell and Dennis Egge. Other people who were not present but recognized were Itsumu Morikawa, Janet Takamoto, Lynda Takamoto and Roy Uehara. Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) and other utilities (the telephone company) paint out their own property.

Foster Village Sewer Rehab/Reconstruction Project - Mike Gangroff explained the project, which should take three months, weather permitting. It would involve open cuts, sewer rehabilitation, refilling of the trenches and re-paving. Smoke testing is used to detect illegal "dumping" of storm water into the sewer system. The project's contract was awarded \$695,000.

Comments followed:

City Co-ordination - The Board requested that MIRA IMAGE work closely with the City DDC and other departments to save \$70,000 of the paving money.

Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ by the Stadium Mall - No representative was present, deferred to the next meeting.

Hickam AFB-Restoration of Petroleum Oil Fuel Pipeline in Salt Lake - No representative was present, deferred to the next meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

State Senator Norman Sakamoto - No representative was present and no report was available.

State Senator-elect Glenn Wakai - No representative was present and no report was available.

State Representative-elect Linda Ichiyama - Representative-elect Ichiyama reported the following:

- Office - Representative-elect Ichiyama is in Representative Glenn Wakai's old office and gave her e-mail address.
- Opening Day of the 2011 Legislature - Representative-elect Ichiyama invited everyone to Opening Day festivities on Wednesday, January 19, 2011.

Comments followed:

1. Bill 38 - The "Leaf Blowers" bill for noise abatement was referred by the City to the State as unenforceable. Representative-elect Ichiyama will work with the City Council to establish a limit for noise pollution.
2. Introducing New Legislation - Representative-elect Ichiyama will work on the legislation for an appointed Board of Education (BOE), which the voters approved in November.
3. Another Project - Representative-elect Ichiyama will work on increasing the District Exemptions for Moanalua High School.

State Representative Lynn Finnegan - No representative was present and no report was available.

State Representative-elect Aaron Johanson - Representative-elect Johanson distributed the newsletter and reported the following:

- Office - Representative-elect Johanson is in Representative Lynn Finnegan's old office and gave his e-mail address.

- Call for Legislation - Representative-elect Johanson requested the public to submit ideas to him.
- Social Networking - The Legislature will have interactive web pages.
- Schools in the District - There are 13 schools in the Radford, Moanalua, and Aiea Complexes and Representative-elect Johanson has met with half of them on his educational listening tour. He hopes to meet with the rest of them soon.
- New Pearl Harbor Visitors Center - On the 69th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day, the new Visitors Center was dedicated. Representative-elect Johanson was invited to attend.
- On the Air - Interviews with Representative-elect Johanson can be viewed on 'Olelo Channel 54 throughout December.

Comments followed:

1. Noise Pollution Limits - Board member Egge asked Representative-elect Johanson to work on this matter.
2. Committee Assignments - As there are only 8 House Republicans (out of 51 members), Representative-elect Johanson requested the Education and Higher Education Committees and is interested in infrastructure.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Hard Times - A resident mentioned in these hard economic times the City/State should increase the penalties and fines for speeding and exercise financial restraints, but stop furloughs.

Oahu Veterans Center (OVC) - The Board had voted to meet at the OVC until June 30, 2011 and look for other locations with little or no cost.

A Class Act - Former candidate Garner Shimizu wished the newly-elected Representatives "all the best."

BOARD BUSINESS:

Videotaping of Board Meetings - Starting December 2010, Radford High School would continue videotaping every other month. Chair Yomes will try to contact the other two City-approved vendors at \$200/month for January 2011.

2010-2011 Neighborhood Board No. 18 Priorities - **As there were no objections, the 2009-2010 Neighborhood Board No. 18 Priorities were carried over to June 30, 2011.**

Removal of Crosswalk at Moanalua High School by the Fire Station - Many community and Board members participated in the discussion. It was reported that students cross in "a steady stream" and are not considerate to vehicular traffic. Before making a recommendation to the City to close the crosswalk, Board members wanted an evaluation by the City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and invited DTS and Moanalua High School Principal Galera to the next meeting for discussion.

Mopeds/Bicycles Licensing Registration/Helmet Use - Last month a resident proposed that the City increase licensing fees to \$15/year if using a helmet and \$25/year without a helmet. There would be fines for no helmet with a \$15 license. The Board passed the concern to Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative Mika.

Separation of the Office of Secretary/Treasurer - Chair Yomes mentioned that the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) notified him that there is no Secretary/Treasurer position allowed in the 2008 Neighborhood Plan (NP). There were no objections to Barbara Troegner remaining as Treasurer and Chandra Kanemaru volunteering as Secretary.

REPORTS:

Chairman's Report - Chair Yomes thanked everyone for making his first half-term a pleasure. He especially wanted to recognize fellow Board members, residents John Cortez and Tom Strout, Sandy Ballard of the Oahu Veterans Center, and Neighborhood Assistant K. Russell Ho.

Correspondence - There were none reported.

Approval of October 14, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes - As there were no objections, the October 14, 2010 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as circulated by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0 (AYE: Baird, Egge, Glanstein, Godfrey, Kanemaru, Pepper, Troegner and Yomes).

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Troegner reported that the Previous Balance was \$3,890.71; \$249.45 was expended for current expenses, leaving a balance of \$3,641.26. The beginning Operating Balance was \$1,250.71. With \$49.45 in expenditures for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, the ending Operating Balance was \$1,201.26. The beginning Publicity Balance was \$2,640.00. With \$200.00 in expenditures for videotaping, the ending Publicity Balance was \$2,440.00. The Treasurer's report was filed.

Committees -

Transportation (Bus/Rail Transit/Kamehameha Highway Task Force), Emergency Preparedness, Zoning/Planning, Parks/Recreation, Police/Fire and Education/Military - No report.

Environment - Dennis Egge reported the following:

- Odor - A company is trying to mitigate the run-off odor by the golf course and wants to form an ad hoc committee with various government officials. Egge will report more in January 2011.
- Bulky Item Pick-Up - The new law will go into effect on January 1, 2011, but administrative rules need to be discussed and approved.
- Pilot Project - Board members requested an update of the pilot project of no parking on alternate sides of Salt Lake streets for street sweeping.

Legislative - Rachel Glanstein reported the following:

- Ordinance 10-30 Bill 49 (2010), CD2, Relating to Real Property Tax Assessments - Recently in the news, some property owners were notified that their property were re-zoned from residential to commercial/industrial, but not that their taxes would be increased three or four times. The property owners, now, have the option to change back to residential.
- Ordinance 10-3 1 Bill 35 (2010), CD1, Relating to Real Property Tax Assessments - There were two homeowner's classifications and a home owner's exemption was encouraged. Non-residential homeowners would have to pay more. Changes may not affect the new assessments next June.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) - Lorene Godfrey reported the following:

- Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) - At the November meeting, there was a presentation about the rail system. Pat Lee previously covered this item.
- Safe Streets Task Force - There was a presentation about the safety of streets and they will present it again to the 2011 Legislature. Godfrey suggested area legislators follow up with the Task Force about the streets in the district.

Senior Citizens - Len Pepper proposed a future discussion or organized forum on the restructuring of the community because of the aging senior population in Hawai'i. He wanted to organize the community around seniors, for example, installing street signs with larger print size.

Health/Human Services - Chandra Kanemaru reported the following:

- CAPTEL.com - This is a new telephone service, which provides free captioning on the personal computer of telephone calls. It is connected to "land lines."
- Happy Holidays! - The Salt Lake Shopping Center (SLSC) will be having a keiki event on Saturday, December 11, 2011. Visit Honolulu Hale to see the annual Honolulu City Lights Christmas trees presented by the City & County of Honolulu employees. The Kapolei City Lights will be on Saturday, December 11, 2010.
- Have a Safe Holiday Season! - As schools will be on vacation, watch for pedestrians.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Governor Neil Abercrombie and Lt. Governor Brian Schatz were sworn-in on Monday, December 6, 2010.
- The newly-elected and returning City Council members will be sworn-in on Monday, January 3, 2011.
- The next Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC), 1298 Kukila Street, Honolulu, HI 96818, (808) 422-4000. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

- The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday will be on Monday, January 17, 2011.
- The newly-elected and returning State Senators and State Representatives will be sworn-in on the Opening Day of the Legislature, Wednesday, January 19, 2011.
- 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. As of January 1, 2011, the following new OLELO TV scheduling will be as follows: Primetime: (Channel "FOCUS 49"), Thursday 9:00 p.m. (4th week of the month). Non-primetime: (Channel "VIEWS 54"), Saturday 12:00 noon (1st and 3rd weeks of the month).

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Submitted by:
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Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Chandra Kanemaru
Secretary
and David Yomes
Chair