



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, January 12, 2012
OAHU VETERANS CENTER

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Lorene Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **A quorum was established with nine (9) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and take official board action.

Members Present: Larry Baird, Constante Domingo, Dennis Egge, Lorene Godfrey, Chandra Kanemaru, Maurice Morita (arrived at 7:03 p.m.), Lennard Pepper, Barbara Troegner, and David Yomes.

Members Absent: None.

Vacancies: None.

Guests: Carol Yanagihara, Rome Acopan, Paul Jurek, Ron Nicol, Jade Butay (Governor’s Representative), Corinne Galardo Mata (Councilmember Romy Cachola’s Office staff), Arthur Smith, Ivy Chuang (Complete Streets), Maj. Clayton Saito, Sgt. Roger Nitta and Sgt. Bryan Oato (Honolulu Police Department) Jaque Kelley Eysoke, Michelle Kinimaka, and Holly Kuehu (Hale Kipa); Thomas Strout (Board of Water Supply), Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Transit Project), Jiro Sumada (Mayor Peter Carlisle’s Representative),jade Butay (Governor’s Representative), Karen Dang (Senator Glenn Wakai’s Office staff), Representative Aaron Johansen, Representative Linda Capt. Barney Hanson (Honolulu Fire Department), Suzette Adversalo, Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) Pearl City – Sgt. R. Nitta reported the following:

- December 2011 Statistics – Included 40 arguments, 5 assaults, 3 auto theft recoveries, 5 burglaries, 6 criminal property damages, 0 drugs/narcotics, 1 family offense, 34 motor vehicle collisions, 2 motor vehicle thefts, 0 robbery, 1 sex offenses, 18 thefts, and 1 unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle (UEMV); totaling 455 calls for service.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Stolen Vehicles After Effect – A resident who experienced a vehicle stolen reported he has not received information if the vehicle was recovered. In response, vehicles are stolen daily, and island wide all points bulletins (APB) are issued and flagged by dispatchers as stolen in case the vehicle is found. Some vehicles are recovered at traffic stops.
2. Staving off Car Thefts/Mopeds – The community is encouraged to be proactive. HPD tries their best to be highly visible to the public. Car theft prevention is difficult.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) Kalihi – Sgt. Bryan Oato reported the following;

- December 2011 Statistics: Motor vehicle thefts are up 6, property damages down, robberies are up to 3, and UEMV’s increased to 2.
- Anonymous Blue Van Issue – The first incident occurred in December when an Aliamanu School principal called HPD to report a male in a blue van had exposed himself to a female student. A case was made. It was reported that the van had no tarp and was driven by a Polynesian male. A different blue van was stopped in the military housing area on Ala Ilima Street on Saturday. It was determined that no crime was committed and the driver had identification and was described as hapa/asian decent. However, the incident was documented.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:



1. Mopeds – a) Officers know the kids riding the mopeds. b) Frustration was expressed because once stopped the kids are let go and face no consequences. In answer, there are two (2) types of status offenses-regular criminal offense and juvenile offenses. Cases must be generated if juveniles are involved. State and federal law states that juveniles cannot be locked up for minor offenses.
2. HPD District Coverage – Five officers cover the areas from Hickam Air Force Base to Ala Napunani Street. Usually there are four officers assigned to that area and all calls are prioritized.
3. Strategic plans for 2012 are to target traffic and enforcement. The Crime Division Unit (CDU) will focus on property crimes.
4. Homeowner Safety Tips – Contact the Community Relations Division to request a home safety tips visit from an officer.
5. School Vacations – Follow up will be done regarding juvenile crime statistics when school is out of session.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Thomas Strout reported the following:

- Water Main Breaks: No water main breaks reported for the month of December 2011.
- New Year's Resolution to Save Water: The New Year is a time of reflection and represents an opportunity to commit to positive changes in your lifestyle. One resolution to make would be to cut down household water use by 2, 5, or even 10 percent. This can help save money while helping to conserve Oahu's precious water supply.
 - Steps to help achieve your resolution are: turning off the water when brushing teeth saves gallons of water a day; limiting shower times to less than five minutes and installing water-saving shower heads can save up to 20 gallons per shower; and fix leaks.
 - Visit www.boardofwatersupply.com for more water saving tips.

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative – Jiro Sumada reported the following:

- Salt Lake Park Master Plan – A response is still pending.
- Repair of Salt Lake Pool Heating System – Construction of the pool was completed on August 9, 2002. The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) does not have an estimated completion date at this time. The Parks facility staff and DDC are still trying to find a way to salvage the control system for the existing pool heating system in an attempt to save City resources. The repair option is clearly cheaper cost-wise rather than replacing the whole system. In addition, the repair option would also be faster to return the system to service as opposed to bidding out the purchase and installation of a whole new heating system. Options under consideration are repairing the existing system (6-10 months) or replacement of the system (2 years). A decision is anticipated later this month after the implications of both options have been fully considered. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will install new signs that will help keep people out of the unimproved areas of the park property, as well as doing periodic patrols of the area to make sure appropriate action is taken to direct any homeless people to leave the area.
- Painting Curbs Red – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will investigate and make a referral to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) to advise the homeowner to remove the paint and if not, a work order will be issued to the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) for removal.
- Radar Speed Limit Sign – A speed study will be conducted by DTS and reported to the Neighborhood Board at the March 2012 meeting.
- Ala Ilima Street Striping – An investigation will be conducted by DTS and status of the evaluation reported by the March 2012 meeting.
- Bulky Item Pick Up – Tires are not allowed to be disposed off at the landfill and at the current facility at the H-Power. The City has no disposal site for tires. Most probably when the third boiler at the H-Power is completed and the State Department of Health (DOH) allows us to burn them at the H-Power, then tires would be picked up.
- Alternative to Bill 54 – The passage of Bill 54 reflects the need to clear the sidewalks, as well as respecting the possessions of the homeless. In many cases, all that the homeless own are with them on the sidewalks. The enforcement of Bill 54 has started, and the City administration will closely monitor the effectiveness and total impact of the new law.
- Halawa Stream Bridge – Per an early inquiry about the stoppage of work being done on the Halawa Stream Bridge, this project is under State jurisdiction and a State Highways project. An email received from DOT Deputy Director Jadine Urasaki with a full explanation was circulated.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Mahalo – The Mayor was thanked for signing Bill 54.
2. HFD Reflectors – Report was that the HFD blue reflectors were not replaced after the restriping between the 1200 and 1300 block of Olino Street.
3. Halawa Stream Bridge – Regarding the letter from Urasaki, concern was raised about Wanaka and Ala Liliiko Streets. It was answered that both are City streets. Morita noted that contractors bidding for projects should know the costs and must complete the projects. The problem is that the contract goes to the lowest bidder. It was stated that it should be made sure that the bid is reasonable and all costs covered; the contractor should be held responsible for completion. In response, the scope of work is specified in the contract. In answer, the bid went out with the price of the work budgeted for resurfacing projects for the year.

Honolulu High Capacity Transit Project: Pat lee reported the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has accepted the Honolulu rail transit project into Final Design the final phase of the project's development before executing a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) with the FTA. In a letter from FTA Regional Administrator Leslie T. Rogers, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) was advised of the favorable decision in writing. The Honolulu rail transit project's entry into final design demonstrates the FTA's continued acknowledgement that the project is progressing through the various FTA requirements toward a federal contribution of \$1.55 billion. As is the case with all projects that progress through the Final Design process, FTA Regional Administrator Rogers noted that the Honolulu project's financial plan will be subject to an even more intensive review before FTA enters into an FFGA with HART. As previously announced by Senator Inouye, the Fiscal Year 2012 Transportation Appropriations measure includes a total of \$510 million for those transit New Starts projects that will enter into an FFGA in calendar year 2012. When Honolulu enters into an FFGA with the FTA, it will become eligible for a portion of these funds in the year ahead. Excise tax collections for the rail project were \$179.1 million for the past fiscal year, which was nine percent ahead of the amount the City had projected. The most recent quarterly excise tax collections basically continued that trend, coming in at \$46.4 million, or about 6 percent ahead of the City's latest projections for the quarter. The State began collecting the half-percent excise surcharge on behalf of the city in 2007, and the City expects to receive a total of \$3.532 billion from the rail surcharge during the 16 years the extra tax is in effect. The surcharge applies only on Oahu, and expires at the end of 2022. HART has also awarded a \$38.8 Million contract to AECOM Technical Services to design the airport segment of the rail transit project. This is a 5.2 mile segment between the Aloha Stadium and Middle Street transit stations. Design work is expected to be completed by early next year. Following the design, a separate contract will be put out for bid for the construction work. Rail station design and construction for this segment will also be awarded as separate contracts which will be forthcoming. The local AECOM office was formally M&E Pacific, which was founded in Honolulu in 1959. Some of the other locally based subcontractors to this design work include Wilson Okamoto, Yogi Kwong Engineers, Geolabs, Group 70 and PBR Hawaii, all long time kama'aina firms.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Rail and Bus Connection Stations – Follow up will be done.
2. Finances – Concern regarding finances was raised.
3. Completion – The current schedules notes completion would be in 2019.
4. Federal Transit Authority (FTA) – It was asked if what the FTA told the City regarding finances could be shared at the February meeting. Lee replied the financial plan is a what if scenario. By law the City is required to have options available, which is included in the financial plan.

Councilmember Romy Cachola's Office Staff – Corinne Gallardo Mata distributed the new City Council calendar and reported the following:

- Salt Lake District Park – CM Cachola continues to monitor progress on the request to repair the Salt Lake District Park swimming pool heaters. DPR informed the CM that a meeting is scheduled with DFM and DDC on January 17, 2012 to determine if the existing heaters could be economically repaired in a timely manner. If not possible, the replacement effort will be listed as a priority for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Bulk Funds use.
- District Bulk Funds – Only \$1 million has been appropriated for this year for mauka/makai Salt Lake area for specific projects.
- Noise and Air Quality – Based on a January 9, 2012 finalized report, noise and air quality studies are being conducted. Meeting with the Federal government is ongoing, and a public meeting will be held in the spring of this year.

- Special Real Property Meeting – A special real property meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2012 in the Council Committee Room.

Questions, comments and concern followed: Bulk Funds – Regarding the title of this appropriation, DPR refuses to use the funding appropriated for the swimming pool. It was requested to ask Corporation Council (COR) if the title limits the ability to use funding for which it was appropriated.

Hearing no objection, the agenda was taken out of order to City Monthly Reports II. A, and V. Board Business A Complete Streets Resolution; and 6.B Presentations. Complete Streets Coalition: Request NHB adoption of resolution for City Council ordinance.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Barney Hanson reported the following:

- December 2011 Statistics – Included 2 structure fires, 22 rubbish, 105 emergencies, and 39 miscellaneous calls.
- Fire Safety Tip – In an emergency, it is critical that the first responders quickly identify the correct location. Fire, building, and U.S. postal codes and City ordinances state that property owners shall place their house numbers so it is legible and readily visible from the street. This will assist other first responders to quickly locate your home in the event of an emergency. If the property is difficult to locate and/or access, provide 911 dispatchers with additional information to assist them in locating the property during an emergency.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Responses – Both HFD and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are dispatched to calls. No HFD station has an ambulance. Some counties work with private ambulance entities.
2. HFD Road Reflectors – It was mentioned that after resurfacing of Olina Street, the blue reflectors to indicate fire hydrants were not replaced. Hanson replied that the blue reflectors are no longer being installed. Few areas have reflectors for fire hydrants.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Complete Streets – Ivy Chung circulated a handout and reported that the Hawaii Complete Streets Coalition is requesting support for a City and County Ordinance. Complete Streets are streets that provide for safe, convenient, efficient, and accessible use by all users. Communities with complete streets policies ensure that a new and reconstructed street take the needs of all users into account and ensures they are accommodated. A sample of the resolution was included in the handout. Contact Jackie Boland, community Director for AAPR Hawaii at 545-6003 or JBoland@aarp.org.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Education/Training for Pedestrians or Bicyclists – The Hawaii Bicycling League provides training for bicyclists.
2. Organizations Involved – The Complete Streets Coalition is an alliance of many organizations, some non-profit who check that laws on the books are in place. DOT is required by Act 54 (2009) to adhere to this law and the City to adopt an ordinance or adhere as well. The need is for all four (4) City departments to have written guidance to follow. Yomes disagreed stating more money is spent when a law is on the books. Chung replied that this is not being mandated, but in the planning stage asking for consideration. Sumada noted
3. Cost – It was asked if costs to taxpayers would be added if these projects are considered.

Morita moved and Egge seconded in support of Complete Streets. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0 (Aye: Baird, Domingo, Egge, Godfrey, Kanemaru, Morita, Pepper, Troegner, and Yomes).

PRESENTATIONS:

Oahu Veterans Center – No report.

Hale Kipa, Inc. at 1322 Haloa Drive, Foster Village Renewal of Lease with City and County of Honolulu – Michelle Kinimaka reported Hale Kipa provides services for youth and families. The facility is seeking to renew their lease

with the City. This facility specializes in special needs women ages 18 – 21 transitioning out of foster care. A staff manager and case manager reside on site. About 50% of those transitioned either have no family or friends to live with end up homeless. Four girls share one (1) house at a time. Education is provided in skill building, community resources, and home and money management. Some of the women attend school, work or both. House rules and a 10:00 p.m. curfew must be followed.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Maximum Stay – Maximum stay is six (6) to nine (9) months and up to a year. An extreme exception is two (2) years.
2. Resolution 11304, Relating to the Lease – Morita noted that the City Council wants the fair market lease. In answer, currently the lease fee is \$500 per month and Hale Kipa has requested less. Per CM Cachola there needs to be more consistency from the City.
3. Notification – It was asked if surrounding neighbors have been notified. In response, there is a friendly relationship with neighbors on both sides. The property and house is City owned.

The agenda order resumed.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Senator Glenn Wakai – Karen Dang circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Moanalua High School Performing Arts Center – A groundbreaking ceremony took place on December 2, 2011 for Phase One of the Performing Arts Center. It includes a practice room for musicians, instrument storage, and restrooms at a cost of \$4.7 million. Construction will start the summer of 2012 and take approximately two years to complete.
- Aloha Stadium – The State leases the land to business owners with the cost used for infrastructure.
- 2012 Legislative Session – Opening day will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Aloha Stadium – Pepper raised concerns that there are too many people involved. The City will have the TOD project at the Stadium. Parking – It was asked and clarified that part of the parking lot would be under federal jurisdiction. The Senator recommended developing a low parking lot not under restrictions.
2. TOD – Pepper suggested Senator Wakai and residents attend TOD meetings as they are scheduled.

Representative Linda Ichiyama – Representative Linda Ichiyama circulated her report and noted:

- Senior Series – Sessions are held every Tuesday in January at 12:00 p.m. at the Salt Lake/Moanalua Public Library's Magazine Room. The Tuesday, January 17, 2012 session will focus on four (4) legal tools to protect you from elder abuse, long-term care expenses, & taxes.
- Adult Community School – The Adult Community School superintendent is requesting \$2.5 million supplemental budget. Staff has been cut and it is important that the sites remain open.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Aloha `Aina Earth Day – The Representative was complimented for scheduling the Aloha `Aina Earth Day event for March 24, 2012.

Representative Aaron Johanson – Representative Aaron Johanson circulated his written report and highlighted the following:

- Briefings – Informational briefing held prior to the opening of the 2012 Legislative Session focuses on education hearing and creating special funds for schools.
- Halawa Stream Bridge – The community was thanked for their patience while work was being done on the bridge.
- Bougainville Drive Repairs – Today, work was completed by DOT on the problematic dip on this drive located near Navy Hale Keiki School.
- Office – Rep. Johanson's office is in room 328 at the State Capitol.

Questions, comments and concern followed: Bougainville Drive – The representative was thanked for assisting in having the dip repaired. It was mentioned that according to DOT this particular area is an old military dump site.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

- City and County Department of Human Services “Be a Jerk” about Underage Drinking – Deferred.

REPORTS:

Chairman’s Report – None.

Correspondence – A Safe Routes to School event will be held on Friday, January 20, 2012.

Approval of the November 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes – **The November 10, 2011 regular meeting minutes were ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (Aye: Baird, Domingo, Egge, Godfrey, Kanemaru, Morita, Pepper, Troegner, Yomes).**

Governor’s Representative – Jade Butay reported the following:

- Economy – The State has turned its finances around and entered the New Year with a strong foundation for a sustainable economy. The Administration is looking forward to working with the Legislature as the session begins next week.
- Education – The State remains committed to education. Both the State of Hawaii and Hawaii State Teachers Association reached an “agreement in principle” last week, which allows the state to move forward on a variety of education issues.
- Kupuna – They are working with the federal, county and community partners to establish the Aging and Disabilities Resource Centers, which will serve as a single point of entry for all long-term care support and services in the State.
- Funding – More than \$63.7 million was expedited by the governor last week for various Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) that will further stimulate the economy, create jobs and invest in the people of Hawaii. An additional \$14.2 million was released this month for schools and library projects, including Aliamanu Middle School.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Road Issue – An inquiry was made if there are plans to resurface the road between the Aloha Stadium and Pearl Ridge Shopping Center.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Kanemaru reported November 2011 expenditure was \$73.30, leaving a balance of \$2,857.96. The report was filed.

Emphasis Leaders:

Transportation – No report.

Environment – Egge reported the following:

- Dog Park – Egge supports a dog park and noted there is a mini park on Likini Street because other parks are too far apart.
- Speeding Buses – Bus Route 3 extension is traveling too fast at the Likini Street roundabout. It was suggested that the bus comply with the 25 mph speed limit.

Legislative – Maurice Morita reported the following;

- Bill 54, Relating to Sidewalks – The bill was passed by City Council and was signed into law by Mayor Carlisle.
- Resolution 11-353 – This resolution proposed by CM Cachola passed out of committee.
- Bill 56, Relating to State Fire Codes – Concern was raised because according to HFD newly built homes are required to have a fire sprinkler system. An amendment would make the bill non-mandatory. Per the BWS homeowners would have to install their own pipes. The bill would be introduced to the county, but cannot be mandated.

Emergency Preparedness – Egge reminded all to keep their pantries stocked with bottled water and non-perishable foods.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) – Constante Domingo reported OMPO officer elections are scheduled for January 18, 2012.

There were no other reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next Meeting – The next Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board regular meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 9, 2012**, at 7:00 p.m., at the Oahu Veterans Center, 1298 Kukila Street.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Lorene Godfrey, Chair