



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012  
OAHU VETERANS CENTER  
1298 KUKILA STREET

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Lorene Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with six (6) members present.** Note: This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

**Members Present:** Dennis Egge, Lorene Godfrey, Chandra Kanemaru, Maurice Morita, Lennard Pepper and Barbara Troegner (departed at 8:00 p.m.).

**Members Absent:** Larry Baird, Constante Domingo, and David Yomes.

**Vacancies:** None.

**Guests:** Sergeant Paul Lucas and Major William Chur (Honolulu Police Department, District 5-Kalihi), David Rosenbrock and Victoria Marks (Hawaii Reapportionment Commission), Arthur H. Smith, Erin Kealoha Fale (Office of Representative Aaron Johanson), Captain Jay Rush (Honolulu Fire Department-Mokulele Station), Curi Lee (Office of Representative Linda Ichiyama), Sergeant Roger Nitta (Honolulu Police Department-District 3, Jade Butay (Office of the Governor/Deputy Director State Department of Transportation), Howard Shima, Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Project), Senator Glenn Wakai, Dennis Galolo (Office of Councilmember Romy Cachola), Councilmember Romy Cachola, Representative Romy Cachola, Suzette Adversalo, Radford High School Videographers, Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

### CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** Captain Jay Rush reported the following:

- 2 January 2012 Statistics – Included 6 structures, 1 wildland, and 10 rubbish fires; 138 medical and 30 miscellaneous calls.
- Fire Safety Tip – Smoke alarms save lives and are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Since the late 1970's, properly installed and maintained smoke alarms have contributed to a 50% decrease in fire deaths. According to the National Fire Protection Association, 65% of home fire deaths reported between 2000 and 2004 resulted from homes that had no operable or no smoke alarms. An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if every home contained working smoke alarms.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: HFD Blue Reflectors – It was noted that the blue reflectors identifying fire hydrants removed during road resurfacing on Olino Street have been replaced.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD):**

**District 3, Pearl City** – Sergeant Roger Nitta reported the following:

- January 2012 Statistics – Included 27 arguments, 1 assault, 5 auto theft recoveries, 6 burglaries, 6 criminal property damages, 2 driving under influence, 27 accidents, 3 motor vehicle thefts, 2 robberies, 9 thefts, and 8 unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle (UEMV); totaling 437 area calls out of 6,700.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: UEMV Prevention – To discourage car thieves it was advised to get a good car alarm system or other device, and do not leave valuables in the vehicle.

**District 5, Kalihi** – Sergeant Paul Lucas reported the following:

- January 2012 Statistics – Included 47 arguments, 6 assaults, 1 burglary, 2 drugs/narcotics, 3 driving under the influence, 4 family offenses, 4 motor vehicle thefts, 34 motor vehicle collisions, 4 property



damages, 3 robberies, 1 sex offense, 11 thefts, and 4 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles; totaling 124 area calls.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Increase in Auto Collisions – Slight damages to vehicles in an accident is statistically listed on the report under motor vehicle collisions.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): No representative present; report not available.

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

- Salt Lake Park Master Plan – Examples of projects that may fall into the following categories included required – “roofing projects” to protect Parks’ facilities and assets; essential – “outdoor courts”: and “rockfall mitigation” projects to provide safe surfaces for open and permitted recreational use; and mandated – projects required to meet Federal laws such as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program under the Clean Water Act, and access projects required to bring City facilities into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Repair of Salt Lake Pool Heating System – The City Departments of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and Design and Construction (DDC) met with engineers who inspected the damages. At this point the decision from DDC is to have DFM electricians look at what it would take to re-wire and repair the damage, and to figure out the costs. It is not possible to accurately estimate the length of time it will take to do the work at this time.
- Painting Curbs Red – No update at this time.
- Radar Speed Limit Sign – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will report back at the March 2012 meeting.
- Tow Away Sign at Bus Stop on Ala Ilima Street – DTS is reviewing the suggested striping plan and will advise the Neighborhood Board at a future meeting.
- Removal of Stored Property Bill 54 – The Mayor appreciates Board Member Yomes thanks for the cooperative efforts of the City team, namely the departments of Facility Maintenance and Parks and Recreation, and the Office of Housing, as well as other non-City agencies and individuals in the effects of enforcing the Stored Property Ordinance. All members of the public have an equal right to traverse City sidewalks that are obstruction free. Please take note that active public participation is the key in that the City’s enforcement efforts are “complaint driven.” If you see an area that you believe is in violation, please call 768-4381 or email [complaints@honolulu.gov](mailto:complaints@honolulu.gov).
- Blue Raised Pavement markers on Olino Street – DDC staff thanked the Neighborhood Board for reporting the matter. New blue Fire Hydrant Pavement Markers on Olino Street were installed by the contractor on February 8, 2012. Today, the DDC Manager personally inspected the installation to confirm the installation.
- Better Oversight of City Construction and Services Contracts – Contracted landscape maintenance of City road medians and other city property have been consolidated under a new contract developed by the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services. The new contract is intended to provide better oversight of City contractors.
- Holding Contractors Accountable for Their Bid – The City is aware that bids for contracts come in high and low cycles depending on various factors such as the economy, labor and material availability, shipping costs, etc. When bids vary greatly from an estimate prepared independently for comparison purposes, the bid is returned to the bidder to confirm their price. After award the Contractor is held to fulfilling their contract at the bid price agreed upon. Contractors are paid extra when outside of the original scope of the project are requested of them, and the extra amount is negotiated to a price considered fair and reasonable by both the City and a representative of the Contractor. Contractors are also requested to credit the City when work is removed from the original scope of the project, again, negotiated to a rebate considered fair and reasonable.
- Merger of EMS with the Fire Department – The Mayor continues to carefully evaluate the consultant’s report regarding a potential merger of the Honolulu Fire and Emergency Services departments. Note that the report was not comprehensive and as further evaluation and examination is conducted, gaps in information and data need to be addressed through further research. Because of the magnitude of the effects of this potential merger, there is no time frame for making a decision.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Kahikolo Street and Salt Lake Boulevard – Regarding parked cars blocking residents, DTS will be installing “Do Not Park Here” signs.
2. Responses – Board member Pepper pointed out that he does not like responses from departments noting that the matter is being looked into; he asked that specific times and results be provided.
3. Bill 54, Storage Property Ordinance – Chair Godfrey commended the city for enforcement the ordinance at Thomas Square.

Honolulu Rail Project (HRP): Pat Lee reported the following

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, HART received permission to start “heavy construction” by way of a letter of no prejudice (LONP) from the federal transit administration (FTA). U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye announced that the FTA’s letter allows the city to begin up to \$184.7 million in heavy construction with intent of federal reimbursement.

The LONP allows limited construction activities, including foundations and columns for the rail guideway on the first half of the alignment from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium as well as construction on the train maintenance and storage facility in Waipahu.

Rail will provide thousands of jobs in the construction industry, and the multiplier effect will create additional non-construction jobs and boost Hawaii’s economy. Rail will infuse our economy with billions of dollars in the next decade and be Hawaii’s single-largest job creator.

The city can expect to obtain a final commitment of federal funding (called a Full Funding Grant Agreement or FFGA) by October for the \$1.55 billion federal share of the project.

The local share comes from a half-percent excise tax surcharge on Oahu which has been in effect since January 2007 and runs till December 2022. The project has received a total of \$810.4 million in GET surcharge revenue so far. The GET revenues have been higher than expected because of stronger visitor arrivals. Visitors pay about 30% of the GET.

In response to your questions last month on the financial plan, capital expenditures are balanced by the GET surcharge, Federal funds and bonds which are paid back by the transit fund. The project cost is estimated at \$5.17 billion, of which capital costs are \$4.879 billion or 94%, and finance charges for the bonds are \$295 million (6%). On the revenue side, the GET surcharge would yield \$3.452 Billion or 66%, the FTA New Starts Grant is \$1.55 billion, FTA Sec. 5307 funds are \$284 million, or 5%, and interest income is \$7 million for a total of \$5.25 Billion in revenue.

The O&M is paid similar to the bus, where 30% comes from fare box, about 10% from federal subsidies and the balance from general fund revenues, mainly property taxes. The council sets the bus fares and HART plans to follow the fares same as the bus.

The financial plan is available on the website. You can visit [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org) for more information, or call our hotline at 566-2299.

Councilmember (CM) Romy Cachola: Dennis Galolo introduced Councilmember Romy Cachola, and reported the following

- Contact information – Useful contact information regarding how to report on abandoned vehicles, file a complaint, sidewalk cracks, park maintenance, refuse collection, motor vehicles registration, bus and handivan operations, barking dogs and public trees was included in the written report.
- Full City Council Meeting – The next full City Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at Kapolei Hale.

CM Romy Cachola: CM Cachola highlighted his perspective regarding the rail: The CM supports rail, but looks at what is more affordable to save taxpayers money. Available funding is not enough to fund the rail. Initially the route A 16-year history of the connection for rail was shared. Voters in 2008 thought that the route would go through Salt Lake Boulevard and was supportive. At this point in time change is supported and there are lots of ways to save money.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Comment- Pepper commented that the community went out on the limb for the Salt Lake route and asked the CM Cachola if he wanted the community to do it again; noting what is realistic? In answer, the alignment is a politically realistic change and if made at this time could result in financial savings. It was also asked if the Councilmember could provide feedback to the community if the rail route is changed back to Salt Lake.

2. Bill 55, Relating to Noise – Egge noted that the City Council has received two noise and pollution bills for the past two years. It was pointed out that State law provides all guidance the City needs regarding this issue. Follow up will be done.
3. Concerns – CM Cachola asked that requests or concerns be emailed to his office.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: Jade Butay reported the following:

- State of the State Address – The Governor delivered his second State of the State address on January 23, 2012.
- Proposed Initiatives – 1) Include emergency appropriations for a \$1.8 million grant to support the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, in light of the two Hawaii Medical Center hospitals closures. 2) Investing \$1.4 million to establish Aging and Disabilities Resource Centers to assist kupuna who face the challenges of aging and restricted mobility. 3) Investing \$1 million toward early childhood education and health initiatives. 4) Making the TV and Film Tax Credit permanent. 5) Investing \$5 million toward the preservation and protection of the state's watersheds. 6) Support for an undersea cable to connect our island grids for stable, reliable electricity between islands. 7) Improvements to the criminal justice system, as proposed by the Justice Reinvestment Initiative. (8) Continuing to work with the Legislature to identify and approve Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), which will result in construction jobs and address critical infrastructure needs.
- Internet Speed Test – A new website launched by the state will allow Hawaii's internet users to determine their computer or electronic devices internet speed. Collected data will assist the state in identifying and closing gaps in service throughout the Islands. Visit [hawaiispeedtest.net](http://hawaiispeedtest.net) to take the test.
- Boards and Commissions – The Governor announced that applications are being accepted for service on numerous boards and commissions. To apply or read the Governor's State of the State address visit [www.hawaii.gov/gov](http://www.hawaii.gov/gov).

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Request – A Board member asked if a report regarding repairs and safety issues could be provided at next month's meeting.
2. Road Resurfacing Between Aloha Stadium and Pearl Ridge Shopping Center – There are no current plans to resurface this area. The City has started the utility relocation work and other preparation work. Concrete column construction will start shortly thereafter. The DOT does not think it is wise to resurface this highway section and have the work compromised by the rail construction.
3. Moanalua Road and Aloha Stadium to Red Hill Resurfacing – Plans are to resurface this area under DOT's resurfacing project scheduled to begin construction next month.
4. Street Lights Out on Bougainville Drive – Not all of Bougainville Drive is under the State DOT jurisdiction. Basically, the problem is vandalism and theft. DOT installs the copper wire, but in a few weeks or so they are stolen. Highways maintenance crew noted that in addition to replacement the wires there are 2 or three light fixtures where anchor bolts on the foundation or base are damaged. DOT has looked into installing cameras, sensor systems, marking, or hiring security, but these solutions are costly. If the community wants, the wires could be run overhead instead of underground to make it harder to steal. It is not going to be aesthetically pleasing, but at least there will be lights.

**Hearing no objection, the agenda was taken out of order to agenda item VI. Presentations- B. 2011 Reapportionment Project.**

#### PRESENTATIONS:

2011 Reapportionment Project: Chair Godfrey introduced Judge Victoria S. Marks (Ret.), Commission Chair and David J. Rosenbrock, Project Manager. Victoria S. Marks reported the following:

- Background – The U.S. Constitution requires a national census every 10 years, in years ending in "0." The Census Bureau reports population counts for every state the following year. By law, each state has its own system to divide the state into legislative districts of relatively equal size. Hawaii's constitution calls for a nine-member Commission to decide on district boundaries for legislative seats, based on the population of permanent residents. The Hawaii Reapportionment Commission adopted plans for

congressional and legislative districts on September 26, 2011, but was sued by parties from the Big Island. On January 2012, the Hawaii Supreme Court invalidated the reapportionment plan for state legislative districts because the plan did not extract (subtract numbers of) all non-permanent residents from the State's census population.

- Testimony – Public testimony is welcome at all public meetings and hearings. Two Commission meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2012m 2:00 p.m. at the State Capitol, Room 329; and on Thursday, February 23, 2012, at the State Capitol, Room 329 to discuss the approval of the new state legislative plan.
- Maps – The new House and Senate boundary maps will be completed the end of this month.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Problem – It was asked if there is a bill to assure the problem that occurred 10-years ago will not be repeated. In response, the City has no ordinance provision on the matter. The Supreme Court opined that nothing was done 10-years ago and recommended that it is the choice of military personal to register to vote in Hawaii or not. However, a bill is pending relating to the definition of a permanent resident. It is not a voting issue.
2. Law Suit – One Senate seat will move from Oahu to the Big Island.
3. Consequences from Candidates for this Election – The Commission is awaiting data from the federal government. Thus far, there is no definition of a permanent resident and no federal opinion.

The agenda resumed order.

State Senator Glenn Wakai: Senator Glenn Wakai circulated a report and highlighted the following:

- Stadium Area Redevelopment – Senate Bill 2918 was introduced develops 104 acres of land situated near by the Aloha Stadium and establishes the area as the Halawa community development district. The development will include a mixture of residential, commercial and other uses. The Bill will be heard by the Senate committees on Water, Land, and Housing and Economic Development and Technology on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in conference room 225. Visit [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov) for more information on this bill.
- Smoking Bill – Moanalua High School students have initiated a bill regarding students smoking, which would allow HPD to confiscate cigarettes from minors.
- School Visit – Representatives Wakai and Johanson will visit Makalapa Elementary School. Used old school items will be sent to the Marshall Islands for better education.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Senate Bill 2918 Relating to the Stadium Area Redevelopment – Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) is not the master planner.
2. Reminder – The Senator was reminded there is a master development planned for the former Kam Drive In site.

State Representative Linda Ichiyama: Curi Lee distributed a report and highlighted:

- Tax Help – Appointments for tax assistance service to low-to-moderate income workers can be made by calling Alu Like, Inc. at 548-1925, Honolulu Community Action Program at 521-4531, or Hawaii Schools Federal Credit Union at 791-6224.
- Current Legislation – House Bill 2194 relating to long-term care for our kupuna population; House Bill 2250, relating to economic recovery; and House Bill 2729 allocates \$3,500,000 from the General Fund toward adult education to continue the community school programs and help put people back to work.

State Representative Aaron Johanson: Representative Aaron Johanson reported the following:

- New Session – The session is in full wing with January 25, 2012 being the last day for new bills to be submitted. The majority of his time is spent in committee hearings, analyzing and debating this year's proposed legislation. A primary goal is to keep constituents updated on key bills moving through the Capitol. Visit [www.RepJohanson@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:www.RepJohanson@capitol.hawaii.gov) or contact the office at 586-9470 with any questions or concerns about current legislation or other community issues.

- Aiea/Pearl City Community Town Meeting – An Aiea/Pearl City Community Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2012, Pearl Ridge Elementary School from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., to discuss traffic and transportation issues. Sponsored by Senators Ige, Mercado Kim, Johanson; Representatives Takai, Takumi; and Councilmember Harimoto.

Questions, comments and concerns: Price Tagging a Bill – It was asked and clarified that scoring a bill is sometimes factored in, but rarely done in Hawaii, but estimates currently exist.

#### RESIDENTS' /COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Fort Shafter – Captain Liana Mayo reported Jump for Heart will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at Fern Elementary School followed by an event at Gus Webling Elementary School; soldiers will be assisting. A recent strategic community meeting was held. Contact [liana.mayo@us.army.gov](mailto:liana.mayo@us.army.gov) for more information.

BOARD BUSINESS: None.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

Oahu Veterans Center (OVC): Chair Godfrey reported photovoltaic panel systems were recently installed.

2012 Reapportionment Project – Reported earlier in the meeting.

#### REPORTS:

Chairman's Report: Correspondence: Chair Godfrey reported correspondence was received from the Hawaii Authority on Rapid Transit (HART) and Kiewit Construction.

Approval of January 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes: **The January 12, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 6-0-0 with the following correction:**

- Page 4, HFD reflectors should read, "...**Olino Street**..."

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kanemaru reported January 2012 balance was \$2,815.73; expenditures were \$40.99, leaving a balance of \$2,774.74. The report was filed.

#### Emphasis Leaders:

Environment: Board member Egge reported the following: 1) The City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is successfully controlling the weeds and mowing the lawns at Salt Lake District Park, Hoa Aloha Neighborhood Park and Likini Street mini-park. However, a hole in the south-east corner of the district park's chain-link fence provides a stealth access to the lake and adjoining private properties and the tagart gallery is still in existence at Hoa Aloha Park. The dry brush poking through the chain-link fence is an eye sore and fire hazard and should be removed. 2) Excessive brush and weeds in the north-west corner of Likini Street mini-park. 3) 4) Sunset Lakeview AOA Preschool was cautioned by the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) about displaying their advertising banner in public domain without a permit; the sign is currently down. 5) The City Council has retreated from noise pollution abatement legislative proposals, twice in the past two years; the necessary guidance and direction is in the provided State Law.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Unimproved Area – Overgrown grass/weeds reported at the Salt Lake Boulevard right-of-way unimproved area.
2. Illegal Parking – Reported was illegal parking on Radford Drive and Namur Street.

Legislative: Board member Morita reported there are several bills proposed relating to the Office of Information Practices (OIP).

Emergency Preparedness: Board member Egge reported a main concern is earthquakes of which there are no warning signs. Everyone was reminded to stock up on non-perishable foods and water.

Senior Citizens: Board member Pepper reported the Long-Term Care Commission appointed by the Legislature issued a report in 2012.

No Reports – Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO), Zoning/Planning, Parks/Recreation, Police/Fire, Education/Military, Health/Human Services.

. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting – The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 8, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC), 1298 Kukila Street, Honolulu, HI (808) 422-4000.
- Broadcasts – As of January 1, 2012, the new OLELO TV scheduling will be as follows: Non-primetime: (Channel “VIEWS 54”), Saturday 12:00 noon (1st and 3rd weeks of the month). Primetime: (Channel “FOCUS 49”), Thursday 9:00 p.m. (4th week of the month).

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: Lorene Godfrey, Chair