



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

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012 OAHU VETERANS CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Board member Maurice Morita call the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., **with quorum of seven (7) members present.** Note: This nine-member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action. Morita announced that Chair Lorene Godfrey was off island and Vice Chair Barbara Troegner was not feeling well this evening and asked him to conduct the meeting.

**Members Present:** Larry Baird, Constante Domingo, Dennis Egge, Chandra Kanemaru (Arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Maurice Morita, Lennard Pepper, Barbara Troegner, and David Yomes.

**Members Absent:** Lorene Godfrey.

**Vacancies:** None.

**Guests:** Sharleen Oshiro (Councilmember Romy Cachola's Office staff), Jim Brierly, Heather Shields (307th GSB), Sergeant Kenneth Miyazaki (Honolulu Police Department-District 1), Major William Chur and Sergeant Paul C. Lucas (Honolulu Police Department-District 5), Tom Strout (Board of Water Supply), Captain Jason Samala (Honolulu Fire Department), Jade Butay (Governor's Representative/Deputy Director, Department of Transportation Services), Roger Yang, Bob Kiltthau (Oahu Veterans Center), Lillian Hong, Curi Lee (Representative Linda Ichiyama's Office staff), Ingrid Kiltthau (FUNSW), Arthur H. Smith, Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Project), Representative Aaron Johanson, Senator Glenn Wakai, Jiro Sumada (Mayor's Representative/Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Permitting), Liana Mayo (Army Public Affairs Officer, 311th Signal Command), and Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

### **CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** Captain Jason Samala of the Mokulele Fire Station reported the following:

- **Moanalua/Mokulele April 2012 Statistics** – Included 1 structure, 2 vehicle fires, 96 medical and 19 miscellaneous calls.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** (1) In 2012, there were 1,331,500 fires reported in the U.S. These fires caused 3,120 civilian deaths, 17,720 civilian injuries, and \$11.6 billion in property damage. (2) Fire hydrants are the main source of water supply for fire apparatuses responding to fires. The public is reminded that in accordance with the Fire Code of the City and County of Honolulu, obstructions shall not be placed or kept near fire hydrants in a manner that would prevent the fire hydrants from being immediately visible and accessible. A minimum three-foot clearance shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants. Additionally, the Traffic Code of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu states that stopping, standing, or parking is prohibited within ten feet of a fire hydrant.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD):**

**Pearl City, District 3:** Sergeant Kenneth Miyazaki reported the following: were 387 calls for service (6.08%) out of 6.038 district calls.

Questions, comments, and concerns: **Overtured Vehicle** – It was asked and clarified that the overturned vehicle near the Aloha Stadium this evening was a one car accident with the occupants going to a hospital; no serious injuries.

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

- **April 2012 Statistics** – Included 37 arguments, 6 assaults, 10 burglaries, 3 drug/narcotics, 4 driving under the influence (DUI), 1 family offense, 3 motor vehicle thefts, 35 motor vehicle collisions), 3 property



damages, 2 sex offenses, 13 thefts, and 4 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles (UEMV); totaling 127 calls for service.

Board member Chandra Kanemaru arrived at 7:10 p.m.; **8 members present.**

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

- Water Main Breaks – No water main breaks reported in the month of April 2012.
- Impersonation of Board of Water Supply Employees –BWS would like to alert the public about reports of individuals claiming to be BWS employees in order to gain access to private property. The individuals are reportedly wearing green t-shirts that resemble BWS employee attire and have been asking residents to allow them in their homes. BWS would like to inform the public that all personnel involved in official BWS activities will be properly credentialed, wearing official BWS attire with the BWS logo, driving BWS labeled vehicles, and carrying an official City and County badge with the agency identified as the BWS. Residents are encouraged to call 911 if they observe any suspicious activity. The community may also call the BWS Communications Office at 748-4051 to file an additional report.
- Summer Water Conservation – The hot summer months are right around the corner. Home water consumption typically rises during the summer, BWS would like to remind all residents to be vigilant and avoid wasting water. There are a few simple things you can do to save water: (1) check for property leaks; (2) avoid watering lawns between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and (3) Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving. Conserving water now allows us to save for future generations. For more tips on how to conserve water visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

Questions, comments, and concerns: Potable Water for Golf Courses – It was asked and noted that no response has been received; follow up will continue. Stout added that any new construction must be first cleared by the State Water Commission.

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

- Follow-up Reports – The following issues will be addressed at the July Board meeting: radar speed limit signs on Salt Lake Boulevard, restriping of Ala Ilima Street for narrow lanes, various “no parking anytime” and “tow away” signs on Ala Ilima Street, and excess “no parking here to corner” signs near high-rises.
- Alternative Striping at Salt Lake Boulevard/Namur Intersection – The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) has no projected date on the completion of the widening project The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) regrets that the Board is not satisfied with the previous evaluations of the intersection. DTS conducted several evaluations of the intersection, which included a review of the traffic accident history and site observations on different occasions and at different times of day. Based on these evaluations and observations, DTS has worked to address the Board's concerns. DTS has implemented traffic improvements, which included additional signage and delineators. They believe these improvements address the issues expressed by the Board, and other improvements suggested may have detrimental effects at the intersection. DTS will, however, continue to monitor the intersection for any change in conditions.
- Lack of Accessible Bus Route to Kaiser Hospital – Service is available now by taking bus Route 32 to the Kalihi Transit Center and transfer to Route 43. Call 848-5555 or go to [www.thebus.org](http://www.thebus.org) for more information.
- Wainaka and Pua Maka Drive Faded Red Curbing – DTS will conduct an investigation, which may require research, site and field assessments, traffic and data analysis. The board will be informed of their findings at the July 2012 Board meeting.
- Street Sweeping Program – The street sweeping program has not changed. Division of Road Maintenance sweeper operator makes every effort to sweep the curb on the day the parking is restricted. If he has time on the same day, he will make a pass in the opposite direction especially if he notices debris or glass on the road. They make every effort to keep the road clean and safe in the City and County of Honolulu.
- Use of 89-Day Contract Hires and Better Training Program for City Employees – Response from the Department of Human Resources (DHR) is that retirees who return to work on 89-day contracts represent a miniscule part of the City's workforce, and not all City departments hire retirees to perform needed, ongoing services via 89-day contracts. The requestor's general concern has been noted and shared with DHR and the requestor's department, BWS. Relative to the BWS, they currently have one contract employee who is a retiree. The employee was recently hired to provide clerical assistance while the BWS civil service position is under recruitment.

- Merger of Emergency Management Services with Fire Department – Mayor Peter Carlisle appreciated the HFD-EMS merger report by the consultant and announced that he and the City Council are coming up with nominations for a stakeholders group to discuss issues raised in the report and make sure a merger is both supported and successful. A first priority will be to pursue more obvious tasks such as merging HFD and EMS communications, and to develop a timetable for merging the two departments, depending on the stakeholder's recommendations. The stakeholder's group should be formed and should be meeting during this year. Public comment is welcome. Director of Emergency Services Dr. Ireland's response from a news article was circulated.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Appreciation – Pepper expressed appreciation to Sumada for reporting information asked back to the Board. However, he was disappointed about the timeline for some responses to concerns being deferred several months.
2. Street Sweeping – Pepper was pleased with the results of the street sweeping, which started as a pilot program. However, the tow away signs have been removed and no citations have been issued to vehicles parked in the restricted areas on street sweeping days. It was asked that the tow away signs be reinstalled. Egge added that he submitted address to where the tow away signs were via the internet to the Department of Customer Services and shared his recommendations with Sumada.
3. Wastewater Overflow – No complaints have been received since October 2011.
4. Unimproved Right-of-Way on Salt Lake Boulevard – Yomes reported no maintenance to this area for at least three months. The trees are over six-feet tall and grass and weeds are growing onto the walking path.
5. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)/HFD Responders – Egge wanted to know why the HFD ladder trucks respond to emergency calls being that they are larger and cost more to maintain. It was suggested that more EMS vehicles be purchased. He also asked if there is any organized labor component in the problem.
6. Arizona Road Weeds – Yomes reported overgrown weeds on Arizona Road near the Salt lake Library on the Salt Lake Elementary School side.

Honolulu Rail Project – Pat Lee reported the following:

- Work on the rail project has started in East Kapolei near Farrington Highway in the first section of the 20-mile route. The work includes foundations and columns for the rail guideway. When construction is in full swing, during each year of construction rail is anticipated to create about 4,000 construction related jobs and another 6,000 indirect and induced jobs that will benefit our economy. The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) wants to inform drivers that work continues throughout the 20-mile rail alignment. In this area, crews continue work along Kamehameha Highway between Pearl City and Aloha Stadium, conducting pre-engineering activities for the second section of the Honolulu rail transit project route. Work will consist of potholing to locate utilities, soil sampling and pothole restoration. Motorists are advised there will be lane closures and detours during non-peak traffic hours, including possible night work in approved areas. For the safety of both the work crews and motorists, the public is advised to proceed with caution through these areas. Drivers should anticipate possible traffic delays or use alternate routes during work hours. Motorists are advised to provide a safe distance between themselves and the construction workers and vehicles. HART will receive \$48.25 million in General Excise and Use Tax (GET) revenue for the first quarter of 2012 for rail construction. This brings total GET revenue received to date for the rail project to \$858.73 million, about \$8 million more than projected. The \$48.25 million in current quarterly revenue is slightly less than the \$49.02 million in GET revenue received in the previous quarter, but overall revenue remains strong. With 25 percent of total projected GET revenues collected, the project remains on budget. The total for four quarters was \$193.4 million, compared to \$165.9 million for the prior four quarters, a 16.5 percent increase largely due to a continued recovery in the visitor industry. Visitors pay about 30% of the GET on Oahu. The state began collecting the half-percent GET dedicated to the Honolulu rail system in January 2007. The GET for rail is set to expire at the end of 2022, and construction is scheduled to be completed by 2019.
- For more information, please visit the project website at [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org), or call the project hotline at 566-2299. Maps of the rail route were circulated.

Questions, comments, and concerns: Comment – Egge relayed a disagreement with City Council Budget Chair Kobayashi and HART took place at the Budget Committee meeting noting only 60 percent of the rail cost is being disclosed. Lee gave a brief history related to rail noting choices from 2006. He added that the general excise tax should generate \$30 billion plus \$900 million from the federal government.

Councilmember Romy Cachola: Sharleen Oshiro circulated a report and noted that a list of upcoming Council Committee and Council meeting is included in the report.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Ala Puumalu Community Park – Egge reported no hours of operations posted; there is an employee there from time to time. No one answers the phone and residents must wait for a callback. He questioned if this park is open to the public.
2. Salt Lake District Park – Egge reported two large holes in the fence at the end of the parking lot. He noted this is a safety issue for residents nearby (allowing access to people's backyards).

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

- Emergency Proclamation – At the request of Governor Abercrombie, President Obama last month issued a Hawaii Disaster Declaration that allows for federal funding to be available for emergency work and repair or replacement of public facilities damaged in March by heavy rain, high winds and flooding. The Governor has earlier signed a State Disaster Emergency Proclamation and two Supplemental Disaster Proclamations allowing state crews to move quickly to repair and reopen damaged roadways and provide for activation of civil defense and other emergency functions to ensure public health and safety.
- 2012 Legislative Session – The Governor has begun carefully reviewing bills that have made it through the 2012 Legislative Session. He has until early July to sign bills passed by the Legislature.
- Hawaii Broadband Initiative – From the results collected thus far from the Hawaii Broadband Initiative's Internet Speed Test, communities have been identified where results have been relatively low. For your community to have an active involvement in the test, kindly visit [hawaiispeedtest.net](http://hawaiispeedtest.net) to take the test. The data collected from this test will assist the state in identifying and closing gaps in internet service throughout the islands.
- Race to the Top Status – The U.S. Department of Education has informed the governor that Hawaii has met the Scope of Work and budget conditions and will therefore remove Hawaii from the cost reimbursement status. The governor has stated that he will remain in close contact with Education Secretary Arne Duncan to keep him personally informed of the state's commitment and continued progress, which includes the recent action by the Hawaii Board of Education (BOE) to finalize statewide educational policies establishing the framework for performance management of principals and teacher evaluations.
- Bougainville Avenue Streetlights – It was reported that the streetlights [between Lawehana Street at the end of our section of Bougainville near Hale Keiki School are working. The lights starting from the T-intersection \(where Lawehana intersects Bougainville\) to Radford Drive are still not working. DOT is having problems with the light pole foundations. The anchor bolts are cut or bent out of shape. There are two poles missing where they need to reinstall the foundation by the T-intersection. The existing foundation \(22 inches diameter and 6-7 feet deep\) will need to be removed. DOT does not have a machine or equipment to do that type of work in-house. Consequently, a contract must be put out for the repairs. A timetable is not available at this time. The lights are wired like a daisy chain causing the lack of power.](#)

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Bougainville Street Lights – Pepper inquired as to the timeframe for streetlight repairs on Bougainville Street is on the priority list, but not at the top. It was noted that the Board was originally told that overhead wiring was alright for the area, but now that would be too close to the high wires. At the next Board meeting it was reported no problems with the underground wiring, and no timeframe for repairs reported tonight. Pepper stated the concern for the streetlights is for the safety of the area residents. Pepper asked that a solution be found because it is an ongoing problem with copper being stolen causing the outage of streetlights, the lights repaired, and vandalized again. Baird noted that he has personally witnessed three major accidents at the Bougainville Avenue intersection; and stated don't wait for a fatality to happen then repair the streetlights.
2. Dillingham Boulevard/Middle Street Streetlights – Follow up will be done regarding streetlights out in this area for a long time.
3. Arizona Road – Yomes reported overgrown brush on the Ewa side of the Salt Lake Library next to Aliamanu Elementary School. The area is a fire hazard for children. It is also allows strangers to enter the

back of the school campus without being noticed. It was asked if a prison crew could clean the area on the state side and noted the area has not been cleaned in five months; follow-up will be done.

4. Salt Lake District Park – With all the campaign signs in the area, Baird suggest to have a political group do a clean-up at this park.
5. Kahuapaani Street/Freeway – Baird reported three to four streetlights out.

Representative Linda Ichiyama: Curi Lee reported the following:

- Leadership Academy – The representative is attending the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Leadership Academy.
- Funds Released for Salt Lake Elementary School – More that \$34.2 million has been released for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). Of the funds \$365,000 was released for the construction of a new portable classroom for Salt Lake Elementary School.
- Food Bank – Approximately \$47, 300 has been raised.

Representative Aaron Johanson: Representative Aaron Johanson reported there was not a lot of tax increases during this legislative session. The major focus for the House was economic development that would impact the district, infrastructure bills relating to exemptions, of which most did not pass. Now that the session has concluded, bills were sent to the governor for a signature or veto.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: Permanent Absentee Applications – A constituent announced that permanent absentee applications were available at the sign-in table.

#### BOARD BUSINESS:

Discussion to Support Re-route of Rail to Salt Lake Boulevard: Deferred until the next meeting. Egge noted that he represented himself at the City Council meeting yesterday and the issue of re-routing the rail to Salt Lake Boulevard must be resolved. There are residents who work but are isolated from the airport. Pat Lee was asked to report on the rail route next month. Lee distributed a map containing the rail routes with access to the airport.

Propose Gift to Oahu Veterans Center \$250.00: Deferred until the next meeting. Pepper suggested removing this item from the agenda noting that Board funds cannot be used for donations.

PRESENTATIONS: Oahu Veterans Center (OVC): No report.

#### REPORTS:

Chairman's Report: Deferred until the next meeting.

Correspondence: Correspondence was shared with Board members.

Approval of the April 12, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes: **Without objection, the April 12, 2012 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY as circulated, 8-0-0 (Aye:** Baird, Domingo, Egge, Kanemaru, Morita, Pepper, Troegner, Yomes).

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kanemaru reported the previous balance was \$1,934.89; expenditures were \$46.10, leaving a balance of \$1,888.79; the report was filed.

#### Emphasis Leaders:

- Transportation: Larry Bair reported that the Board would like request from DTS a copy of their evaluations and written observations that they use to come to any conclusions about this intersection. Also in writing what if anything is in the works to help make the intersection safer. A DTS representative was requested to attend the June meeting to discuss the issue.
- Environment: Dennis Egge reported: (1) No serious ground keeping issues at the Salt Lake District Park playing field; holes in the fence not repaired.(2) The Salt Lake District Park offices are mostly unattended. Graffiti and tag-artists have been writing unintelligible messages along Salt Lake Boulevard. (3) The Hoa Aloha Neighborhood Park looks like a graffiti tag-artist gallery. Howard Shima wants thanked for voluntarily removing the graffiti. It was requested to have the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) remove

the graffiti. (4) The City is considering a bark-park at Hoa Aloha Neighborhood Park. (5) The City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) recently ordered a neighbor to remove the electric garden he has been nurturing, in the unpaved area between the curb and sidewalk fronting his residence (for the last 40 years) due to a violation of the four-inch height limit. State law defines excessive noise pollution that affects resident quality of life in this high-rise neighborhood. (6) The City Council dismissed Bill 55 with little discussion again this year.

- Legislative: Maurice Morita reported a bill regarding infrastructure for an undersea cable (the Big Island, Maui and Oahu) to connect the power supplies was sent to the governor. Rail is currently a hot topic. According to Reverend Bob Nakata, a decision was made 30 years ago to develop the west side as the second city and to keep the windward communities country. Rail will help the Ewa Plains with transportation to town.

**Without objection, the agenda was taken out of order to item III. Elected Officials 3.B Senator Glenn Wakai; and 6.B Presentations, Military Appreciation Month.**

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Senator Glenn Wakai: Senator Glenn Wakai reported the following:

- Vision Screening – The first graders at Makalapa Elementary School were screened by the Senator and Dr. Alan Serikawa this morning. Other schools included Moanalua Elementary and Salt Lake Elementary.
- Graffiti Removal – Removed from Aliamanu Park walls.
- Budget Bill – The budget bill was passed.
- Aloha Stadium Re-Development – After review, revisions, and reconsideration, it was decided by the Senate and House committees that this project be left to the next legislative session. House Bill 2398, related to the Stadium Facilities Special Fund, will be administered by the stadium authority and all moneys will be used exclusively for stadium purposes. The measure allows the Public Land Development Corporations to contract with state and county agencies for lease management services.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Stadium Transit Station – It was noted that Transit Oriented Development is not yet scheduled for the Stadium Transit Station and may incorporate a housing area in the master plans.
2. Care Home Operators Liability Insurance – It was asked and clarified that the bill requiring care home operators to have liability insurance passed and was forwarded to the governor.
3. Salt Lake Library – Comment was although this library is not underused, due to a labor component, cannot stay open after 7:00 p.m. at night. However, a human resources department resides in the upstairs offices.
4. Park and Ride – Regarding the Stadium Bill, plans were to have a park-and-ride at the stadium parking lot. Wakai noted for rail to succeed we must plan correctly.
5. Longevity of the Aloha Stadium – \$160 million has been allocated for renovations that should last 20 years.

Military Appreciation Month: Liana Mayo, Army Public Affairs Officer reported the following:

- History – A brief history of how the military has been a longstanding part of Hawaii's history, dating back 50 years before Hawai'i became a state. Following World War II, Oahu became a major base of operations especially for the Navy, due to its location in the Pacific. The military has six major combatant commands, each of which is responsible for protection and oversight of a portion of the globe. Pacific Command, or PACOM, headquartered at Camp Smith is responsible for carrying out the military's mission in the Pacific region. As part of PACOM Theater Security Operation Plan, each branch of the military has major commands that carry out the missions related to protecting the many nations of the Pacific with which the US has agreements. An annual readiness exercises takes place almost every month in one of these countries, to ensure both the host nation, and all neighboring nations involved, will be as prepared as possible in the event a conflict or natural disaster were to take place in their borders.
- Military Population in Hawaii – An estimate from the US Census Bureau suggests that the population of Hawaii in 2012 is likely to be around 1.39 million, and is likely to pass 1.4 million in 2013. This is a de facto population, meaning it is referring only to permanent residents, not including visitors and military personnel. In 2009, there were 41,000 Active Duty US military personnel and 18,000 Civilian personnel working on military bases in the islands. This includes all branches (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard) and all other components (Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard). Many part-time

uniformed members, such as herself, are employed by the US Government as Civilian employees, called Department of Defense personnel.

- Introduction – PC Shawn Shields and his wife Heather were presented lei and recognized for their outstanding service during the 307th ITSB's deployment.
- Updates – No decal is required to enter Army Bases. Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 19, 2012 at Ft. DeRussy; Memorial Day Event, Sunday, May 28, 2012 at Punchbowl of the Pacific and Schofield Barracks; the Army's 237th Birthday, June 16, 2012 with a polo match at Mokuleia Polo Field at 11:00 a.m. (cost \$8.00 per person).

### **The agenda order resumed.**

Emergency Preparedness: Dennis Egge reported a briefing last month by the Department of Emergency Management, it was relayed what to expect if residents are required to evacuate to a shelter. It is recommended to have a well stocked pantry with non-perishable staple food items and bottled water. During this pre hurricane season which starts in June through November a week's supply of food and water for you family should be accumulated. Stash a two-day supply of emergency food, water, and medication in your vehicle or at work. State Civil Defense, County Emergency Management and Honolulu Police Department pamphlets list recommended emergency supplies. County emergency radio communications networks are classified as primary, secondary and tertiary networks; tertiary meaning the primary and secondary communications have failed. The Oahu Veterans Center provides these pamphlets on their literature rack.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO): No report.

Zoning/Planning: No report.

Parks/Recreation: No report.

Police/Fire: No report.

Education/Military: No report.

Health/Human Services: Chandra Kanemaru reported the community recycle bin program ends on June 30, 2012. Visit <http://can-do.honolulu.gov/apps> to find the transparency website, smart phone apps, camping permit applications.

Senior Citizens: Len Pepper attended the Transit meeting at Radford High School and said it was yet the best organized. Discussion included concerns of how to meet the senior needs with the transit system. It was noted that every effort would be made to improve senior services, quality of life and accessibility.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Next Meeting: The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Oahu Veterans Center (1298 Kukila Street, Honolulu HAWAII 96818; (808) 422-4000).
- Broadcast: Primetime Channel Focus 49 1st Monday at 9:00 PM; Non-primetime Channel, Views 54, 2nd and 4th Friday at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: Board member Maurice Morita