



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

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### **DRAFT- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012** **OAHU VETERANS CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Lorene Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. **A quorum was established with eight (8) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

**Members Present:** Larry Baird, Constante Domingo, Lorene Godfrey, Chandra Kanemaru, Maurice Morita, Lennard Pepper, Barbara Troegner, and David Yomes.

**Members Absent:** Dennis Egge.

**Vacancies:** None.

**Guests:** Dennis Drake and Stephen Ibarashi (U.S. Army Garrison), Liana Mayo (Army Public Affairs Officer, 311th Signal Command), Sergeant Ken Miyazaki (Honolulu Police Department, District 3-Pearl City), Representative Aaron Johanson, Sergeant Harry Burt, Captain Criz Caraang and Major William Chur (Honolulu Police Department, District 5-Kalihi), Astrid Brown, Thomas Strout (Board of Water Supply), Firefighter 1 Jordan Santos (Honolulu Fire Department), Garner Shimizu (MVCA), Representative Linda Ichiyama, Senator Glenn Wakai, Jade Butay (Office of the Governor/Deputy Director Department of Transportation), Suzette Adversalo, Jiro Sumada (Office of the Mayor/Deputy Director Department of Planning and Permitting), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

### **REGULAR CITY REPORTS:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** Firefighter Jordan Santos reported the following:

- **July/August 2012 Statistics for Moanalua and Mokulele Fire Stations** – Included 2 structures, 1 wildland, 11 rubbish and 1 vehicle fires; 230 medical, 4 search/rescue, and 2 miscellaneous response calls.
- **July 2012 Fire Safety Tip** – The risk of wildland fires increases as the summer heat continues. Make a 30-foot wide fire break by clearing vegetation and clutter around all structures. If the property borders an area where a wildland fire could occur, consider the need for fire department access in case the fire approaches the home. Have an emergency preparedness plan available. Consider the route you would take and other preparations in case you need to evacuate.
- **August 2012 Fire Safety Tip** – The National Fire Protection Association selected “have 2 Ways Out!” as the theme for Fire Prevention Week (FPW) on October 7 – 13, 2012. In October, children attending elementary schools statewide will receive a Fire Fighter’s Safety Guide (FFSG) from their teachers. HFD encourages parents to review the FFSG with their child, create or revisit and practice the fire escape plan, test the smoke alarms, and consider the other safety tips in the guide.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD):**

**Pearl City, District 3:** Sergeant Ken Miyazaki there was a total of 369 calls for service out of 6,663 calls for service; 5.54 percent of total calls in the month of August 2012.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: **Area Activity** – It was asked and clarified that there has been no notable area activity since school started.

**Kalihi, District 5:** Sergeant Harry Burt reported July 2012 statistics Included 1 burglary, 3 DUI (driving while under the influence), and 5 motor vehicle thefts.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: **Incident** – A male exposed himself to a Moanalua High School girl on her way to school. Patrols have stepped up in the area.



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

- Various "No parking Anytime " and "Tow Away" Signs on Ala Ilima Street and Excess "No Parking Here to Corner" Signs Near High Rises – Issues will be clarified with the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and responses reported to the Board.
- Chevrons Signs to Improve Safety at Salt Lake Boulevard and Namur/Maluna Intersection: DTS reported at the April 10, 2012 meeting that they have addressed various requests, conducted a number of field observations, and installed a number of roadway improvements. The most recent roadway improvements were the installation of delineators in December 2011 to enhance the visibility of the merged portion of the roadway. The DTS also reviewed an updated traffic collision history within the last two (2) years, which indicated that additional traffic control measures are not needed at this time.
- The Need for Tow-Away Zone Signs with the Salt Lake Street Sweeping Operation – DTS conferred with the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) and inquired if there was a need to include a tow-away zone restriction with the current street sweeping signage. DFM has determined that installing a tow-away zone restriction is not necessary at this time.
- Using Trash Bins to Reserve Parking on Wanaka Street – Refuse carts should not be placed on the road. A supervisor will inform the residents of Wanaka Street to place the carts at curbside.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Maluna and Namur Roads – A Board member noted that three (3) months ago the Board requested a representative from the DTS attend a Board meeting regarding the Maluna and Nemur Roads. Follow-up will be done and the request submitted to DTS.
2. Yellow Reflector Signs on Salt Lake Boulevard – A Board member asked why are there three (3) yellow reflectors signs on Salt Lake Boulevard and not on Namur Road. One (1) sign needs replacing and another was hit down by a car.
3. Responses – A Board member mentioned that he was not satisfied with the responses to concerns from last month's meeting.

Honolulu Rail Transit Project – Pat Lee was unable to attend tonight's meeting but provided the Board the report, which was highlighted by Board member Baird:

On August 24th, in the case of Kaleikini versus the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii, the State Supreme Court ruled in part that the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) did not follow their own administrative rules in allowing the rail project to proceed without a completed archeological inventory survey (AIS). The State and the City followed the State Historic Preservation Division's longstanding interpretation of its rules to allow the subsurface AIS work to proceed by sections. The lower court agreed with that interpretation. The Supreme Court disagreed with this interpretation and past practice. They ruled that Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) should complete the AIS work for all four (4) sections of the project.

HART is committed to fully comply with the Supreme Court ruling as it stands. The AIS work has already been completed in construction sections 1 and 2 and the AIS work in sections 3 and 4 will continue. The Supreme Court ruled that the City and State gave full consideration to cultural and historic values and that the court upheld the rail project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under State law. The HART board has directed the HART to fully comply with the Supreme Court ruling and take the necessary steps to complete the AIS, including design and engineering.

The temporary delay in construction will add more cost, however the project has contingency funds to cover these costs. Unfortunately, the work stoppage will cause layoffs and reduction in staff for many of the craftsmen who are currently working on the Honolulu rail project. HART remains fully committed to completing the project as defined in the City Charter. When completed, rail will be 20 miles long, with 21 stops, using one (1) fare for both bus and rail with parking lots at various locations and bus connections to the rail stations. One train is equivalent to about six (6) buses, or 300 cars and can carry 8,000 passengers an hour in each direction.

An integrated bus/rail system would offer improved public transit service, with a single fare same as bus so you can buy a bus ticket and transfer free on to rail and then back on the bus. The bus and rail transit integrated system which is proposed would offer better service to public transit riders than an all bus system alone. There will also be an increase in the number of seats to 800 more seats in the fleet, or about a hundred seats per train. Fare gates are also planned for the stations. Regarding comparisons to bus, it is not "buses versus rail".

You need both for an integrated mass transit system to serve the public better. While the city has an award winning system, buses are less efficient because it operates in general traffic will all other vehicles, each bus carries less passengers, and costs more to operate than trains. Labor costs make up about 70% of bus operating and maintenance costs, mainly due to drivers. Elevated rail would be fully automated. Rail costs 43 cents per passenger mile (PPM), while bus costs 80 cents per passenger mile to operate. Rail would have trains every 3 minutes during peak and 6 to 10 minutes during non-peak hours.

For more information, please visit the project website at [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org), call the project hotline at 566-2299, or email at [info@honolulutransit.org](mailto:info@honolulutransit.org).

Councilmember Romy Cachola: The report was provided. Chair Godfrey read the special events listed in the written report – Moanalua High School Homecoming Parade, Friday, September 14, 2012, from 3:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.; Aloha Festivals Waikiki Ho`olaulea/Street Festival, Saturday, September 15, 2012, from 5:30 – 11:00 p.m.; Aloha Festivals Floral Parade, Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Honolulu Century Bike Ride, Sunday, September 30, 2012 from 6:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Oktoberfest Street Festival, Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 4:00 – 11:00 p.m.; and Children and Youth Day, Sunday, October 7, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### BOARD BUSINESS:

**December Recess – Without objection, December recess was added to the agenda, 8-0-0 (Aye: Baird, Domingo, Godfrey, Kanemaru, Morita, Pepper, Troegner, and Yomes). By UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board voted to RECESS DECEMBER 2012, 8-0-0 (Aye: Baird, Domingo, Godfrey, Kanemaru, Morita, Pepper, Troegner, and Yomes).**

#### REGULAR STATE REPORTS:

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: No present at this time.

Senator Glenn Wakai: Senator Glenn Wakai distributed his written report and highlighted the following:

- Dash to Pick-Up Trash – On August 25, 2012, Senator Wakai's Action Team, Island Family Christian Church members, and community volunteers pitched in to beautify the area on both sides of Salt Lake Boulevard between Ala Liliko'i and Maluna Street.
- Clean-Up Day at Oahu Veterans Center – The Senator, The Lions Club, and Radford High School football players helped to clean-up the Aliamanu, Salt Lake and Foster Village areas.
- Recognizing Radford Rams – The Skills USA Championship is a national level competition for public high school and college/post secondary technical students enrolled in career and technical education programs. Radford High School received a Certificate of Merit from Premiere Print Awards Competition for Tyler's 13th Annual James Alegre Invitation Basketball Tournament poster.
- Hawaii State Legislature Website – On August 8, 2012 the website earned the Online Democracy Award from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL).

Representative Linda Ichiyama: Representative Linda Ichiyama distributed her written report and highlighted the following:

- Children and Youth Day – Sunday, October 7, 2012 at the State Capitol.
- School Bus Service – The DOE was able to find a solution and continue to provide bus service to the Tripler, Moanalua Garden, and Moanalua Valley areas for Moanalua High and Middle School students.
- Anniversary – The Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library celebrated its 20th anniversary.
- Hurricane Preparedness – Important information was included in the written report.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Early Voting/Walk-In Absentee Voting – Chair Godfrey noted from Rep. Ichiyama's report that early voting is October 23 – November 3, 2012. Area polling places are Moanalua High School, Moanalua Middle School and Salt Lake Elementary School.
2. Mahalo – Pepper thanked the representative for the emergency shelter list in the written report. It was asked if District 31 residents could be informed of the shelters. The shelter locations are: Aliamanu

Elementary, Aliamanu Middle, Moanalua Elementary, Moanalua Middle, Moanalua High and Salt Lake Elementary.

Representative Aaron Johanson: Representative Aaron Johanson distributed his written report and highlighted the following:

- Radford High School Track – With an additional \$600,000 from the Governor, the track is moving towards completion.
- Mahalo – The military was thanked for attending Board meetings.
- 2010-2012 Tax Review Commission of Hawaii – Held a public comment hearing yesterday at the Capitol Conference room 309. Members discussed the possibility of raising the State's current General Excise tax (GET) .5 percent, taxing pension income and various other "sin tax:" increases was recommended by a report given by the PRF Group.
- Early Education – The Aiea/Pearl City Community Town Meeting on Early Education is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2012, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Pearlridge Elementary School.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Comment – Pepper noted that he is grateful for the track and new gym floor. However, the second floor railing still does not meet standards.

#### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Military, Security Fencing Replacement Project – Liana Mayo introduced Dennis Drake of U.S. Army Garrison (Schofield) and Hendrick Kaio, who reported the following: The Army is replacing existing perimeter (5,000 feet) fencing/vegetation clearing at Aliamanu Reservation, starting September 17, 2012 to meet current Army security requirements and the installation project is expected to last three (3) months. HK Fence LLC contractor will begin clearing vegetation within one foot from the fence line. The one-foot clearance provides space for the contractor to work, prevents vegetation from overtaking the fence and deters trespassing. Time estimate is one day per residence. Fence replacement will take place approximately one (1) to two (2) weeks after the vegetation is cleared. The contractor will return to each residence for a day to install the new chain link fencing. Some noise is expected when new fence posts are drilled. Residents are asked to remove all personal property from the fence line. Due to new security requirements, a single barbed wire will be installed at the top of the fence. For more information call Hendrick Kaio at (808) 453-3623.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Thomas Strout reported that Natural disasters, power outages, or other unexpected events can disrupt BWS's ability to provide water service to the community. September marks the observance of National Preparedness Month and serves as an important reminder to have an emergency preparedness kit available for your household. One (1) crucial component is having a safe drinking water supply. Residents should store at least one (1) gallon of water per person per day for at least five (5) to seven (7) days. In the event of an emergency, it is very important to stay tuned to media reports to receive water information bulletins and take any appropriate actions announced by BWS or other emergency response agencies. Visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) for more details.

Children Safety Concern – A parent raised concern that the crossing guard was removed from the intersection of Arizona and Catlin Roads making it a hazardous for children crossing the street to Aliamanu Elementary School. It was noted that temporary crossing guards were provided by the military.

Discussion followed:

1. Issues – Yomes recommended addressing the military with the concerns. In response, a discussion at a town hall meeting noted that the military would only provide volunteers. It was added that the road is military funded and contracted to the City five (5) years ago. Pepper noted the City operates the road by a federal agreement.
2. Comment – it was asked why Forest City (management for the military housing) is not taking care of the problems, it is a public/private partnership.
3. Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 5 – Major William Chur, District 5 Commander responded that he is familiar with the situation and noted that Forrest City has stopped providing crossing guards this year due to budget cuts. It was suggested asking the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or the community for volunteers. HPD officers were sent to the intersection at the start of school year, and are now sent to the area if personnel is available.

4. Volunteer Training – Yomes asked and it was noted that the military may provide some volunteer training.
5. October Agenda Request – Yomes requested to placing Forrest City on the October agenda.
6. Comment – Military liaison Mayo will follow up with Garrison for a possible solution to the matter.

**Without objection, the agenda was taken out of order to Item 4.A Governor's representative.**

Governor Neil Abercrombie – Jade Butay reported the following:

- Hawaii's Teachers – On August 20, 2012 the Hawaii State Teachers Association agreed to pursue federal mediation in its collective bargaining negotiations with the state, as proposed by Governor Abercrombie to reengage discussions.
- Strategic Partnerships – The Abercrombie Administration is building strategic partnerships in the Asia Pacific region to deliver on New Day goals for energy, a sustainable economy and stewardship of the environment (China, Japan, Pacific-American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, and Guam).
- Rash of Copper Thefts – Recently there was an outage on a one mile stretch of lights going both directions on the Moanalua Freeway from the Puuloa Intersection to the Halawa Interchange. DOT crews were notified and repaired the lights.
- H-2 Lights – Work is currently underway on the H-2 to fix lights that went dark several years ago when copper was stolen in the areas from Waiawa to the Leilehua Interchanges. The 8.3 mile, \$2.4 million project is about one-third completed at this time. If work continues at the current pace, it is expected to finish sometime in November, weather permitting.
- H-1 Freeway Lights – The lights between Kunia and Makakilo (about 3.3 miles long) \$776,700 project is almost complete and the lights are back on.
- Kahuapaani Street – The electrical crew checked the streetlights and all are on. However, lights are out on the ramp leading to H-1, November is the target to repair the lights in this area. Currently, the electrical crew is fixing streetlights on the H-3 and other locations.
- Patch of Weeds – The Department of Education (DOE) has promised to cut the small patch of weeds on Arizona Road by Aliamanu Elementary School in August. Calls to the DOE have not been returned.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Mahalo – The state was thanked for clearing 85% of brush near Aliamanu Elementary School. It was added that a small patch of brush is growing onto the sidewalk and is an eyesore and needs to be removed.
2. Request – Chair Godfrey requested and Butay agreed to send a copy of the monthly report to the neighborhood assistant to forward to the Board members.

**The agenda order resumed.**

PRESENTATIONS: None.

BOARD REPORTS:

Chairman's Report: Chair Godfrey reported that the coqui frogs – “Go Out and Listen Night” for coqui frogs, was held last night.

Approval of July 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes: **Without objection, the July 2012 regular meeting minutes were ADOPTED as circulated, 8-0-0 (Aye: Baird, Domingo, Godfrey, Kanemaru, Morita, Pepper, Troegner and Yomes.** The Board recessed in August 2012.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kanemaru reported August expenditures were \$17.65 for printing and postage, leaving a balance of \$938.60; September 2012 expenditures were \$17.36, leaving a balance of \$921.21. The report was filed.

Emphasis Leaders:

Transportation: No report.

Environment: Board member Baird read the following report submitted by Board member Egge – (1) Visit [http://www4.honolulu.gov/cityhallonline/DIT0200/DIT0200\\_frmProblemReportFormInitiate.asp](http://www4.honolulu.gov/cityhallonline/DIT0200/DIT0200_frmProblemReportFormInitiate.asp) for the online problem report service provided by the City Department of Customer Service. (2) The City addressed the Hoa Aloha Neighborhood Park graffiti issue this month. (3) The new “get tough” bulky trash abatement regulations will be enforced by the City soon. Traditional public hearings will be conducted before that happens. (4) The new “Complete Streets” policy was signed into law by the Mayor in August. (5) The community is grateful for city’s enforcement street sweeping operations. (6) Bill 55, relating to noise was dismissed by the City Council.

Legislative: Maurice Morita reported the City Council Budget Committee passed a resolution that would allow seniors 65 and older a free bus pass starting in January 2013.

Emergency Preparedness: Baird read the following report submitted by Board member Egge – Hurricane season is here at least till Thanksgiving. Follow HPD’s emergency provisions recommendations and be ready. Handy advisory pamphlets can be found in the literature rack at the Oahu Veterans Center. In case of an unexpected occurrence and you are not near your emergency provisions, consider stashing a one (1) or two (2) day supply of emergency food, water, and medication in your vehicle or job site. The county emergency radio communications networks are classified “primary, Secondary, and tertiary”: “Tertiary” means the primary and secondary networks have failed. Local Licensed Emergency Amateur Radio Club operators deploy their radio HF and UHF equipments, and are ready, willing, and able to test the county’s tertiary voice/digital emergency radio communications network plan. The Department of emergency Management can deploy these volunteers to the disabled and pet friendly evacuation shelters.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO): Constante Domingo reported the final bike plan was presented by Chris Sayers for Date Street and Kalakaua Avenue. Input regarding the Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) will be accepted at the October 17, 2012 meeting. The chair was asked to forward any OMPO concerns to Domingo.

Zoning/Planning: No report.

Parks/Recreation: No report.

Police/Fire: No report.

Education/Military: Barbara Troegner reported that 54 Medal of Honor recipients will be in Hawaii from October 3 – 6, 2012.

Health/Human Services: Chandra Kanemaru announced the following: (1) Children & Youth Day, Sunday, October 7, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the State capitol and Surrounding Capitol District. (2) National Take Back Initiative (NTBI), Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at various locations (listed in the handout). Visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) or call 541-1930 for a list of where to drop-off the unused medication.

Senior Citizens: Len Pepper commented on how things could be changed for older people.

Chair – Chair Godfrey announced that the City will be offering \$300M in wastewater revenue bonds. Anyone interested in purchasing Wastewater Bonds should contact their broker at Merrill Lynch, Piper Jaffray & Co., or any member of the selling group.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting: The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC), 1298 Kukila Street, Honolulu, HI 96818; (808) 422-4000.
- Broadcast: `Olelo Primetime, 1st Monday, FOCUS 49 at 9:00 p.m.; `Olelo Non-prime, 2nd and 4th Friday, VIEWS 54 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Kazu McArthur Neighborhood Commission Staff; and Lorene Godfrey Chair