



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

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DRAFT- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012** **OAHU VETERANS CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Lorene Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., **with a quorum of six (6) members present.** Note: This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Larry Baird (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Constante Domingo, Lorene Godfrey, Chandra Kanemaru, Maurice Morita, Dennis Egge, and David Yomes.

Board Members Absent: Lennard Pepper and Barbara Troegner.

Vacancies: None.

Guests: Thomas J. Strout, Arthur H. Smith, Lieutenant R. Chinen and Sergeant B. Bonnell (Honolulu Police Department, District 5), Sergeant R. Nitta (Honolulu Police Department, District 3), Representative Aaron Johanson, Captain Blaine Shimizu, Firefighter 3 Sean Arakaki, and Firefighter 1 DeRoy Lavatai (Honolulu Fire Department, Moanalua), Garner Shimizu (MVCA), Kimberly Kanetzky and Kelley Boyd (Aliamanu Parent Teachers Association), Representative Linda Ichiyama, Suzette Adversalo, Senator Glenn Wakai, Jade Butay (Governor's Representative/Deputy Director, Department of Transportation), Jiro Sumada (Mayor's Representative/Acting Director, Department of Planning and Permitting), Elias Ali (Principal, Radford High School), Radford High School Videographers, and Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

REGULAR CITY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Blaine Shimizu reported the following for the Moanalua and Mokulele Stations.

- **September 2012 Statistics** – Included 2 cooking, 2 wildland, 3 rubbish and 4 vehicle fires; 115 medical and 41 miscellaneous response calls. One (1) Major incident, five (5) companies responded to a brush fire in Moanalua Valley.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – Fire Prevention Week (FPW) was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire that occurred on October 8-10, 1871. The International Fires Marshals Association observes the anniversary nationally to remind the public about the importance of fire prevention. Since 1922, FPW has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. The National Fire Protection Association selected "Have 2 Ways Out" as the theme for 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. Parents are encouraged to review the FFSG with their child, create or revisit and practice the fire escape plan, test the smoke alarms, and consider other safety tips in the guide.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD):

- **Pearl City, District 3** – Sergeant R. Nitta reported the following:
 - **September 2012 Statistics** – Included 25 arguments, 1 auto theft recovery, 3 burglaries, 1 criminal property damage, 1 family offense, 20 MVC (motor vehicle collisions), 1 vehicle theft, 1 robbery, 10 thefts, 7 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle); totaling 310 calls for service out of 6,165 district calls.
 - **Halloween Safety Tip** – Be aware of cars when crossing the street, wear bright colored clothes and check treats before eating.



Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Activities – There are no significant activities at this time.
2. UEMV – It was unknown why there was an increase in UEMV's.

7:10 p.m. Board member Larry Baird arrived; seven (7) members present.

- Kalihi, District 5 – Sergeant B. Bonnell reported the following:
 - September 2012 Statistics – Included 25 arguments, 1 assault, 3 burglaries, 2 DUI (driving while under the influence), 3 family offenses, 10 motor vehicle thefts, 35 MVC (motor vehicle collisions), 3 property damages, 2 sex offenses, 6 thefts, and 5 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle).

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Gun Robbery at McDonalds – Information was not available at this time.
2. Motor Vehicle Collisions – A Board member asked if the high figures in MVC are due to people on cell phones, texting, drunk driving, etc. In response, the statistics includes the freeways and fender benders. HPD has proactive approach operations to target cell phone, pedestrian, etc. violations, as well as road blocks set up checking for DUI's. Everyone was encouraged to remind family and friends to get a Bluetooth, pull over to the side of the road in a safe area if a call needs to be made (not to impede traffic) legally. It was asked and clarified that the car must be in park when making the call.

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

- Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director Wayne Yoshioka will attend the November 8, 2012 Board meeting and answer questions regarding these traffic related issues:
 - "No Parking Anytime" and "Tow Away" Signs – Board member Egge sent an email to Sumada on February 10, 2012 expressing concerns about what appeared to be random "No Parking Anytime" and "Tow Away" signs on Ala Ilima Street. It was noted that there was excessive "No Parking Here to Corner" sign near high rises.
 - Restriping and Added Delineators for Dedicated Right Turn lane to Namur Road Suggestion – Suggestions and drawings for restriping and adding delineators were not accepted.
 - Chevron Signs Removal Request – A suggestion to remove the three Chevron signs at the Salt Lake/Wanaka Street intersection located on the straight portion of Salt Lake Boulevard/Namur/Maluna intersection after the intersection where the curve starts to signal motorists that a curve is ahead so they merge before the intersection was rejected.
 - Problem of Cars Parked too Close to the Intersections Blocking Sight Distance (Ala Napunani/Ala Hahanui; Ala Napunani/Ala Puumalu; Ala Aloalo/Puku Mauka) Specific limitations request.
- Crossing Guard for Arizona/Catlin Road Intersection – A military representative will follow-up with Forest City regarding the elimination of funding for the crossing guards at this 3-Way Stop intersection. Major Chur of HPD noted he is aware of the situation will dispatch a patrol officer to the intersection when resources permit. HPD does perform enforcement on Arizona Road.
- Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project Update – The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) will provide an update on the progress of this project.

Honolulu Rail Transit (HRT) – Pat Lee was unable to be in attendance tonight. Board member Kanemaru highlighted the following:

- Construction – All construction activity on the rail project has been halted due to the State Supreme Court ruling that the rail project cannot proceed without a completed Archeological Inventory Survey (AIS). The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) is taking the necessary steps to complete the AIS, including design and engineering.
- Financial Review – An independent financial review of Honolulu's rail project just released confirms the financial capacity to construct and operate the rail system, and that the project's financial plan is reasonable and able to withstand and successfully address risks. This assessment confirms that the project is on track to receive the FFGA and the \$1.55 billion federal New Starts funding by the end of the year.
- Transit Fund – A common question is if the transit fund can be used for sewers, road repairs, or for the bus or another transit plan alternative. Regarding the local share of the rail funds, Act 247, the state law for half-

percent excise tax, specifically states that the surcharge must be used for the “locally preferred alternative” which is the rail project. It states that “the county surcharge on state tax shall not be used to build or repair public roads or highways, bicycle paths, or support public transportation system already in existence prior to the effective date of this Act. “ Additionally, city ordinances have to be changed by the Council. The City Charter would need to be changed from the steel wheel on steel rail system approved by voters in 2008. The powers and duties of HART, approved by Charter Amendment in 2012 would also have to be amended at a future general election.

- New Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – A new EIS will be required both on federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and state Hawaii Environmental Policy Act (HEPA) guidelines. A new EIS will take a minimum of three (3) years at a cost of \$50 million or more before any design work can be done on a new transit plan.
- Approval – It could take five (5) or more years to approve any new plan before construction, and the \$1.55 billion in federal funds currently pending for the rail project would mostly likely go to another municipality in another state, just as it did in 1992 when that rail plan was cancelled
- Information – Call the hotline at 566-2299 or visit www.honolulutransit.org .

Councilmember Romy Cachola: Corrine Gallardo reported the following

- Charter Amendments – Copies of the charter amendments for the 2012 general election were circulated.
- Art – An art show featuring Filipino/American artists is now on display at Honolulu Hale. A reception is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2012 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Last Meeting – Announced that this would be the last Board meeting for Councilmember Cachola. He will be representing District 9 at the legislature.
- Honolulu Affordable Housing Preservation Initiative (HAHPI) – Four (4) resolutions were introduced by the City in August 2012 to sell 12 affordable housing projects to a private developer referred to as HAHPI project. HAHPI will transition ownership and management of the City apartment complexes with the goal of keeping them affordable to lower-income residents while the City retains ownership of the underlying land.

Councilmember Romy Cachola reported the following:

- Thank You – It has been an honor and privilege to serve as a councilmember for this community for the last 12 years. On August 12, 2012 he was elected to the House of Representatives (last day October 31, 2012). Until an interim councilmember is appointed by the Council Chair, the office staff will remain available to address constituent concerns; continue to call 768-5007.
- Honolulu Affordable Housing – The Councilmember introduced one (1) of the four (4) resolutions, Resolution 12-263, which urges the Administration to identify the tenants who are at risk for homelessness and to provide related information to the Council. At a council meeting today, he voted “no” because there are better ways to re-open the bids. Also, to make sure the developer makes good on the promises and not displace tenants in good standing.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Rail Route and the Iwi (bones) Found – It was asked and noted when the last two (2) of iwi found, a resolution was introduced to make sure the rail alignment from Middle Street to Ala Moana must be carefully done.
2. Stop the Notice to Proceed – A plan site should be drafted with site specifications to move away from the iwi.
3. Disappointment – A Board member expressed disappointment with the City and Council regarding the Salt Lake Boulevard widening, which promised to start in 2012. In response, the widening should have been completed in 1978. The widening was promised with the Salt Lake rail alignment. However, a Council resolution moved the route to the airport.
4. Homeless – Councilmember Cachola voted against moving of the homeless and confiscating their personal belongings. The homeless are given 24-hour notice, and then trucks pull up and confiscate personal property, which is housed for 30-days. If not claimed the valuables are auctioned and the rest trashed. There must be a better way to save the city money. HPD is there to observe. A Board member stated that a law was passed, yet unenforceable and the problem still exists. Mainland laws are simple. Thomas Square given as an example has signage but is not enforced. Laws crafted have too much language and are ineffective.

5. Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant – In response to the City administration’s press release “State Finds Sand Island Digester Contract Valid” Councilmember Cachola issued his support for a cogeneration component at the Sand island Wastewater Treatment Plant (SIWWTP).

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Thomas Strout announced that this would be his last Board meeting; and reported the following:

- Watershed Management and Protection – Drinking water is our most precious resource and an essential part of our daily lives. The replenishment of our drinking water supply is heavily dependent on Oahu’s Koolau and Waianae mountain ranges as two of Oahu’s vital watershed areas. These multi-layered mountain ecosystems recharge Oahu’s groundwater supplies by capturing and retaining rainfall, allowing it to seep into the island’s underground aquifers. We must all care for, protect and preserve these areas to ensure its continued existence for future generation. A handout explaining the characteristics of the watersheds was provided or available online at www.boardofwatersupply.com. Call 748-5041 for more information.
- Koolaupoko Watershed Management Plan Adopted – The BWS and Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) are pleased to announce that the Koolaupoko Watershed Management Plan has been adopted by the State Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) and the Honolulu City Council. This is the third completed watershed management plan for Oahu’s eight (8) land use districts. Plans for the Waianae and Koolau Loa districts were completed in 2010. BWS is currently preparing public review draft reports of the North Shore, Ewa, and Central Oahu communities. Once complete, BWS will work on the remaining watershed districts in the Primary Urban Center and East Honolulu until all are completed to form the update of the Oahu Water Management Plan.

BOARD BUSINESS: None.

REGULAR STATE REPORTS:

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

- Hawaii Healthcare Benefits Package – The state has met a major milestone in ensuring that all people of Hawaii have access to high-quality healthcare and insurance coverage. On October 1, 2012 the Governor announced that selection of a healthcare benefits package that will outline the minimum array of benefits insurers must provide for years 2014-2015, as elements of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) are implemented. Hawaii was federally required to select a single benchmark package.
- Hawaii OSHA Agreement – An agreement with federal officials to facilitate restoration of Hawaii’s workplace health and safety enforcement capacity back to federally compliant levels was formalized on September 21, 2012. The enforcement capacity of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations’ Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division (HIOSH) was diminished in 2009. The Abercrombie Administration has reached out proactively and has achieved the minimum staffing required by OSHA.
- Construction and Maintenance:
 - DOT has construction and maintenance work that will require closures in the surrounding area. There will be lane closures on the H-201 Moanalua Freeway in both directions between the Stadium/Aiea on-ramp and Kamehameha Highway, in the Aloha Stadium vicinity on Sunday night, October 14, 2012 through Friday morning, October 19, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m., nightly for pavement resurfacing.
 - Palama Street off-ramp closure on the H-1 Freeway in the westbound direction between the School Street off-ramp (Exit 21A) and the Houghtailing Street off-ramp (20B), on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for tree trimming.
- Bougainville Drive – Resurfacing has been completed.
- Street Lights on Bougainville Drive and Kahuapaani Street – The repair of street lights on Bougainville Drive and Kahuapaani Street by H-1 are in process. DOT’s Highway Division has been in contact with Board member Larry Baird to discuss his concerns regarding the Salt Lake Boulevard and Kahuapaani Street intersection.
- Weeds on Arizona Road – The Governor’s office has been asked to contact the Department of Education (DOE) regarding the cutting of the small weed patch of sidewalk on Arizona Road by Aliamanu Elementary School; no responses received from calls to DOE.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Kamehameha Highway Past the Stadium – Follow-up will be regarding why the Hawaiian print banners on the fences of the fence line project (about 11/2 years ago) to Pearl Ridge Center from the stadium beautification were removed. It was stated that the chain link fence remains.
2. Kahuapaani Overpass – The project is in progress.

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

- Race to Finish – In late September, a \$2.8-million contract was awarded to MEI Corporation. \$1.9-million was secured by Senator Wakai and Representative Johanson in the state budget for Radford High School's new eight-lane track; but bids came in higher than expected. The pair worked together getting an extra \$900,000 to get this long awaited project moving. Funding will be used for design and construction of an all-weather, eight-lane track, including other track improvements.
- Running Cost Resulting From Failed U. H. Concert – A list of the running cost was included in the written report.
- Waterway Banks – Representative Wakai and Representative Ichiyama sent a letter to the City regarding the Honolulu Country Club not maintaining the waterway banks as obligated to do.
- University of Hawaii Special Committee Hearings – New legislation will be proposed next session. Direct cost for the Stevie Wonder blunder is \$1.8 million and rising. It was noted that the Representative does not want to see money wasted and a lost in state revenues.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. University of Hawaii (U. H.) Legal Staff – A Board member raised concern regarding the cost for legal staff; and noted if the U .H. legal staff inadequate to handle such matters. In response, there are many factor to the issue such as administration errors; thus the rationale to outside for lawyers.
2. Attorneys – A Board member wanted to know why 10 lawyers were hired; and noted that a top legal staff member should be selected to assist with the investigation. In answer, the problem is that some of the general council reviewed contracts. It was stated that something is wrong with the practices of the university's administration.
3. Comment – Federal law is authorized to find the lost money within 24-hours once the incident is reported. It was noted that the legislature makes the rules for the university.

Representative Linda Ichiyama: Representative Ichiyama circulated a written report and highlighted the following:

- Flu Season – Call 211 for flu vaccinations information.

Representative Aaron Johanson: Representative Johanson reported the following:

- Crossing Guard – In response to a previous question posed by a Board member, it is not possible to detail a personal crossing guard near Aliamanu Elementary School due to the location.
- Keiki Identifications – Free keiki I.D.'s on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at the Pear Kai McDonalds from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Hearing no objection, the agenda was taken out of order to 6. Presentations: A. Principal of Radford High School Impact Aid Report.

PRESENTATIONS:

Radford High School Impact Aid (federal funding) and School Report: Principal Elias Ali reported the following:

- Impact Aid – Impact Aid money is given to the Department of Education (DOE) to offset costs to military connected Hawaii students. The moneys are not given directly to the schools. Congress is removing earmarks.
- Annual Yearly (AYP) Progress Report – Benchmarks are required for reading (75% proficiency), math, and English; there are consequences if levels are not proficient.
- College, Career, and Citizenship Ready (CCCR) – A college, career, and citizenship ready student has the aspirations, knowledge, skills and habits that will lead to post-secondary opportunities and choices, to successfully attain life goals. A handout with the annual yearly progress (AYP) was circulated. Benchmarks are required by the state, if not there are consequences.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Update – Chair asked and it was noted that Principal Ali would return to January Board meeting with an update.
2. Volunteers – It was asked and noted volunteers could help with tutoring during the day/after school.

The agenda order resumed.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

PRESENTATIONS:

Catlin School Crossing Guards: Kelley Boyd, President of the Aliamanu Elementary School PTA, reported the following: The school was notified last year that a school crossing guard would not be provided. During the summer the Department of Transportation (DOT), HPD, the City was contacted for assistance. However, the crosswalk does not directly feeds to the school and does meet the criteria for a permanent school crossing guard. Forest City, who manages the military housing provided assistance, but had to stop due to lack of funds. The crosswalk cannot be seen from the school. However, there are not enough parent volunteers, and the PTA will not be able to provide a crossing guard starting next week. The intersection is hazardous with heavy traffic and cars speeding especially during the morning. HPD does monitor the area, but cannot be there every morning. School zone signs were requested for Catlin Drive.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. School Buses – It was asked and clarified that the students do not qualify to ride the school bus (live too close to the school).
2. Car Pool – Parents do carpool to help each other, but not all parents feel the necessity and their children are on their own. The Catlin Drive and Arizona Road intersection is an accident waiting to happen.
3. Comment – A Board member noted that this area is out of the Board's boundary and is in an area with no Neighborhood Board. It was note that neighborhood board elections will be held next year. Another option would be to ask the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) what the process is to incorporate this area into Neighborhood Board 18's jurisdiction. Or now would be a good reason to establish Neighborhood Board No.1 9.
4. Forest City – Darryl Nii, of Forest City, relayed that Forest City and the Navy is concerned. In 2005, a crossing guard was provided during construction. But due to budget cuts cannot afford the expense.
5. Solutions – A suggestion was to publicize the opportunity to serve as a crossing guard. Parents need to think their children are getting to school.
6. Signage – It was asked if signage could be provided by the military. It was pointed out that there is a memorandum of agreement with the City allowing public use. However, according to the City, there is no value in installing one (1) more sign.
7. Traffic Signals – Requested for the 3-Way Stop intersection.
8. Notice – Notice should be sent to parents and the military regarding this safety issue. The Board member was not comfortable with having untrained parents as crossing guards as it is a liability issue. It was suggested to acquire a road closure city permit closing the road at certain times in the morning and after school.

Aliamanu Security Fence Replacement: A representative no present; report not available.

BOARD REPORTS:

Chairman's Report:

- Correspondence: Chair Godfrey reported the following correspondence was received – (1) E-waste deposit, October 27, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Leeward Community College. (2) Schedule of ahupua`a meetings.

Approval of the September 13, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes: **Without objection, the September 13, 2012 regular meeting minutes were UNANIMOUS ADOPTED, 7-0-0 as circulated.**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kanemaru reported previous balance of \$776.10; \$37.45 was expended for printing and postage of minutes and agenda; leaving a current balance of \$738.65. The report was filed.

Emphasis Leaders:

Transportation: Baird reported the following:

- Repaving – It was reported at a meeting that the repaving of Kahuapaani Street should be completed at the end of the year.
- Median – The median between the Stadium and Stadium Mall (near McDonalds) will be removed. There will be two (2) sweeping lanes from Kahuapaani Street. The crosswalk lineage will be changed. A right turn only lane into the shopping center eastbound; and vehicles exiting the Chevron would right turn into the first lane. Leaving the shopping center would be straight lane only. It projects is in the talking process. If available, diagrams would be provided next month.

Environment: Egge reported problems with the 311 app. Also, Bulky items trash is being put out too early.

Emergency: Egge reminded all to have a well stocked pantry, have a radio available to digital services emergency management.

Without objection, the meeting was extended five (5) minutes until 9:05 p.m.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO): Constante reported a complete street Kakaako update would be provided next month

Health/Human Services: Kanemaru reported the following:

- Institution Drop-Off – The program is open to all public or private schools or universities; all City and county, State, or Federal/Military branches in Hawaii, small businesses (of less than 100 employees) and non-profits. A representative of each participating organization is requested to estimate in advance the amount of e-waste that they expect to dispose of using the links <http://www.hawaii.edu/ewaste/institution.php> for a list of acceptable e-waste items. Scheduled for Thursday, October 25 and Friday October 26, 2012.

There were no other emphasis leader reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting: The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC), 1298 Kukila Street, Honolulu, HI 96818.
- `Olelo Broadcasts: Primetime, `Olelo FOCUS Channel 49, 1st Monday of the month at 9:00 p.m.; repeat date, `Olelo VIEWS 54, Second and Fourth Friday at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Adam LeFebvre, Neighborhood Commission Office staff; Lorene Godfrey, Chair