



AIEA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 20

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD AIEA PUBLIC LIBRARY MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Chair William Clark called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.; **a quorum was NOT PRESENT with five (5) members.** Note: This 15 member Board requires eight (8) members for a quorum and for official Board action.

Members Present – Dave Arakawa (arrived at 7:50 p.m.), William Clark, Ronald Fitch, Wilbert Ho, Ron Mobley, Susan Sheldon, and Jane Sugimura (arrived at 7:38 p.m.).

Members Absent – Tracy Arakaki, Kelsey-Morinaga Wells, Danielle Lum (notified), George Passmore (notified).

Guests – Breene Harimoto (Office of Councilmember Gary Okino), Ken Best (Office of Representative Blake Oshiro), Ashley McShane (Office of Representative Lynn Finnegan), Sharleen Oshiro (Office of Councilmember Romy Cachola), Lambert Yamashita, Trudy Hamic, Jeremy Koch, Linda Rosehill (AECOM), Firefighter Arron Yoshida (Honolulu Fire Department-Aiea), Tracy Burgo (Board of Water Supply), Jiro Sumada (Deputy Director, State Department of Transportation-Highways), Ed Sniffen and Wayne Kawahara (State Department of Transportation-Design Branch); Sgt. Roger Nitta (Honolulu Police Department, District 3-Aiea), Gary Omori (Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project), Debbie Hiramoto (Office of Senator Donna Kim), Monica Teixeira, David Atkia (PB), Anson Bavaia, Lela Hubbard (Na Koa Ikaika), Ehukai Carvalho, Suzette Adversalo, Claire Tamamoto (Aiea Community Association), Representative K. Mark Takai, Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Due to the lack of quorum, the agenda was taken out of order to agenda item three ~ Monthly Reports.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Arron Yoshida (Aiea Fire Station) reported:

- Monthly Statistics – Totaled 107 alarms for the district consisting of 3 structures, 1 wildland, 2 rubbish, and 1 vehicle; 97 emergencies - 80 medical, 0 search/rescue and 17 miscellaneous; and no major or unusual incidents.
- Fire Safety Tip – a) In a fire, medical, or other emergency, it is critical that emergency responders quickly identify the correct location. Fire, building, U.S. postal codes, and City ordinances state that property owners shall place their house numbers so it is legible and readily visible from the street. This will assist the Honolulu Fire Department and other first responders in quickly locating your house in the event of an emergency. If your property is difficult to locate and/or access, provide 911 dispatchers with additional information to assist them in locating your property during an emergency.
- Mahalo – HFD was thanked for participating in the Aiea Christmas Parade, which took place on December 12, 2009.

No questions followed for HFD.

7:38 p.m. Jane Sugimura arrived; six (6) members now present.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sgt. Roger Nitta circulated the written statistics for December 2009 and highlighted the following.

- Beat 383 (Halawa Valley/Aloha Stadium) – 18 auto thefts, 14 auto theft recovery, 35 burglary, 27 criminal property damage, 9 graffiti, 1 sex assault, 64 thefts, and 70 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle); and 238 total calls for service.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:



- 1) Line Graph – HPD was thanked for including line graphs showing crime trend increases and decreases from January to December 2009 in the statistics report.
- 2) Illegal Parking on a Neighbors Property – Follow-up will be done if a police report was made regarding incidents of cars parking illegally on a neighbor's property.

Board of Water Supply – Tracy Burgo reported:

- Water Main Breaks – 1) One main break reported in November – An eight-inch pipe (installed in 1962), at 99-726 Halawa Heights Road. 2) Three main breaks reported in December: a) One main break on December 4, an eight-inch pipe (installed in 1964) at 98-107 Kamehameha Highway; b) on December 7, an eight-inch pipe (installed in 1953-contractor working in area) at 99-054 Nalopaka Place; and c) on December 9, an eight-inch pipe (installation unknown) at 98-1187 Moanalua Road.
- New Year's Resolution Suggestion – Why not make a New Year's resolution to cut down on water usage by 2, 5, or even 10 percent. Not only is it easy to do, but it will also save money while helping to conserve our precious water. To help achieve this, brochures were circulated that demonstrates 32 ways to save water from the watershed to your home.

Simple steps to help achieve this resolution: a) Install a low-flow fixture in the shower. This can save about 3-28 gallons of water a day per 5-minute shower; b) Turn off the water when brushing your teeth, and using a cup of water to rinse can save seven gallons of water a day. c) Check flapper valves for leaks in household toilets. A leaky flapper alone wastes about 60 gallons per day. It is best to replace flapper valves every two years.

Log on to www.boardofwatersupply.com for more saving tips.

- Water Conservation Contest Reminder – BWS has launched its 32nd annual poster contest, open to students in Kindergarten through 6th grade, and the second year of the poetry contest, open to students in grades 7-12. This year's theme is "Stop the Drop" for both contests. Students are encouraged to artistically and poetically depict the theme as a way to learn and better understand the value of water conservation.

Councilmember Gary Okino – Breene Harimoto had no report, but was available for questions. No questions followed for Councilmember Okino.

Councilmember Romy Cachola – Sharleen Oshiro circulated the written report, wished everyone a Happy and Safe New Year, and was available for questions. No questions followed for Councilmember Cachola.

Senator Donna Kim –Debbie Hiramoto distributed the written report and highlighted;

- Community Survey 2010 – The community 2010 survey was included in the written report.
- Come and "Talk Story" – Come and Talk Story sessions will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Moanalua Middle School; and January 13, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Kapalama Elementary School. Agenda items include chili and rice bowl at 6:30 p.m., State fiscal picture at 6:50 p.m., and 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. discussion and questions. Call 587-7200 for more information.

Representative Blake K. Oshiro: Ken Best circulated the written report and highlighted:

- Halawa Heights Road and Iwaiwa Street Intersection – In early 2009 Rep. Takai wrote to the State Department of Transportation (SDOT) concerning the need for safety improvements at this intersection regarding very heavy vehicle traffic (speeding) downhill and uphill, and frequent cross-street vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Accidents at this intersection have damaged properties, homes, and endangered resident lives. SDOT responded that the intersection would be investigated by taking traffic counts, observing pedestrian traffic and analyzing the accident history. Unfortunately, Rep. Oshiro is still awaiting results of the SDOT investigation. Due to the latest accident (fatality), Rep. Oshiro has once again written to SDOT to strongly urge recommendations and implementation of safety improvements as soon as possible.

Representative K. Mark Takai: Rep. K. Mark Takai reported the following:

- No Governor's Representative at Board Meetings – Currently eight neighborhood boards have representation. Per the Office of the Governor, the representatives have chosen to voluntarily continue to attend Neighborhood Board meetings. The office of the Governor asked that concerns be sent in advance to Boards with representatives so that responses would be ready to report at the meetings.
- 2010 Legislative Session – The 2010 Legislative Session starts next Wednesday. There is a one billion dollar budget shortfall. The challenge will be how to balance the budget going forward without impacting the public.
- Road and Sewer Project – Page 2 of his newsletter includes information pertaining to these projects.
- Community Survey – A community survey was also included with the written report.

7:50 p.m. Dave Arakawa arrived: **seven (7) members now present.**

Board of Education (BOE) – Eileen Clarke distributed the BOE Highlights and noted:

- Superintendent's Resignation – The resignation of Department of Education (DOE) Superintendent Pat Hamamoto has caused throes of chaos. At a meeting this afternoon, Kathy Matayoshi was voted to serve as interim superintendent by the Board. It is hopeful that a superintendent is in place in the next six months. Matayoshi has indicated that she is interested in the superintendent position.
- Tracking Student Data – According to the 2009 Data Quality Campaign (DQC) Annual Progress Report on State Education Data System, Hawaii is making strides in developing a comprehensive data system to track student progress from preschool to college. Hawaii was praised at having eight of 10 essential elements in quality student data system. The state is on target to have all 10 critical data tracking components listed in the DQC study by school year 2010-11. The system includes publicly-available, detailed trend reports listing information on the characteristic of schools' student population, annual test scores, attendance, community service, volunteer hours, the budget, etc. Information can be viewed on <http://arch.k12.hi.us>.
- Community Meeting – A community meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2010, Mililani High School at 6:00 p.m.

Representative Lynn Finnegan – Ashley McShane circulated the written report and ighlighted:

- Committee Change – Rep. Finnegan will sit on the Health and Finance Committees for this coming legislative session.
- Community Survey – Community surveys will be sent out the end of the month.
- Aiea Historic Trail – Rep. Finnegan is working with Pearl Harbor on the Aiea Historical Trail. Updates will be reported at future Board meetings.
- Finnegan's Focus – Included in the written report was the schedule for the showing on. `Olelo Channel 54.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- 1) Aiea Heights Drive/Hoio Street Intersection Safety Concerns – Safety concerns were expressed regarding the intersection of Aiea Heights Drive and Hoio Street, where a blind bend exists. Cars are being driven over the 25 miles per hour speed limit; and pedestrians risk their lives trying to cross the street. The area residents feel that the current signage at the bend is insufficient and requested a possible flashing warning light. Breene Harimoto from Councilmember Okino's office will follow up.
- 2) Halawa Heights Road and Iwaiwa Street Intersection – Concerns at this intersection were raise because of near accidents due to ongoing speeding. Residents are terrified of crossing the street for fear that they may be hit by a speeding car. A speed bump to slow speeding drivers was requested.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MEMORANDUM NOVEMBER 17, 2009 – The minutes were deferred due to lack of quorum.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Honolulu Rail Transit – Gary Omori reported the following update:

- Financial Plan – Ninety-nine percent of the General Excise Tax surcharge revenues projected in the last financial plan was collected.

- Short-term Economic Benefits – a) Once ground breaking is done \$300 million will be invested in the state's economy; b) 4,000 jobs will be created; and c) new career paths for University of Hawaii students in engineering and planning.
- Long Economic Benefits Term – a) 10,000 jobs created a year, on the average; b) direct impact in construction jobs; c) indirect jobs in retail, restaurants, service industries; and d) new businesses, homes, schools around rail stations.
- Traffic – a) Reduce future traffic congestion by about 20 percent; and b) improve mobility and make it easier to travel around the island.

Kamehameha Highway Improvements Project – Rep. K. Mark Takai reported the following update:

- 1) Rep. K. Mark Takai gave the following update: The Kamehameha Highway Improvements Project goes from Center Drive to Waihona Street. Members of the Kamehameha Highway Task Force will be having a meeting next Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Jiro Sumada, Deputy Director, for the State Department of Transportation Highways was introduced, along with Ed Sniffen and Wayne Kawahara of the Design Branch. Handouts were distributed with meeting schedules, a community comment form, and the 2009 project update. The following highlights were reported:
 - 2009 Project Update –
 - One construction contract including Median Fencing, Kaahumanu Intersection improvements, and Signal Operation and Monitoring improvements was advertised in June 2008.
 - The construction contract was awarded to Royal Contracting Company in September 2007 for \$7.2 million.
 - Notice to proceed was issued to Royal Contracting Company on May 18, 2009.
 - Completion of the contract items is anticipated in January 2011.
 - Traffic control plan for contract – a) no night work; b) lane closures will be limited to off-peak hours only; c) only one lane closure per direction permitted; d) weekly updates for lane closures through the websites (www.kamehamheahighwayimprovements.org).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Hitting of Median Fencing Along Kamehameha Highway – Thus far, two incidents occurred with the fence being hit. It is the contractor's responsibility for repairs. However, the project is temporary (interim measure), and the fencing will be removed once the rail goes in.
- 2) Median Fencing Motif Designs – It was relayed to Mayor Hannemann through Councilmember Okino that the community has worked very hard, and if the City's intention could be to incorporate the designs with the super structures and train stops. A comment made was that only rail and planning rail stations were discussed and the Transit Oriented Development meetings. It was suggest that the motifs be utilized as background for the structures.
- 3) Synchronized Signal Light System – The connections will be underground and operated by remote.
- 4) Comment – It was noted that many legislators were involved in the early planning, and that Rep. Takai has continued with this project.
- 5) Road Repaving Request – Follow up will be done regarding the request for repaving of Kamehameha highway from the Dixie Grill to Pearl Ridge Shopping Center.
- 6) It was mentioned that the roadway on Kamehameha Highway near Dixie Grill to Pearl Ridge Shopping Center Chair Clark added there are also areas on Moanalua Road that need repaving. Follow up will be done to see if Moanalua Road is under City or State jurisdiction.
- 7) Hekaha Street Sewer Project – Rep. Takai will follow up with the City on this matter.
- 8) Other Plans – Sniffen noted that there are plans for an Interstate Route H-1 PM Contraflow Lane and Interstate Route H-1 Pearl City and Waimalu Viaduct Improvements.

Aiea Community Association (ACA) – Claire Tamamoto reported the following:

- Aiea Christmas Parade – All who participated/helped in the December 12, 2009 Aiea Christmas Parade were thanked.

- Letter to Mayor Mufi Hannemann – The ACA sent a letter to Mayor Hannemann for the Community Development Block Association regarding plans for a senior care center at the Aiea Sugar Mill site. A letter was also sent to the City's Managing Director. A site visit (mill site) is scheduled for February 3, 2010.

Honouliuli/Waipahu/Pearl City Wastewater Facilities Plan – Jeremy Koch and Lambert Yamashita highlighted the purpose/description of the project:

- AECOM Pacific, Inc. (AECOM) was contracted by the City to provide engineering planning for a study of the sanitary sewer system served by the Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The area of study includes West Beach to Halawa in order to determine improvements necessary to provide adequate conveyance and treatment systems minimizing sanitary sewer overflows and comply with the Consent Decrees between the City and County of Honolulu and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The study includes current wastewater flows to the Honouliuli WWTP as well as potential future flows to year 2030 from areas including but not limited to Halawa, Aiea, Pearl City, Waipio, Waikele, Waipahu, Ewa, Kapolei, and Mililani.

Alternatives being considered include but are not limited to: a) increased capacity and/or additional gravity sewers; b) peak flows storage tanks at the Halawa, Waimalu and/or Pearl City and/or Waipahu pump stations; c) pump station modification, capacity expansion or a second Waipahu pump stations; d) deep tunnel conveyance and storage system to minimize or replace pump stations and provide peak flow storage; e) modification, upgrade and/or expansion of the Honouliuli WWTP.

AECOM is tasked with doing a thorough engineering assessment of the current system including updates to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) work recommended in the previous reports and determining the most appropriate systems and technology to meet future standards. The summary of work performed with findings and recommendations will be provided in the form of a preliminary Engineering Report (PER) that will serve as the basis for future CIP work. An Environmental Assessment (EA)/Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) are also being undertaken. This study phase is estimated to take approximately two years, with completion by the end of 2011.

- Visit www.honouliuliinfo.com for more information or contact Debbie or Linda Rosehill & Associates at 536-2611.

Questions, comments and concerns:

- 1) Tunneling and Pipeline Concerns – Points for maintenance will be considered due to the age of the pipes and how much water the pipes can take in.
- 2) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – The study includes current wastewater flows to the Honouliuli WWTP as well as potential future flows to year 2030 from areas including but not limited to Halawa, Aiea, Pearl City, Waipio, Waikele, Waipahu, Ewa, Kapolei, and Mililani.
- 3) Honouliuli Ocean Discharge – Wastewater is discharged into the ocean and to a depth of 200 feet.
- 4) Gravity System – The tunnels will 25 feet at the stadium area and 100 feet deep at the Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant facility.
- 5) Timelines – Plans are to incorporate the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) APRIL 2010; followed by comment periods.

2010 Census Presentation – A representative was not present.

Plan to Open a Family Child Care Center Home at 99-741 Aiea Heights Drive – This project has been dissolved.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report – Deferred due to lack of quorum

Committees:

- Executive – No report.

- Community Relations and Publicity – Chair Clark announced that a sign-up sheet would be available at the next meeting for those interested in receiving the Community Newsletter (via email).
- Parks and Recreation – Wilbert Ho reported the following:
 - Homeless at Neal S. Blaisdell Park – Tents have been put up by the homeless at the Waikiki end of Neal s. Blaisdell Park.
 - Rainbow Bay Park – The kiawe trees have been trimmed.
- Planning and Zoning – No report.
- Restoration and Advisory Board (RAB) – The next RAB meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at the Aiea Library Conference Room.

Permitted Interaction Groups (PIG): Chair Clark explained that Permitted Interaction Groups were formed consisting of one Board member less than a quorum (seven for this Board) to allow more than one Board member to attend other public meetings.

- Kamehameha Highway Improvements Project – Discussed earlier in the meeting.
- Honolulu Rail Transit – No report.
- Kamehameha Drive-In Issues – Chair Clark reported that the property owner has plans for the former Kam Drive In and vicinity; a Walmart or possible high rise. Chair Clark will be attending a meeting with the swap meet owners on January 13, 2010 and wants to make sure that the 12 foot lane by the median fence (Off of Moanalua Road/Kaonohi Street is honored. A comment was that the area is zoned mixed residential/retail.
- Aiea Community Association – The next ACA meeting will be on Monday, January 25, 2010, at the Aiea Library Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be on **Monday, February 08, 2010, 7:30 p.m.** at Aiea Public Library Conference Room, 99-143 Moanalua Road.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank,
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: William Clark,
Chair