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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

AIEA PUBLIC LIBRARY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Chair William Clark called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.; **a quorum was NOT PRESENT with seven (7) members.** Note: This 15 member Board requires eight (8) members for a quorum and for official Board action.

Members Present – William Clark, Ronald Fitch, Danielle Lum, Ron Mobley, George Passmore, Susan Sheldon, and Jane Sugimura.

Members Absent – Tracy Arakaki, Dave Arakawa, Wilbert Ho, and Kelsey Morinaga-Wells,

Guests – Ken Best (Office of Representative Blake Oshiro), May L. Imamura Uruu, Debbie Hiramoto (Office of Senator Donna Kim), Brandon Elefante, Breene Harimoto (Office of Councilmember Gary Okino), Bob Sumitomo (Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Permitting), Corinne Gallardo (Office of Councilmember Romy Cachola), Ashley McShane (Office of Representative Lynn Finnegan), Tracy Burgo (Board of Water Supply), Sgt. Roger Nitta (Honolulu Police Department, District 3-Aiea), Ronald Fukumoto, Representative K. Mark Takai, John Burns, Robert Stevens, Leue Stavaland, Suzette Adversalo, Marie Villa (2010 U.S. Census), Eileen Clarke (Board of Education), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

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) – A representative was not present.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sgt. Roger Nitta circulated the written statistics for January 2010, and highlighted the following.

- Beat 383 (Newtown to Halawa) – 20 auto thefts, 14 auto theft recovery, 27 burglary, 32 criminal property damage, 12 graffiti, 69 thefts, and 62 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle); and 237 total calls for service.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Safety Concern at the Intersection of Ulune Street and Kamakani Street – Cars going makai at the intersection of Kamakani and Ulune Streets are not stopping at the red light.
2. Status of Burglary/Break-in Report – For the status of a crime witnessed and reported, contact the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) at 723-8800.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – Bob Sumitomo had no outstanding concerns to report.

Letter from the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Chair Clark mentioned receiving a letter regarding the implementation of a “no parking” sign at the intersection of Iwaiwa and Iwaina Streets.

Board of Water Supply – Tracy Burgo reported:

- Water Main Breaks – On January 25, 2010 a 4-inch PVC pipe (2006) at 99-208 Mahiko Place; and on February 1, 2010 an 8-inch cast iron (1962) at 99-528 Paihi Street.
- Outdoor Water Conservation:
 - Xeriscaping – Offers and ideal way to minimize water waste while maintaining the island landscapes, which involves growing unthirsty plants, growing mulch, and installing proper



irrigation. Incorporating xeriscape techniques outdoors can save 30 to 80 percent in water consumption a month.

- Rain Barrels – A home rainwater catchment system can help to conserve water. BWS promotes the use of rain barrels to collect rainwater to use for non-drinking activities such as landscape irrigation. In partnership with the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden, rain barrel water catchment workshops on how to build, install and maintain rain barrels. For more information on xeriscaping and rain barrels, log on to www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshops – a) February 20, 2010 from 9:40 a.m. to 12 noon, learn how worms can turn food waste into organic fertilizer. b) March 20, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, visit with a “Plant Doctor” for plant care and gardening tips. c) April 3, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, xeriscape egg decorating workshop with a garden egg hunt.
- To register for these classes call Diane Moses at 748-5363 or email tours@hbws.org. For a list of upcoming classes, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.

There were no questions for BWS.

Councilmember Romy Cachola – Corinne Gallardo circulated the written report and noted to call the office with any special request for Capitol Improvement Projects (CIP) or items to be put in the operating budget.

There were no questions for Councilmember Cachola.

Councilmember Gary Okino – Breene Harimoto distributed the written report and noted:

- Iwaiwa Street Parking Restrictions – Parking on the mauka/Koko Head corner of Iwaiwa Street at Iwaena Street will be restricted to improve safety. A “No Parking Corner to Here” sign will be posted near the Ani’s Bakeshop driveway just mauka of Iwaena Street after the publishing of the required legal notice.
- Credit Card Payments for Property Tax Bills – Residents can now pay real property tax bills by credit card and e-checks online at www.hnlpay.com or by calling (1-877-309-9117). A convenience fee of 2.49% of the payment amount will be charged for credit cards and a \$3.30 fee for e-checks of \$10,000 or less or \$15.30 for e-checks of more than \$10,000; the vendor retains the convenience fees.
- Fiscal Year 2011 Budget – The City’s FY2011 budget will soon begin. The Mayor will submit his budget to the City Council by March 1st, Council’s budget briefings start on March 11 and continue through March 23. The final budget must be approved by Council by June 15th. As a significant decline in property tax revenue and the possibility still exists that the Legislature will take away the City’s Transient Accommodation Tax (TAT), this is likely to be a very challenging year.
- Street Resurfacing – Due to a limited budget for street resurfacing, streets in dire need are selected.

There were no questions for Councilmember Okino.

Representative K. Mark Takai: Rep. K. Mark Takai circulated his written report and noted:

- Legislature Happenings –
 - Lateral deadline is this Friday.
 - Rep. Takai is the Military Appreciation Package coordinator.
 - Fireworks concerns are a big issue.
 - Updates will be provided after the Friday deadline.
- Education – The furlough issue is disappointing to say the least. Ten percent of lost furlough days (17) are significant. Solutions to the furlough issue have been unsuccessful.
- Community Survey – Rep. Takai asked everyone to fill out and return the survey attached to the written report.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Illegal Fireworks Concerns –

- Referring to Councilmember Cachola's written report, the Office of Council Services (OSC) concluded that although there are ordinances at State and City levels, the State law precludes any City ordinance on fireworks. Any changes to or tightening of current fireworks laws must be done at the state level.
 - Rep. Takai noted that the 1994 legislature included a preemptive clause in the law (Chapter 13, county law is not stronger than state law). The law pertains only to aerial and common fireworks. However, today there are concussion bombs, dry ice bombs, and homemade improvised explosive devices (IED's) that are extremely dangerous.
 - Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 134 (Dangerous Weapons Law) – Chapter 134, the dangerous weapons law could include dangerous fireworks. Chair Clark added that the problem is although there is fireworks evidence on a property does not mean that residence is involved. Rep. Takai added that part of the law states visual evidence; but it is a court decision.
 - Arrests could be made for possession of the IED devices, but a search warrant is required, which makes enforcement difficult for HPD and HFD. A possession violation could result in forfeiture of cars, homes, etc. A comment was that fireworks are as lucrative as drugs.
 - Koauka Loop – Sugimura reported that people congregated in an area with trees, which is not all privately owned, are setting-off illegal fireworks.
 - There were over 100 illegal fireworks arrests. The Honolulu Fire and Police Departments favor a total ban on fireworks.
 - Titanium Bombs are being made through common purchases.
 - Harbor concerns were expressed that on one-fourth of the containers coming into the harbor are inspected.
 - In essence, Rep. Takai stated that if the state does not take action on illegal fireworks, we will be in big trouble with the Asian Pacific Economics Committee next year.
 - Rep. Takai is working with Reps. Har and Sen. Espero tracking all proposed fireworks bills.
2. Future Town Meetings – Traffic and Transportation Meeting, Thursday, March 18, 2010, at Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information visit www.heartofoahu.com or www.kamehamehahighwayproject.com.
 3. Kamehameha Highway Median Fencing – The median fencing is a temporary fix, with the Hawaiian motifs to be installed in the next few months. The fencing is to discourage people from using the median area to jaywalk.

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

- Town Meeting – The Aiea/Pearl City Town meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2010, Pearl Ridge Elementary School from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to discuss the State Budget.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Safety Crossing Concern at Iwaiwa Street and Halawa Heights Drive – Follow up will be done for a request of a street light due to safety crossing issues in the early morning hours to catch the bus. Rep. Oshiro is still awaiting a response from the State Department of Transportation (DTS).

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

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Representative Lynn Finnegan – Ashley McShane circulated the written report and noted that Rep. Finnegan continues to on the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail and making progress on land issues.

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

- Interim Superintendent – Kathryn Matayoshi was appointed by the Hawaii State Board of Education as interim superintendent of the Hawaii State Department of Education.
- Race to the Top Grants – Hawaii will compete for \$78 million in federal "Race to the Top" grants to implement education reforms after meeting last month's deadline to apply for funding. In order to claim a share of the \$4.35 million set aside for educational improvements core reforms must be implemented (track and report growth in student learning, ensure all students have effective teachers and principals, and turn around the lowest performing schools by applying far-reaching reforms to improve quality instruction and raise student achievement),

- Milken Award – Mililani High School teacher Lisa Ann Tsuruda received the Milken Award.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

1. Loitering – Rep. Oshiro's office is awaiting a response from HPD relative to loitering on Apuku Street.
2. Illegally Parked Car and a Tow Truck on Halawa Heights Drive – One vehicle and a yellow tow truck were issued citations. Cars were previously relocated during repaving.
3. Community Awareness – An idea was shared that binders with the Board's monthly minutes be collated and circulated to the area business community (doctors, dentists offices, etc.) to be read while waiting for appointments; for a trial period of six months. Furthermore, community awareness could result an increase in participation. Chair Clark added there are other considerations such as cost, who would put the binder together, etc.
4. Potholes – Three lanes of large potholes were reported before the first traffic light when exiting Halawa Heights Drive from H-1 78. The potholes are located on Ulune Street where Halawa Park is on the right and the H-1 freeway entrance westbound on the left; follow-up will be done.
5. Request for high intensity street light – Additional high intensity lights were requested for Pono and Ponokaulie Streets. Rep. Takai will do follow-up.
6. Request for reflectors or increased lighting on Hapaki Street and Komo Mai Drive – Flashing or neon reflectors were requested along these streets.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MEMORANDUM November 17, 2009 and January 11, 2010 – Deferred until the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Honolulu Rail Transit – Gary Omori gave the following update:

- Mayor Mufi Hannemann met with the Federal Transportation Administrator (FTA), Peter Rogoff, and it is expected that the project will get final approval. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) approval is essentially not contingent on a financial plan and according to Rogoff; the FTA takes an independent look at the financing of such a project and will do so again when a financial plan is presented at the final design. FTA is continuing to work with the City regarding the financing of the project. Fifty-five million has been included in the Presidents budget for a project which further reinforces the federal commitment to the rail project. The City is looking forward to receiving \$1.55 billion dollars in federal new starts money beginning fiscal year 2011.
- Rail Project News and Financial Facts – Mayor Mufi Hannemann is having up to date news and financial facts on the Honolulu Rail Transit (HRT) Project on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Hawaii State Capitol Auditorium. To reserve seats contact pgaison@honolulu.gov or call 768-6136.
- Youth Summit on Rail – Friday, February 12, 2010 at Leeward Community College from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Aiea Community Association (ACA) – The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the Aiea Public Library Conference Room.

2010 Census Presentation – Marie Villa presented the following: In order for the state to get its fair share of federal funding assistance incase of a disaster, it is important that every person be counted. The survey, good for ten years, has ten questions, and should take 10 minutes or less to complete. Approximately 3,000 people would be hired in a few weeks to canvass neighborhoods from mid March to April 1, 2010. For more information call 1-866-2010.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report – Deferred due to lack of a quorum.

Executive – Chair Clark reported that correspondence was received from Mayor Mufi Hannemann

Transportation – Jane Sugimura reported that the next Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting is scheduled Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. Due to

lack of funding the Interstate Route H-1 eastbound interchange to Kamakani Bridge has been deleted. Follow up will be done pertaining to transportation improvement projects.

Community Relations and Publicity – Danielle Lum announced that several email addresses were received tonight to receive the Aiea Pride E-newsletter. The content will consist of area events, happenings, etc., not included in the Board's regular meeting minutes. Once reviewed by the committee the e-newsletter could be distributed this month.

Parks and Recreation – No report.

Planning and Zoning – No report.

Restoration and Advisory Board – Mobley reported that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at the Aiea Public Library Conference Room, at 6:30 p.m.

Permitted Interaction Group:

Kamehameha Highway Improvements Projects – Chair Clark reported that the swap meet property has been sold to Robinson Group of Los Angeles. Future plans are to have a large grocery store, several small stores, retail stores and condominium, etc.

Honolulu Rail Transit – Reported earlier in the meeting.

Kamehameha Drive-In Issues – Chair Clark reported that the Robinson Group of Los Angeles and developers of Walmart and Petco, recently purchased this site. Proposed are a grocery store, retail stores, and condominiums. It was suggested for the architects to come to Hawaii to visually see the property before drawing up the plans from a long distance.

Aiea Community Association – Reported earlier in the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Board Recess – Chair Clark announced that the Board would *RECESS in APRIL 2010*.
- Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 8, 2010, Aiea Public Library Conference Room (99-143 Moanalua Road), at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Submitted by, Nola J. Frank
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by, William Clark
Chair