



## AIEA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 20

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### **DRAFT- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

AIEA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair William Clark called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.; **with a quorum of nine (9) members present.** Note: This 15 member Board requires eight (8) members for a quorum and for official Board action.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Tracy Arakaki, William Clark, Brandon Elefante (appointed tonight), Ronald Fitch, Danielle Lum, Wilbert Ho, Ron Mobley, George Passmore, Susan Sheldon, Jane Sugimura, and Monica Texeira (appointed tonight).

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Dave Arakawa, and Kelsey Morinaga-Wells,

**GUESTS** – Breene Harimoto (Office of Councilmember Gary Okino), Ken Best (Office of Representative Blake Oshiro), Sharleen Oshiro (Office of Councilmember Romy Cachola), Christine Souza, Rodney Souza, Charles Cherry, Tracy Burgo (Board of Water Supply), Chief Louis Kealoha, Deputy Chief Delbert Tatsuyama, Captain Ray Ancheta (Honolulu Police Department), Sgt. L. Pestana (Honolulu Police Department, District 3 – Pearl City), Debbie Hiramoto (Office of Senator Donna Kim), Aaron Johanson (Office of Representative Lynn Finnegan), Captain Tay Enos (Honolulu Fire Department – Aiea), John Burns, Representative Glenn Wakai, Robert Stevens, Senator Norman Sakamoto, David Tanoue (Office of the Mayor/ Director, Department of Planning and Permitting), Desiree Borja (Office of Representative K. Mark Takai), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEATS, TOTAL OF FOUR (4) ONE SEAT EACH:** Chair Clark explained although the Board had no quorum last month, that Brandon Elefante (Sub-district 1), Monica Texeira and May Imamura Uruu expressed interested in filling vacancies. Elefante and Texeira were present this evening.

- **Subdistrict 1** – **Mobley moved and Sugimura seconded nominating Brandon Elefante to fill the Sub-district 1 vacancy. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY appointing Brandon Elefante to fill the vacancy in sub-district 1, 9-0-0 (AYE: Arakaki, Clark, Fitch, Lum, Ho, Mobley, Passmore, Sheldon, Sugimura).**
- **Subdistrict 3** – There being no other interested persons present to fill the vacancy, **Without objection, Monica Texeira was appointed to fill the Sub district 3 vacancy, 9-0-0 (AYE: Arakaki, Clark, Fitch, Lum, Ho, Mobley, Passmore, Sheldon, Sugimura).** The Neighborhood Assistant administered the Oath of Office.

There were no interested persons present to fill the vacancies in sub district 1 and 3.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Capt. Tay Enos reported the following:

- **February 2010 Statistics** – Included 4 structures, 4 wildland, 1 rubbish, 73 medical, 2 search/rescue, and 11 miscellaneous respond calls.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – As the Easter season approaches, please remember the following safety tips:
  - Scald burns are the most common injury among children ages four and younger. When boiling eggs for a coloring activity, be attentive to your cooking and children. Do not leave any cooking unattended.
  - If candles are used, do not leave them unattended or near drapes or other ignitable materials, such as artificial grass, which is commonly used as filler for children's baskets. Ensure the candle holder is the proper size for the type of candle being used.
  - Familiarize yourself with the contents of your children's baskets, especially if they contain small toys, and be aware of the manufacturer's warning for choking hazards for young children.



No questions followed for HFD.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sgt. L. Pestana reported the following:

- February 2010 Statistics (Beats 373-374) – Included 21 auto thefts, 10 auto theft recoveries, 13 burglaries, 22 criminal property damage, 2 criminal property damage cases, 0 sex assaults, 51 thefts, and 47 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle).
- Halawa Heights Road and Iwaiwa Street Speeding Response – On March 6, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., officers' issued 12 speeding citations.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Intersection of Ulune and Kahuapaani Streets New Traffic Signal – Mayor's representative Tanoue will follow up regarding the newly installed traffic signal at this intersection, which looks like a regular street lamp pole and mounted too high going in the makai direction.
2. Intersection of Iwaiwa Street and Halawa Heights Drive – Cars speeding down Halawa makes it a safety hazard for pedestrians crossing the street in the crosswalk. Cars are going around other cars making a left turn rather than waiting. The intersection only has three (3) crosswalks with dim lighting. The area will be monitored. Follow-up will be done by Mayor's representative Tanoue.
3. Speeding from the H-1 Freeway onto Kamehameha Highway fronting Dixie Grill – HPD will increase patrols and the solo bike officers continue to monitor the area.
4. Speeding on Kaonohi Street – Follow up will be done regarding speeding on Kaonohi Street mauka bound.
5. Swap Meet Traffic – Traffic jams were reported on Wednesday's, Saturday's and Sunday's between 6:00 a.m. and about 9:45 a.m. Cars turning down Kaonohi Street from Moanalua Road, block the intersection when they have a red light not allowing traffic from Kaonohi Street to turn left or go straight down Kaonohi Street. HPD officers are effective when posted at the makai Ewa corner of Moanalua Road and Kaonohi Street moving the cars along. Captain Ancheta noted that it would be helpful to HPD and the community if the Swap Meet management was consistent is assigning of both officers. However, sometime there is only one officer on special duty. A meeting with HPD, members of the community and the swap meet management was suggested. It was noted that problem will subside for about two weeks and start all over again. Chair Clark will check with the Kam Swap Meet management.

Introduction of Police Chief – Chief of Police Louis Kealoha and Deputy Chief Delbert Tatsuyama were introduced. Chief Kealoha highlighted the following: Each community has unique situations with different demographics and would be visiting each Neighborhood Board. Persistent neighborhood crimes are being addressed. One area is the Pearl Ridge Shopping Center where thefts from vehicle occur in the parking lots. Plans are to bond tightly with the community. HPD will assist community with a Neighborhood Security Watch or a Community Policing Program. Chief Kealoha thanked Chair Clark for being one of his mentors.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – David Tanoue congratulated the newly appointed Board members and highlighted the following:

- City Budget – The Mayor's budget, which is pretty lean, has been submitted to the City Council and the budget will be reviewed by the Council Budget Committee in the next few weeks. A public meeting will be held for testimony. The Operation Budget is \$1.87 billion, with the only raise negotiations for the Fire Department. Fourteen million is in the budget for Asian Pacific Economic Conference to be held in Hawaii in 2011.
- Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget – The budget is a little over \$2 billion with approximately \$77 million for road repaving.
- Rail Station Meeting – The rail station meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2010, Pearl Highlands Intermediate School.
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Symposium – The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 2010, with the meeting location forthcoming.

Questions, comments, and concerns: Repaving of side roads in the Newtown Estates – Concern was expressed regarding the repaving of side streets and not the main roads in dire need of repair and pothole patching, such as Hapaki and Kahele Streets, and up to Royal Summit. Repaving depends on the long term area plans. The City also tries to coordinate with the Board of Water Supply projects. If a private road has more than six homes, the City will patch the road.

**Without objection, the agenda was taken out of order to VI. Board Business, Aiea Community Association.**

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

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

- Oral History Gathering – The Oral History Gathering with librarian Arleen Ching will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, Aiea Elementary School at 9:00 a.m. For more information please contact Chair Bill Clark or Board member Jane Sugimura.
- Aiea Library Book Sale – The Book Sale will take place on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at the Aiea Public Library from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Next Meeting – The next Aiea Community Association meeting will be held on Monday, April 26, 2010, Aiea Public Library Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

No questions followed for the Aiea Community Association.

The agenda order resumed.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Tracy Burgo reported:

- February 2010 Water Main Breaks – Four water main breaks reported in February 2010: a) February 1, 2010 – 95-528 Pahihi Street; b) February 11, 2010 – 98-1677 Apala Loop; c) February 13, 2010 – 98-1665 Apala Loop; d) February 25, 2010 – 92-242 Ohekanani Loop.
- Water Main Breaks – water main breaks are an unfortunate and unavoidable factor in the water utility industry. No water utility is free of main breaks. The BWS works diligently to reduce the amount of breaks that happen every year having more than 2,000 miles of pipeline across the island of Oahu. Aging infrastructure is one of the greatest challenges facing utilities across the nation and world. While our own water infrastructure may not be as old, severely corrosive marine environments significantly impact the underground infrastructure and shorten the service life to the pipeline assets. Proactive steps being taken by BWS towards reducing the amount of breaks are as part of the Quality Infrastructure Conservation Initiative (QUINCI), field crews gather data at the main repair site to determine why different pipelines fail. Collected data can be used to develop solutions that can later be incorporated in pipeline design, installation and/or maintenance. The Board also has a team dedicated to detecting leaks within the water system. When leaks are detected, a crew can execute a planned repair job on the main by fixing the leak before it turns into an emergency main break. In an attempt to extend the life of the waterlines corrosion control methods are being worked on.
- In an ongoing effort to provide a safe and dependable water supply, BWS carefully manages and plans for the renewal and replacement of its infrastructure.
- For more main breaks information visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

No questions followed for BWS.

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

- Kamehameha Drive In Site Redevelopment – Preliminary plans to redevelop the Kam Drive In site was recently shared with community leaders and legislators. The Robertson Properties Group will schedule a public meeting with the community in the near future. When the redevelopment occurs, a second makai-bound lane on Kaonohi Street will be created to improve traffic flow. This requirement is designated on the City's Public Infrastructure Map. Traffic congestion at the Kaonohi/Moanalua intersection continues to be a major concern for area residents.
- Aiea Intermediate School Erosion Control Project – Severe erosion has occurred on the Aiea Stream bank back of the cafeteria causing several feet of land lost. The Draft Environmental Assessment for the project was recently released; comment deadline is April 7, 2010. For more information contact the Department of Education Facilities Branch at 586-0408 or Mr. Leslie Kurisaki of Kimura International at 944-8848.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Bulky Item Pick-Up Bill (penalties) – This bill was deferred in committee.

2. The Robertson Properties Group – Tanoue relayed that it is very early in project. A community meeting on the matter was suggested. It was noted that the developers for the Kam Swap Meet property may come in the month of May.

Councilmember Romy Cachola – Sharleen Oshiro circulated the written report, announced that Councilmember Cachola is out of State, and was available for questions. No questions followed for Councilmember Cachola.

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

- Bills passed out of the Ways and Means Committee and up for a vote on the Senate Floor – A list of these bills were included in the written report.
- Town Meetings:
  - The Traffic and Transportation Issues – The meeting will be held at Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria on Thursday, March 18, 2010 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (flyers were available).
  - Disaster Preparedness – The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2010, Waimalu Elementary School at from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Written Report Deletion – Hiramoto noted to delete the announcement listed for an April Aiea Neighborhood Board meeting since the Board will be taking a recess.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Senate Bill Specifically Addressing Executive Sessions – Mobley stated the bill does not make sense because executive session is held at a meeting when something specific arises the Board needs to take immediate action The issue of privacy was brought up, noting that listing a name, etc. of what may be discussed in an executive session, may be an invasion of privacy issue.

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

- Hawaii State Budget Deficit – The projected \$1.2 billion state budget deficit is the biggest challenge facing the current legislative session.
- Aiea/Pearl City Town Meeting – The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2010, Pearl Ridge Elementary School from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.; topic of discussion is “Traffic & Transportation Issues”.
- Aiea/Pearl City Town Meeting – The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at Waimalu Elementary School from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.; topic of discussion is “Disaster Preparedness”.
- Shipyard Career Fair – Flyers were available for the Shipyard Career Fair, offering 175 apprentice and engineering jobs will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Honolulu Community College main campus, 874 Dillingham Boulevard, Honolulu.

No questions followed for Representative Blake Oshiro.

Representative K. Mark Takai – Desiree Borja circulated the monthly newsletter, invited all to attend the Traffic & Transportation meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2010 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Pearl Ridge Elementary School and was available for questions.

No questions followed for Representative K. Mark Takai.

Senator Norman Sakamoto – Senator Norman Sakamoto distributed his written report and noted:

- Board of Education (BOE) – There is a bill proposing that the members of the Board of Education be appointed similar to those of the University of Hawaii Regents system.
- Rainy Day and Hurricane Funds – Consideration may be given to utilizing these funds.
- Furloughs – There are five (5) furlough days left.
- General Excise Tax (GET) for Landlords – There is a proposal for landlords to receive a GET discount. However, the matter needs to have better monitoring and framing.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: State Use of Moneys from Different Funds – The state must eventually replace money taken from different funds.

Government Budgets – It was stated that budgets from the government crucifies the taxpayers. Government should learn to budget like the every household does instead of increasing fees, etc. without ever taking a cut. Prioritizing necessities, instead of services being cut.

Representative Lynn Finnegan – Aaron Johansen circulated the written report and highlighted the following:

- Crossover – Included in the written report were bills that have passed out of the House to the Senate on March 4, 2010.
- Budget – The House voted on the budget today.

No questions followed for Representative Finnegan.

Representative Glenn Wakai – Senator Norman Sakamoto introduced Representative Glenn Wakai who highlighted the following: The State's budget passed today although there is the \$1.2 billion deficit; and \$600 million in government cutting. GET was not touched on the House side. The focus is tax increases (HB2200), conveyance taxes, etc.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Conveyance Tax Increases – it was questioned why the homeowner is being penalized. Rep. Wakai said that only homes valued at \$2 million or more would be increased.
2. Entitlements – It was asked if there has been discussion on cutting entitlements instead of increasing them. A comment was that government budgets crucify the taxpayer. Government should look at what comes in; prioritize a list such as health care and education being on the top, no priorities should be cut. Rep Wakai explained that education is 50% of the budget; healthcare 17%, a percentage for the University of Hawaii, etc. There are no real guiding principles (template) to follow.
3. Vehicle Weight Increase Fees – Why is there an increase in vehicle weight fees? Driving and owning an automobile is a privilege, yet there are drivers out there with expired registrations, safety stickers, and no reconstruction stickers. Bills pertaining to triple traffic violation fines were introduced last year. People causing the crime should be paying for the ongoing government services.

Board of Education (BOE) – A representative was not present.

#### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Swap Meet Traffic – A resident expressed concern about the ongoing traffic jams caused by people going to the swap meet and causing traffic to backup on Moanalua Road extending to Waimalu. Chair Clark explained that plans for development on the property is far into the future. However, the developers could attend the Board's May meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

- November 17, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes – By **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** the regular meeting minutes of November 17, 2009 were **APPROVED as corrected, 11-0-0** (AYE: Arakaki, Clark, Elefante, Fitch, Ho, Lum, Mobley, Passmore, Sheldon, Sugimura, and Texeira).
  - Page 5, 2nd paragraph, last sentence should read, "...The motion accepting the amendments to the resolution were CARRIED unanimously, (9-0-0)..."
  - Page 8, last sentence should read, "...Adopted by the Aiea Neighborhood Board No. 20 this 17th day of November 2009 by a vote of 9-0-0."
- January 11, 2010 Memorandum for the Record – By **UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, the January 11, 2010 Memorandum for the record was **ACCEPTED as written, 11-0-0** ((AYE: Arakaki, Clark, Elefante, Fitch, Hp, Lum, Mobley, Passmore, Sheldon, Sugimura, and Texeira).
- February 8, 2010 Memorandum for the Record – By **UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, the February 8, 2010 memorandum for the record was **ACCEPTED as written, 11-0-0** ((AYE: Arakaki, Clark, Elefante, Fitch, Hp, Lum, Mobley, Passmore, Sheldon, Sugimura, and Texeira).

#### BOARD BUSINESS:

Honolulu Rail Transit (HRT) – A representative was not present.  
Aiea Community Association – Reported earlier in the meeting.

#### REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Danielle Lum reported the following:

- November 2009 – Board expenditures were \$30.89, leaving the balance at \$4,513.51.
- December 2009 – Board expenditures were \$66.66, leaving the balance at \$4,446.85.
- January 2010 – Board expenditures were \$33.26, leaving the balance at \$4,294.61.
- February 2010 – Board expenditures were \$52.92, leaving the balance at \$4,238.69.

COMMITTEES:

- Transportation – Sugimura reported that she will be attending the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizens Advisory Meeting (CAC) is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2010.
- Community Relations – Lum reported that attempts will be made this month to send out the Aiea Pride E-newsletter.
- Parks and Recreation – Ho reported that all area parks were visited and that there are approximately seven (7) homeless tents along the stream on the Waikiki side of Neal Blaisdell Park.
- Planning and Zoning – Regarding the Aiea Intermediate Erosion Project, Tanoue noted that the State Department of Health's Office of Environmental Quality Control published the notice.
- Restoration and Advisory Board – Mobley reported the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2010, Aiea Library Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

Permitted Interaction Groups (PIG) – There were no Permitted Interaction Groups reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- U.S. Census Bureau 2010 – The U.S. Census Bureau is in need of people on Oahu to work 6 - 8 weeks. For further information, 1-866-861-2010 or visit [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov)
- Board Recess – Chair Clark announced that the Board **RECESS in APRIL 2010.**
- Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2010, Aiea Public Library Conference Room (99-143 Moanalua Road), at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Submitted by, Nola J. Frank  
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by, William Clark  
Chair