



AIEA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 20

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DRAFT- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

AIEA PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Chair William Clark called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.; **with a quorum of eight (8) members present.** Note: This 15 member Board requires eight (8) members for a quorum and for official Board action.

Members Present: Tracy Arakaki (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), Dave Arakawa (arrived at 7:50 p.m.), William Clark, Brandon Elefante, Ronald Fitch, Danielle Lum, Wilbert Ho, Carmille Lim (appointed this evening), George Passmore, Susan Sheldon, Jane Sugimura (arrived at 7:44 p.m.), and Monica Texeira.

Members Absent: Ron Mobley and Kelsey Morinaga-Wells.

Vacancies: Sub district 2, one (1) seat.

Guests – Aaron Johanson (Office of Representative Lynn Finnegan), Eileen Clarke (Board of Education), Ken Best (Office of Representative Blake Oshiro), Sam Kong, Carmille Lim, Tracy Burgo (Board of Water Supply), Sgt. Roger Nitta, Major Greg Lefcourt, and Captain Ray Ancheta ((Honolulu Police Department, District 3 – Pearl City), Faith Washburn, Capt. Tay Enos (Honolulu Fire Department, Aiea), Dora Okada, Debbie Hiramoto (Office of Senator Donna Kim), Clinton Takahashi, Santi Lau, S. Lau (Pali Momi), Sharleen Oshiro (Office of Councilmember Romy Cachola), Representative K. Mark Takai, Jon Kawano, Suzette Adversalo, Terrie Wong, Gary Omori (Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project), Senator Norman Sakamoto, Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

ROLL CALL – There were eight (8) members present at this time.

BOARD ORGANIZATION (2010 – 2011 Term):

Election of Chair, First, Second, and Third Vice – Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer: **Ho moved, seconded by nominating the Chair Bill Clark, 1st Vice Chair Jane Sugimura, 2nd Vice Chair Wilbert Ho, 3rd Vice Chair Ron Mobley, and Treasurer Danielle Lum.**

Discussion followed: Brandon Elefante volunteered to fill the Board Secretary position. **Hearing no objection, the following Board member were elected for the term of July 2010 to June 2011 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0, AYE:**

- Chair – William Clark
- 1st Vice chair – Jane Sugimura
- 2nd Vice chair – Wilbert Ho
- 3rd Vice chair – Ron Mobley
- Secretary – Brandon Elefante
- Treasurer – Danielle Lum

7:40 p.m. Arakaki arrived; **nine (9) members present.**

Selection of Meeting Time, Date and Place – **Hearing no objection, the Board will continue to meet at 7:30 p.m., the second Monday of each month at the Aiea Public Library Conference room, 9-0-0 (AYE: Arakaki, Clark, Elefante, Fitch, Ho, Lum, Passmore, Sheldon, Texeira).**

Authorization of meeting Room Fees (\$20-25 per meeting) – **Hearing no objection the Board authorized the meeting room fees (\$20 – \$25 per meeting), 9-0-0 (AYE: Arakaki, Clark, Elefante, Fitch, Ho, Lum, Passmore, Sheldon, Texeira).**

Use of Publicity Funds – **Without objection the Board voted to utilize the publicity funds (newsletter, etc.), 9-0-0 (AYE: Arakaki, Clark, Elefante, Fitch, Ho, Lum, Passmore, Sheldon, Texeira).**



Board Recesses (August, December, March) – Chair Clark announced per the agenda the Board would recess in August, December and March.

Discussion followed: Fitch preferred April 2011. Other members preferred May 2011.

By UNANIMOUS CONSENT the Board will recess in August and December (2010) and May (2011), 9-0-0 (AYE: Arakaki, Clark, Elefante, Fitch, Ho, Lum, Passmore, Sheldon, Texeira).

7:44 p.m. Sugimura arrived; **ten (10) members present.**

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEATS (2), Sub district 2 (1 seat) and Sub district 4 (1 seat):

- Subdistrict 1 – There was no interested person present to fill the vacancy.
- Subdistrict 4 – There being no other interested persons present to fill the vacancy, **Without objection, Carmille Lim was appointed to fill the Sub district 4 vacancy, 9-0-0 (AYE: Arakaki, Clark, Fitch, Lum, Ho, Mobley, Passmore, Sheldon, Sugimura, Texeira).** The Neighborhood Assistant administered the Oath of Office.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. Tay Enos gave the following report:

- June 2010 Statistics – Included 2 wildland, and 3 rubbish fires; 72 medical, and 22 miscellaneous calls.
- Fire Safety Tip – Cigarettes and other smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths in the United States. The latest fire-related fatality on Oahu was a result of an unattended cigarette.
 - ◇ Helpful Safety Precautions: Smoke outside; use deep, wide ashtrays placed on a sturdy table; prior to discarding cigarette butts and/or ashes, ensure they are completely extinguished by dousing them with water or sand.
 - ◇ Firewise Safety Tips: 1) In June, a Maui child playing with a lighter destroyed a family home and caused \$350,000 in damages. A child as young as two years old can start a fire. 2) Keep matches and lighters in a secured area out of children's sight and reach. 3) Educate children that lighters and matches are tools not toys. 4) Only use lighters designed with child-resistant features. Remember, child-resistant does not mean childproof. 5) Teach children to tell an adult if they see matches and lighters.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Kaamilo Street Fire on July 4, 2010 – Follow up will be done regarding damage caused by this fire. It was mentioned that the possible cause was fireworks; a citation was issued.

7:50 p.m. Arakawa arrived; **11 members present.**

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Chair Clark introduced Maj. Greg Lefcourt and Capt. Ray Ancheta from District 3, Pearl City.

Sgt. R. Nitta gave the following report:

- June 2010 Statistics (Beats 373-374) – Sgt. Roger. Nitta reported statistics included 21 auto thefts, 12 auto theft recoveries, 32 burglaries, 24 criminal property damage, 8 graffiti, 1 sex offense, 67 thefts, and 37 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle); total 202 calls for service.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Stolen Golf Cart Accident in Halawa Heights – Concern rose regarding a memorial set up on the side of the road fronting residences. Although the young man died at the hospital, family and friends visit this memorial all hours of the day and night making loud noise, leaving trash, smoking pakalolo, and incidents of near fights. HPD said that the situation will be addressed, warning given, and if need be arrests will be made.

Residents were encouraged to call 911 when incidents occur or a group is gathering in the area of the memorial.

2. Memorial Iwaiwa Street and Halawa Heights Road – It was brought up a memorial with dried flowers are still on this roadway from a previous motorcycle accident fatality. Visitors do cleanup the beer bottles but not the dried flowers.
3. Road Curbing on Hulumanu Street – Reported was why there were two yellow stripe lines painted in the middle of this divided road causing cars to park on the sidewalk. The striping could have possible be done by the road service crew for an upgrade. Chair Clark noted that cars are not allowed to pass with double solid lines. Mayor's representative Tanoue said that part of the right-of-way lot prohibits parking on the curb. Not all streets are designed for street parking. Maj. Lefcourt suggested calling 911; yellow striping is a safety factor.
4. Steps to Submit Concerns to the Honolulu Police Department – Major Lefcourt explained that the packet circulated allows the community to submit concerns via the web at www.honoluluupd.org.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – David Tanoue reported the following:

- Crosswalk at Halawa Heights Road and Iwaiwa Street – The crosswalk issue is being evaluated; follow-up will continue.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Guards Over Storm Drains on Kaonohi Street – It was reported that guards over storm drains for construction purposes have not been removed and are now collecting leaves and growing trees. Upon completion of the work the contractor is responsible to remove the guards. Follow-up will be done with the City Department of Design and Construction (DDC).

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

- May 2010 Water Main Breaks – There were four (4) water main breaks in May.
- Water Quality Report – Customer should have received the water quality report in by July 1, 2010. Visit www.boardofwatersupply.com for more information. Everyone was reminded to be diligent about water use.
- June 2010 Water Main Breaks – There were five (5) water main breaks in June.
- 2010 Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale – The 22nd Annual Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; free and open to the public. For more information about the plant sale visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- BWS Furlough Information – The BWS business offices will begin observing furlough days beginning in July. Please check www.boardofwatersupply.com for the schedule. While BWS business offices will be closed on designated Furlough Fridays, some BWS sections will work staggered schedules in order to maintain for public health and safety.
- Reporting of Water Main Breaks – call 748-5000 to report water main breaks.

Councilmember Gary Okino – A representative was not present; no report provided.

Representative K. Mark Takai –

- Aiea/Pearl City Town Hall Meeting – An Education Town Hall Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2010 from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria.
- May Neighborhood Board Meeting Sign-In sheet – Rep. Takai called attention to the matter that it was assumed at this meeting that the Neighborhood Board's guest list with the addresses of attendees would be provided to the areas representatives and the Robert's Group. The problem is that the community is counting on the Board to keep them informed. The Board was urged to notify the community of any information that is received regarding the Swap Meet property project. Chair Clark noted that an email had been sent to Rep. Takai and explained that it is a NCO ruling that only names on the guest be provided. Chair Clark suggested that area legislators should provide their own sign in sheets for what ever their purpose is at a meeting. Clark added that guests were told to sign in and Rep. Takai assumed it was other than the Board's guest list. Contact information was provided by John Manavian of the Robertson Properties Group.

Representative Blake Oshiro – Ken Best announced that the written report would be provided to the Board at a later time; and reported the following:

- Iwaiwa Street and Halawa Heights Road Safety Improvements – Response from the State Department of Transportation (DOT) notes that no justification was found, but painted lines where cars should park up to before the Iwaiwa Street turn. The striping allows more visibility at the intersection, but less visibility for cars exiting driveways. Sheldon mentioned that the area is striped from Hulumanu Street on up. Follow up will continue.

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

- Kam Swap Meet Property – Senator Kim emailed Mr. Manavian of Roberts Group asking if a community meeting would be held in the fall. Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Director Tom Ware was called and said that progress is slow and there was nothing new to report.
- Aiea /Pearl City Town Hall Meeting – The next Aiea/Pearl City Town Hall Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2010, Pearl Ridge Elementary School from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Briefings – The Senator is busy attending State Department of Transportation (DOT) briefings.

Representative Lynn Finnegan – Aaron Johanson circulated the written report and reported the following:

- Pearl Ridge Day Work and Overnight Right Lane Closures – a) Center and right lane closures on Kamehameha Highway, westbound from Pali Momi Street to Kanuku Street, by the Kaonohi Street intersection, fronting Anna Miller's at Pearlridge Shopping Center, Monday July 12, 2010 to Wednesday, July 14, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. so the concrete may set; and eastbound direction from Kanuku Street and Lipoa Place, near Kaohoni Street intersection, fronting Home World from Wednesday, July 14, 2010 through Friday, July 16, 2010, for installation of concrete bus pads. b) For both locations, right lanes will be closed continuously during these time periods. Bus stops will be moved slightly during work periods. Alternate routes to use are the Moanalua Road or the H-1 Freeway.

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

- Consultant to Assist Superintendent Search – The BOE has selected Lee Goeke as an educational consultant, to assist the Board in its search for a superintendent. He is the principal/owner of Human Resources Solutions for Public Education in Vancouver, Washington.
- Haleiwa Elementary School Proposed Closure – A consolidation meeting with two BOE members in attendance was held with parents, students, and community to discuss the closure of the elementary school. A suggestion was to move the Waiialua Elementary School sixth graders to the high school. The community felt that their identity would be lost, socially not a good idea, and was a 100% in opposition to closure of this school. Also under consideration for closure is Kohala Elementary School on the Big Island.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Hiring of Consultant – Mr. Goeke is familiar with the Hawaii school system. There are no affordable local consultants.

Councilmember Romy Cachola – Sharleen Oshiro circulated the written report and highlighted the following:

- Controversial Issues – Gasoline powered leaf blower, fireworks, final rail Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be discussed at the July 14, 2010 City Council meeting.
- City Furlough Fridays – The City's furlough schedule went into effect on July 2, 2010; the City council is no on furlough, but access to the building is restricted on these days.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Closure of Farmer's Markets on furlough Fridays – Farmer's markets are closed because park employees Leaf Blowers are on furlough.
2. Gasoline Powered Leaf Blowers – A state law is in existence limiting start times. Chair Clark added that per the Lawn Care association, hours to use gasoline powered leaf blowers are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Hours are regulated by the State Department of Health (DOH). The matter goes before City Council on July 22, 2010 for a total ban.

Senator Norman Sakamoto – Senator Sakamoto reported the following:

- Vetoed Bills – 1) The bill that would have given the Board of Education (BOE) the authority to raise salaries for library workers, superintendents, and performance outcomes was vetoed. 2) The constitutional amendment to change how the BOE is elected/appointed would have been put out to the voters.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – The guests introduced themselves at this time.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) Meeting – A member of the audience said that he attended a NSW meeting and was informed to report suspicious people; and noted that there are about 30 people at a house across the street partying until 1:30 a.m. Chair Clark advised him to call 911, and if the officer does not respond or correct the situation call the Pearl City Police Station (455-9055) and ask for a sergeant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD FOR MARCH 2010, MAY 2010, AND JUNE 2010:

- March 8, 2010 – **Without objection, the regular meeting minutes of March 8, 2010 was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 12-0-0 (AYE: Arakaki, Arakawa, Clark, Elefante, Fitch, Ho, Lum, Passmore, Sheldon, Sugimura, Texeira).**
- May 10, 2010 – **Without objection, the regular meeting minutes of May 10, 2010 was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AYE: Arakaki, Arakawa, Clark, Elefante, Fitch, Ho, Lum, Passmore, Sheldon, Sugimura, Texeira).**
- June 14, 2010 – **By UNANIMOUS CONSENT, THE June 14, 2010 memorandum for the Record WAS ADOPTED, by CONSENT 12-0-0 (AYE: Arakaki, Arakawa, Clark, Elefante, Fitch, Ho, Lum, Passmore, Sheldon, Sugimura, Texeira).**
- Recess – The Board recessed in April 2010.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Honouliuli/Waipahu/Pearl City Wastewater Project – A representative was not present.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report – Deferred.

Community Reports:

Kapiolani Medical Center Update – Santi Lau gave the following update: In recognition of the progress Pali Momi has made over the past 20 years, from a community hospital to a regional leader, the hospital is simplifying the name and rebranding the facility as Pali Momi Medical Center. The high level of care and quality of service that the hospital deliver to the patients will remain unchanged as Pali Momi is positioned as one of the leaders in the future of health care in Hawaii. The only change will be the rebranding of the hospital back to the original name; Pali Momi remains an affiliate of Hawaii Pacific Health. A dedication is scheduled for July 30, 2010.

Aiea Community Association – A representative was not present.

Other Community Reports:

Honolulu Rail Transit (HRT) – Gary Omori reported the following:

- The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is with the State Office of Environmental Quality control (OEQC) for review. After its review the OEQC will make a recommendation of the Governor for acceptance of the Final EIS. In addition the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will issue a Record of Decision that completes the federal environmental review. The Governor must accept the Final EIS and the FTA must issue a Record of Decision before groundbreaking can commence.
- A minimum 30-day period for federal agency review is required. It begins when the Notice of Availability (NOA) is published in the Federal Register. Once that occurs, federal agencies can comment to the FTA on the Final EIS. All received comments will be reviewed. Comments on matters not addressed in the document would be reconciled with the Final EIS in the FTA's Record of Decision. Comment deadline is July 25, 2010.

- Although not required, the FTA has requested that the City accept public comments on new matters during this period. New comments will be forwarded by the RTD to the FTA. All comments must be in writing to either the Department of Transportation Services (DTS), 650 S. King Street, 3rd floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or to the Federal Transit Administration, Region 9, 201 Mission Street, Suite 1650, San Francisco, California 94105.
- The Final EIS includes a draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) that will be signed before the Record of Decision.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Testimony at Council Meetings – Testimony given at next Wednesday's Council hearing goes on record' the meeting starts at 2:00p.m.

There were no other community reports.

COMMITTEES:

Executive – Chair Clark has no report. However, Rep. Takai reiterated the matter of not being able to receive the addresses of those in attendance at the May 2010 meeting from the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO). Chair Clark will follow up with the Executive Secretary Rae Gee and call Rep. Takai. Rep. Takai added that attorneys are looking at the matter.

Parks and Recreation – Wilbert Ho reported that the Lions Club painted over graffiti at the entrance to Pearl Harbor Park.

There were no other committee reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2035 (ORTP 2035) – Meetings to gather community input will be held at Kapolei High School (91-5007 Kapolei Parkway) on Saturday August 14, 2010 from 10:a.m. to noon; Central Union Church Parish Hall (1660 S. Beretania Street) on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and Mililani Mauka Elementary School (95-1111 Makaikai Street) on Thursday, August 19, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Former Aiea Military Reservation Proposed Plan – The Public Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, 2010, Aiea Public Library Conference Room from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to discuss remediation of the Pearl Harbor Path (after the big gate) and ammunition petroleum storage.
- Clean Water and Natural Lands Commission Meeting – The meeting will be held on Friday, July 16, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.
- Application for Board of Education (BOE) Superintendent – Applications for this position are being accepted until July 31, 2010. Visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/t6tJ5C8 for more information and to submit input.
- Sidewalk Remediation – The sidewalk area fronting First Hawaiian Bank on Moanalua Road will undergo renovations making the curbing accessible as required by the American Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Board Recess – The Board will **RECESS in AUGUST**. The next meeting is scheduled Monday, September 13, 2010 at the Aiea Public Library Conference Room 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