



AIEA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 20

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DRAFT-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Bill Clark called the meeting to order at 7:35 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: Dave Arakawa, William Clark, Ronald Fitch, Wilbert Ho, Carmille Lim, Ron Mobley, George Passmore, Jane Sugimura (arrived at 7:50 a.m.), Monica Texeira.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tracy Arakaki, Brandon Elefante, Danielle Lum, Susan Sheldon (notified), Kelsey Morinaga-Wells.

GUESTS: Breene Harimoto (Office of Councilmember Okino), Sharleen Oshiro (Office of Councilmember Cachola), Tracy Burgo (Board of Water Supply), Capt. Ray Ancheta and Sgt. Roger Nitta (Honolulu Police Department, District 3 – Pearl City), Capt. Edwin Tangunan and Firefighter Ross Takata, (Honolulu Fire Department – Aiea), Representative K. Mark Takai, John Burns, Claire Tamamoto (Aiea Community Association), Aaron Johanson (Office of Representative Finnegan), Gary Omori (Honolulu Rail Project), David Tanoue (Office of the Mayor/Acting Director Department of Planning & Permitting), Debbie Hiramoto (Office of Senator Kim), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEAT, SUB DISTRICT 2: There were no persons present interested in filling the vacancy.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS: There was a quorum of **eight (8)** members present at this time.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt Tangunan reported:

- September 2010 Statistics – Included 1 structure (unattended cooking fire on stove), 2 wildland (including 1 brush fire by Aiea Middle School), and 1 rubbish fire; 57 medical, 28 miscellaneous, and no major or unusual incidents.
- Fire Safety Tip – Planning ahead can help make Halloween a fire-safe one. Buy only costumes, wigs, and props labeled flame-resistant or flame retardant. If you are making your own costume, choose material that will not easily burn. Avoid using costumes with billowing or long-trailing features. If your child is wearing a mask, ensure the eye holes are large enough so that vision is not obscured. Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting. Dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper are highly flammable; keep these and other decorations away from open flames and/or heat-generating sources, including light bulbs and heaters. For decorations, use simulated candles with battery-powered lights.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sgt. Nitta reported:

- September 2010 Statistics – Included 11 auto thefts, 12 auto theft recoveries, 19 burglaries, 42 criminal property damages (CPR), 8 graffiti, 70 thefts, 22 unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle (UEMV); total of 184 calls for service.
- Kaahahele Street Sign Waving for Safety – HPD's Community Traffic Awareness Program (CTAP), Representative Takai and community will be sign waving on Kaahahele Street on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. The CTAP program is community driven with the assistance of HPD.



- Complaints – Capt. Ancheta reported that complaints may now be sent via the website at www.hpd.org. Responses can then be prepared to be reported at the Board meeting. Complaints were received regarding speeding issues in the Halawa and Aiea High School areas; HPD action has been taken and citations issued. Regarding requests for speed monitoring trailers, the trailer must be placed on level grounds.

Mayor's Representative: David Tanoue reported that newly elected Mayor Peter Carlisle was sworn in at 4:30 p.m. this afternoon. Acting City Managing Director is Douglas Chin. Tanoue is now the Acting Director for the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP).

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

- Water Main Breaks – There were six (6) water main breaks reported for the month of September.
- Safety and Security at BWS Properties and Facilities – With concerns about national security and the increasing problem of theft and vandalism of public property, the BWS has been proactive in its efforts to protect the safety of our water supply. Having the community as a partner to help keep an eye on BWS various properties, especially the remote ones, is very important. Everyone is reminded that should you see anything that looks out of the ordinary or suspicious occurring at one of the sites, the first call should be to **911** to HPD. BWS appreciates receiving calls from the general public alerting them of incidents, but calling law enforcement first allows them to respond faster to the situation. After contacting the police, a follow up call could be made to the BWS Security Office at 748-5911.
- Water Conservation Tips – a) Collect water for outdoor irrigation; visit www.boardofwatersupply.com for information regarding rain barrel water catchment. b) Be mindful and don't let water run when showering or brushing your teeth.

Representative K. Mark Takai – Representative Takai circulated his written report and highlighted the following:

- Sign-waving to Focus on Safety for Kaahale Street – The sign-waving event will take place on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. This project is part of the HPD's CTAP (Community Traffic Awareness Program) with lifesaving messages to drivers.
- Keiki ID – Children can receive free Keiki IDs at McDonald's Pearl Kai on Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Seniors Fair – The annual Seniors Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2010, Pearlridge Shopping Center Uptown from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information contact Representative Takai's office at 586-8455.
- Kamehameha Highway Project – It was requested to have the State Department of Transportation (DOT) Acting Director give an update at the Board's November meeting on this project

7:50 p.m. Sugimura arrived; **nine (9) members present.**

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

- Speeding – Speeding continues to be a concern for area residents. HPD is assisting the community to address these concerns with their Community Traffic Awareness Program (CTAP). Rep. Takai was thanked for helping coordinate tomorrow's event on Kaahale Street.
- Fireworks Ban – A modified version of the fireworks ban was approved by the City Council on September 22, 2010, banning the use of all consumer fireworks; but allows the use of firecrackers with certain restrictions. A \$25 permit is required for purchase of 5,000 (single string) firecrackers. Restrictions become effective on January 2, 2010.

Senator Donna Kim – Debbie Hiramoto reported that Senator Kim attended two informational briefings today. Absentee ballots will be mailed out tomorrow.

Councilmember Romy Cachola – Charlene Oshiro circulated the written report and encouraged everyone to take time to read the charter amendments that will be on the ballot before voting.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 MINUTES: **Without objection, the regular meeting minutes of September 13, 2010 were ADOPTED, 9-0-0 (AYE: Arakawa, Clark, Fitch, Ho, Lim, Mobley, Passmore, Sugimura, Texeira) with the following corrections:**

- Member present add, "...**Carmille Lim**..."
- Page 2, Rep. Mark Takai should read, "...**Hawaii Five-O**..."
- Page 2, Rep. Blake Oshiro should read, "...Senior **Fair**..."
- Page 2, Sen. Norman Sakamoto should read, "...Senator Sakamoto reminded everyone to vote and to make sure to **mark** the appropriate boxes on the ballot or it will not be counted. Today the **DOE** selected Ms. Kathy Matayoshi as the new **DOE** superintendent..."
- Page 3, Honouliuli/Waipahu/Pearl City Wastewater Facilities Plan Update should read, "...The City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) is in **the process** of preparing the Honouliuli/Waipahu/Pearl City Wastewater Facilities Plan, which is an update to the West Mamala Bay Facilities Plan (2001) for the Honouliuli Sewershed..."

BOARD BUSINESS:

Hawaii Children First – Breene Harimoto reported the following: The following constitutional amendment question will be on the general election ballot: "Shall the Board of Education be changed to a board appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, as provided by law?" A blank vote counts as a "NO" vote, which is a vote for no change. Everyone was encouraged to vote "yes" for an appointed BOE and hold the Governor accountable for the education of our children. Log on to www.hawaiichildrenfirst.org if you are unsure how to vote, call Harimoto at 225-0368, or email bharimoto@gmail.com.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Change by Voters – If passed by the voters, when would the change take effect? Representative Takai noted that the bill would need to be tracked by the legislature, and if passes, the first thing the legislature should do would be to pass the bill with all law requirements with a transition period explained in the bill.
2. Elected Versus Appointed BOE Comment – a) There are no guarantees if an appointed board would be more functional than the current elected board; if there are no changes nothing can be improved. If the BOE is appointed by the governor, the governor would be held accountable. It was noted that this opinion is no reflection of the Board. b) Comment – It was mentioned that a voter is being forced to consider this vote and asked if there is any way to force an abstention vote.
3. Comment – a) For the last 45 years, and each election period, education was the most important for the children. This is an opportunity to change what has been stagnant for the last 45 years. Regarding "No Child Left Behind" the children were taught how to pass the test, but lacking basic learning skills. b) Representative Takai noted that in 2003 when this program was implemented, the Hawaii State Legislature was the first to disregard federal funds and declined; funding was accepted by default. c) Each state sets its own standards for this program. Tests scores could not depend on the ground work set at the elementary and intermediate levels. However, testing continued to receive more funding.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Chair Clark reported the following:

- March 2010 – Operating Account expenditure was \$52.41, leaving a balance of \$1,123.28; with no expenditures the Publicity Account remains at \$3,063.00.
- April 2010 – Operating Account expenditure was \$46.50, leaving a balance of \$1,076.78; with no expenditures the Publicity Account remains at \$3,063.00.
- May 2010 – Operating Account expenditure was \$30.85, leaving a balance of \$1,045.93; with no expenditures the Publicity Account remains at \$3,063.00.

- June 2010 – Operating Account expenditure were \$41.32, leaving a balance of \$1,004.61; with no expenditures the Publicity Account remains at \$3,063.00.
- July 2010 (new fiscal year) – Appropriated budget for this fiscal year is \$4,703.00; Operating Account expenditures was \$37.41, leaving a balance of \$4,665.59.
- August 2010 – Operating Account expenditures was \$34.13, leaving a balance of \$4,631.46.
- September 2010 – Operating Account expenditures was \$41.25, leaving a balance of \$4,590.21

Discussion followed: Chair Clark relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair Sugimura to make the following comments:

1. Budget Cuts – Clark opined that the original budget was cut 40%, but since increased to 100% in September 2010. Consideration was given to Boards that videotape their meetings. The youthfulness of the neighborhood boards as it was originally intended (under the Harris Administration). There are those who believe that that intend does not exist anymore. We will see what happens in the next few months under the Carlisle Administration.
2. Comment – If finances were to be streamlined, is there a possibility that the Aiea and the Pearl City Neighborhood Boards be combined.
3. Comment – Mobley noted that as a Neighborhood Commissioner all information discussed at Commission meetings can be shared. The Mayor is in charge of the entire neighborhood board system. However, gossip is that the Mayor/City is not benefiting from neighborhood boards and may decide that the boards are of no use and make them go away. There are several boards creating problems for the city rather than solutions. One suggestion was to get rid of the neighborhood boards, having the office with only the Executive Secretary. Funding for Neighborhood Board elections has been taken away by the City Council leaving the only way to vote in Board elections is online. Only 13% of people voted in the last neighborhood board elections. For the first time ever, the neighborhood boards have been asked to participate and give input on their budget allocation. Board spending has always been handled by the NCO. Budget records were sought for justification on board expenditures, but records could not be found in the NCO office.
4. Comment – Arakawa said that neighborhood boards do serve a purpose.
5. Comment – Tamamoto added that for practical purposes a request was made to the boards to submit a budget. Boards using less funding will receive less; and boards videotaping would receive more.

Chair Clark resumed the agenda order.

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

- ACA Meeting Day Change – The ACA now meets on the third Monday of each month, at Aiea Public Library Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.
- Aiea Christmas Parade – This year's parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. The same route will be followed, starting at Pearl Ridge Elementary School to the old sugar mill site. Participant Applications are being accepted.

Representative Lynn Finnegan – Aaron Johanson reported that the office manager is currently on the mainland, leaving only one staff member.

Kamehameha Drive – in Issues – Robertson Properties – Grand opening of the Hawaii Robertson Properties, located across from the Pearl City Walmart at the Pearl City Gateway was held on October 1, 2010. They have nothing to report at this time.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. A meeting was held with the City Department of Planning and Permitting at Pearl City Elementary School.

2. People from other communities as well as area residents, Representative Takai, Rep Oshiro, etc. will be kept informed as updates are provided.

Hearing no objection, the Honolulu Rail Transit (HRT) was added to the agenda.

Honolulu Rail Transit (HRT) – Gary Omori reported that on November 2, 2010, voters of O`ahu will be asked to vote on a proposed amendment to the City Charter. Its passage will lead to the establishment of a public transit authority to govern the activities of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project. The ballot question will read, "Shall the revised City Charter be amended to create a semi-autonomous public transit authority responsible for the planning, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion of the City's fixed guideway mass transit system?" A handout was circulated explaining the meaning of a yes, no, or blank vote, costs, and what the benefits are of creating a new public transit authority for the rail transit system. For more information on the charter amendment, visit www.HonoluluTransit.org.

Questions, comments and concerns: The Public Transit Authority board would consist of ten members and a chairperson.

Committees:

Executive:

- Bus Stop Pads – Bus stop pads will be constructed from November 28 to December 8, 2010 on Kaonohi Street from Macy's to Kamehameha Highway; Pali Momi and Haukapila Road; and Moanalua Road and Kaamilo Street; each taking seven days to complete.
- Hawaii Drug Take Back Program – This program is sponsored by the Attorney General's Office and State Narcotics Enforcement. Expired drugs may be taken to the Pearl City Longs (October 23, 2010) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and the Waianae Mall on November 6, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for disposal.
- 2010 Honolulu Citizen Survey – The survey is sponsored by the International City/County Management Association in cooperation with the National Research Center, Inc. For more information visit www.honolulu.gov/council/auditor.

There were no other committee reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Aiea Gateway Sign – Efforts of Kenard Chong has improved the landscaping, and the water system repaired. Board member Elefante and the prisoners have assisted with the clean-ups.
- Mill Site Project – Plans continue to have a long-term facility on the site.
- Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be on Monday, November 8, 2010, Aiea Public Library Conference Room (99-143 Moanalua Road) at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Bill Clark
Chair