



WAIPAHU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 22

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012** **FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Rito Saniatan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. **Quorum was established with 16 members present.** Note – This 19 member Board requires 10 members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present – Edmund Alfonso, Maureen Andrade, Marty Burke, Cory Chun, Sy Cullen, Lorraine Duhaylonsod, Connie Herolaga, Darryl Macha, Peter Lee, David O’Neal, Richard Oshiro, Ilalo Parayno, Rito Saniatan, Blaine Tsugawa, Chuck Wheatley, and George Yakowenko.

Members Absent: Daniel De Gracia and Vai Sua.

Vacancies: There is one (1) At-Large vacancy.

Guests: Joseph Milho, Harry Williams, Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Tom Heinrich (Neighborhood Commission Office/Mayor’s Representative), Keoni Mattos (Board of Water Supply), Maile Kanemaru, Joe Booker and Darin Kawazoe (State Department of Public Safety), Felicia Durant (Kiewit), Bruce Terry and Col. Chuck Pagonis (United States Army Garrison Hawaii), Apollo Chong (Honolulu Police Department), Rock Riggs (Senator Mike Gabbard’s Office staff), Pat Lee (Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project), Michelle Kauhane (Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Homelands/Governor’s Representative), Karen Scharfenstein (Councilmember Breene Harimoto’s Office staff), Michael Magaoay, Senator Clarence Nishihara, Senate Michelle Kidani, Ron Menor (Senator Will Espero), Act. Capt. Cody Racoma (Honolulu Fire Department), Daniel Benedetto (Friends of Rahman), and Kazuaki McArthur (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Those present introduced themselves.

FILLING OF VACANCY: Chair Saniatan opened the floor for volunteers to fill the At-Large vacancy. There being no interested individuals, the filling of the vacancy was deferred to the next regular meeting.

FIRST RESPONDER REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Acting Captain Cody Racoma reported the following;

- **February 2012 Statistics:** Included 11 fires, 200 medical/search and rescue calls, and 102 miscellaneous calls.
- **Safety Tip:** Although cooking at home can be a fun family activity, please adhere to the following suggestions to avoid accidents in the kitchen:
 - Do not leave cooking food unattended. If you must leave the kitchen, turn off the heat and take a spoon or oven mitt with you to remind yourself of the food on the stove.
 - Do not become distracted. Attending to children, answering the phone, watching television, and answering doorbells can have devastating results when the stove is unattended.
 - Keep ignitable items such as dish towels, paper or plastic bags, and curtains at least three (3) feet away from the range top.
 - Learn how to use an ABC-rated fire extinguisher and keep it near the kitchen.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sgt. Apollo Chong reported the following;

- **February 2012 Crime Statistics:**
 - **Beat 350:** Included 4 property damages, 1 sex assault, 4 thefts, 294 calls for service; accounting for 4.72% of the district’s total calls.



- Beat 351: Included 2 auto thefts, 1 auto theft recovery, 3 burglaries, 15 criminal property damages, 19 thefts, 3 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), and 606 calls for service; accounting for 9.73% of the district's total calls.
 - Beat 353: Included 2 auto thefts, 1 auto theft recovery, 3 burglaries, 4 criminal property damages, 1 sex assault, 8 thefts, 5 UEMV, and 310 calls for service; accounting for 4.98% of the district's total calls.
 - Beat 360: Included 2 auto thefts, 1 auto theft recovery, 4 burglaries, 6 criminal property damages, 5 sex assaults, 10 thefts, 1 UEMV, and 654 calls for service; accounting for 10.5% of the district's total calls.
 - Beat 362: Included 5 auto thefts, 2 burglaries, 7 criminal property damages, 15 thefts, 5 UEMV, and 553 calls for service; accounting for 8.88% of the district's total calls.
 - Beat 363: Included 3 auto thefts, 4 burglaries, 4 criminal property damages, 1 sex assault, 9 thefts, 3 UEMV, and 396 calls for service; accounting for 6.36% of the district's total calls.
- Safety Tip: Pedestrians are encouraged to wait until large vehicles have cleared the designated crossing area before crossing the street. Pedestrians may be issued a \$70 citation for jay walking.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. HPD Beats: It was asked and clarified that State/City Council rezoning will not affect HPD beat zoning.
2. Plant Theft: A Board member reported newly planted plants are being stolen. It was suggested HPD monitor newly landscaped areas for plant thieves.
3. Drifting: A Board member reported cars are drifting during early morning hours when roads are wet.
4. Traffic Safety Improvements: A Board member noted that the Board has already requested a traffic light at the Waipahu Street/Honowai Street intersection. HPD was asked if they were aware of similar intersections that are in need of improvement. HPD was not aware of specific problem intersections; however, community members were encouraged to work with City or State agencies to identify dangerous intersections.
5. Arrests: A Board member cited two (2) domestic violence incidents where a group of officers were called in to handle the situation. Concern was raised that arrests were not made at either of the incidents. HPD reported that the complainant involved in the situation must make a statement in order for HPD to make an arrest. It was asked and clarified that eye witnesses may not make a statement for the complainant.

Weed and Seed Officer – A representative was not present; a report was not available.

CITY REPORTS:

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative – Tom Heinrich reported the following;

- New Refuse Trucks: The City received 20 new refuse trucks on Thursday, March 22, 2012. The Pearl City refuse truck yard will receive 10 of the 20 new trucks. The City plans to order 11 additional trucks.
- Bike Lanes: Bike lane maintenance along Farrington Highway falls under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation (DOT).
- Housing Numbers: The Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, Chapter 2, Article 9. Section 2-9.2, and the 1997 Uniform Fire Code, City and County of Honolulu, Section 901.4.4 address the placement of house numbers on residences.
- Sidewalks: The Sidewalks along Lumiaina are being lifted by a private tree. A temporary patch was applied on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. The City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) will issue a notice of violation (NOV) informing tree owners to repair the sidewalk.

- Street Light: The dim street light located near the Don Quijote exit onto Farrington Highway is under DOT jurisdiction.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Illuminated In-Pavement Crossing: A Board member requested an update on the status of the illuminated in-pavement crossing pilot project in Waipahu.
2. Waipahu Street/Honowai Street Intersection: A Board member requested an update on the Board's request to install a traffic light at the Waipahu Street/Honowai Street intersection.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative – Michelle Kauhane reported the following;

- Early Morning Street Lights: Street lights on H-1 are not programmed to turn on at 1:00 p.m. There may be a faulty electrical system causing the lights to turn on at that time.
- School Funding: Waikele Elementary School and Kaleiopuu Elementary School will receive a portion of the \$2 million in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding to provide energy improvements and playground upgrades.
- National Governor's Association (NGA): Governor Abercrombie attended the NGA winter meeting in Washington D.C. The Governor was able to talk to the President and other governors on various issues. The Governor focused on the Obama Administration's efforts to increase travel and tourism. The Governor continues to pursue Federal and regulatory assistance for Hawaii to lessen the impact of the Federal Compact of Free Association (COFA) mandate on the State. The Governor also met with U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan about Race to the Top. The State is committed to fulfilling Race to the Top requirements to improve education outcomes for children.
- Legal Presence Law: Effective March 5, 2012, anyone applying for an original or renewal of their Hawaii driver's license must show proof of identity, legal presence in the United States, and Social Security Number. The State is required to do this to comply with Federal law.
- Hawaii Speed Test: Continue to use www.HawaiiSpeedTest.net to determine your broadband speed. Data collected from the website will assist Hawaii broadband specialists map out Hawaii's overall network coverage.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Keoni Mattos reported the following;

- February 2012 Main Break: An 18-inch water main broke on Friday, February 17, 2012, at 94-127 Waikele Road. The main was installed in 1956.
- Charter Amendment: A resolution proposed by the City Council seeks to amend the Revised City Charter to transfer the powers, duties, and functions of the BWS to a Department of Water Supply under the Executive Branch of the City. BWS does not support this resolution. Under the existing semi-autonomy, operations are funded by water rates and are solely used for the benefit of the water system. These monies are not diverted to other non-waterwork uses. BWS does not receive funds from property taxes. The semi-autonomous Board provides for greater efficiency in making decisions and setting policy. It also encourages continuity of management and ensures a long-range planning to keep the water systems functioning. BWS is in full compliance with environmental regulations and has never been subjected to Federal actions due to a lack of maintaining its water systems. For more information, call 748-5041.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Recycled Water: A Board member asked and it was clarified that BWS currently has one (1) facility that recycles water for irrigation use. There are currently no plans for opening additional recycled water facilities.
2. City Council Resolution: A Board member asked and it was clarified that the resolution would remove the semi-autonomous status of BWS.

3. Functions: A Board member noted that some BWS functions overlap with other City agencies.

Councilmember Nestor Garcia – Councilmember Nestor Garcia circulated a report and highlighted the following;

- Waipahu Street/Honowai Street Traffic Light: The Waipahu Street/Honowai Street intersection traffic light is currently in project design. Budget for installation has been included in the 2013 budget.
- Greywater: The City Council passed a resolution to research the use of greywater for irrigation purposes.
- BWS Resolution: The resolution to remove the semi-autonomous status of BWS passed second hearing and was sent back to committee for discussion. Councilmember Garcia is not in support of the resolution.
- Short Range Transit Plan Meetings: The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will be hosting an informational meeting to discuss the City's short range transit plan. DTS will meet with Kapolei/Ewa/Leeward Coast/Waipahu/Pearl City residents on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at Kapolei Hale.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Thank You: Councilmember Garcia was thanked for assisting with Plantation Village roof repairs, and working with the City for the installation of the traffic signal at the Waipahu Street/Honowai Street intersection.
2. Night Work: A Board member reported that performing road work at night adds 25% to the total cost of a project. It was expressed that citizens would accommodate additional traffic if they knew the City was saving money.
3. Bus Stop: A Board member reported that the bus stop near the Farrington Highway/Pupukahi Street intersection was moved and there is no seating at the new location. It was reported that the bus stop was moved because the buses were being damaged by the potholes near the intersection.

Councilmember Breene Harimoto – Karen Scharfenstein circulated a report and opened the floor for questions.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Council Districts: It was asked and clarified that the new City Council District boundary maps are available. Councilmember Harimoto intends to review the new boundary maps with the community.

Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project – Pat Lee reported the following;

- Power: The rail system will consume 160 megawatt (MW) hours per day. Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) has confirmed that it has the capacity to accommodate the additional load.
- Commute Time: The rail car is expected to arrive at the Downtown transit station from the Waipahu transit station within 27 minutes. The rail car is expected to arrive at the Downtown transit station from the Westloch station within 30 minutes. By 2030, it is anticipated that it would take an average of 66 minutes to drive from Waipahu to Downtown. Using the rail would save about 30 minutes commute time each way.
- Seating: The Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transit (HART) is planning for 100 more seats per train. A total of 400 seats will be available for passengers.
- Executive Director: The HART board has unanimously confirmed Daniel Grabauskas as the Executive Director of the semi-autonomous transit agency. Grabauskas is chairman and senior strategic advisor for the Bronner Center for Transportation Management, and is the former general manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).
- Population: State and City planners agree that Oahu's population will grow by as much as 14% over the next 20 years. The majority of the anticipated 150,000 to 200,000 additional residents are expected to live in leeward Oahu. Oahu's population has increased by about 9% or 80,000 residents from 2000 to 2010

during a decade that was considered a down economic period. The rail is anticipated to reduce future traffic by 18%.

- Community Meetings: HART will present a series of five (5) informational community updates on the Honolulu Rail Transit project. The public is welcome to attend and learn up-to-date details from project experts, experience informational displays, and ask questions of HART representatives. The meeting in Waipahu is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Waipahu Intermediate School Cafeteria.
- HART Website: HART has a new section on the website called "setting the record straight" which includes information on operations and maintenance costs and a lot of other issues that have been in public discussion lately.
- Kiewit: Felicia Durant of Kiewit reported that the crane outside Waipahu Zippys has a permit to be there. The area will be used as a staging area and will be removed in two (2) months.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Alternate Options: A Board member suggested alternate options to address traffic concerns, it was asked and clarified that City planners had considered many options before deciding to pursue the steel on rail option. It was noted that the other options would not have as great an impact on traffic reduction as would the rail. It was noted that many contracts have already been signed and the cancellation of the project could result in heavy fines.
2. Publicity: It was asked and clarified that public money is being used for publicity of the project.
3. Investment: A Board member asked and it was clarified that approximately seven (7) years and \$50 million have already been invested into the project.

Patsy Mink Central Oahu Regional Park/Waipio Peninsula Recreation Complex – Marty Burke reported the following;

- Multi-Purpose Facility: The Central Oahu Regional Park Advisory Committee unanimously voted to support a multi-purpose facility in the park. Original park plans had included a similar structure. The area is still available and would help prevent misuse of the land and the loitering of homeless individuals.
- Comfort Stations: The Navy has authorized the City to construct two (2) comfort stations at the Waipio Peninsula Recreation Complex. The stations will be within the Navy's quantity distance blast zone surrounding West Loch ammunition handling facilities. Special construction techniques will be required to construct the comfort stations.
- Agenda Item: It was suggested allowing time at the next regular meeting to hear a presentation and pass a resolution in support of the Oahu Arts Center.

Waipahu Community Foundation – Marty Burke reported \$15,965 in grants have been awarded during the fourth quarter of the current fiscal year. A total of \$125,265 in grants has been awarded to qualified non-profit organizations during the last fiscal year. The next deadline for grant request is Friday, June 1, 2012. Cal Kawamoto was recommended to serve as an alternate representative to the Waipahu Community Foundation.

The Board UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTED Connie Herolaga to serve as the alternate representative to the Waipahu Community Foundation, 16-0-0 (Aye: Alfonso, Andrade, Burke, Chun, Cullen, Duhaylonsod, Herolaga, Macha, Lee, O'Neal, Oshiro, Parayno, Saniatan, Tsugawa, Wheatley, and Yakowenko).

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) – No report.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Representative: A Board member suggested Cal Kawamoto be appointed as the Board OMPO representative.

2. **Board Status:** A Board member noted that the Board is no longer an official member of the OMPO Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) due to absences at the last three (3) meetings. It was reported that the Board must appoint a new representative and reapply for the CAC.

Military Services – Col. Chuck Pagonis reported the following;

- **Change of Command:** The public is welcome to attend the 25th Infantry Division's change of command ceremony on Thursday, April 5, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., on Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks.
- **Bike Path Cleanup:** The City and Army will team up to clean the Pearl City Bike paths from Pearl Harbor to Waipahu on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at 7:30 a.m. Call 438-1600, ext. 3307 for more information.
- **Deployments:** About 3,500 soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade are returning throughout April. A large scale re-deployment ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 11, 2012. Approximately 3,500 soldiers from the 25th Combat Air Brigade and 8th Theater Sustainment Command are still serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.
- **United Service Organization (USO) Volunteers:** USO Hawaii is looking for volunteers. Opportunities include manning the airport lounge, attending deployments for troops, and greeting troops returning home. Call 422-1213 or visit www.uso.org/hawaii.
- **Kunia Road Closure:** Road closures along Kunia Road are scheduled from Tuesday, April 17, 2012 to Wednesday, May 16, 2012, from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: None.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Approval of February 23, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes – **The February 23, 2012 regular meeting minutes were UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AS AMMENDED, 16-0-0 (Aye:** Alfonso, Andrade, Burke, Chun, Cullen, Duhaylonsod, Herolaga, Macha, Lee, O'Neal, Oshiro, Parayno, Saniatan, Tsugawa, Wheatley, and Yakowenko). Corrections included;

- Page 3 – Under City Council Resolution 12-42 should read...due to **trees** will be...
- Page 6 – Under Corrections should have included the following correction: Page 7 – Under Adjacent Property should read... property is currently **\$10,000** per month.

Treasurer's Report – Lee read the Treasurer's report and reported a previous balance of \$3,161.32, expenditures of \$157.07 for facility rental, \$200 for November 2011 videotaping, \$200 for January 2012 videotaping, and a remaining balance of \$2,564.78. The report was filed.

Chair's Report – None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Sergeant at Arms Proposal – Tsugawa proposed the Board create a Sergeant at Arms position due to events that occurred during the November 2011 Regular meeting wherein HPD was called regarding an unruly guest at the meeting. It was noted that the Sergeant at Arms would be responsible for escorting unruly individuals from the meeting and/or calling HPD if necessary.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. **Board Responsibility:** The Chair noted that it is every Board member's responsibility to preserve order and decorum during the meeting.
2. **Audio:** It was suggested the videographer shut off the audio when guests get out of hand.

Andrade moved that O'Neal serve as Sergeant at Arms.

Discussion continued;

- Neighborhood Plan: A Board member noted that the Neighborhood Plan already states that every Board member is to assist in keeping order and decorum. It was noted that the Ewa Neighborhood Board was the only Board to have a Sergeant at Arms position; however, the position has recently been abolished.
- NCO Executive Secretary: The NCO Executive Secretary reported all Board members will receive a letter regarding the incident that occurred at the November 2011 regular meeting. Board members were encouraged to work together to maintain order at meetings. It was suggested not creating a Sergeant at Arms position unless the position duties are clearly manifested.

Andrade withdrew her nomination.

Resolution to Rename Pupuole Street Mini Park – Burke reported that at the last regular meeting, Wheatley suggested renaming Pupuole Street Mini Park in honor of former Board and community member Irene Elston. A resolution was drafted and submitted to Board members for review. It was noted that Councilmember Garcia has already drafted and submitted a similar proposal to City Council.

Burke moved, and Duhaylonsod seconded to support the resolution that Pupuole Street Mini Park be renamed Irene Rosetta Elston Memorial Park. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 16-0-0 (Aye: Alfonso, Andrade, Burke, Chun, Cullen, Duhaylonsod, Herolaga, Macha, Lee, O’Neal, Oshiro, Parayno, Saniatan, Tsugawa, Wheatley, and Yakowenko).

PRESENTATIONS:

Prayer Center of the Pacific – A representative was not present; a report was not made available.

Offender Reentry and Neighborhood Issues in Hawaii – Maile Kanemaru, Joe Booker, and Darin Kawazoe reported on the State’s program to help inmates reintegrate into the community when leaving prison. Charts were circulated indicating areas where inmates would be released to and the amount of services available to them upon release. The reentry initiative promotes public safety and protects victims’ rights by preparing inmates for successful reintegration into the community. The State works with key service providers to ensure parolees receive proper services to prevent them from returning to prison. Services include clean and sober houses and partnerships with employers.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Housing: A Board member asked and it was clarified that inmates must qualify for housing prior to being released as part of the reentry program.
2. Supervision: It was asked and clarified that parole officers have the duty to supervise and ensure that parolees attend proper testing for at least nine (9) months. Failure to meet drug testing and/or other requirements may result in the parolee returning to jail. The State hopes parolees get involved with community service; however, exact requirements are set by the parole officer.
3. Parole Plan: It was asked and clarified that the Hawaii Paroling Authority assesses the types of services available and matches them to parolees as necessary.
4. Program Criteria: It was asked and clarified that candidates for the program are screened and different services are incorporated as necessary.
5. Parole Officers: It was asked and clarified that a bill has been submitted to appropriate additional funds into the State budget for additional parole officers. It was noted that each parole officer is expected to oversee 30 parolees at a time.
6. Female Parolees: It was asked and clarified that 20% of the inmate population is female. It was noted that female parolees would need different types of services.
7. Sex Offenders: It was asked and clarified that the sex offender list can be found online.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Senator Will Espero – Ron Menor circulated a report and highlighted the following;

- Senate Bill (SB) 2261: SB 2261 creates and funds the Weed and Seed program under the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.
- Inmates: The State has been working on ways to return approximately 1700 inmates housed in mainland prisons to Hawaii. The State spends approximately \$45 million per year to house inmates in mainland prisons. Several bills have been discussed to help reduce the amount of inmates in local prisons and bring back home inmates housed on the mainland. A bill to increase funding for additional parole officers has been drafted. The increase in parole officers would allow more local inmates to be released from prison while being supervised.
- SB2012: SB2012 is a \$500 million Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) package that aims to create more jobs, and invest in the local economy.

Senator Mike Gabbard – Rock Riggs reported that the new Senate District lines were finalized on Thursday, March 8, 2012. Senator Gabbard lost portions of Waipahu and picked up areas in Ewa.

Senator Michelle Kidani – Senator Kidani circulated a report and highlighted the following;

- SB2012: SB2012 is now being heard by the House Finance Committee.
- Title IX: Marilyn Moniz-Kahoohanohano, Sabrina McKenna, Jill Nunokawa, Jennifer Rose, and Catherine Betts were recognized during the celebration of the 40th anniversary of Title IX. Title IX provides educational opportunities for women.
- Perpetual Trophy Award: Richard Ugalde and Sheryl Anne Vermudez received the Perpetual Trophy award at the Leeward Science Fair.
- Milton Shishido: The Waipahu Administrative Building was renamed in honor of the late Milton Shishido. Shishido served as Waipahu High School principal from 1974 to 1997.

Senator Clarence Nishihara – Senator Nishihara circulated a report and highlighted the following;

- SB809: SB809 authorizes the University of Hawaii to issue up to \$300 million in revenue bonds.
- House Bill (HB) 608: HB 608 appropriates \$1.8 million to the Queen's Medical Center to do Kidney and liver transplants and allows the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii to maintain the chronic kidney disease maintenance program.

Representative Henry Aquino – A representative was not available; a report was made available.

Representative Ty Cullen – A representative was not available; a report was made available.

Representative Sharon Har – A representative was not available; a report was made available.

Representative Ryan Yamane – A representative was not available; a report was made available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting – The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Filipino Community Center, 94-428 Mokuola Street.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Submitted by: Kazuaki McArthur, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Rito Saniatan, Chair