



WAIPAHU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 22

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012** **FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Rito Saniatan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **A Quorum was established with 17 members present.** Note – This 19 members Board requires 10 members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Edmund Alfonso, Maureen Andrade, Cory Chun, Sy Cullen, Daniel De Gracia, Lorraine Duhaylonsod (Arrived at 7:12 p.m.), Connie Herolaga, Baunsen Kalaikai, Peter Lee, Darryl Macha, David O’Neal, Richard Oshiro, Ilalo Parayno, Rito Saniatan, Vai Sua, Blaine Tsugawa, Chuck Wheatley, and George Yakowenko.

Board Members Absent – Marty Burke.

Vacancies – None.

Guests – Les Young (AT&T), Bob Finley (Neighborhood Commission), Felicia Durant (Kiewit), Maj. Clayton Saito and Sgt. Lloyd Dabaluz (Honolulu Police Department), Karen Scharfenstein (Councilmember Breene Harimoto’s Office staff), Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Maureen Tamashiro (Councilmember Nestor Garcia’s Office staff), Lorrie Kanno Maile, Kanemaru, and Ansen Paiva(Weed and Seed), Representative Will Espero, Ron Menor (Representative Will Espero’s Office staff), Firefighter Pat Keawe and Firefighter Chris Hample (Honolulu Fire Department), Michael Magaoay, Rock Riggs (Senator Mike Gabbard’s Office staff), Pat Lee (Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project), Lee Tokuhara (D.R. Horton), Senator Michelle Kidani, Donna K. (599th Trans-Brigade), Representative Henry Aquino, Maj. Chuck Pagonis (Army), Trent Cullen, Representative Ty Cullen, Victor Flint (NAVFAC), and Kazuaki McArthur (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: Those present introduced themselves.

There being no objections, the Mayor’s Report and Governor’s Report was added to the agenda under City Concerns.

FIRST RESPONDER REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Chris Hample reported the following;

- **April 2012 Statistics:** Included 5 fires, 204 medical calls, and 108 miscellaneous calls for service.
- **Fire Tip:** In 2010, there were 1,331,500 fires reported in the United States (U.S.). These fires caused 3,120 civilian deaths, 17,720 civilian injuries, and \$11.6 billion in property damage. Fire hydrants are the main source of water supply for fire apparatuses responding to fires. It is reminded that in accordance with the Fire Code of the City and County of Honolulu, obstructions shall not be placed or kept near fire hydrants in a manner that would prevent the fire hydrants from being immediately visible and accessible. A minimum three-foot clearance shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants. Additionally, the Traffic Code of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu states that stopping, standing, or parking is prohibited within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. **Trash Obstruction:** It was reported that residents on Pupu Street are putting out trash earlier than the designated trash collection day. Concern was raised that the trash could obstruct the path of emergency vehicles.



2. Rail: It was asked if HFD has received any hazard training for rail related accidents. HFD to prepare an official response at the next meeting.

Dhaylorson arrived at 7:1 p.m.; **18 members present.**

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

- April 2012 Statistics: Included the following;
 - Beat 350: 1 auto theft, 1 auto theft recovery, 2 burglaries, 2 criminal property damages, 1 sex assault, 3 thefts, and 3 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
 - Beat 351: 2 auto thefts, 4 auto theft recoveries, 1 burglary, 9 criminal property damages, 1 sex assault, 24 thefts, and 6 UEMV.
 - Beat 353: 1 auto theft, 12 criminal property damages, 12 thefts and 9 UEMV.
 - Beat 360: 3 auto thefts, 1 auto theft recovery, 4 burglaries, 7 criminal property damages, 18 thefts, and 3 UEMV.
 - Beat 362: 5 auto thefts, 1 auto theft recovery, 6 burglaries, 7 criminal property damages, 17 thefts, and 6 UEMV.
 - Beat 363: 3 auto thefts, 1 auto theft recovery, 2 burglaries, 8 criminal property damages, 4 thefts, 11 UEMV.
- Safety Tip: Individuals caught Jay-walking may be issued a ticket for up to \$130. Pedestrians are encouraged to wait for the crosswalk signal to indicate that it is safe to cross at the crosswalk.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Mail Scam: A Board member raised concern of a money scam being delivered through the mail. A copy of the scam letter was given to HPD.
2. Address Numbers: Concern was raised of buildings on Pupukahi Street without a posted building number. It was asked and clarified that City inspectors monitor and issue citations for buildings without posted building numbers.
3. Missing Mother: It was asked and clarified that HPD is still investigating the recent case of a missing mother.
4. Ride Along: Board members were encouraged to do a ride-along with HPD. It was noted that individuals must provide proper documentation to schedule a ride-along with officers.
5. Hazardous Individual: It was reported that a nurse at a rehabilitation home twice called HPD to request assistance with a potentially hazardous patient. It was noted that the nurse was told that HPD would not respond unless the patient attacks someone else. It was noted that children reside near the rehabilitation home. Concern was raised of children being injured should the nurse fail to restrain patients who have not taken their medication.
6. Handicap Placards: It was noted that a former Waipahu Towers resident has been lending their car and handicap placard out to others. HPD would need to witness the violation to issue a citation.
7. Prostitution: A Board member reported possible prostitution occurring on Farrington Highway, near Suzie's. HPD can increase foot patrols in the area to deter any possible prostitution activities. It was noted that the HPD Narcotics Vice Division is aware of the situation.

Weed and Seed – Ansen Paiva reported that Waipahu Weed and Seed has participated in the Waipahu High School Adopt-A-School program and has also participated in the Waipahu Elementary School graduation.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Security Cameras: It was noted that Target donated \$100,000 for security cameras. It was asked and clarified that paperwork is still being processed for the cameras.

CITY REPORTS:

Mayor's Representative – A representative was not present; a report was not made available.

Governor's Representative – A representative was not present; a report was not made available.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – A representative was not present; a report was not made available.

Councilmember Nestor Garcia – Councilmember Garcia circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Irene Elston Mini Park: Poles have been installed for the posting of a sign for the Irene Rosetta Elston Pupuole Street Mini Park. Sign unveiling ceremonies are underway. Chair Saniatan appointed Yakowenko and Wheatley to assist in facilitating sign unveiling ceremonies.
- Bus Route Revision: The revised bus routes were recently discussed in City Council. Councilmember Garcia voiced his support of bus fares. It was noted that if bus riders do not want to change routes, the bus system must account for a \$6 million to \$7 million to balance operating costs.
- Retire: Councilmember Garcia reported that he will be ending his political career at the end of his current term.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Fare Increase: It was asked and clarified that the last time bus fares were raised was during the last bus driver strike.
2. Security Cameras: It was asked and clarified that that cameras for which Target donated money were approved by City Council.
3. Bus Stop: It was reported that the bus stop near Sugar Mill Center was moved due to bad road conditions near the bus stop. It was noted that the road has since been repaired. It was suggested the bus stop be moved to its original location. Councilmember Garcia suggested that a bus pad may be in the process of being installed before the bus stop is moved back to its original location.
4. 2010 Wastewater Plan: Information was requested on the 2010 Wastewater Plan. Councilmember Garcia reported there is a moratorium on the Pearl City wastewater system. It was noted that residents in Central Oahu should monitor the situation.

Councilmember Breene Harimoto – Karen Scharfenstein circulated a newsletter and invited questions from the Board and community.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Rail Columns: It was reported that if the rail project is cancelled, the rail columns will not be removed.

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

- General Excise and Use Tax (GET): Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) will receive \$48.25 million in GET revenue for the first quarter of 2012 for rail construction; which equates to about \$8 million more than projected. With 25 percent of total projected GET revenues collected to date, the project remains on budget. The increase is largely due to a continued recovery in the visitor industry. Visitors pay about 30% of the GET on Oahu. The GET for rail is set to expire at the end of 2022, and construction is scheduled to be completed by 2019.
- Traffic: Work continues throughout the 20-mile rail alignment. Lane closures and traffic detours related to work during non-peak traffic hours are expected for existing streets such as Farrington Highway, Kamehameha Highway, and through Kalihi and Downtown to Ala Moana. Night work in approved areas are also possible. For the safety of both work crews and motorists, the public is advised to proceed with caution through these areas. Drivers should anticipate possible traffic delays or use alternate routes during work hours. Motorists are advised to provide a safe distance between themselves and the construction workers and vehicles.

- Jobs: Work on the rail project has started in East Kapolei near Farrington Highway. The work includes foundations and columns for the rail guideway. During each full year of construction, rail is anticipated to create about 4,000 construction related jobs, and another 6,000 indirect and induced jobs that will benefit the economy. Kiewit has 243 workers and 139 subcontractors working on the project. Local companies such as Ameron, MidPacific Testing, Yogi Kwong Drilling, GP Pacific Roadway Systems and another 130 plus local vendors and businesses supply various services to the project. As the project progresses, more local construction workers will be directly involved with the work, and on the job site. For more information, please visit the project website at www.honolulutransit.org, or call the project hotline at 566-2299.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Bus/Rail Card: A Board member noted that Seattle utilizes a reloadable all-in-one bus/rail card system. The system allows passengers to transfer funds into their account and provides passage to ride both the bus and train. It was asked if HART planned on implanting a similar program.
2. Extra Space: It was noted that the concrete pillars are seven (7) feet in diameter while the median in the Aiea and Pearl City areas are only five (5) feet. It was asked and clarified that different areas will call for different accommodations to install the columns.
3. Kiewit: It was noted that the Honolulu rail project is similar in size to the rail system in Vancouver. It was noted that Kiewit has poured nine (9) test shafts and has no plan to remove the columns.
4. Crane: It was asked and clarified that the crane fronting Waipahu Zippy's will stay at the present location for three (3) months. The area will be cleaned after the crane has been removed.

Patsy Mink Central Oahu Park – A representative was not present; a report was not available.

Waipahu Community Foundation – O'Neal reported that July 1, 2012 is the deadline for non-profit 501c-3 organizations to apply for grants.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) – Kalaikai reported that at the last OMPO Citizen's Advisory Committee Resolution 12-96. Resolution 12-96 allows OMPO to review and take appropriate action on proposed projects set forth in the 3013 fiscal year. A report was also given regarding the ongoing archeological studies for the rail. The next OMPO Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2012.

Military Services – Maj. Chuck Pagonis reported the following;

- Deployments: The 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, and the 45th Sustainment Brigade currently have about 4,000 soldiers deployed to Afghanistan.
- Polo: In honor of the Army's 237th birthday, the public is invited to attend a free polo match on June 16, 2012, at 3:30 p.m., at Fort Shafter's Palm Circle.
- Memorial Day: The public is invited to attend the Memorial Day remembrance ceremony on May 28, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at post cemetery.
- Independence Day: The public is invited to participate in Independence Day activities on July 4, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at Schofield Barracks. A fireworks show will commence at 8:30 p.m.
- Gate Information: Visitors to Schofield Barracks should enter via Lyman Gate, off Kunia Road and provide current identification, vehicle registration, vehicle insurance, and safety check. For more information call 656-3759.
- Road Closure: One lane in each direction will be closed on Kunia Road from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. until June 21, 2012.
- Complaints: For helicopter noise complaints call 656-3487. Other noise or dust complaints should be forwarded to 656-3519.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Kolekole Pass Marathon: It was asked if the Kolekole Pass Marathon is still going on.

RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

1. Loida Wideman: It was reported that a search party has been organized to search for missing mother Loida Wideman. Volunteers will gather for a short briefing meeting on May 26, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. at the Village Park park and ride. It was suggested the search party coordinate with HPD.
2. Thomas Maus: It was reported that former Board member Thomas Maus had recently passed away.
3. Marines: It was noted that 5,000 marines are scheduled to be stationed in Hawaii. Concern was raised regarding housing for the incoming marines.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Approval of April 26, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes – **The April 26, 2012 regular meeting minutes were UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AS AMENDED, 18-0-0 (AYE: Alfonso, Andrade, Chun, Cullen, De Gracia, Duhaylonsod, Herolaga, Kalaikai, Lee, Macha, O’Neal, Oshiro, Parayno, Saniatan, Sua, Tsugawa, Wheatley, and Yakowenko).** Corrections included;

- Page 2 – Following the nominations of candidates should have included...**“The Chair asked if any Board member wanted to change their vote. Yakowenko noted he would change his vote.”**

Treasurer’s Report – Chun read the Treasurer’s report and reported a beginning balance of \$2,526.88 and expenditures of \$747.69 for the month of April for printing, postage and videography. A remaining balance of \$1,779.19 was reported. The report was filed.

Chair’s Report – None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Re-Entry Community Program – Jodie Maesaka-Hirata from the State Department of Public Safety (DPS) reported that she is conducting a follow up presentation to what was shared March 2012 regarding prisoner reentry. It was noted that DPS is trying to be more transparent with the prisoner reentry program. It was noted community and family support is crucial to aiding parolees reintegrate into the community. DPS is working closely with the community weed and seed program to successfully transition parolees into the community.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Waipahu: It was asked and clarified that not all parolees will be sent to Waipahu. Parolees will be sent back to their last area of residence. It was noted that Waipahu is the first area receiving information regarding the reentry process.
2. Education: It was asked and clarified that parolees must meet certain criteria to qualify for the reentry program. While still in prison, assistance will be provided to help reentry program candidates obtain a General Education Development (GED) degree or enroll in some type of vocational training.

AT&T Communications Antenna – Les Young reported that AT&T proposes to construct a new antenna facility on the rooftop of Kauolu Tower; however, if the antenna is not approved, Mokuola Vista Apartments are also being considered as an alternate location. If the antenna is placed atop Mokuola Apartments, the existing enclosed mechanical room will be raised approximately 10-feet and all antennas and equipment will be placed within the enclosure out of public view.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Current Antenna: It was asked and clarified that the current AT&T antenna is located at the Plantation Town Apartments.
2. Compensation: It was asked and clarified that the building owners would be compensated for placing the antenna on their property.
3. Clearwire: It was asked and clarified that the expansion of the Mokuola Vista Apartments is necessary because Clearwire already has an antenna housed atop the structure.
4. Waipahu High School (WHS): It was asked and clarified that the antenna planned for WHS is still being processed.
5. Completion: It was asked and clarified that the antenna is expected to complete by early 2013.
6. Council Exemption: It was noted that City Council is considering legislation that creates exemptions for buildings associated with the rail project. Concern was raised that antennas atop buildings near the rail would be exempt from following permitting laws in the future.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Senator Will Espero – Senator Espero circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Reapportionment: As a result of new district lines after reapportionment, Senator Espero will no longer cover Waipahu. The lawsuit against the reapportionment committee was thrown out.
- Senate Bill (SB) 112 – Appropriates funds for the application of a spaceport license from the Federal Aviation Administration to establish space tourism in Hawaii, subject to matching federal funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis.
- SB 2247 – Allows electronic communication service providers to divulge the contents of a communication to law enforcement agencies, public safety agencies, and public safety answering points under certain emergency circumstances.
- Justice Reinvestment: Bills addressing justice reinvestment is geared to facilitate the return of 1,700 local inmates from the mainland.
- University of Hawaii West Oahu (UHWO): UHWO will hold an open house on August 18, 2012 and will open on August 20, 2012.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Waikele Stream Bridge: Inspection results for Waikele Stream Bridge were requested.

Senator Mike Gabbard – Rock Riggs circulated a newsletter and highlighted the following;

- Construction Funding: The following projects have received funding:
 - Kalei'opu'u Elementary School secondary evacuation ramp – \$625,000
 - Royal Kunia Elementary School plans – \$150,000
 - Waikele Elementary School cafeteria stage expansion – \$794,000
- SB 2785: Establishes a regulatory structure for the installation and implementation of an inter-island high voltage electric transmission cable system and for the construction of on-island transmission infrastructure. Effective July 1, 2012.
- SB 2746: Repeals Act 290, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to adopt rules for the registration of, and issuance of license plates for, electric vehicles. Exempts electric vehicles from parking fees under certain conditions. Sunsets June 30, 2020.

- SB 2281: Authorizes an agency or an applicant to bypass the preparation of an environmental assessment and proceed directly with an environmental impact statement for proposed actions that are determined to require an environmental impact statement.
- SB 2001: Amends the Hawaii State Planning Act to include promoting the development of indigenous geothermal energy resources that are located on public trust land as a source of firm power. Requires consultation and public input from the Native Hawaiian community and general public when developing projects with public land trust lands.

Senator Michelle Kidani – Senator Kidani circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP): District 17 was granted over \$21 million in CIP funding.
- National Missing Children's Day: May 25, 2012 is National Missing Children's Day. Kapolei Aloha Pacific Credit Union will be providing free DNA identification kits.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Kipapa Bridge Project: Concern was raised regarding the expansion of the Kipapa Bridge. It was expressed that safety is more important than convenience.

Senator Clarence Nishihara – A representative was not present; a report was not provided.

Representative Henry Aquino – Representative Aquino circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- SB 27776: SB 27776 accomplishes the following;
 - Requires a pre-trial risk assessment to be conducted within three (3) working days of commitment to a community correctional center.
 - Increases the membership of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.
 - Requires the use of validated risk assessments.
 - Limits length of incarceration for first time parole violators.
 - Increases the percentage deducted from inmates' earnings for restitution payments.
- House Bill (HB) 2226: Confirms and funds the statewide automated victim information and notification system.
- Tuition Assistance Program: \$150,000 in funds have been added to the general fund to re-establish a tuition assistance program to provide post-secondary education scholarship funds to Army and Air National Guard members.
- Adult Education: \$3.3 million have been allocated to maintain Hawaii's adult education program.
- Waipahu Elementary School: \$9.3 million in CIP funding has been allocated for the design and construction of classrooms for Waipahu Elementary School.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. UHWO Funding: Noting that UHWO received extra funding, It was asked if the project was planned properly. It was noted that funding was allocated to UHWO to complete the first phase of the school by the end of 2012.
2. House Bill (HB) 2410: Requires the Governor, on behalf of the State, to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the United States Department of Defense to enhance the State's relationship with the military and provide continued support for the military's presence in Hawaii. The intent of the bill to send a message that Hawaii supports the military. It was noted that the bill was signed into law by the governor.
3. Radical Groups: It was expressed that HB 2410 can also be viewed as a way to ward off radical groups.

Emergency Sirens: Concern was raised regarding outdated emergency sirens in Waipahu.

Representative Ty Cullen – Representative Cullen circulated a report and reported the following;

- Waipahu Athletics: Waipahu High School was recognized for their excellence in Football, Softball, Soccer, and Baseball. \$1 million was also appropriated for a new football field.
- HB 2626: Permanently establishes the safe routes to school program within the State Department of Transportation. Establishes a safe routes to school program special fund. Assesses a surcharge of \$25 for violations of speeding in a school zone and a \$10 surcharge on various traffic violations and deposits these surcharges into the safe routes to school program special fund. The bill appropriates funds from the safe routes to school program special fund.
- CIP Funding: \$450,000 was appropriated for the installation of photovoltaic panels for the Filipino Community Center.

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

Representative Ryan Yamane – Representative Yamane circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- HB 1953: Appropriates funds to increase the on-call availability of emergency medical services and ambulance services on the Leeward Coast of Oahu. Bill passed by legislature.
- HB 2273: Requires the Department of Education (DOE) and the Hawaii High School Athletic Association to develop a concussion awareness program to provide guidelines for public and private schools. Bill passed by legislature.
- HB 1964: Limits out-of-pocket costs for cancer treatment under health insurance plans. Bill passed by legislature.
- Tesoro Task Force: Representative Yamane has been appointed to lead a task force to investigate the potential sale of the Tesoro refinery.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Traffic: Concern was raised of the traffic congestion resulting from the left turn from Kamehameha Highway towards Pearl City Walmart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next Meeting: The next Waipahu Neighborhood Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at the Filipino Community Center, 94-428 Mokuola Street. The next meeting will feature a candidate's forum.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Submitted by: Kazuaki McArthur, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Marie Richardson, Neighborhood Commission Office staff