



## WAIPAHU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 22

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016 FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Rito Saniatan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **A quorum was established with 16 members present.** Note: This 19-member Board requires 10 members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present** – Maureen Andrade, Marty Burke, Cory Chun, Lorraine Duhaylonsod, Marcella Granquist, Connie Herolaga, Rachele Lamosao, Peter Lee, Darryl Macha, Rodney Nakashima, Richard Oshiro, Blaine Tsugawa, Rito Saniatan, Ruffalyne Villanueva (departed the meeting), Chuck Wheatley, and George Yakowenko.

**Board Members Absent** – Sy Cullen, Kent Jiang, and Krystal Shon.

**Guests** – Ed Manglallan (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); Darrell Young (Governor David Ige's Representative); Senator Clarence Nishihara; Senator Michelle Kidani; Sarah Brown (Representative Roy Takumi); George Kolansis (Senator Mike Gabbard); Dion Mesta (Councilmember Brandon Elefante); Councilmember Ron Menor; Lieutenant Grant Arakawa, Sergeant Roger Nitta, Sergeant Russell Sugimoto, and Doug Kamai (Honolulu Police Department); Kaipo Paiva (Honolulu Police Department/Weed and Seed); Firefighter Todd Cabral and Firefighter William Kapua (Honolulu Fire Department); Donna Klapakis, Major Ronald Burnside (559th Transportation Brigade); Pat Lee, Chris Wong, and Mark Swatta (HART); Kathy O'Connor-Phelps (Eukon Group); Sheila B., Pat W., Ponce Gallero, Samuel Bagay, Roy Tanouye, Duane Tanouye, Guy Kmett, Leanne Permejo, Mila Beltran, Art Beltran, Karen Taniguchi, Masa Taniguchi, L. Pollard, (Residents); Ericson Cristobal (Olelo); and Sharon Baillie (Neighborhood Commission Office).

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS** – Those present introduced themselves.

### **FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Firefighter Robert Holland reported the following:

- **February 2016 Statistics** – There were 3 structure fires, 3 wildland/brush fires, 4 nuisance fires, 1 cooking fire, and 18 activated alarms. There was 230 medical emergencies, 2 motor vehicle collisions with pedestrian, and 8 motor vehicle crash/collisions.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – Escape Planning:
  - Plan ahead and be prepared- Make a home escape plan.
  - Know at least two (2) ways out of every room.
  - Have an outside meeting place.
  - Practice home fire drills twice a year during the day and night with everyone at home and use two (2) ways out.
  - Teach children how to escape on their own in case no one can assist them.
  - Be sure to close doors when leaving.
  - If the alarm sounds- Get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people or pets.
  - If the exit is covered by smoke, get low and crawl under the smoke.
  - Call the fire department from outside of the house.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Sergeant Russell Sugimoto reported the following:

- **February 2016 Crime Statistics** – There were 37 motor vehicle thefts, 22 burglaries, 71 thefts, and 37 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). A total of 6,073 calls were placed for service.
- **Safety Tip – Road Closures** – Be aware of road closures by HART. For any questions call HART 24-hour hotline at (808) 566-2299 or email [info@honolulustransit.org](mailto:info@honolulustransit.org).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Drugs** – Wheatley asked and Sugimoto answered that if he has concerns about drugs being sold at Waipahu Towers to call 723-8800 to speak with someone.

2. Tickets – Resident Gallero asked what he could do to contest the ticket he received in Village Park.

Weed and Seed Officer – Officer Kaipo Paiva reported the following:

- Village Park – The ticketing that happened at Village Park in the past few weeks was done by his department. There was a complaint made by a constituent, however the way for people in the community to make complaints about things such as parking can be done at [www.honoluluupd.org](http://www.honoluluupd.org). Anyone who has received a ticket is able to contest it, however to pay the ticket you may do so online or by check and the information on the cost and where to send is on the ticket itself.
- Rave – There will be another rave Saturday, March 26, 2016 at the Golf Course.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Covenant – Andrade notes that the Village Park Covenant details the rules about parking and states that the four (4) foot easement after the driveway belongs to the City and County of Honolulu.
2. Graffiti – Tsugawa asked and Paiva answered that paint outs do work and if anyone is interested in doing a paint out within the community to contact his office.
3. Rave Parking – Andrade states that a permit was received through the City and County of Honolulu from the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) that on the day of the rave no parking signs will be put up at Upper Kapuna Loop, to deter people attending the rave from parking in these areas.

Military Services – Major Ronald Burnside reported the following:

- Power Plant – Hawaiian Electric Company does not expect the potential merger with NextEra Energy to have any impact on the power plant project, however it may result in potential savings due to efficiencies working with NextEra Energy. For any additional questions, contact Mr. Darren Pai, HECO Senior Communication Consultant, at 543-5670.
- Concert Series – The Native Hawaiian Concert Series is still taking place, concerts are free and the public is invited to attend. Nathan Aweau will be performing Friday, April 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and Kawika Kahiapo will be performing Friday, May 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

#### RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Wahiawa General Hospital – State Representative Marcus Oshiro, provided background regarding legislation that will affect funding for Wahiawa General Hospital. House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 118 requests that the Governor and the Legislature of the State of Hawaii provide immediate and emergent financial assistance to Wahiawa General Hospital. Without funding, the hospital potentially could close its doors in six (6) to nine (9) months. Wahiawa General Hospital is asking for \$3 million per year for a two (2)-year period. The hospital receives over 20,000 emergency room visits a year, has 107 long term beds, has the only senior psychiatric wing, and serves over one third (1/3) of Oahu residents. The community came out to give over 7,000 pieces of testimony, all which were positive and in favor of helping save the hospital.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Support – Wheatley, Lee, and Burke all voiced their support in saving the hospital since it is a vital place for residents of Oahu to get care. Burke asks that Oshiro comes back next month to give a presentation so the board can give formal support of this cause.

#### CITY REPORTS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Ed Manglallan reported the following:

- Bulky Trash – Bulky Trash pickup for the Waipahu area is every third Monday of the month, and may take place over a few day period. It is suggested to place bulky items for pickup outside the night before.
- Title VI – There will be a Title VI hearing by the Department of Transportation Services Public Transit Division (DTS-PTD), Friday, April 8, 2016, 9:30 a.m. at the Mission Memorial meeting room. Title VI legislation prohibits discrimination on six (6) facets. As a recipient of federal grant funds DTS-PTD is required to give a presentation every few years on how the transit services are providing services to the community in non-discriminatory manners and in what way the services provided can be improved. For more information call 768-8396 or email [thebusstop@honolulu.gov](mailto:thebusstop@honolulu.gov).
- Overgrowth – As soon as resources such as scaffolding with wheels and loading equipment to lower into the ditch the clean silt build up is obtained, the overgrown vegetation along the drainage ditch between Crestview and Waipio Gentry will be tended to.

- Re-pavement – Pending resources, road resurfacing as part of the Department of Design and Construction's Rehabilitation of Localized Streets, Phase 16A is scheduled to begin at the end of this year to fix Ukee Street and Moaninani Street.
- Trash Can – The trashcan by the bus stop on Farrington Highway by 7-eleven at the Waipahu Shopping Plaza has been moved back to its original location.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Bus Stop – Wheatley would like to see the bus stop along Farrington Highway reinstated by the Long's Drugs, since it is a very convenient stop for riders whom shop there.
2. Dry Benches – Wheatley would like to know who is responsible for drying off the bus stop benches along Farrington Highway that get wet from the sprinkler system that goes off twice a day at the Waipahu Plaza.
3. Nuuanu Avenue – Tsugawa asked what can be done about the proposed bike lanes and traffic circles along Nuuanu Avenue, and what the public transparency process is when proposals like this go forward.
4. Stanchions – Tsugawa mentions that the stanchions at Hiapo and Managers Drive were knocked down within hours of being put up and asked if more bumps can be put on the road instead.

Governor David Ige's Representative – Darryl Young reported the following:

- Sunset Mortuary – There has been contact made with the owner of Sunset Mortuary regarding the hanging branch onto Kamehameha Highway, currently waiting on updates of pruning.
- Status of Jobs – Currently there are no plans to transfer any jobs to East Kapolei.
- Delineator Repair – A request has been forwarded to the Highways Division Oahu District to repair the Kunia Road delineator.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Costs and Fees – Burke asked and Young answered that the reason why it costs so much more to repair roads here in Hawaii versus other places is for the fact that we have to get almost everything shipped in, and that in itself is a huge cost.
2. Vog – Tsugawa asked if the Department of Health is doing any monitoring on the increase of breathing issues/health with all of the vog that has been around. Young stated he would get back with an answer.

Councilmember Ron Menor – Councilmember Ron Menor circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- Awards – Menor had the honor of recognizing Renise Bayne who was named the Oahu Red Cross Volunteer of the Year. Board member Chuck Wheatley received a certificate of merit for his contributions to the Waipahu community.
- Bill 24 – Councilmember Menor and Councilmember Pine co-sponsored Bill 24 relating to illegal dumping which would increase the fines for violators.
- City Budget – Councilmember Menor is seeking funds for projects for the Waipahu community.
- Traffic Light – In the Village Park area there is a great need for restriping and a left turn signal at Kupuna Loop and Kupuohi Street.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Complete Streets – Tsugawa asked and Menor answered that the complete streets ordinance was made under the Carlisle administration. There is concern within the council about how things are being done and the transparency of projects. Menor will extend an invitation Director Formby to explain the program to the board.

Councilmember Brandon Elefante – Dion Mesta announced the following:

- Clean Up – 11 th annual Pearl Harbor Bike Path Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2016.
- Proposed Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Fiscal Year (FY) 17 – Councilmember Elefante added \$200,000 for the Master Plan of Hans L'Orange Park for design and improvements.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): No representative was present; no report was provided.

Honolulu High Capacity Transit Project – Pat Lee with the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) reported the following:

- The first set of train vehicles arrived in Honolulu, two (2) will come in this week and two (2) more next week. Ansaldo Honolulu (Hitachi Rail USA) was awarded the \$1.4-billion Core Systems Contract to design, build, operate and maintain the train vehicles in addition to the operations at the control center. Honolulu's rail system will be the first fully automated driverless urban rail transit system in the United States.

- The train cars are manufactured at their factory in Reggio Calabria, Italy and shipped to Pittsburg, California, for final assembly, then on to HART's Rail Operations Center in Waipahu.
- HART's trains will consist of four (4) cars. Each four (4) car train can carry about 800 people. The car shell structure is 100% aluminum. There are two (2) types of car shells, one (1) type for the ends of the train and the other for the middle cars. The middle car shells have an opening at both ends to permit passengers to move between the four (4) car trains. There are three (3) doorways on each side of both types of rail cars.
- Each rail car is 59-1/2 feet long, 14 feet high and 10 feet wide. The car shell structure consists of a combination of over 40 different aluminum extrusion profiles. The aluminum extrusions are welded together. The weight of the aluminum car shell without doors, interior linings, seats or other equipment is approximately 14,000 pounds. HART's four car trains will include: Closed-circuit security cameras, air conditioning, free WiFi, seating for 188 riders, space for surfboards, coolers, luggage, strollers, bicycles and wheelchairs.
- For general project information, traffic updates, meeting notices and more information, please visit the website [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org), call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at [info@honolulutransit.org](mailto:info@honolulutransit.org).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- Thanks – Granquist noted that there is less debris on the roads and a lot cleaner, Lee states that Kiewit contractors were responsible for cleaning up.
- Bridge – Wheatley would like to see the bridge to nowhere cleaned up on the bottom side since the top part if cleaned. The crosswalks are made unsafe because of the cleanup that still needs to be done.

Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park (CORP)/Waipio Soccer Complex – Burke reported the following: Meeting – The next meeting will be held Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the aquatic center.

Waipahu Community Foundation (WCF) – Burke reported the following: Grants – The next deadline for grant applications is Friday, June 3, 2016. Applications are available at Waipahu High School.

OahuMPO, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – Granquist reported the following: Meeting – The most recent meeting took place Wednesday, March 16, 2016. Items and presentations discussed were on the rail progress and complete streets.

Reports of Board Members' Attendance at Other Meetings – There were none to report.

Other Reports – There were none to report.

## BOARD BUSINESS

Approval of February 25, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes – **The February 25, 2015 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, as amended 16-0-0 (AYE: Andrade, Burke, Chun, Duhaylonsgod, Granquist, Herolaga, Lamosao, Lee, Macha, Nakashima, Oshiro, Saniatan, Tsugawa, Villanueva, Wheatley, and Yakowenko; NAY: none; ABSTAIN: none).**

**Page 3:** Under Kahualii Street change “Manor” to “Menor”.

Treasurer's Report – Chun reported at the last meeting the remaining balance was \$181.18 and stated that \$18.89 was spend on postage, envelopes, and other printing costs. Chun reported a remaining balance of \$162.29. The report was filed.

Chair's Report – There were none to report.

OLD BUISNESS – There were none to report.

NEW BUSINESS – There were none to report.

## PRESENTATIONS

Proposed Verizon Wireless Antenna at Filipino United Church of Christ, 94-1366 Hiapo St. – Kathy O'Connor-Phelps, Eukon Group reported that cell phone towers are more of a necessity in today's society, especially in residential areas. The proposed antenna will cover a large gap for the surrounding residential areas. The original proposal was a 43 foot tall tower disguised as a tree but the Church has asked them to make it into a bell tower. All of the antennas will be closed, nothing will be visible. They will also be requesting an emergency generator just in case the power goes out, the tower can still be operational because it is important to have cell phone signal in emergency situations.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Electronic Vibrations – Wheatley raised a concern about a letter he received from a community member about another cell tower going up on top of a Chinese Christian Church and asked where the Chinese Christian Church is located. O'Connor responded that Filipino United Church of Christ is along the H1 on Hiapo Street. Wheatley noted that his concern is about the electronic vibrations for the residents who live close by. O'Connor responded that the proposed site is on the East side of the Church's property line, but noted that there is still room to move the antenna if vibrations can be felt by the nearby residents but the antenna signal will shoot outwards and not down into residential homes. Wheatley asked and O'Connor responded that construction will not start for months because of the Conditional Use process, O'Connor noted that it could start possibly in the fall and construction will last about 60 days. Wheatley asked O'Connor to return when the project has been completed for a follow up report and to see if there are any concerns.
2. Contract – Tsugawa asked if Eukon is under contract with Verizon. O'Connor responded that they are consultants and responsible for getting the building and permit work. Tsugawa asked and O'Connor responded that it was Verizon's idea for the location of the bell tower and commented that it does not currently exist. Tsugawa asked and O'Connor responded that it will just look like a bell tower and the Church will be compensated for allowing Verizon to have their tower on their property. O'Connor noted that the location was the best area to cover the adjacent areas who are at overcapacity.
3. Notification – Yakowenko asked if Verizon or the Eukon Group has notified the adjacent neighbors and asked how many were notified and if any responses were given. O'Connor responded that it was a requirement by the City and noted that they informed the neighbors and left the information for those who have concerns to attend the Neighborhood Board meeting. One (1) response was received where the major concerns were 1) the location of the tower being around people and residences, 2) future output from the tower, and 3) the property values of adjacent neighbors.
4. Tower Location – Herolaga raised a concern about the location of the tower being in the center of a residential area and noted that out of the number of cell phone towers that the Board has looked at, she does not think one (1) has ever been proposed in the middle of a residential area and commented that she cannot accept the proposal.
5. Misleading Information – Roy Tanouye noted that he will be living 40 feet away from the tower and commented that the notification given out was only given to him and his neighbor, not the whole neighborhood. Tanouye asked if the contractors have a variance to change the zone of the land. O'Connor responded that they have not applied for the application yet because the requirement was to present to the Neighborhood Board first. After, the process can begin, but as for the notification the requirement was to send a notice to only the adjacent neighbors.
6. Testimony – Tanouye distributed and summarized his written testimony. Tanouye noted that aside from living 40 feet away from the tower, the tower will also bring crime into the area because people will try to steal the copper or other items near the tower, especially because to get to the tower people would have to go through people's homes and yards. Tanouye commented that the emergency generator and lights will bother their sleep because of the different type of equipment that will be used, which will include the different types of harmful chemicals to keep the emergency generator running.
7. Online Testimony – Deborah Arakawa noted that she lives on the adjacent property of the Church and the proposed bell tower would be eight (8) car links away. Arakawa noted that her main concerns were: 1) the tower should not be located in a residential area, 2) the future output of the tower and if living next to a cell tower while using a cell phone can increase the chances of cancer, and 3) the tower will reduce the future prices of the adjacent properties.
8. Opposition – Duane Tanouye asked for clarification if the Board will be voting on the issue after hearing the testimonies. Chair Saniatan responded that it is up to the Board. D. Tanouye noted that he opposes the project because some of the information that was not given are the potentially harmful effects the tower could have on those who live nearby. D. Tanouye distributed a packet with information about the reasons cell towers should not be located in residential areas.
9. Map – Macha asked and O'Connor responded that the yellow circles on the map are the existing Verizon facilities. Burke recommended deferring the vote until the May 2016 meeting and asked the presenter to

return next month as well to give them time to address some of the technical questions that were raised by the community. Oshiro asked and O'Connor responded that Verizon would like to place the cell tower in the middle of a residential area because there is a need for it and it has become the trend.

10. Follow Ups – O'Connor noted that they knew security was going to be a concern and commented that the Church is locked and Verizon will be installing a fence on the East side of the property. O'Connor noted that she cannot speak for other cell carriers but Verizon does realize the need for cell towers in the area. The tower is not lit unless something triggers the emergency flood lights, but there will be no lights showing the tower at night. O'Connor commented that the Electricity that will be running will be 200 amps, and Verizon will be paying the bills, not the Church. It was noted that Cell towers are all over the island, on top of condominiums and apartment complex's.

**Tsugawa moved and Wheatley seconded to not support the proposal of installing the tower at the proposed site.**

Discussion: Oshiro noted that it is arrogant answer to say that the people need cell towers in residential areas because Verizon is willing to put the tower anywhere. Wheatley noted that because of what has been presented at the meeting, he is in opposition of the project being placed in a residential area. However, if Verizon chooses to return in a few months after notifying the community properly and after the concerns have been addressed, then he will not be opposed to that.

**Tsugawa moved and Wheatley seconded to not support the proposal of installing the tower at the proposed site. The motion was ADOPTED, 14-0-1. (AYE: Andrade, Burke, Chun, Duhaylonsod, Herolaga, Lamosao, Lee, Macha, Nakashima, Oshiro, Saniatan, Tsugawa, Wheatley, Yakowenko) (NAY: none) (ABSTAIN: Granquist).**

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Senator Michelle Kidani – Senator Kidani distributed her report and was available for questions.

Senator Clarence Nishihara – Senator Nishihara circulated his newsletter and noted that on the back of the newsletter is a list of Bills that have passed through his committees and on the front, it had a list of schools that received funding in the area.

Senator Mike Gabbard – George Kolansis distributed Senator Gabbard's newsletter and reported the following:

- Legislative Update – Senator Gabbard has introduced bills that have successfully gone through the House and Senate and are on their way to the Finance Committee. SB 2659 would help to establish a hemp pilot program where cultivation of industrial hemp will undergo academic research.
- Leeward Bikeway Update – The proposed 13 mile paved multiuse path will be constructed on the Leeward Coast before the end of 2016.
- Listen Story Update – The next Community Listen Story Event is scheduled for Saturday, March 26, 2016 at the Kapolei High School Teacher's Lounge at 9:00 a.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Talk Story Event Location – Wheatley asked how come every time Senator Gabbard holds a Talk Story event it is held at Kapolei High School, and never in Waipahu. Wheatley asked Senator Gabbard to visit once in a while.

Representative Roy Takumi – Sarah Brown distributed Representative Takumi's newsletter and noted that they are currently in the crossover period where the House goes to the Senate and vice-versa and commented that if there were any questions the community can call their office at 586-6170.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22 is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Filipino Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Submitted by: Sharon Baillie, Neighborhood Assistant I  
Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant Supervisor  
Finalized by: Chair Rito Saniatan