



EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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DRAFT – MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2008 EWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Rich Hargrave called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of six (6) members present. NOTE: This eleven member Board requires six (6) votes to adopt a motion.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Monique Akaka, Gary Bautista, R. Scott Belford, Tom Berg, Kurt Fevella, Clint Gueso, Rich Hargrave, Mitchell Tynanes (7:25 p.m.), Celeste Lacuesta (appointed tonight), Ariel DeJesus (appointed tonight), Steve Knauer (appointed tonight).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clint Gueso.

GUESTS: Amy Hirano (PMCI Hawaii), George Yakowenko (Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22), Ariel DeJesus, Kerrie Prowse, Tracy Omori (Office of Councilmember Todd Apo), Captain Brian Carvalho (Honolulu Fire Department E24), CC Curry, Breene Harimoto (Board of Education), Gale Bracerros (Ewa Weed & Seed), Denise Oliveira (AOTP), Maria Violeta Blando, Sean-Michael Srajina, Daniel Remigio, A. Flores, Jeffry Campanen, and Oscar Ramiscal (Campbell High School Media), Mary Ester Correa, Mary Benjamin, C.M. Lynn (Lions Club/Boys & Girls Club), Stacy Bailey, Gary Coy, Gilberto Galarza, Celeste Lacuesta, Cam Fisk, Joyce Oliveira (Office of the Mayor), Councilmember Todd Apo, Gary Kasahima, Tommy Johnson (Office of the Governor/Department of Public Safety), Senator Will Espero, Steve Knauer), Lt. Bruchal (Honolulu Police Department, Kapolei – District 8), Kioni Dudley, Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

VACANCIES: Three.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS: The roll call of Board members was administered with six members present (Akaka, Fevella, Bautista, Berg, Hargrave, Belford).

7:15 p.m. **Without objection, the agenda was taken out of order.**

Community Appreciation Award – Community members Colby Lynn and Glenn Oamilda presented former Board member Dick Beamer with a lei and certificate of recognition for his years as a dedicated community volunteer, and charter member on the Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23.

7:20 p.m. The agenda order resumed.

CONDUCT OF BOARD MEETING: Vice Chair Fevella read the protocol for the meeting and Board time-limit policy, and order and decorum, printed at the top of the agenda.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Review and Acceptance of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2008 and July 10, 2008 – Fevella moved, seconded by Bautista to accept the regular meeting minutes of June 12, 2008 and July 10, 2008 as circulated. The motion was adopted unanimously, 6-0-0.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Belford reported expenditures in the Operating Account was \$34.26 leaving a balance of \$1,485.74; the Publicity Account is \$2,500, with the expenditure of videotaping (\$175 per month) would be reflected on the August Board statement; having no expenditures, the Refreshment Account remains at \$120.

7:25 p.m. Tynanes arrived (7 members now present).

Board Vacancies: Chair Hargrave read the Roberts Rule of order and Neighborhood Plan verification for filling the vacancies this evening. Bautista asked what if he wanted to vote for a fifth candidate. Hargrave replied it would be his option to abstain and wait for his choice of candidate to be voted on. The floor was opened for nominations.



Fevella nominated Celeste Lacuesta; Berg nominated CC Curry; Bautista nominated Ariel DeJesus; Fevella nominated Mary Esther Correa; Belford nominated Steve Knauer; and Mary Chanel-Benjamin volunteered to fill the vacancy. Fevella moved, seconded by Tynanes closing nominations. There were no objections.

Chair Hargrave reminded all that a roll call vote would be taken in the order of nominations and three candidates receiving the required six votes would fill the Board's vacancies.

Roll call vote for Celeste Lacuesta – The motion was adopted 6-0-1, Aye: Akaka, Bautista, Belford, Tynanes, Hargrave, Fevella); **Nay; 0; Abstention:** 1 (Berg).

Roll call vote for CC Curry – The motion failed, 2-4-1; Aye – Berg, Tynanes; **Nay –** Akaka, Belford, Hargrave, Fevella; **Abstention:** – Bautista.

Roll call vote for Ariel DeJesus –The motion was adopted unanimously, 7-0-0; Aye – Akaka, Bautista, Belford, Berg, Tynanes, Hargrave, Fevella.

Roll call vote for Mary Esther Correa – The motion failed, 3-2-2; Aye – Tynanes, Hargrave, Fevella; **Nay –** Akaka, Belford; **Abstention –** Bautista, Berg.

Roll call vote for Steve Knauer – The motion was adopted unanimously, 7-0-0 (Akaka, Bautista, Belford, Berg, Tynanes, Hargrave, Fevella.

Celeste Lacuesta, Ariel DeJesus, and Steve Knauer were appointed to fill the Board's three vacancies.

7:42 p.m. A recess was called for the administering of the Oath of Office.

7:45 p.m. The agenda order resumed.

REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Carvalho reported:

- Statistics for the month of July 2008 included 1 structure, 2 wild-land, 6 rubbish, 1 vehicle, 91 medical, and 14 miscellaneous (fluid spills, activated alarms, odor of smoke, auto accident clean up, broken hydrant, lock out, false alarms) calls.
- Fire Safety Tip – Some fires are allowed under State and City regulations; however, most fires investigated are unauthorized. If a fire is unauthorized, the Fire Captain will require that the fire be extinguished. If the fire is authorized, the Captain must determine if the fire is safe and properly contained, and not a nuisance to others. For more information, call HFD's Fire Communication Center at 523-4411.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Due to air pollution laws, permits are not issued to homeowners for rubbish burning. 2) Regarding lighting of an imu, it is recommended to call HFD at 523-4411 ten minutes before lighting to indicate that it is an imu fire.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. Bruchal circulated the monthly report and highlighted:

- Statistics for the month of July 2008 compared to June 2008 – murder 0/1, manslaughter 0/0, sexual assaults 0/1, robbery 1/2, burglaries 39/21, U.E.M.V. (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle) 22/11, auto thefts 14/16, thefts 36/21, property damage 25/26, motor vehicle collisions 59/65; total calls 1731/1675; adult arrests 371/405 and juvenile arrests 92/134; total district calls 6357/6084.
- CPT Message of the Month – HPD will be having a Neighborhood Security Watch family Fun Day for all Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) members at the Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park on September 20, 2008. NWS members will be given discounted prices off admission. RSVP by September 13, 2008. For more information contact Officer Tony Pacheco at 723-8408. Officer Halani Barboza at 723-8409 or Officer Michael Kahikina at 723-8407.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) For clarification – Robbery is when someone is confronted, threatened with physical force; burglary is when an authorized person enters a residence/building unlawfully to commit a crime; and simple theft is stealing something that does not belong to them 2) If a person enters a house unlawfully but does nothing it is considered a trespass. However, if a person unlawfully enters and threatens someone it is considered trespass and burglary. 3) Statistics regarding fights between Campbell High School and Ilima Middle School were not available. Lt. Bruchal mentioned that he has observed the students and noticed a significant reduction in calls to the schools in the afternoons. There have been a few incidents in the past re weeks occurring off-campus. Incidents are not as serious as last year, and students do leave the area when HPD officers arrive. HPD was thanked for their hard work. 4) It was requested to have increased patrols at the schools during school hours. It is rumored that students from other schools are causing the fights in Ewa Beach. A question posed was what can the community do to help HPD and noted that laws need to be strengthened. 5) Regarding bicycle patrols for this area, Ewa did have bicycle patrols at one time. However, the probability of that happening again is small since the department's budget was cut an additional two percent. 6) A suggestion made was to have volunteer patrol people (civilians) 7) A member of the audience commented that Hawaii is the second largest drug city with a high crime rate. HPD replied the comment was not accurate; and it is safe to say that Hawaii is not number two in any kind of crime. Follow up will be done.

Ewa Weed & Seed Unit – Gale Bracerros had no statistics to circulate and was available for questions.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Signage indicating entering a “Weed & Seed” area is being worked on. 2) Fevella announced slow speed sign waiving Friday, August 22, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 23, 2008, 10:00 a.m. at the intersection of Kapolei Parkway and Papipi Road. 3) Make A Difference Day, Saturday, August 23, 2008, Campbell High School old building parking lot; sign-up starts at 8:00 a.m.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Cal Sueoka reported:

- No water main breaks for the month of July 2008.
- A handout was circulated with information of how BWS gets the water from the aquifer to your tap.
- BWS, along with the Department of Environmental Services and the Commission on Water Resource Management, has extended the Ultra-Low Flush Toilet Rebate program to at least June 30, 2009. If you are connected to the City's sewer or water system, and replace an existing on ultra-lo flush toilet to an ultra-low flush toilet could qualify for a \$100 rebate. For more details visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- BWS pumps an average of 150 million gallons of water daily.
- BWS maintains a water system that includes approximately 2,000 miles of pipes, 4 shafts, 12 tunnels, and 84 well stations.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Comment from an audience member was that there are 10 projects ongoing in Ewa Beach with contractors using an average of 620,000 gallons of potable water daily, and 17 temporary hydrants. He asked if there is any way for the contractors to cut back on water use. Non-potable water is used by contractors when available. 2) It was noted that Ewa by Gentry sometimes uses a pumping system. 3) It was stated that contractors such as Gentry and Haseko use non-potable water for dust control, road cleaning, etc. A question posed was why potable water is being used. 4) Follow up will be done regarding the breakdown of water consumption used by each of the contractors.

Military – No representative was present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- September 11, 2008 Board Meeting – Meet the Candidates, Board member Belford will conduct that portion of the meeting with questions and answers. Letter will be sent out to the primary election candidates. Everyone was encouraged to submit their questions to Belford. Possibly seven questions would be selected with each candidate being asked the chosen questions within a time limit. This should take approximately an hour to an hour and a half of the Board meeting time. Each candidate will be given 30 seconds for the question and one minute for the answer. The gavel would be used to monitor the time limits.
- Candidates Forum – October 9, 2008 Board Meeting for the General Election candidates.
- The State Civil Defense outdoor hazard signs are being upgraded. A request was made for a presentation to this Board at its September meeting.

- A reference letter from the Neighborhood Commission Executive Secretary Joan Manke relating to Elective Public Office was distributed to Board members.

PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Ho'opili Project – Dr. Kioni Dudley expressed opposition to this project for the following reasons:

- The project is being developed in the wrong place because of agriculture lands to be covered over. A study indicated that 5,300 acres of AG lands would be covered over.
- It was explained that A & B lands are important because of the soil quality.
- Once the AG lands are gone we will be unable to feed ourselves due to no AG lands to grow food.
- Traffic in the area will double with the planned 14,000 new homes.
- For more information contact Dr. Dudley at 672-888 or email:Dr.KioniDudley@hawaii.rr.com.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Berg commented that he submitted testimony as an individual in March but omitted knowledge about the pueo (Hawaiian owl) that nest in the ground and is on the endangered list. 2) A question posed was a traffic light has been approved on Ft. Weaver Road, Ewa of the H-1; and understands that a traffic light would be installed at Honowai Street. Dudley did not know.

3) A & B lands have been covered over (built) since 1971. 4) A & B lands are prime lands, C lands good and D lands are rocky (not good for planting).

Recognition for Dick Beamer - Chair Hargrave thanked Coby Lynn and Glenn Oamilda for presenting Dick Beamer with an award.

HPD Volunteer Special Enforcement – George Yakowenko, of the Waipahu Neighborhood Board, is seeking volunteers for this program, which consists of five hours of training for certification. It was noted that disabled people cannot be mandated and that that five hours a week of volunteer time is the program's goal.

Ewa Beach Sunset on the Plains – Fevella announced that the Ewa Sunset on the Plains will be held at the North Road Community Park and are looking for non-profit organizations to participate. Details for this community event are forthcoming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS:

9:05 p.m. Bautistia and Berg left the meeting room (8 members now present).

TheBoat – Darin Mar, of the City Department of Transportation Services, circulated four informational handouts and highlighted:

- Service started on September 17, 2007, with commuter service connecting Kalaeloa to downtown Honolulu in 60 minutes, Monday thru Friday, during peak commute hours only. TheBoat has two restrooms, a snack bar, free WiFi, work tables, two decks, and can accommodate bicycles.
- If mechanical difficulties arise, the bus (express) will shuttle all passengers to downtown/Kalaeloa.

9:10 p.m. Bautista and Berg returned to the meeting (10 members now present).

- The Kapolei Park and Ride, located in the Kapolei Home Depot parking lot, with the convenient F-shuttle bus stop on Kapolei Parkway brings you directly from the Park and Ride to TheBoat. Parking at Kalaeloa Pier is free with 23 carpool parking stalls within the parking lot adjacent to the pier for those cars with two or more occupants. Exact change is required for riders or ticket-books, or single tickets may be purchased.
- New expanded bus shuttle service begins on August 25, 2008 with the following new routes: A) Route F11 extended from Waianae Transit Center to Makaha Towers. B) Route F12 extension to the Villages of Kapolei near Kapolei Knolls and Kapolei Golf Course. C) Route F13 extension to the community of Kaupe'a makai of Kapolei Parkway. D) Route 41 to Ewa Beach.
- For more details log on to www.trytheboat.com.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) No waiver to the Jones Act took place for this ferry service. It was commented that the service would have come to Ewa Beach. 2) The system is treated as One boat and bus pass; senior cost is half of the regular fare at \$1.00 with a senior identification card. 3) There are no current plans for an Ewa Beach Park and Ride, but it is under consideration. Free parking is available at the pier for cars with two or more people; stall at the Kapolei Home Depot parking lot near the bus stop; and a total of fifty stalls between the two sites. 4) The Haseko pier is under consideration. 5) In case of a breakdown, there is designated backup buses that would shuttle the passengers to town in the morning and on the return in the afternoon. 6) Regarding cost to the City, a comment was made if WiFi is an attraction and noted that he pays for the use of WiFi while at the park in Waianae and asked if funding could be spared for this service at parks. 7) It was noted that the community wanted an expanded system (project taken from OMPO by the City) and has seen no signage on the buses, or tourist trips available. It was suggested to expand the ferry service to full time. Mar said that rack cards with schedules were available this evening, which also offers an opportunity for tourists (R2 bus from Aloha Tower). Signage was in buses prior to the services and is regularly updated. The focus for now is on the am/pm commuters because the \$5 million for the project can only go so far.

REPORTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – Joyce Oliveira reported:

- Mayor Hannemann has expanded the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Limits Program. The City Department of Community Services (DCS) has raised the maximum limit of its Housing Rehabilitation. Income-qualified owner-occupants may obtain interest-free loans to make home repairs, accessibility improvements, and address health and safety issues.
- Bus Route request through Lokahi Gardens at Ewa Villages – The Department of Transportation Services will evaluate whether or not to extend and report the results in 60 days. Under the current budget, the funding does not provide for any system-wide service hour increases. DTS continues to evaluate existing services, seeking any opportunity to shift existing resources to provide a better balance of service.
- Uneven Roadway fronting Ewa Elementary School – The on-going work on Papipi Road in the vicinity of Ewa Elementary School is being done by a private contractor as part of the Ocean Pointe developments on abutting properties.
- Request for Traffic Engineering Devices on Kapolei Parkway – The Department of Transportation (DTS) is working with Haseko to install additional traffic controls on Kapolei Parkway to warn motorists of the STOP condition at Papipi Road. DTS will be installing painted islands on both corners of Hailipo Street at Papipi Road to shorten the pedestrian crossing distance and upgrade the Hailipo Street crosswalk to the more visible international type marking to improve traffic operations at the intersection.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Overgrown trees on Renton Road – Contracts for tree trimming are on cycle. 2) Follow up will be done regarding incomplete resurfacing on Pohakupuna Road by the contractor. 3) Follow up will be done regarding the sidewalk fronting Ewa Elementary school not raised and is level with the roadway. Fevella added that the sidewalk is temporary and that work stopped because of legalities.

Councilmember Todd Apo – Councilmember Apo circulated his written report and highlighted:

- Thanked the community for their testimony.
- The judge today ruled that the City Clerk must accept the petition from the “Stop Rail Now” group asking that the issue be put on the ballot. He added that his position is to move forward with the process to put the issue on the ballot for the voters to decide. A Council hearing is scheduled for August 20, 2008. A meeting regarding U.H. West Oahu is scheduled in September and this issue will be taken up.
- The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens' Advisory Committee presented a certificate of appreciation to the Ewa Neighborhood Board.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) A comment made was that per the Cayetano Administration there was no funding mechanism for a flyover. It was asked how the lane capacity would be funded. It was stated that the Councilmember is opposed to toll roads. 2) Apo explained that toll roads is just another tax and that it is unfair for West O`ahu to pay for their roads when everyone else on the island does not. City and State funding should be fair to all; the State should come up with the money. 3) The reason the rail route was relocated through Ho`opili is not to interfere with development. U.H. is happy with this change. 4) Regarding elevated lanes, Apo reiterated that

he disagrees with paying to use roads. The system must be fair and why pay taxes for maintenance of a roadway without using it.

Governor Linda Lingle's Representative – Tommy Johnson reported:

- The Governor announced last week that a four-day work week pilot project will be implemented at the State Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD). This three month pilot project involves the entire department of 111 employees started on August 4 and will end on October 31. During this period the recruitment counter will have expanded hours of 7:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday.
- Log on to <http://hawaii.gov/gov/innovation-award> for details about the nominations for governor's innovation award.
- Register now for the International Women's Leadership Conference to be held on Wednesday, September 27 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Follow up will be done if there are plans for a flyover through Kalaeloa. 2) Follow up to overgrown bushes along the North Road fronting the golf course, per Senator Espero and Rep. Pine in-house crews would clean the area. Chair Hargrave added the area is city, federal and privately owned. Volunteers are being sought to assist with cleaning of the area. 3) Follow up will be done with an updated status on the decibel meters installed at Campbell High School.

10:00 p.m. Neighborhood Assistant N. Frank left the meeting; Board Secretary Akaka continued the minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

Senator Will Espero – Senator Espero distributed his written report and highlighted:

- Aero Space Conference, Thursday, August 21, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Ewa Transportation Coalition, Monday, August 25, 2008, Kapolei Hale.
- Community Meeting sponsored by Senator Espero and Councilmember Apo, Tuesday, August 26, 2008, Keoneula Elementary School Cafeteria (91-970 Kaileolea Drive, 7:00-9:00 p.m.)

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) The Senator is a strong proponent of the rail system. 2) The meeting relating to re-location of the bus stop was cancelled by DOT director Morioka. 3) It was unsure if repaving of Ft. Weaver Road is part of the current project.

Representative Rida Cabanilla – No representative was present.

Representative Kymberly Pine – No representative was present.

Board of Education – Breene Harimoto circulated the BOE Highlights and noted:

- Topic of \$20 million budget cut is being discussed and probably more cuts coming where tough choices will need to be made.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Regarding the formula for Campbell High School's room temperature (requested air conditioners), making no sense the "no funding" report was sent back to the department. 2) A question was posed as to why there is a \$20 million budget cut to the Department of Education when money is being spent on Turtle Bay. 3) Harimoto asked the Board to have Superintendent Vernon Young do a presentation for the Board and community. 4) A future presentation may be given regarding standards of schools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no community reports.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank
Neighborhood Assistant

Monique Akaka,
Board Secretary