



## EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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### **DRAFT – MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING** **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008** **EWA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chair Kurt Fevella called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. NOTE: This eleven member Board requires six (6) votes to have a quorum and to take action.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Monique Akaka, Gary Bautista, R. Scott Belford, Tom Berg, Ariel DeJesus, Kurt Fevella, Clint Gueso, Steve Knauer, Celeste Lacuesta.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rich Hargrave and Mitchell Tynanes.

**VACANCIES:** None.

**GUESTS:** Michael Schultz, Paul Schultz, Juanita Asuncion, Kari Nolasco, Ching man Nicki Chong, James Vincent Pangan, Danny de Gracia II, Amy Hirono (PMCI Hawaii), Vernon Young (Department of Education), Craig & Linda Smallwood, Edlynn Taira, Joyce Oliveira (Office of the Mayor), Breene Harimoto (Board of Education), Donavon Kambel, Douglas Correa, Gale Braceros (Ewa Weed & Seed-HPD), Cheryl Labuguea (Coalition Drug Free Hawaii), Annabel Gottlieb (Hawaii Medical Center), Lt. Jeffrey Bruchal (Honolulu Police Department, District 8-Kapolei), Corp. Mark Ramos (Honolulu Police Department, Ewa Weed & Seed), Tracy Omori (Office of Councilmember Todd Apo), Denise & David Oliveira (Action on the Plains), Deb Luning (Gentry Homes), Daniel H. Cunningham, Steve Tataii, Randy Moore, Pam Smith, Tommy Johnson (Office of the Governor/Department of Public Safety), Sean-Michael Sarajina, Jonathan Staley, Oscar Ramisal and other students (Saber Media – Campbell High School, videographers), Captain Dwayne Lee (Honolulu fire Department – Ewa Beach) Glenn Oamilda, Dick Beamer, C.M. Lynn, Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:** Board members introduced themselves at this time.

### **BOARD BUSINESS:**

**Review and Acceptance of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 2008** –Vice Chair Fevella asked if there were and corrections/additions to the August 2008 regular meeting minutes:

- Page 1, Guests delete, "...**Clint Gueso**..."
- Page 4, HPD Volunteer Special Enforcement should read, "...**George Yakowenko, of the Waipahu Neighborhood Board is seeking volunteers for this program. He asked the board to invite Sgt. Laganse (HPD) to make a presentation at a future board meeting; and indicated the goal is to volunteer 5 hours a week to the program...**"
- Page 4, Ewa Beach Sunset on the Beach should read, "**Ewa Beach Community Park...**"

**Bautista moved, seconded by Gueso accepting the regular meeting minutes of August 2008 as corrected. The motion was adopted unanimously, 9-0-0** (Akaka, Bautista, Belford, Berg, DeJesus, Fevella, Gueso, Knauer, Lacuesta).

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Belford reported expenditures in the Operating Account were \$111.79 leaving a balance of \$1,373.95; expenditures in the Publicity Account for videotaping was \$350 (July & August) leaving the balance at \$2,150.00; no expenditures in the Refreshment Account leaving the balance at \$120.

### **REPORTS:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Captain Dwayne Lee reported:

- 1) Statistics for the month of August 2008 included 1 structure, 3 wildland, 3 rubbish, 87 medical, 1 search/rescue, and 16 miscellaneous calls.



- 2) Fire Safety Tip - Fire Safety Tip – Fire Prevention Week (FPW) has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire on October 8-10, 1871. On the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America decided the anniversary should be observed nationally to inform the public about the importance of fire prevention. Since 1992, FPW has been observed the week of October 9. The national Fire Protection Association has selected “It’s Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Home Fires!” as the theme for FPW on October 5-11, 2008. Did you know that most fire injuries are caused by fires that occur in our homes? This year’s campaign will focus on preparedness and underscore the importance of regularly checking your home for fire hazards. HFD encourages every family to take the necessary steps to ensure that your home is safe from fire hazards and that your family is prepared to escape when alerted by your smoke alarm. Practice and have an escape plan and a designate a safe meeting place outside your home.
- 3) In October, children attending elementary schools statewide will receive a Fire Fighter’s Safety Guide (FFSG) from their teachers. HFD encourage parents to review the FFSG with their child, create or revisit your family fire escape plan, practice you plan, test your smoke alarms, and consider the other safety tips in the guide.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Lt. Jeffrey Brushal circulated the monthly statistics report and highlighted:

- 1) Burglaries, thefts and U.E.M.V.’s (unauthorized entry into motor vehicle) have decreased between the months of July and August

**Ewa Weed & Seed Unit (HPD)** – Officer Mark Ramos distributed the monthly statistics report and was available for questions.

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

- 1) One water main - break for the month of August on Wailua Place.
- 2) Natural disasters, power outages, rolling blackouts, or other unexpected events can disrupt the ability of BWS to provide services to the community. September marks the observance of national Preparedness Month, so we prepared a handout that explains what you should do to prepare for an emergency, from a water perspective and what you should do during and after an emergency.
- 3) BWS along with the Department of Environmental Services and the Commission of Water Resource management has extended the ultra-low flush toilet rebate program to at least June 30, 2009. Those replacing their existing non ultra-low flush toilet to an ultra-low flush toilet could qualify for a \$100 rebate. For more program information log on to [www.boardofwatersupply.org](http://www.boardofwatersupply.org).
- 4) A handout relating to Water Emergency Preparedness was available.

Questions, comments, concerns:

Temporary Fire Hydrant use by Developers –Concern was once again expressed regarding the number of temporary water hydrants and the daily average of water usage. Sueoka said there are 18 temporary hydrants with daily average use of half a million gallons daily. No other details were available. 2) It was reported that when a resident turns on their faucets in the area of these temporary hydrants the faucet water smells. BWS recommends calling them when there is a foul odor from the faucet(s) and someone would be sent out to take a water sample. Follow up will be done. It was noted if a list could be provided as to which developers holds a particular permit for a designated hydrant. Sueoka noted that he is only given general information to report. It was suggested that particular developers (permit holders) be asked about their daily water usage.

**Military** – LTCMDR LeConte Coleman – No representative was present.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Ewa neighborhood Board Legislative Committee Meeting - Thursday, October 2, 2008, Asing Park (91-1450 Renton Road, at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:** Vice Chair Fevella announced that due to the candidates forum this evening, public generated issues/community concerns would be limited to one (1) minute each.

Proposed Oahu's Raceway Park – Concern was raised regarding the new proposed raceway park site at Barber's Point have a historic significance such as buried iwi (bones), native birds, etc. It was noted that back hoeing is damaging the property. It was stated to keep the area as a historical preserve. A request was made that a letter from the board be sent to the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the State Historic Preservation.

Discussion followed: 1) It was mentioned that the Kalaeloa property is facilitated by the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), and noted that DHHL should inventory the property. 2) It was requested that this issue be placed on the November agenda for further discussion with a member from DHHL present.

Employees Today – A brochure relating to steel on steel was circulated; check out more details on `Olelo Channel 54, Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) The speed would be 55 miles per hour on a dedicated highway; cost approximately \$2 billion for the total spine (Wahiawa, Mililani, Ewa, and more)

Signage, Road, and Lightning Improvements: Safety concerns were reported regarding a) four-foot high stop signs on intersection of Manakuke and Haakei Streets (both ends). b) Five-foot faded and rusted speed limit sign on Haakei Street. c) Verona Village need replacement of street light fixtures, lights lacking bulb protection shield (Renton Road-before Paiona St., Kihi, Koahi, Mnakuke, Leialoalo, Paiona, Paalua, and Puahio Sts.). c) Cracked sidewalk at Asing Park.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Civil Defense (Warning Sirens)** – No representative was present.

**Board of Education (BOE) Update** – Breene Harimoto reported that two brief presentations would be given this evening. Due to reorganization of the Complex area more resources are available to this district. One complex from the Central District was moved to the Kapolei Complex.

Vernon Young, Department of Education Superintendent for the Kapolei Complex, was introduced and noted: He has been in administration for about 17 years. There are approximately 2500 students in the Ewa district and 2400 in Kapolei. No statistics were available regarding how many intermediate students would graduate to high school.

Randy Moore in charge of facilities circulated two handouts and highlighted: Public school infrastructure issues, needs for new schools, new schools planned for Central O`ahu, new schools planned for Leeward O`ahu, new schools planned for Maui and the Big Island, need for periodic rehabilitation of existing facilities, ongoing repair and maintenance, air conditioning expectations, costs, current state funding for infrastructure development, repair and maintenance and where does the funding come from.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Relative to budget projections, it was asked if it has been taken into account school consolidations for repairs. In answer, there is funding for new schools. 2) It was suggested that consideration be given to the cost of solar (to be installed on school roof tops) to off set the capital cost of air conditioning. The principle manifested is that the state would approve the funding for solar, installed by the DOE, or a federal credit given to a private installer. Solar does not immediately reduce electrical costs. 3) DOE policies and decisions are made by the legislators. 4) Statistics in the handout are based on today's costs and other factors, such as increasing use of distance learning. 5) Electrical repairs and air conditioning is scheduled for all schools, but the cost depends on legislative appropriations. 6) Since Campbell High School has been allocated \$12 million, what is the process to revisit contours due to noise from airplanes based on a 24 hour timeframe? It was added that if the noise level is sufficient the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) appropriates funding. 7) The new school proposed on Ft. Weaver Road near the freeway is yet to be named (zip code 96797-Waipahu). 8) Concern was expressed that the chosen location for this new school is opposed by this Board (across Honowai St.) because they are in opposition to a stoplight at that intersection. It was stated that a school at that location would warrant a stoplight. 9) The location was chosen by the department and developers from their plans. 10) A comment stated to the developer was no stoplight and no school at the above location. 11) Relocation of the selected school site was requested. 12) For clarification, the location was recommended by the developers. 12) A statement made was that the community needs to take a stand against the Hoopili project, it is a done deal, and

the community was not considered. By the time the schools are built the area and student counts are overpopulated. It was suggested that a better process be found rather than depend on enrollment count by the developer.

**Berg moved seconded by DeJesus adding Hoopili Project to the agenda for the purpose of sending a letter to all parties involved regarding the new school site location. The motion was adopted unanimously, 9-0-0, Akaka, Bautista, Belford, Berg, DeJesus, Fevella, Gueso, Knauer, Lacuesta).**

**DeJesus moved, seconded by Berg that the Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23 send a letter to the Hoopili Developers and other parties involved regarding the proposed location of the new school (Honowai Street and the freeway) location.**

Discussion followed: 1) A presentation by Hoopili was recommended. 2) Deep water air conditioning should be looked into. 3) DOE has some distance learning and online courses.

**The motion was adopted unanimously, 9-0-0 (Akaka, Bautista, Belford, Berg, DeJesus, Fevella, Gueso, Knauer, Lacuesta).**

Harimoto offered to come back with a more in depth presentation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative Oliveira mentioned that of the Department of Transportation Services was available to take back any concerns.
- Ewa Beach Sunset on the Plains, October 25 and 26, 2008, North Road, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- It was announced that a Candidates Forum would follow the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Nola J. Frank  
Neighborhood Assistant