



EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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DRAFT – MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009 EWA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER – Vice chair Kurt Fevella called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the January and February meetings were cancelled due to miscommunication in picking the key to the facilities. He announced that former Chair Rich Hargrave resigned from the Board last month. He noted that with a majority vote present the Election of Chair would be added to tonight's agenda.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Monique Akaka, R. Scott Belford, Tom Berg, Kurt Fevella, Steve Knauer, Celeste Lacuesta, Mitchell Tynanes, Coby M. Lynn (appointed tonight), Roger Lacuesta (appointed tonight).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Bautista and Clint Gueso.

GUESTS: Breene Harimoto (Board of Education), Dee White, Coby M. Lynn, Keoni D. Mattos (Board of Water Supply), Annabel Gottlieb (HMC), Roger Lacuesta, Tracy Omori (Office of Councilmember Todd Apo), Melita and Gerald Hughes, Sharene Saito Tam (Haseko), M. Leong (HCAP), Gale Bracerros, (Weed & Seed), Chris Clark, Deb Luning (Gentry Homes), Lisa Enanoria, Joyce Oliveira (Office of the Mayor), Lloyd Higa (City Department of Design and Construction), Gary Omori (Honolulu Rail Transit), Kioni Dudley (Friends of Makakilo), Mary K. Serrao (Hoakalei Foundation), Karen Luke, Tommy Johnson (Office of the Governor/Department of Public Safety), Carlos Cambre, Rowena Martinez, Sgt. Edgar Namoca (Honolulu Police Department, Ewa Weed & Seed Unit), Charles Beamer, Lt. Jeffrey Bruchal (Honolulu Police Department, Kapolei – District 8), Lee Sichter, Pat Lee, Captain Dwayne Lee and Firefighter Doug Yee (Honolulu Fire Department, Ewa Beach Station), Dean Uchida (D.R. Horton), Oscar Ramiscal and Campbell High Sabers students (Videographers), Nola Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office).

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS – The roll call of Board members was administered with seven (7) members present at this time (Akaka, Belford, Berg, Fevella, Knauer, Lacuesta, and Tynanes)

CONDUCT OF BOARD MEETING – Deferred until later in the meeting.

VACANCY – Vice Chair Fevella announced that the vacancy is to fill the seat held by Rich Hargrave who resigned last month. An email was received today from Ariel De Jesus resigning from the Board. He asked if there was any interested person in filling the vacancy. Colby Lynn and Roger Lacuesta volunteered to fill the vacancy. **Berg amended the announcement to say two vacancies based on the resignation by Rich Hargrave and the resignation received today from Ariel DeJesus.**

Neighborhood Assistant Frank informed Vice Chair Fevella that Ariel De Jesus seat has not been properly noticed, possibly a violation; and would have to be placed on the April agenda.

C. Lacuesta move, seconded by Berg to vacate Clint Gueso's seat to the agenda being that tonight is his third absence and adding the his vacancy to the agenda.

Discussion followed: Berg commented that Board member Clint Gueso has missed several meetings. Vice Chair Fevella explained that per the Neighborhood Plan process, a certified letter would be sent to Gueso, and that a response should be received before the next meeting if he will be continuing as a Board member or resigning. If a response is not received the Board can then vacate his seat. **The motion was withdrawn.**

Coby M. Lynn and Roger Lacuesta volunteered to fill the vacancies and each gave a brief background of their interests in the community.



Lacuesta moved seconded by Knauer to fill two vacancies (Hargrave and DeJesus). The motion was ADOPTED unanimously, 6-0-0. Without objection Coby M. Lynn and Roger Lacuesta were appointed to fill the vacancies. The NA administered the oath of office was administered.

Berg moved, seconded by Belford to add HB 1693, relating West Oahu, proposing that the Office of Planning (OP) to review the City and County revised Ewa Development Plan infrastructural needs of the rapidly developing area are adequately met, to the agenda for decision making. The motion was ADOPTED, 8-1-0; Aye: Akaka, Belford, Berg, Fevella, Knauer, C. Lacuesta, R. Lacuesta, and Tynanes; Nay: Lynn. Vice Chair Fevella said that this item would be discussed later in the meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Review and Acceptance of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2008 – Knauer moved, and seconded by Tynanes to accept the regular meeting minutes of November 13, 2008 as written.

A question asked was why there were no January or February 2009 minutes. Vice Chair Fevella explained that special meetings were held for both months due to cancellation of the regular meetings because of miscommunication to pick up the facilities key. The neighborhood assistant (NA) is not required to attend special meetings, and no special meeting minutes were sent to the NA. Vice Chair Fevella will follow up with Hargrave.

The regular meeting minutes of November 13, 2008 was ADOPTED unanimously as written.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Belford reported February 2009 - Operating Account expenditures was \$84.32 (facility, rental, printing, postage) leaving a balance of \$801.65; no Publicity Account expenditures leaving the balance at \$1,625.00; and incurring no expenses the Refreshment Account remains at \$120.00.

Proposed increase to Videographer - Lacuesta proposed an increase from \$175 to \$200 to the Oscar Ramiscal (Campbell High School Sabers) videographers be added to the agenda. There were no objections.

Belford moved, seconded by Tynanes to increase the videographer fee from \$175 to \$200 per month.

Discussion followed: 1) Belford – Said he would be in opposition if the school does not have a free wireless. He suggested reducing the fee by \$25 and to use money to buy internet connection. Ramiscal stated that the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) does not negotiate internet access. 2) Lacuesta – Commented if the fee is increased to \$200 she asked if sub-titles and names of speakers be included.

The motion was ADOPTED, 6-1-2; Aye: Akaka, Fevella, Lynn, Tynanes, C. Lacuesta, R. Lacuesta; **Nay:** Belford; **Abstention:** Berg (with knowledge that board's previously solicited bids), Knauer.

Berg commented the history of the Board's videotaping noting that Board's were previously allowed to get their own bids from videographers; and that former Board member Jeff Alexander did just that, and found a friend to tape the meetings. He asked if it goes out to bid. Vice Chair Fevella will follow up with Ms. Wong of the NCO.

Election of Board Chair – Berg moved, seconded by Belford to add Election of Board Chair to the agenda. The motion was withdrawn until later in the meeting.

Approval of Increase in the Facility Use Rental Fee from \$20.00 to \$25.00 (Ewa Beach Public Library - Berg moved, seconded by Tynanes approving the increase in the facility usage fee from \$20.00 to \$25.00. The motion was ADOPTED unanimously, 8-0-0.

Approval of Facility Usage Fee (\$25.00) Expenditure for Special Meeting, December 23, 2009 (Ewa Beach Public Library) – Belford moved, seconded by Tynanes approving the facility usage fee of \$25.00 for the December 23, 2008 special meeting. The motion was ADOPTED unanimously, 9-0-0.

Approval of Facility Usage Fee (\$25.00) Expenditure for Special Meeting, January 21, 2009 (Ewa Beach Public Library) – Belford g moved, seconded by Tynanes approving the facility usage fee of \$25.00 for the January 21, 2009 special meeting. The motion was ADOPTED unanimously, 9-0-0.

REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Yee reported:

1. February 2009 statistics – 1 structure, 2 wildland, 3 rubbish, 1 vehicle, 85 medical, 1 search/rescue, 17 miscellaneous; 1 major incident – building fire on Kaipalaoa Street (total damage \$60,000).
2. Fire Safety Tip: Although cooking at home can be a fun family activity, please ensure care is taken by adhering to the following safety tips to avoid accidents in the kitchen. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, cooking fires are the leading cause of house fires and fire injuries nationwide.
 - Do not leave cooking food unattended. If you must leave the kitchen, even briefly, 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 phone calls, watching television, and answering doorbells can have devastating result when the stove's on and unattended.
 - Keep ignitable items, such as dishtowels, paper or plastic gabs, or curtains at least three feet away from the range top.
 - Keep an ABC – rated fire extinguisher near the kitchen, and learn how to use it.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Dry lands with hazardous materials located on property surrounded by three schools around Renton Road, Kolowaka Street, and Keaunui Drive was reported, and it was asked if the property owners could maintain the lot. Capt. Lee replied that rolling inspections are done and violations are reported to the Fire Prevention Bureau for follow up. It was mentioned that this matter was previously brought up with no reply. Resident Melinda Hughes added that the lot, located on Makekula Place, which is private (back of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church) contains old batteries, leaves, paint thinner, chemicals, etc. Chair Fevella noted that a small fire occurred there a few months ago. It was relayed that the street has no street lights. Capt. Lee will send a letter to the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. Brushal circulated the statistics report and noted

1. There was a 30% reduction in burglaries, robberies, auto thefts, and UEMV (unauthorized entry into motor vehicles).
2. Community Police Team (CTP) Message of the Month: A) Recreation vehicles such as, ATV's (Quads), dirt bikes, and mini bikes, are illegal on any public roadways or any public beach parks. The penalty is citation, arrest and confiscation of said vehicles. So please, if you know of anyone that is operating these types of vehicles on public roadway inform them of the severe consequences of what may happen to them if they are caught by HPD. B) On behalf of Major Michael Moses and men and women of Kapolei Police Station, District 8, Drive Akamai and be Safe.

Questions, answers and comments: Ewa Beach has six Beats (south of the freeway to Iroquois Point), one officer per beat on a full staff day.

Ewa Weed & Seed – Sgt. Namoca reported no spikes in the crimes, and was available for questions.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – Joyce Oliveira reported:

1. The Mayor's budget was transmitted to the City Council on March 2, 2009. The submitted budget is \$1.8 billion with increases to property tax up thirty cents. The submitted Capital Improvement Project budget is \$1.7 billion; one billion for transit and the rest for public safety and sanitation. The budget includes \$27 million in Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for the Ewa area for infrastructure related matters such as drainage, wastewater plant, etc.
2. The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director, Wayne Yoshioka, will contact Vice Chair Fevella regarding the One`ula Park parking lot closure.
3. Regarding motorized airplane flying at One`ula Beach Park, the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will be looking into revising the Model Airplane Flying Rules which lists One`ula Beach Park as an authorized site to fly model planes. Rules will have to go through the proper approval process which includes a public hearing. A motion from the Board on this matter was suggested.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Berg – Asked for verification regarding Kapolei Parkway over the gulch (Renton Road to the North South Road) completion at the end of this month. He asked that the Mayor revisit this issue, and stated that Ft. Weaver Road and Ft. Barrett Road will be impacted with traffic. 2) C. Lacuesta – A) Asked when Renton Road would be repaired and if it is included in the CIP list. Oliveira – Replied that it is not on the CIP list and recommended that she work with Councilmember Apo. B) Reported a safety concern of broken concrete fronting Ewa Elementary School. Oliveira – The City is looking to work with the property owner and will give an update at the next meeting 3) Belford – Ask if DTS Director Yoshioka and the Mayor could be informed that the constituents are not being informed about the planned community. He wanted to know when that community would be turned over to the City; and asked if Ocean Pointe residents still have an opportunity to submit feedback. 4) Lynn – Thanked Mayor Hannemann and his representative Joyce Oliveira. He reported that Ewa Beach Road now has a Citizens Patrol and noted a stop sign down, a street light out, the road needs restriping, and at 190 Ewa Beach Road a tree need trimming (growing into the electrical lines). 5) Lacuesta reported – A) The bus stops on Renton Road and Hanakahi Street north bound have no bus shelters. B) An old light pole is yet to be removed from West Loch Village (request for removal made in May 2008). C) Crosswalk request at Papipi Road and Kapolei Parkway. Oliveira – Said the crosswalk would require American Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements and be on the CIP list; follow up will be done. D) Street light out on Kehue Street. Oliveira replied that responses to these concerns were given directly to former Board member DeJesus via email. 6) Oamilda – Expressed concern regarding the Ewa Development Plan, stating that it has been 10 years since the first draft and that there were a lot of CIP's inserted into the plan. He questioned why no oversight has been asked of the community and why it the plan delayed again. Oliveira – Answered that the draft can be found on the City's website under the City Department of Planning and Permitting; and that the comment period has been extended to March 15, 2009. Oamilda – Explained that by oversight he means giving the community a chance to give input of what is going on. 7) Dudley - Asked why the Ewa Development Plan was not on the agenda. Vice Chair Fevella - Replied that former Board Chair Hargrave announced to the Board that they should send in their individual comments. He asked that respect be shown to the Board and guests. 8) Oamilda – Reiterated about the Ewa Development Plan going over his allotted time.

Kioni Dudley loudly interjected to Vice Chair Fevella and the neighborhood assistant that the item of election of chair was not on tonight's agenda, reiterating that former Chair Hargrave resigned from the Board last month.

8 p.m. Vice Chair Fevella called a recess. The agenda order resumed at 8:12 p.m.

CONDUCT OF BOARD MEETING – Tynanes read the Board's time limit policy, conduct of the Board meeting, and reminded Board members and guests about being respectful.

Ewa Mahiko District Park – Lloyd Higa, from the City Department of Design and Construction, gave the following update: Located at 91-1205 Renton Road, renovations to this park will consist of a new gym, ball parks, and parking. Also included will be four new tennis courts, two volleyball courts, four basketball courts, lighting, and fencing. The gym will have a multi-purpose room with three offices, the bleachers will be retractable, and restrooms assessable from the outside.

Questions, answers and comments: 1) The gym will no have air conditioning, but the design will allow winds from the north east to flow through. Solar fans with backup power and wind turbines will provide adequate air. The meeting rooms will be equipped with ceiling fans and the offices with air conditioning. 2) Per the schedule, bids will be put out May 2009, awarding of the bid fall of 2009 with a contractor, and start date about end of 2009, with completion May 2011. 3) Depending on the funding a swimming pool may be built in the future. 4) A suggestion was made to follow up with Councilmember Apo to submit in the budget. 5) Regarding internet service at this park, there are only data lines. The request for internet connection will be relayed to the district manager. 5) Total cost for this renovation is approximately \$10 million. Maintenance of the park will be done by the City. Follow up will be done regarding yearly cost for manpower to maintain the park. 6) This item will be placed on the April agenda for comments.

Concern – Overgrown trees touching power lines, fallen branches, tree roots invading surrounding properties, and children safety was reported. Follow up will be done.

Berg – Called a point of order to allow Dr. Kioni Dudley to give his one-minute concern.

Councilmember Todd Apo – Tracy Omori circulated the written report and was available for questions.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Keoni Mattos reported:

1. No water main breaks for the month of February.
2. An informational contact card with appropriate phone numbers within BWS was given to Board members. If you are unsure where to call, call BWS at 748-5000.
3. 2nd Annual Decorate an Egg, the Xeriscape Way Easter Workshop – Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. To register call 748-5319 or email tours.hbws.org. Visit www.boardofwatersupply.com for information about other classes available.

Questions, answers and comments: 1) Lacuesta – A) Requested a list of all repaired water pipes in 96706. Mattos – Replied that the same request was made by former Board member Dejesus. He noted that a list of the water system improvements of the 10 years was provided. B) Asked if BWS is tracking fire hydrants yet to be dedicated to the city, and wanted to know who pays the bill for water usage from those hydrants. Mattos – answered that BWS provides temporary meter that are attached to the fire hydrant. Lacuesta – Noted that it was reported that BWS has no list of the number of fire hydrants being monitored. She added that one particular hydrant has not been dedicated to the city but being use. She will show Mattos the fire hydrants location. Follow up will be done. Hughes – Added that he called BWS regarding rental property and was told that until dedicated the developer is billed for water consumption not the individual.

Lacuesta moved, seconded by Belford adding agenda Election of Chair until the term ends in June 2009. There were no objections.

Election of Board Chair: Belford nominated Berg; Knauer nominated Fevella. Without objection, nominations were closed.

Votes for Berg: 2-7-0; Aye: Belford, Berg; **Nay:** Akaka, R. Lacuesta, Fevella, Lynn, Knauer, C. Lacuesta, Tynanes.

Votes for Fevella: 7-2-0; Aye: Akaka, R. Lacuesta, Fevella, Lynn, Knauer, C. Lacuesta, Tynanes; **Nay:** Belford, Berg. **Kurt Fevella was elected Board Chair.**

Without objection, the election of Vice Chair was added to the agenda.

Election of Vice Chair: Berg nominated Belford; Fevella nominated Tynanes. Without objection nominations were closed.

Votes for Belford: 3-5-0; Aye: Belford, Berg, Knauer; **Nay:** Akaka, R. Lacuesta, Fevella, C. Lacuesta, Tynanes, Lynn.

Votes for Tynanes: 7-2; Aye: Akaka, Berg, R. Lacuesta, Fevella, C. Lacuesta Lynn, Tynanes; **Nay:** Belford, Knauer. **Mitchell Tynanes was elected vice chair.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The 4th Annual Hawaiian Honu Race, March 20, 2009, from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Hawaiian Adventure Park.
2. Ewa Beach Lions Club 5th Annual Bash at the Bush (Easter) “Malama One`ula”, Saturday. April 4, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at One`ula Beach Park (Hau Bush), 91-101 Papipi Road.
3. Lady of Perpetual Help Church Food Drive, April 4, 2009. For more information contact Kurt Fevella at 864-4634.
4. Deadline for the Waimanalo Landfill testimony is March 19, 2009. Send a copy of your input to Rep. Kymberly Pine.
5. Dee White thanked the Board and guests for bring up the empty lot issue. Weed and Seed was also thanked. Truants were arrested at the empty lot on Kaiwiloa Street. A 10-week parent project was held with parents being spoken to about the laws. Read-A-Loud is being provided to children. Career Day will be held soon. Supplies are being donated to the school for cleanup of the playground equipment.
6. Easter Egg Extravaganza will be held at the North/South Park, March 28, 2009 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Opposition to the Hoopili Project – Dr. Keoni Dudley stated that at this Board's November 2008 Legislative Committee meeting they voted in opposition to the Hoopili Project where 12,000 new homes will be built and raised traffic concerns.

Questions, answers and comments: 1) C. Lacuesta – Asked if one more stoplight would be added to the Ponowai Street intersection. She was told to check out the website. In summary Dudley noted that the prime agriculture land should be kept.

PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Ft. Weaver Road Expansion– Oamilda raised the following concerns relating the construction noise and traffic on Ft. Weaver Road. He asked that that a letter is sent to the City and State about the noise. He requested that the contractor be invited to the meeting and update the Board. It was noted that the contractor is Hawaiian Dredging Company.

Ewa Development Plan (EDP) – Berg – Reported that the EDP process of attempt will be publicized on October 25, 2009, and recommended that the Board formulate comment. He stated the most important issue, the EDP, is not on tonight's agenda. The deadline for comment is March 15, 2009. HB1693, introduced by Rep. Cabanilla crossed over (a vehicle to take the issue out of the City's jurisdiction), and that the Board should take a position at the state level. **Berg moved to add the Ewa Development Plan to tonight's agenda.** Vice Chair Fevella called a point of order explaining that although the Board did not have a February meeting, that night in the parking lot, former Chair Hargrave told all those present that due to the timeframe, individual testimony should be submitted.

9:10 P.M. Recess called. The agenda resumed at 9:16 p.m.

Closing of Ewa Beach Public Library – Knauer announced that due to budget cuts, there is a chance that this library may be chosen to be shut down. He expressed concern of that creating a hardship for the community and the traffic impact if having to find a library in another area. Mitchell suggested send a letter of support from the Board. C. Lacuesta said the issue has been brought to the attention of Senator Espero. Belford offered to draft the letter.

Makua Military Reservation – No representative was present.

COMMUNITY UPDATE (Developers and Housing Authorities):

DR. Horton – Dean Uchida reported – A community meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands from 7 to 9 p.m. The Land Use Commission hearing for the Kroc Center's third station will be held on March 19, 2009

Questions, answers and comments: 1) The Transit Oriented Development (TOD) stations will be around the Horton development. If there is no TOD, the acreage difference will be preserved as agriculture or kept as open space. An update will be reported next month. 2) Oamilda – Stated that the EDP has no transit in the plans and emphasized that public input is important.

Haseko – Sharene Saito Tam reported: Deadline for the Hawaii Community Foundation Scholarship applications is April 24, 2009. Construction occurring fronting Ewa Elementary School is Phase 2 of the Papipi drainage project that has just been completed; paving is being completed in the front part of the school.

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) – No representative was present.

Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) – No representative was present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

DeBartolo/DHHL Ka Makana Ali'i Shopping Center and Mixed Use Project – Lee Sichter, Consultant for Belt Collins, presented the following:

1. The proposed Ka Makana Ali'i Shopping Center will be located on land owned by DHHL and leased to Bartolo for 65 years. The 67-acre vacant property, located on land owned by DHHL and leased to Bartolo for 65 years, will be surrounded by Kapolei Parkway (north), Roosevelt Avenue (south), Kapolei Middle School (west), and Varona Village (east); the site of a regional sports complex proposed by the State.
2. Mixed – Use: Retail – Hotel – Office: 1.5 million square feet, 4,000 parking stalls (half underground), and will conform to City zoning standards. Building heights will be approximately 25-120 feet
3. The shopping center will be a Mixed – Use Regional Center consisting of village mixed – use and neighborhood commercial.
4. Village mixed – use will have community gathering places such as main street, pedestrian plaza, and outdoor restaurants, community perspectives (Hawaiian traditions, historical exhibits, and performance space).
5. Connectivity – Site access, pedestrian movement, bikeways, regional network, and transit.
6. Site Access – A) Main Entrances: Kapolei Parkway, North South Road extension, Roosevelt Avenue. B) Service Entrances: Kapolei Parkway and Roosevelt Avenue.
7. Regional Network – Proposed North - South Roadway extension.
8. Transit – The development plan contemplates future transit station: Integration of transit station into Mixed – use Village; North South Roadway future extension accommodates rail alignment.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Berg – Commented that by 2013 the shopping center will be opened for business, and asked if Roosevelt Avenue would be improved by that time and if the developer would be providing the funding. Sitcher did not know. 2) C. Lacuesta – Wanted to know how this developer is being allowed to use Hawaiian lands. She stated that Native Hawaiian people of 50% or more Hawaiian are still waiting to acquire their homestead property. Sitcher replied that the company negotiated with DHHL in 2008.

Propose New Ewa Beach Fire Station (Ocean Pointe) – A fact sheet and a map were available for interested persons to review.

NA N. Frank left the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Kurt Fevella, Chair