



EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009 EWA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Fevella called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. **with a quorum of seven (7) members present.** Note: This 11 member Board requires six (6) members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present: Tom Berg, Mary Chanel – Benjamin, Kurt Fevella, Steve Knauer, Celeste Lacuesta, Coby Lynn, Mitchell Tynanes.

Members Absent: Vincent Browne and Roger Lacuesta.

Guests: James Kwasnowski, Johnlyn Doi, and Michael Yee (Disney Vacations Club Resorts Hawaii), Breene Harimoto (Board of Education), Rachel Glanstein (Neighborhood Commission Office), Andrew Purdy, Gale Bracerros (Weed & Seed), Capt. Robert Main (Honolulu Fire Department Headquarters), Sgt. Edgar Namoca (Honolulu Police Department – Ewa Weed & Seed), Lt. Michael Johnson (Honolulu Police Department, District 8 – Kapolei), Tracy Omore (Office of Councilmember Todd Apo), Keoni D. Mattos (Board of Water Supply), Lisa Enanoria (Haseko), Lee Tokuhara, Maria Kyi, Ana Williams, Captain Albert Abley (Honolulu Fire Department – Ewa Beach), Representative Kymberly Pine, Glenn Oamilda, Jerry Goff (Head Librarian, Ewa Beach Public Library), Senator Will Espero, Oscar Ramiscal and the Campbell High School Media, Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Vacancies: There are two at-large seats vacant. *Note: This Board is not able to fill vacancies in its membership at this time, due to the wording of the Neighborhood Plan Section 2 – 14 – 104; which will be amended as soon as possible and will be going through the hearings process.

Without objection the Disney Vacation Resorts Hawaii were called upon to make a brief presentation.

Disney Vacation Resorts Hawaii – Michael Yee presented John Dudoit with a donation check for the Ewa Sunset in the Park event at Mahiko District Park on September 5 and 6, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The agenda order resumed.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. Main announced that HFD left on an emergency call, and gave the following report:

- **July 2009 Statistics** – The statistics included 3 structures, 4 wildland, 10 rubbish, 1 vehicle, 91 medical and 22 miscellaneous calls.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – The Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) investigates reports of smoke to determine if a fire exists. While some fires are allowed or authorized under county and state regulations, most are unauthorized. When the HFD encounters an unauthorized fire, the Fire Captain will request that the fire be extinguished or have the fire crew extinguish it. If the fire is allowed, the Captain must determine if the fire is safe, properly contained, and not a nuisance to others.
- **Three Public Infrastructure Map Revisions (PIM) for Ewa and One Public Infrastructure Map Revision for Central Oahu** – Capt. Main circulated a handout with the four summary descriptions and locations maps describing three proposed revisions to the Ewa Public Infrastructure Map (PIM) and one revision to the Central Oahu PIM to add Fire Station (FS) symbols for HFD. Also included was a location map showing the four (4) proposed revisions: 1) HFD Tactical Fire Training Facility, 2) Ho`opili Fire Station, 3) Kalaeloa Fire Station, and 4) Royal Kunia Fire Station.



Questions, comments and concerns followed: Capt. Main is from Headquarters and would relay any area concerns to Capt. Abley relative to the statistics report.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. M. Johnson distributed the July 2009 crime statistics report and highlighted:

- Truancy Laws – The 2009/2010 school year is under way and that HPD will be aggressively enforcing the Truancy Laws for Oahu. The definition of the Truancy Law is: any juvenile in violation will be subjected to arrest. In Hawaii, school attendance by youth ages 6 – 18 is required by law (HRS 302A – 1132, Hawaii’s Compulsory School Attendance Law).

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Increased patrols were requested for monitoring regarding moped and mini bike issues at Leeward Estates during after school hours.

Ewa Weed & Seed Unit – Sgt. Namoca circulated the statistics report and was available for questions; none followed.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann’s Representative – Ross Tanimoto was unavailable to attend tonight’s meeting. The July report was deferred until the September meeting.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Keoni Mattos distributed a flyer on keeping our drinking water safe, and reported the following:

- Water Main Breaks – There was one water main break on July 28th (8-inch main) at 91-112 Iheihe Place.
- Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention – Board of Water Supply’s top priority is keeping Oahu’s drinking water safe. Water can flow in two directions in a hose. If there is a main break or sudden drop in pressure, there is an extremely small chance that water from your pipe could backflow and contaminates the BWS system. To prevent this from happening, the BWS has a Cross Connection and Control Section who work to educate and work with the community to prevent backflow. This staff is willing to speak with customers one – on – one as well as conduct informative presentations tailored to the neighborhood board’s specific community concerns. Feel free to call them at 748-5470.
- 21st Annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House & Unthirsty Plant Sale Recap – If this year’s plant sale was missed visit www.boardofwatersupply.com to view photos and an animated slideshow recapping the fun – filled festivities. The annual community event is held on the first Saturday in August, so mark your calendars and save August 1, 2010 for next year’s plant sale event. The winner of the \$20,000 EXTREME Xeriscape Garden Makeover contest will be announced some time in September. Check out the website or call 748-5041 for more information.

Questions comments and concerns followed:

1. Usage of Recycled Water (RW) – Recycled water is used for two purposes, industrial and irrigation. The BWS serves 5 Reverse Osmosis (RO) industrial customers and 12 R1 irrigation customers. Soon, Hawaii Electric Company’s Kahe and Campbell power plants will be using RW. Production has remained a steady 9 million gallons daily (mgd).
2. Parks Using Recycled Water – Currently West Loch and Ewa Villages use recycled water for irrigation of common areas and adjacent parks (West Loch Shoreline, Asing and Ewa Mahiko Parks). BWS is working to provide RW to Ocean Pointe, Oneula Beach and Kapolei District Parks. Long – term, BWS hope to provide RW to areas in East Kapolei along North South Road, State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) properties and the future University of Hawaii West Oahu (UHWO) campus.
3. Ewa Beach District Water Supply – The BWS is continuously monitoring levels of the water sources to make sure that they do not overdraw from the aquifers. They are also exploring alternative sources for water, such as the BWS acquiring a large plantation source, Ewa Shaft, which provides 10 – 12 mgd. Alternative sources like Honouliuli Water Reclamation Facility (HWRF) provide 9mgd.

4. Noticing White Residue on Car's Surface When Washing – The white spots is silica, a natural element found in water. In areas where the amount of silica is high (such as Ewa Beach), water users will find white residue or crystals whenever items are left to air dry. It does not pose a health hazard to drinking water, it's just a bother because of the extra effort needed to make in promptly wiping dry any kitchen and bath surfaces and items rather than allowing things to air dry.
5. Water Quality on Papipi Road – Follow up will be done regarding the water quality on Papipi Road, and whether Ewa Beach does have hard water.
6. Aquifers – A comment was made that due to desalinization the aquifers are dry and sinking.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) continued: Capt. Abley returned from the emergency call and was available for questions.

Questions comments and concerns followed:

1. Recycle Bin Fires at Ilima Middle School – There has been no fires in the last week or two, however, the bins do burn from time to time.
2. Old Fire Station Plans – It was suggested to call the HFD Community Relations office at 723-7163 to expedite the answer regarding this matter.

Councilmember Todd Apo – Tracy Omori circulated the written report and noted:

- Bus Route 94 Changes – Bus Route 94 will be added to the Kalaeloa area routes.
- Ewa Beach Accomplishments – Councilmember Apo does have a draft of his accomplishments and will forward them to Board member Knauer as requested.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Alternate Plans for the Rail if the Ho`opili Project Fails – Follow up will be done.
2. Proposed Closure of Ewa Beach Library – It was asked of Councilmember Apo to stay on top of this issue because it is a paramount to this community and the only one to be close on Oahu.
3. Second Treatment Sewer Plant – Follow up will be done.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

National Level Health Care – Concerns was raised regarding the national level for health care.

Chair Fevella relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair Tynanes.

1. Closure of Ewa Beach Star Market – 1) Concern was expressed that Star Market was purchased by CVS and will be closing, thus leaving only Foodland for the community to buy groceries. It was also asked if Longs Drugs (owned by CVS) will remain open. Support from the area legislators and the community was sought to keep Longs Drugs open. It was noted that the date of the Star Market transition is scheduled for September 2009. 2) A comment was made that CVS needs to come to the community because this is a quality of life issue causing panic in the community

Chair Fevella resumed the order.

2. Mahiko District Park Improvements – It was announced that \$8.3 million has be allocated to construct a gym, basketball and tennis courts, and 250 parking stalls at this park.
3. Filling of Board Vacancies – As noted on the agenda Boards are not able to fill vacancies in its membership at this time, due to the wording of the Neighborhood Plan 2-14-104; this section will be amended as soon as possible.

4. Public Hearings – Public hearings to amend Section 2-14-104 of the Neighborhood Plan will be held:
- Friday, August 14, 2009, 6 – 9 p.m., 2nd Floor Council Committee Room (Honolulu Hale).
 - Saturday, August 15, 2009, 10 – 12 noon, Kapolei Hale Conference Room.
 - Saturday, August 15, 2009, 2 – 4 p.m., Windward City Satellite City Hall.

7:40 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. recess called due an unruly audience member.

Land Use Commission (LUC) Meeting Update – It was announced that today's, as well as, the meeting scheduled for tomorrow have been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Friday, August 28, 2009 at the LUC building. The Board was asked for their support and testimony to oppose the Ho`opili Project, which will be situated on 1500 acres of prime agriculture land (zone change from agriculture to urban).

Ho`opili Project Traffic Impact for Ewa Beach Residents – 1) Concern was raised about a newspaper article showing a picture of traffic from Waianae into town, but not from an Ewa Beach view (Fort Weaver Road entrance) and the impact it will cause. However, Ewa Beach residents are not taking a massive role in this matter. 2) It was mentioned that many residents did not know about the Ho`opili Task Force when it was formed. It was stated that East Kapolei needs to be reclassified because of the traffic impact for Ewa Beach residents.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 9, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The regular meeting minutes of July 9, 2009 were APPROVED as corrected by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7 – 0 – 0; (AYE: Berg, Chanel-Benjamin, Fevella, Knauer, C. Lacuesta, Lynn, Tynanes), with the following correction:

- Page 5, vote on motion should read, "...That a letter be sent to the BOE that the Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23 support the fie library closures to be in urban Honolulu and to keep the Ewa Public Library and the recommended neighbor island libraries open which was *ADOPTED, 8-0-1*(AYE: Berg, Browne, Chanel-Benjamin, Fevella, Knauer, C. Lacuesta, R. Lacuesta, Tynanes; **ABSTAIN: Lynn**).

BOARD BUSINESS:

1. Closure of Ewa Beach Public Library Update – Head Librarian, Jeff Goff reported the following: Thanked the Community and the Board for their support in organizing and getting a petition with over 1,000 signatures; and for written testimony and giving oral testimony at the BOE meeting last month. Representatives Pine and Cabanilla and Senator Espero also submitted written and oral testimony. Since that meeting, the library has received book donations, money, and volunteer time by teenagers and community members.
2. Community Meeting – The Board was asked to schedule a community meeting to address the letter received from the BOE regarding the closure of this library.
3. BOE Meetings – It was announced that the BOE Budget meeting will be held on August 26, 2009, and the full BOE meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2009.
4. BOE – Breene Harimoto thanked the Board and community for their support at the last BOE meeting. He encouraged all continue to give oral testimony, which makes a world of difference. At the policy level we should all look at having no libraries closed because of equity (why only in the outlying areas), why school/community libraries, and what are the alternatives. The new plan is unknown at this time.

Rep. Pine added that her office is working with the BOE to find solutions to this matter. She noted that the sub – committee will make the final decision which should be announced in the next couple of weeks

Without objection the agenda was taken out of order to Elected Officials, Representative Kymberly Pine.

Elected Officials:

Representative Kymberly Pine – Representative Kymberly Pine circulated her written report and highlighted:

1. Final Rail Station Community Workshop – The final rail station community workshop was presented by the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) at Kapolei High School on August 5, 2009 to

solicit public input on the designs of the proposed rail stations. Comments may be sent via email to DTS at info@honolulustransit.org.

2. Health Care – Concern calls were received relative to health care, the elderly and veterans.
3. Ocean Pointe Area – She is working to preserve areas in Ocean Pointe to keep the old Ewa Beach.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Borrowing from the Hurricane Fund – There is a possibility that money could be borrowed from the hurricane fund to help with the deficit, which she favors, with the stipulation that the loan must be paid back. Insurance companies, as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have stabilized.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Knauer reported the following:

- June 2009 – Operating Account balance was \$434.10; the Publicity Account balance was \$350.00; and the Refreshment Account remained at \$120.00.
- July 2009 – Operating Account balance is \$1,455.83; the Publicity Account balance is \$2,500; and the Refreshment Account remains at \$120.00.

Committee Chairperson's Assignments – Chair Fevella appointed the following Committee chairpersons:

- Executive – Kurt Fevella
- Parks and Recreation – Kurt Fevella
- Planning, Permitting & Zoning – Mitchell Tynanes
- Legislative & Capital Improvement Program – Tom Berg
- Traffic & Transportation – Coby Lynn
- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizens' Advisory Committee – Coby Lynn
- Education – Mary Chanel – Benjamin
- Community Affairs – Celeste Lacuesta
- Marine Environment – Steve Knauer

Chair Fevella announced that community members are welcome to join any Board committee.

Committees:

- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizens' Advisory Committee – Chair Lynn announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at the Mayor's Conference Room (Honolulu Hale), at 3:30 p.m.
- Marine Environment – Chair Knauer announced the next Marine Environment Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2009, at the Ewa Beach Public Library (91-950 North Road), from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Prior to regular meeting).

Elected Officials:

Board of Education (BOE) – Breene Harimoto had no report, but commented earlier in the meeting about the library closures. The monthly report was provided.

Governor Linda Lingle's Representative – Tommy Johnson was off-island and unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Representative Rida Cabanilla – No representative present; no report available.

Representative Kymberly Pine – Reported earlier in the evening.

Other Reports:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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- Sunset in the Park – September 5 and 6, 2009, Mahiko District Park.
- Make a Difference for Our Community (Organization of Resources) – Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at the Ewa Beach Public and School Library (91-950 North Road), at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Debbie at 589-8370 or email at ewa.cbdo@gmail.com.
- Ewa Christmas Parade – Saturday, December 12, 2009. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at Asing Park at 7:00 p.m. Participants and volunteers are welcome.
- Next Meeting – Thursday, September 10, 2009, at the Ewa Beach Public Library (91-950 North Road), at 7:00 p.m.
- Broadcast – `Olelo Channel 54, Sundays at 9:00 p.m.

Without objection the agenda was taken out of order to 7.c.3 Elected Officials, Senator Will Espero.

Elected Officials:

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

- Special Legislative Session – A special legislative session is scheduled for next week to appoint Judge Josh Nakamura to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.
- Public Safety and Military Committee – A committee hearing will be held next Tuesday to discuss bring women prisoners from Hawaii home. They are about 2000 Hawaii incarcerated on the mainland. Also, on the agenda is the closure of Kulani Prison on the Big Island.
- Kunia Bridge Change to Three Lanes – He will be attempting to work with the community
- Renaming of the New Ewa Beach Middle School – He will be attempting to work with the community and seeking their support to name the new Ewa Beach Middle School after President Obama.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Hawaiian Historic Sites on Haseko Property – Regarding this property, the west side of the marina has been surveyed for historical sites. Haseko is doing everything they must do to protect historic sites on their property, and visit with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and was assisted by the Hoakalei Foundation. A comment was made that the University of Hawaii archaeologists previously surveyed the property.
2. Support of Library Closure – Senator Espero was thanked for his support of keeping the Ewa Beach Library open. Area legislators were asked to stay on top of the issue. Credit was also given to Board members and the community for giving oral testimony at the last BOE meeting.
3. Closure of State Libraries – The State Librarian is tasked with a plan for no library closures.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Submitted by:
Nola Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Kurt Fevella, Chair