



EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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REVISED DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009 EWA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Fevella called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. **(With eight (8) members)**. Note: This 11 member Board requires six (6) members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra Arakaki (appointed tonight), Tom Berg, Mary Chanel – Benjamin, Kurt Fevella, Steve Knauer, Celeste Lacuesta, Roger Lacuesta, Coby Lynn, Marcie Nagata (appointed tonight), Mitchell Tynanes.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUESTS: Doug Corron, Marilyn Corron, Gale Bracerros (Weed & Seed), Jacqueline Tomisa, Gary Johnson, Captain Robert Abley (Honolulu Fire Department – Ewa Beach), Lt. J. Bruchal (Honolulu Police Department, District 8 – Kapolei), Ronalyn Rosenberg, Andrew Kona Purdy, Henry Chang Wo, Representative Kymberly Pine, Lee Tokuhara, Tommy Johnson (Office of Governor Linda Lingle/Deputy Director, State Department of Public Safety), Michael Schultz, Sandra Arakaki, John S. Kaopua III, Mel Kahele, Rosebella Martinez, Sharon Moega and Tanya Tehutu (WCO), Austin Zavala, Lisa Enanoria (Haseko), Jame Schaedel and John Gollner (Office of Representative Kymberly Pine), Debra Luning (Gentry Homes), Polu Toa (WCO), Jan Carrera, Ralena Alcos, Brandie Padilla, Barry Tevis, Senator Will Espero, Guy Benjamin, Tracy Omori (Office of Councilmember Todd Apo), Oscar Ramiscal and the Campbell High School Media, Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office), and several other who did not sign the guest list.

Without objection recognition was added to the agenda, 8-0-0 (AYE: Berg, Chanel-Benjamin, Fevella, Knauer, C. Lacuesta, R. Lacuesta, Lynn, and Tynanes).

RECOGNITION – Representative Kymberly Pine presented a certificate of recognitions John Sadowski for his community efforts to help save our surf and seals.

VACANT BOARD SEATS (Two at-large): R. Lacuesta nominated Marcie Nagata; Tynanes nominate Andrew Kona Purdy; C. Lacuesta nominated Henry Chang Wo; Sandra Arakaki, Audience member Gollner recommended Ariel De Jesus who declined. There were no other nominations. Chair Fevella explained that a roll call vote would be taken in the order of nominations.

Marcie Nagata – 7-1-0 (AYE: Berg, Chanel-Benjamin, Fevella, Knauer, C. Lacuesta, R. Lacuesta, Tynanes; **NO:** Lynn).

Kona Purdy – 4-4-0 (AYE: Fevella, Knauer, Lynn, Tynanes; **NO:** Berg, Chanel-Benjamin, C. Lacuesta, R. Lacuesta).

Henry Chang Wo - Henry Chang Wo declined the nomination.

Sandra Arakaki – 6-2-0 (AYE: Berg, Chanel-Benjamin, Fevella, C. Lacuesta, R. Lacuesta, Tynanes; **NO:** Knauer, Lynn).

Marcie Nagata and Sandra Arakaki were appointed to fill the vacancies.

7:15-7:20 p.m. Recess was called to administer the oath of office; **10 members now present**

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – HFD provide the written report and left to respond to an emergency call.



Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. J. Bruchal reported the following:

- 1) September 2009 Statistics – There was an increase in UEMV'S (unauthorized entry into motor vehicle and a rise in auto thefts. Total arrests for the month were 510; and 6,521 calls for service.
- 2) Brush Fire Safety Tip – Due to recent brush fires, HPD would like to remind the community of some safety tips to keep everyone safe: a) Do not discard cigarettes from moving vehicles, use ashtrays; b) When pulling off the side of the road, stay off dry grassy areas; c) Do not operate all-terrain vehicles on dry vegetation areas; d) Properly extinguish fires when cooking outdoors and never leave fires unattended; e) Practice fire safety, and if suspicious smoke or fire is seen, call 911; f) Clearly mark all driveway entrances with name and address; g) Plan several escape routes by car and on foot; h) Be vigilant and report all suspicious activity to 911.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Mahalo – HPD was thanked for their quick response to a call about a four-wheel drive truck that was driving on the reef and was now stuck in the sand.
- 2) Incident at the Holomua Elementary School Yearly Fair – Lt. Bruchal explained that HPD officers were volunteered at the event where two women got into a confrontation and during the physical struggle both women sustained injuries. The first step officers take is to secure the scene (if danger is involved), assess any injuries (first aid/call for an ambulance), and investigate the incident. Contact Detective P. J. Lee with information relating to this incident. Follow up will be done with Detective Lee.
- 3) Car with an Expired Safety Sticker Towed from Kamalie Street at Ocean Pointe – What factors determines towing a car with an expired safety sticker after a citation was issued; the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) states that cars parked on a public street without a current safety sticker, current registration decal, or valid license plates is subject to removal from a public roadway.
 - o Comments – 1) Although the citation was justified, the towing was excessive and a 12-hour warning was suggested. 2) Another suggestion was to take the ticket to court. The officers are only doing their job enforcing HRS. 3) Officers do have some discrepancy, and as public servants respond to all complaints; some areas have more complaints than others. All unattended cars are subject to towing.
 - o Chair Fevella relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair Tynanes, and noted that Ocean Pointe has an association as well as security. The agenda order resumed.
- 4) Accidents on Papipi Road – HPD was asked to assist area elected officials in slowing down speeders on Papipi Road. However, HPD solves crimes, and does not initiate the request of traffic calming devices or speed bumps.

Ewa Weed & Seed Unit – Gale Bracerros circulated the arrest statistics and was available for questions.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Weed & Seed Founder – Weed & Seed is the property of the criminal justice system.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – Ross Tanimoto reported the following:

- 1) East West Connector Road – The City understands that developers, including U.H. West Oahu, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and D.R. Horton will be building the East-West Connector Road through their developments, including the connection to Fort Weaver Road.
- 2) Varona Village – According to the City Department of Design and Construction (DDC), Varona Village is City owned.
- 3) Papipi Road Traffic Calming Request – The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will conduct an investigation. The Neighborhood Board will be informed of the status by the December 2009 meeting.

Questions, comments and concerns:

- 1) State Barriers Transferred to the City – There was a situation at Oneula Beach Park where (DHHL) cement barriers were transferred and placed at Oneula Beach Park. Follow up will be whether a waiver was attained and who is responsible.

- 2) Follow up will be done regarding a copy of the waiver relative to DHHL cement barriers transferred to the City and placed at Oneula Beach Park, and is the state or city responsible for any liability.
- 3) Pohakupuna Road Drainage – The drainage on Fort Weaver Road is state owned.
- 4) Oneula Beach Park (Hau Bush) Clean-Up – The following concerns was expressed: a) Shaving down of the dirt hill. b) Who is responsible if injuries occur due to the pilings, the City or Haseko?
- 5) Hanakahi Bus Stop – The State Department of Transportation (DOT) will give an update at the next Board meeting.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – There was no representative present.

Councilmember Todd Apo – Tracy Omori reported the following:

- 1) Ocean Pointe Park – Ocean Pointe Park was allotted \$350,000; \$95,000 for planning and \$250,000 for development.
- 2) Bed and Breakfast Ban – Information relating to lifting the bed and breakfast ban is included in the written report.

Time Limit Policy – Vice Chair Tynanes read the time limit policy which is included at the top of the agenda.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Haseko Golf Course:

- 1) Concern was raised that the Haseko Golf Course is being constructed at a rapid pace. A list of Hawaiian artifacts previously inventoried on the property was requested.
- 2) Catchment Basins – According to the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), no run-offs from Haseko is entering the ocean, and have created their own catchments.

Oneula Beach Park (Hau Bush) Clean-Up:

- 1) Opposition – Several members of the audience expressed the following concerns: a) The community was not notified of the beach clean-up. b) Cement barriers were put up in the wrong areas. c) Bulldozers doing work with children in the area. d) Homeless were run-off the beach. e) Was a permit needed for the use of the bulldozers? f) A dirt mound was leveled off. g) Barriers will be a concern for the night fishermen. h) It was asked if park closure signage would be installed and the park closed at night. i) The pilings are overkill and there was a lack of communication within the community relating to this clean-up.
- 2) Response – Tynanes replied that the clean-up was organized with the City Department of Parks and Recreation, Honolulu Police Department's Weed & Seed, and the Lions Club. It was noted that no dirt was removed from the park. A member from the audience stated that prior notices should have been given so that the community can participate.
- 3) Support – a) The involved volunteers kept things as safe as possible, while work was being done wore vest, controlled the dust, etc., to make the park for community usable again. b) The volunteers were thanked.

Chair Fevella relinquished the gavel to vice chair Tynanes so he could participate in discussion.

- 4) Park Closures – Regarding closure of the park, it was understood that there would be no park closures at this time or a gate installed at the entrance. The Lion's Club has adopted this park and does monthly maintenance. There are two parks in Ewa Beach that has closure signage (10:00 p.m.); all other parks remain open.

Chair Fevella resumed the agenda order.

- 5) Pile of Tree Branches – It was mentioned that the pile of tree branches were set on fire.
- 6) Upcoming Meeting – Chair Fevella announced that the community would be notified of an upcoming meeting with Haseko and the City Department of Parks and Recreation.

8:30 p.m. Recess was called due to disruptive outbursts and behavior inappropriate behavior. The meeting reconvened at 8:39 p.m.

Ewa Beach Sunset On the Plain Event – Rep. Pine received several inquiries of which City Department authorized the Friends of Fevella to have a booth and pass out campaign material at this event. (Chair Fevella explained that to have a booth at the event was either \$500 or in-kind which was collaborated by the committees and Makana O Ke Akua). The neighborhood assistant reminded the chair that he should not engage in discussion.

8:40 p.m. Recess was called once again due to continued disruptions, inappropriate behavior and foul language.

9:05 p.m. The meeting was called back to order by Vice Chair Mitchell Tynanes who announced that the agenda order would be continued.

Removal of Board Chair – **C. Lacuesta moved and seconded by R. Lacuesta to add this item to tonight’s agenda for Board action. Discussion followed noting that a two-third vote would be required to add this matter to the agenda; a brief recess was called to get clarification. The motion to add to this meeting’s agenda an item relating to the Removal of Chair was FAILED to be adopted because it did not receive the necessary eight (8) votes for the required two-thirds vote.**

Discussion followed: Berg asked to be recognized by the Chair. Vice Chair Mitchell Tynanes replied that the Board was moving on and the item could be part of the November agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – **By UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the regular meeting minutes of September 10, 2009 were APPROVED 10-0-0, with the following corrections, (AYE: Arakaki, Berg, Chanel-Benjamin, Fevella, Knauer, C. Lacuesta, R. Lacuesta, Lynn, Nagata, Tynanes):**

- Page 1, should read, “... **7:11 p.m. Tynanes arrived (5 members present)**...”
- Page 6, Announcements should read, “...The next meeting will be held Thursday, **NOVEMBER 12, 2009**, at the Ewa Beach Public Library (91-950 North Road), at 7:00 p.m.
- Page 4, Joint Committees’ Meeting, should read, “...**without objection, an all committees meeting will be held on October 8, 2009 in conjunction with the Consumer Affairs Committee meeting prior to the regular Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. (AYE: Berg, Fevella, Knauer, C. Lacuesta, Lynn, Tynanes).**”
- Page 6, should read, “...**C. Lacuesta arrived at 8:20 p.m., 6 members and quorum present...**”

BOARD BUSINESS:

2010 Census Bureau – No representative was present.

REPORTS:

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Knauer reported: September 2009 – Operating Account expenditures were \$89.80 leaving the balance at \$1,314.70; the Publicity Account remains at \$2,500 at this time. Due to budgetary restraints the Neighborhood Commission Office has eliminated the Refreshment Account.

Committees:

Legislative & Capital Improvement Program – Chair Berg reported that three items discussed at the all Committee’s meeting prior to tonight’s meeting would be placed on the November agenda for Board Action.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizens’ Advisory Committee – Chair Lynn circulated his written report.

Education – Chair Chanel-Benjamin, distributed a flyer with information relating to the Campbell High School Calendar 2009-2010, and a list of the Campbell Complex Schools 2009.

There were no other committee reports.

Elected Officials

Board of Education – A representative was not present.

Governor Linda Lingle's Representative – Tommy Johnson reported the following:

- 1) Inmates Working in the Community – For a minimal fee, inmates are back working in the community; this helps inmates re-adjust back into society. For more information call Tommy Johnson at 587-1340.
- 2) State Department of Health (DOH) – DOH received the first vaccine dose for the H1N1 virus.
- 3) State Identification Cards – State identification cards will be available at Kapolei High School on Saturday October 17, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; cost is \$10.00 for seniors and \$15.00 for all others, cash only will be accepted.

Questions, comments and concerns:

- 1) Teacher Furloughs – It was suggested that school hours be extended an hour daily rather than a full furlough day-off. All inquiries regarding this matter should be sent to the Department of Education. It was noted that the Board would send a letter to DOE.
- 2) Dry Brush in the Sidewalk Area of the West Loch Fairways Golf Course – The issue across from Asing Park was addressed six months ago.

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

- 1) Opening of the North-South Road – The North-South Road to Farrington Highway opened last Monday. The next phase to Kapolei parkway will possibly be completed by March of 2010.
- 2) Fort Weaver Road Widening – The widening is expected to be completed next month.
- 3) Ewa Makai School – Opening of this new school is scheduled for January 2011.
- 4) Children's Fun Day – Children's Fun Day will take place on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at Holomua Elementary School from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and is free to the public.

Questions, comment and concerns followed:

- 1) Closure of Kulani Prison – A comment was made that Kulani Prison on the Big Island should remain open, but it has been turned into a teen facility. It was noted that the community should have been allowed to give input.
- 2) Oneula Beach Park Cement Barriers – Follow up will be done.
- 3) Comment Regarding DR Horton's, Ho`opili Project Reclassification Permit – Senator Espero noted he yet to read the testimonies presented at the public hearing.

Representative Rida Cabanilla – No representative was present; a written report was provided.

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

- 1) Sunset on the Plain Event – Rep. Pine apologized for asking her question relative to inquiries received about which City department authorized the and noted that she has been asking the same question for the last two years. The concern will be brought up again at the November Board meeting. **concern**
- 2) North South Road – The North South Road segment from the H-1 Interchange to Farrington Highway was opened on October 5, 2009.
- 3) Green Poles along Fort Weaver Road – Per the State Department of Transportation (DOT), the poles are being installed is part of the tree planting and area landscaping effort.
- 4) Budget Cuts – The state will have to cut two billion dollars over the next two years, and noted that it is time that the community came together.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Residency – Rep. Pine confirmed her residency in Ewa Beach.
- 2) Second North South Road Stoplight – The second stoplight (going towards Farrington Highway) will be connected to Honowai Street. Follow up will be done.

- 3) Comment – A comment that Honowai Street from the residential area heading to the freeway should be closed.
- 4) Government Structure –Rep. Pine is in favor of government structure and Ewa as a second city.
- 5) Plans for Re-Election – Rep. Pine plans to run for re-election and see the completion of the North South Road.

Other Reports: There were no other reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at the Ewa Beach Public Library (91-950 North Road) at 7:00 p.m.
- ‘Olelo Broadcasts – Board meetings are shown on ‘Olelo Channel 49, Sundays at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
Nola Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Kurt Fevella, Chair