



EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012** **EWA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Kurt Fevella called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **with a quorum of seven (7) members present.** Note this 11-member Board requires six (6) members to establish a quorum and take official Board action. First Vice Chair Gollner read the rules of speaking and time limit policy.

Members Present: Ariel De Jesus, Kurt Fevella, John Gollner, Steve Knauer, Coby Lynn, Frankie McCurley, Dee Dee Oshiro and Saipeti Tagovailoa-Amosa (arrived at 7:05 p.m.).

Members Absent: Celeste Lacuesta and Kevin Rathbun.

Vacancies: One At Large Vacancy.

Guests: Rodney Boucher (Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee), Millie Chambrella, Councilmember Tom Berg and Evelyn Souza (Councilmember Berg's Office staff), Gary Otori (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit), Felicia Durant (Kiewit), Lieutenant Steven Kitsu (Honolulu Police Department), Captain Robert Abbley (Honolulu Fire Department), Lisa Enanoria (Haseko), Carmen Mitsuyasu, Mary Esther Correa (Lions Club), Keoni Mattos (Board of Water Supply), Mitchell Tynanes, Gary Bautista, Lola Tripp, Diane Boller, Lolita Toro, Officer Mark Ramos (Ewa Weed and Seed), Joe Booker (Governor's Representative), Senator Espero and Ron Menor (Senator Will Espero Office staff), Ernest Hartsell Jr., Tiffany Patrick and Ryan Sommers (Marine Corps base Hawaii), John Gibo (Minority Caucus staff), and Leland S.M. Ribac (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: At the pleasure of the Chair, Board members introduced themselves.

Board member Saipeti Tagovailoa-Amosa arrived at 7:05 p.m.; **a quorum of eight (8) members present.**

FILLING OF ONE AT LARGE VACANCY: Chair Fevella opened the floor for nominations to fill one At Large vacancy on the Board. **Knauer nominated Mitchell Tynanes. Gollner nominated Ernest 'Joe' Hartsell Jr.** Hearing no other nominees a brief recess was taken at 7:06 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:10 p.m.; all nominee residential addresses were verified by Neighborhood Assistant Ribac.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: **Nominee Presence:** It was noted that nominee Tynanes was not present at this time. Chair Fevella suggested the vote be deferred until all nominees were present; however, several Board members opposed the suggestion, noting that it would be unfair to the present nominees. It was strongly suggested that the Board move forward and vote on a candidate.

Community member Mary Esther Correa volunteered to fill the vacancy. Correa's residential address was also verified. **Tagovailoa-Amosa nominated Mary Esther Correa.** It was noted that all three nominees were now present. The nominees provided a brief introduction of themselves, noting their community history and willingness to work with the Neighborhood Board.

The motion to fill the At Large vacancy was NOT ADOPTED due to insufficient votes for each candidate; Tynanes: 3 (Fevella, Knauer and Lynn); Hartsell: 4 (De Jesus, Gollner, McCurley and Oshiro); Correa: 1 (Tagovailoa-Amosa). It was explained that five (5) votes are required to fill the vacancy.

Chair Fevella questioned if any Board member would like to change their vote, to which no member wished. Chair Fevella questioned if any of the nominees would like to withdraw their name, to which no nominee wished. It was noted the Board will attempt to fill the vacancy at the February regular meeting.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Robert Abbley reported;



- Fire Statistics of December 2011: Included 3 structure fires, 1 wildland fire, 4 rubbish fires, 97 medical emergencies, 1 search and rescue and 15 miscellaneous emergencies.
- Fire Safety Tip: Fire, building, and U.S. postal codes and City ordinances state that property owners shall place their house number so that it is visible from the street, which will assist first responders in locating houses quicker and more efficiently.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. New Year's Eve Celebrations: A Board member raised issue with the number of fireworks and illegal aerals used during New Years. It was noted that many did not notice a difference in use. Abley noted that his particular watch was not on duty; however, there did not seem to be as much activity this year.
2. Closure of Hawaii Medical Center (HMC): Several Board members commended HFD and the Mayoral Administration in their efforts to provide adequate service to the community during the closure of HMC West. It was noted that without the hospital, HFD has been working double time to address concerns.
3. Change if Response Route: It was questioned and clarified that although Fort Weaver Road is used as a route, so are Pohakupuna Road and Hailipo Street. It was explained that HFD will utilize the shortest route in responding to an emergency.
4. Fire Emergency before Christmas: A community member commended HFD and the Fire Fighters, noting that weeks before Christmas a home caught on fire and the Fire Fighters displayed excellent service putting out the flames and cleaning up the area after. Applause followed.
5. New Fire Station Status: A community member questioned the status of the proposed fire station for the Ewa Beach area. Abley noted that inquiries may be directed to the HFD Administrative Services as they have detailed information.
6. Water Boat and Jet Ski Access: A community member questioned the HFD's use of a water boat. Abley explained that HFD does have the ability to utilize a water boat and a jet ski. Due to the fact that there is not a launch pad in the area, the jet ski is much more utilized.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Steven Kitsu reported;

Crime Statistics of December 2011: Included a total of 346 arrests, of which 267 were adult and 134 were juvenile, compared to 568 totals arrests in November 2011. Total police calls for District 8 were 6,986 compared to 6,646 calls in November 2011.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Mahalo for Service: A community member thanked the HPD officers for their speedy response to an emergency that occurred near his home in the recent past.
2. Future Staffing of Patrol: It was questioned and clarified that HPD will be fully staffed during upcoming holidays such as July 4, 2012. It was noted that a contingency plan is not available at this time.
3. Medical Marijuana: Concerns were raised with residents claiming they are allowed to grow and utilize medical marijuana. Kitsu explained that residents who are allowed to utilize the marijuana should have an identification card and only the cardholder is subject to use. A community member explained that he has an identification card and is allowed to grow not more than seven plants in his home.

Ewa Weed & Seed Unit: Officer Mark Ramos provided members with a copy of statistics. Ramos explained that a petition is being circulated in regards to Weed & Seed Grant in Aid (GIA) request. Board and community members were urged to support the program and sign the petition.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Status of Sergeant: It was questioned and clarified that Sergeant Racoma has been reassigned. Community members may contact Captain Dawn Evangelista.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH): Tiffany Patrick reported;

- Puuloa Range Training Facility: The range training facility will host the Annual Pacific Division Rifle/Pistol Competition from Friday, February 13 through Friday, February 24, 2012. During this time the range hours will be extended to 10:00 p.m.
- News and Upcoming Events: Several FA-18 Hornets will be based at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay while they support Lava Viper from January 8-18, 2012. Residents are welcomed to participate in the 6th Annual Pyramid Rock Body Surfing Championship on January 14, 2012.
- Deployments/Arrivals: Deployed units include the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 and the United States Navy's VP-47, also known as the 'Skinny Dragons', and other detachments and augmentees.
- Community Event Reminders: Residents were reminded to attend the Kaneohe Bay Air Show planned for September 29-30, 2012 and will include the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels. For more information on career opportunities at MCBH, please visit www.mccshawaii.com.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2011: Several corrections were submitted by Board members including;

- Page 3: Ewa Beach Community Based Development Organization (CBDO): Replace '~~North Road Beach Park~~' with 'Ewa Beach Beach Park',
- Page 5: Senator Will Espero: Transportation Concerns: Replace '~~Kuhia Street~~' with 'Kuhina Street'.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Community/Audience Corrections: A community member noted that he had several corrections to what was transpired during last month's meeting. The community member noted that concerns were raised with Haseko and their multiple promises to the community that have not been kept.
2. Inadequacy of Minutes: Several community members voiced opposition to the Board minutes, noting that previous sets were inadequate to what was dialoged at the Board meeting. Concerns were raised noting that no minutes were submitted at a previously scheduled Special Meeting.
3. Reflection of the Meeting: It was explained that the minutes are meant to be a reflection of what occurred at the Board meetings and are not recorded verbatim. It was explained that community members may submit corrections to the Board; however, it is the Board member's privilege to introduce them or not.

Gollner moved and De Jesus seconded the approval of the regular meeting minutes of December 8, 2011 as amended, subject to future corrections. The motion was ADOPTED, 6-1-1, (Aye: De Jesus, Fevella, Gollner, McCurley, Oshiro and Tagovailoa-Amosa; No: Lynn; Abstain: Knauer.)

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: Several community concerns were reported at this time;

Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee: Rodney Boucher provided several handouts to Board and community members regarding emergency preparedness. It was noted that April is Hurricane Awareness Month. Residents are welcome to attend community meetings held every first Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Ewa Beach Church of the Nazarene at 7:00 p.m.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Committee Members: It was questioned and clarified that the committee is made up of volunteers from the community and even outside communities. Volunteers are welcomed to participate and become new committee members. All input is welcome.
2. Future Agenda Item: It was noted that Boucher would like to be placed on a future agenda to provide a presentation to the Board. Chair Fevella noted to email him and he will be placed on the agenda.

3. City and State Agencies: It was questioned and clarified that the committee work does not have anything to deal with directly through the City Department of Emergency Management (DEM). The committee does work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Community Based Development Organization (CBDO): Residents were reminded and encouraged to attend the Ewa CBDO Rediscover Ewa Beach Fair on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at Pohakea Elementary School from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Vendor applications are still being taken.

Ewa Beach Lions Club: A Lions Club member wished a speedy recovery for Board member Lacuesta. It was also noted that the Lions Club will be having their Annual Chicken Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at the Ewa Beach Shopping Center from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It was also noted that the Lions will be collecting canned foods for the canned food drive.

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO): A community member raised concerns with the lack of legislation and law in Hawaii that would mandate proper labeling of foods with GMO's in them. Thanks were provided to Senator Espero and Councilmember Berg for their assistance in moving this concern forward.

Haseko Development Promises: A community member reiterated several of his concerns pertaining to Haseko and their development promises to the community that was not kept. The community member noted that Haseko is currently not in compliance with several ordinances. It was urged that the Board hear a presentation by Haseko.

A brief recess was taken at 8:23 p.m. due to unruly conduct. The meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

De Jesus moved and McCurley seconded to place the Haseko Presentation on the regular meeting agenda for May 2012. The motion was NOT ADOPTED, 3-3-2, (Aye: De Jesus, Fevella and McCurley; No: Gollner, Oshiro and Tagovailoa-Amosa; Abstain: Knauer and Lynn.)

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Earlier Meeting Suggested: A Board member suggested the issue be presented at the May 2012 regular meeting. Chair Fevella noted that there are several presentations that will be placed on the May agenda.
2. Committee Meeting: A Board member suggested the issue be brought up in the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting, tentatively scheduled for sometime in February.
3. Haseko Develop Marina: A community member urged that a presentation be held as soon as possible as many residents of the Haseko properties would like to see the proposed marina come to fruition.

Gollner moved and Oshiro seconded to place the Haseko Presentation on the next Planning and Zoning Committee agenda. The motion was ADOPTED, 7-0-1, (Aye: De Jesus, Fevella, Gollner, Lynn, McCurley, Oshiro and Tagovailoa-Amosa; Abstain: Knauer.)

Community Clean-ups: Community members were welcomed to participate in several clean-up events. It was noted that the Oneula Beach Park clean-up will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2012 and the Ewa Cemetery clean-up will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 18-19, 2012.

Representative Kymberly Pine: A staff member of Representative Pine noted that she is present to take back any concerns for the Representative. A community member requested traffic relief on Makule Road. It was noted that traffic has increased and the street is narrow with many young children and senior citizens.

Ewa Train Station Lighting: A community member requested lighting be erected on the street between Renton Road and Roosevelt Avenue, fronting the Hawaiian Railway Society. It was noted that the street is formally known as Philippine Sea.

Renton Road Concerns: Several concerns were raised regarding the heavy use of Renton Road by semi-trucks and large construction vehicles. It was noted that since the North/South Road was completed, the road is utilized much more. It was strongly suggested that an East/West Road be completed to help alleviate traffic in the area.

Moi Tanks and Farms: A community member raised concerns with the several moi (type of fish) tanks and a moi farm that promised the community a percentage of the catch. It was noted that the moi farm may be closed; yet the community has never received its fair share.

Transportation Committee Meeting: Transportation Committee Chair Gollner noted that he hopes to hold the next committee meeting sometime in February. Gollner noted the many transportation concerns.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Ewa Development Plan (Continued Discussion from December 2011 Regular Meeting): Chair Fevella explained that the Ewa Neighborhood Board did support a resolution to postpone the approval of the Ewa Development Plan, noting that there are concerns regarding several issues including the implementation of an East/West Road. Chair Fevella noted that discussions and comments may still be accepted.

Possible Removal of Sergeant-At-Arms/Possible Election of Position: **De Jesus moved and Gollner seconded the removal of Steve Knauer as Sergeant-At-Arms due to violations of the Neighborhood Plan § 2-13-104 related to Standards of Conduct.**

Discussion followed:

- Name of Complainant: A Board member questioned who the person is that requested the removal of Knauer as Sergeant-At-Arms. It was noted that that information is irrelevant to several concerns pertaining to Knauer's conduct as a Board member and Sergeant-At-Arms.
- Response from Knauer: Board member Knauer explained that he has been in contact with the Principal of Keoneula Elementary School and Executive Secretary Tom Heinrich. It was further explained that Knauer had requested that the recycling bin fronting Keoneula Elementary School be moved. Knauer noted that at no time did he state he was an Ewa Neighborhood Board member or was rude to the Principal.
- Benefit of the Doubt: A Board member noted that he has tried to contact and dialogue with Knauer, and has been unsuccessful in doing so. The Board member noted that he would like to give the benefit of the doubt; however, concerns have been raised regarding Knauer's conduct.
- Clarification of Motion: Neighborhood Assistant Ribac requested clarification of the motion. De Jesus explained that the motion was meant to remove the Sergeant-At-Arms position in its entirety. Gollner noted that he was under the impression that the motion was to remove Knauer from the position, and would not support a motion to remove the entire position. Several other comments were made, noting confusion to the original motion.
- Previous Comments Made: A Board member reiterated comments stated by the Executive Secretary of the Neighborhood Commission Office stating that Knauer is the biggest detriment to the Neighborhood Board system. A recess was taken at 9:15 p.m. due to misconduct. The meeting reconvened at 9:20 p.m.
- Withdrawal of Motion: De Jesus and Gollner withdrew their motion. No vote was taken.

De Jesus moved and McCurley seconded the elimination of the Sergeant-At-Arms position.

Discussion followed:

- Board Member Conduct: A Board member voiced opposition to discussion of the removal of any Board member from their current position. It was noted that Board members should not be targeting other members of the Board as it misrepresents the Board.
- Apology for Comments: Gollner apologized for his previous comments made pertaining to a statement made by the Executive Secretary. It was requested that the statement be removed from the record.
- Community Disappointment: Several community members raised opposition to the Board's actions to remove a Board officer. It was noted that the Board will not move forward if arguing continued.

The motion moved by De Jesus and seconded by McCurley to eliminate the Sergeant-At-Arms position was NOT ADOPTED, 4-4-0, (Aye: De Jesus, Gollner, McCurley and Oshiro; No: Fevella, Knauer, Lynn and Tagovailoa-Amosa.)

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative: Chair Fevella noted that Mayor's Representative Kaleve Iosefa provided a memorandum for the record in her absence. Chair Fevella read several of the follow-up responses;

- Yield Sign Request fronting Hawaii Medical Center (HMC) West: In regards to a constituent request to place a yield sign fronting HMC and Fort Weaver Road; according to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS), both the Fort Weaver Road and the connecting street, Farrington Highways is under the State Department of Transportation (DOT) jurisdiction.
- Stoplight Request on Papipi Road: In regards to a constituent request for a stoplight at the intersection of Papipi Road and Hailipo Street; DTS will conduct an investigation and inform the Board of the status of their investigation by the April 2012 meeting.

Governor's Representative: Chair Fevella recognized Deputy Director for Corrections Joe Booker Jr. and explained that he will be providing reports on behalf of Governor Neil Abercrombie. Booker introduced himself and noted that he will be attending the Ewa Neighborhood Board meetings in the future.

City Councilmember Tom Berg: Councilmember Berg provided his written report and touched upon several items including issues regarding uninsured motorist, the Mayor's Agriculture Liaison Report on Initial Outreach, Pride and Pointer Baseball fields, Council Resolution 12-7 pertaining to labeling of foods and finally proposals to include a dog and skate park in the community.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Legislative Committee Recommendations: It was strongly suggested that the Legislative Committee include Council Resolution 12-7, included in the Councilmember's report, to the list of proposals.
2. Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO): It was questioned and clarified that the concern regarding GMO labeling will be heard by a committee. It was noted that the Board is urged to support a Council resolution that would require proper labeling of foods containing GMO.

Senator Will Espero: Senator Espero provided his monthly report highlighting;

- Military Chamber of Commerce: As Chairman of the Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs (PGM) Committee the Senator attended the 11th Annual Hawaii Military Partnership Conference and will be introducing a resolution to highlight the importance of the military in Hawaii.
- Kapolei Sustainable Energy Park: It was explained that the Kapolei Sustainable Energy Park includes 4,200 solar panels to generate 1.18 megawatts (MG) of electricity. Hoku Solar designed and installed the panels for the Forest City Hawaii project.
- James Campbell High School Cheerleaders: Congratulations were provided to the James Campbell High School Saber Cheerleaders who won the 2011 Gator Bowl Cheer and Dance National Competition.
- Introduction of Bills: Included in the Senator's report was a list of bill topics that will be introduced this legislative session including; Marine Conservation Districts, creation of an urban art district and the possible ban of spanking or hitting a minor child.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Legislative Calendar: It was questioned and clarified that a legislative calendar is not yet available. It was noted that the bill introductory deadline is slated for Wednesday, January 25, 2012. It was noted that the Legislative Committee will be providing a list of recommendations.

2. Re-Entry Program: It was suggested the Senator look into possible legislation regarding a community re-entry program for prison inmates. It was noted that the program would focus on reintegrate the inmates while providing safety for the surrounding community.
3. GMO Labeling: A community member strongly suggested that legislation be supported and/or drafted to address the proper labeling of GMO foods.
4. Community/Board Assistance: It was questioned and clarified that the community and Board can support legislation by providing comments and testimony as well as formal Board motions of support or opposition at the regular meetings.
5. Ban of Spanking a Child: A Board member raised caution when submitting legislation that would prohibit spanking of a child. It was noted that in some cultures disciplinary actions are part of their growth. It was noted that there are concerns regarding physical abuse to children.
6. Dangers of a CFL Light Bulb: A community member raised concerns pertaining to use of CFL light bulbs, noting that some of the bulbs are hazardous and killed several of his fish in his fish tank.
7. Position on Historical Ewa Fields: A community member questioned the Senator's status on the Historical Ewa Fields. Senator Espero noted that he has always been a supporter of preserving the fields and had a resolution passed preserving the fields.

Representative Rida Cabanilla: No report or representative available at this time.

Representative Kymberly Marcos Pine: John Gibo of the Minority Caucus provided Representative Pine's monthly newsletter and was available to take back any questions.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Follow-up Requests: Several Board members requested follow-up on questions raised during January's meetings. Concerns included the Representative's attendance at Board meetings and a response on a constituent request regarding GMO's labeling.

A brief recess was called at 9: 50 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:55 p.m. Board member Knauer retired during the recess; **a quorum of seven (7) members present.**

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS: In the interest of time Chair Fevella questioned if any Committee Reports would be heard. It was noted that only the Legislative and Capital Improvements Program Committee has a report that requires immediate attention.

Legislative and Capital Improvements Program Committee: Committee Chair McCurley provided Board members with a copy of the Legislative and Capital Improvements Program Committee minutes dated Monday, January 9, 2012. Included in the minutes were several recommendations to be considered. In the interest of time it was explained that the last recommendation includes a resolution pertaining to Hawaii Medical Center (HMC) West.

McCurley moved and Gollner seconded that the Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23 support the Legislative and Capital Improvements Program Committee's five recommendations as provided. The motion was ADOPTED, 6-0-1, (Aye: De Jesus, Fevella, Gollner, McCurley, Oshiro and Tagovailoa-Amosa; Abstain: Lynn.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: In the interest of time no announcements were heard.

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

Submitted By: Leland Ribac, Neighborhood Assistant