



EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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 nine (9) 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.

Members Present: Ariel De Jesus, Kurt Fevella, John Gollner, Ernest 'Joe' Hartsell (appointed at this meeting), Steve Knauer, Celeste Lacuesta, Coby Lynn, Frankie McCurley, Dee Dee Oshiro, Kevin Rathbun and Saipeti Tagovailoa-Amosa (arrived at 7:19 p.m.).

Members Absent: None.

Vacancies: One At Large vacancy.

Guests: Rodney Boucher (Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee), Diane Bollet, Millie Chambrella, Freda McCurley, Mitchell Tynanes, Henry Chang Wo, Marilyn and Doug Correa, Lieutenant Y.K. Chan (Honolulu Police Department), Sergeant Darin Evangelista, Officer Arthur Takamiya and Gale Braceros (Ewa Weed & Seed), Kaleve Iosefa (Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts/Mayor's Representative), Joe Booker Jr. (Department of Public Safety/Governor's Representative), Captain Dwayne Lee (Honolulu Fire Department), Mary Esther Correa, Sherene Saito Tam and Lisa Enanoria (Haseko), Lola Tripp, L. Gary Bautista, Director Gary Cabato (Department of Parks and Recreation), Efrain Delacruz, Mary Oyama, Glenn Oamilda, Alicia Maluafiti, Councilmember Tom Berg, Ron Menor (Senator Will Espero's Office), Representative Rida Cabanilla, John Gibo (Minority Caucus staff), Eileen Lynn (Lions Club), and Leland S.M. Ribac (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

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

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. De Jesus nominated Ernest 'Joe' Hartsell Jr. Oshiro nominated Mary Esther Correa.** Correa thanked the Board for being nominated; however, declined the nomination. Hearing no other nominees, nominations were closed.

A brief recess was taken to verify the nominees' residence. Following the recess both nominees provided a brief introduction of themselves, noting their willingness to volunteer at the Board level.

The motion to appoint Mitchell Tynanes to the At Large vacancy was NOT ADOPTED, 3-6-0, (Aye: Fevella, Knauer and Lynn; No: De Jesus, Gollner, Lacuesta, McCurley, Oshiro and Rathbun.)

The motion to appoint Ernest 'Joe' Hartsell to the At Large vacancy was ADOPTED, 7-1-1, (Aye: De Jesus, Fevella, Gollner, Lacuesta, McCurley, Oshiro and Rathbun; No: Knauer; Abstain: Lynn.)

A recess was taken at 7:12 p.m. During the recess Neighborhood Assistant Ribac administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed member Hartsell. The meeting reconvened, with Hartsell joining the members at 7:18 p.m.; **a quorum of 10 members present.**

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Board member Saipeti Tagovailoa-Amosa arrived at 7:19 p.m.; **a quorum of 11 members present.**

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Dwayne Lee reported;

- **Fire Statistics of January 2012:** Included 2 wildland fires, 3 rubbish fires and 1 vehicle fire, 114 medical emergencies and 28 miscellaneous emergencies.



- Fire Safety Tip: Smoke alarms save lives and are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Since the late 1970's, properly installed and maintained alarms have contributed to an almost 50% decrease in fire deaths. Install smoke alarms in every bedroom and practice your home fire escape plan. An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if every home contained working smoke alarms.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Mahalo for Service: A Board member thanked fire fighters and the department for their speedy response to a medical emergency that she suffered from last month. The Board member noted that without their response, she may not be alive today.
2. Smoke Alarms: It was questioned and clarified that residents are encouraged to check smoke alarms in their homes at least once a month and to change the batteries when needed.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Y.K. Chan reported;

- Crime Statistics of January 2012: Included 1 sex assault, 2 robberies, 16 burglaries, 41 thefts, 15 unauthorized entries to motor vehicles (UEMV), 8 auto thefts, 30 property damages, 66 motor vehicle collisions and 1,700 total calls. A total of 482 arrests of which 335 were adults and 147 were juvenile.
- Crime Safety Report: A UEMV, commonly known as a vehicle break in occurs daily. Residents were reminded to lock and secure their vehicles, always set your alarm, do not leave valuables in plain view and to park your vehicles in high traffic and well lighted areas.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Condolences to Fallen Officer: Board and community members offered their condolences to the friends and family of fallen Officer Garret Davis. Lieutenant Chan thanked the members for their thoughts.
2. Illegal Lifted Trucks: Concerns were raised regarding the number of illegally lifted trucks, noting that the truck that struck Officer Davis' vehicle may have been lifted. It was noted that although stronger penalties may be needed, there are laws prohibiting illegally lifted vehicles.
3. Same Statistics A Board member questioned the total number of calls, noting that both December 2011 and January 2012 were the exact same; Lieutenant Chan noted it may be a coincidence; however will clarify and report back at the next meeting.
4. Juvenile Arrests: It was questioned and clarified that majority of juvenile arrests include status offenses, for example, truancy and possible runaways. It was noted that specifics of the arrests are not included in the statistics sheet.

Ewa Weed & Seed Unit: Officer Arthur Takamiya provided members with a written report highlighting that officers performed two search warrants on Kuhina and Kilaha streets. Two adult males were arrested and charged for possession of dangerous drugs.

- Health and Wellness Fair: Residents were encouraged to participate in the Health and Wellness Fair at Ewa Makai Middle School on Sunday, February 12, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Change in Supervisor: Following-up on an inquiry raised last month residents were informed that there has been a change in duties. Sergeant Racoma continues to serve the community within the district; however, Sergeant Dawn Evangelista is the current supervisor for Weed & Seed.
- Oneula Beach Park (Hau Bush): Incidents included 5 warrant arrests, 32 traffic citations, 6 open drinking, 1 loud noise complaint and 2 towed vehicles. Officers will continue to monitor the area and cite illegal activities occurring in and around Hau Bush.
- Mahalo Officer Fumi Muraoka: Officer Takamiya recognized Weed and Seed Officer Fumi Muraoka noting that Muraoka has served the community for 11 years, and will be transferring to HPD District 4.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Mahalo Officers/Muraoka: Several Board and community members thanked the Weed & Seed officers for their continued support and work in the community. Members also thanked and recognized Officer Fumi Muraoka for his years of service and provided best wishes in the future.
2. Individual Complaints/Hinder Residents: Several Board members raised concerns regarding the increase in patrol at Hau Bush due to a single individual raising complaint within the district. It was noted that the community as a whole should not be punished due to one individual. Officers noted that HPD is obligated to respond to a complaint or emergency, and if needed, are able to cite individuals.
3. Rights of the People: Several comments were made noting that the rights of the people should not be at jeopardy due to one individual. Several community members noted that areas in and around of Hau Bush have improved in recent years and residents should not be targeted.

Oshiro moved and De Jesus seconded to remove Kurt Fevella as Chairman.

Discussion followed:

- Not Properly Noticed: A Board member voiced opposition to the motion noting that the motion was not properly noticed on the agenda. It was noted that the Board would require a two-thirds vote, or eight (8) voted to add the item to the agenda. The Board member explained that acting on the motion would be a violation to the Neighborhood Plan Sunshine Law.
- Request to Remove: A Board member questioned which Board member or Board members were responsible for this request. Another Board member noted that that information is irrelevant.
- Removal in Order: Upon being questioned, Neighborhood Assistant Ribac clarified that according to Executive Secretary Thomas Heinrich of the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO), a motion to remove any Board officer is always in order.

A brief recess was called at 7:54 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

- Not Properly Noticed: A Board member again raised the fact that the motion on the floor was not properly noticed and is a violation of the Neighborhood Plan and Sunshine Law.
- Agenda Order Request: Chair Fevella noted that before the vote is taken he would like to request the agenda be taken out of order to allow the presentation by the Lions Club as to allow ample time to recognize the awardees before the retire from the meeting. No objections were raised to the request.
- Call for the Question and Roll Call Vote: Several Board members called for the question; however, no vote was taken. Upon final comments it was noted that a roll call vote would be taken.

The motion moved by Oshiro and seconded by De Jesus to remove Kurt Fevella as Chairman was ADOPTED, 6-5-0, (Aye: De Jesus, Hartsell, Lacuesta, McCurley, Oshiro and Rathbun; No: Fevella, Gollner, Knauer, Lynn and Tagovailoa-Amosa.)

A brief recess was called at 7:59 p.m. to relinquish the gavel. The meeting reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

Presiding Officer First Vice Chair Gollner explained that he will chair the remaining of the Board meeting. Gollner also noted that elections to fill the Chair position will be placed on the next regular meeting agenda.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH): No report or representative available at this time.

Ewa Beach Lions Club Community Awards Presentation: Lion Eileen Lynn along with several members of the Ewa Beach Lions Club, and Board members Fevella and Lynn recognized several community organizations and members for their continued support of the community and the Lions Club. Lion Lynn provided a brief history of the formation of the Ewa Beach Lions Club and past member Dr. Charles Beamer, also known as the Lion King.

The Ewa Beach Lions Club recognized past club members and current Neighborhood Board members Gollner and Tagovailoa-Amosa. Recognized organizations included the Ewa Beach McDonalds, Crush Football, 808 Horse Rescue and Hale Pono Boys and Girls Club.

Individuals included George and Jeanette Grace of Paradise Lua Inc., Lisa Enanoria and Sharene Saito-Tam of Haseko, Debbie Luning and Tosh Hosoda of Gentry, Bob Creps of Grace Pacific Corporation, Robert Bruhl of D.R. Horton Schuler Division, Lee Tokuhara of Hoopili, Officer Fumi Muraoka of Ewa Weed & Seed, Henry Ribac of Heather's Inflatable's, Mitchell and Tiny Tynanes of Generators Hawaii, Doug Correa of Island Party Rentals and Ewa Beach Pizza Hut. Applause followed for all recognized members of the community.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2012: No comments or corrections were provided by Board members. **Hearing no objections the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2012 were ADOPTED, 9-0-2, (Aye: De Jesus, Fevella, Gollner, Lacuesta, McCurley, Oshiro, Rathbun and Tagovailoa-Amosa; Abstain: Knauer and Lynn.)**

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

Board Meeting Broadcasts: A Board member announced that the broadcast times on Olelo has changed. The Ewa Neighborhood Board regular meetings are now scheduled to air every first Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. on Digital Channel 49 and again every second and fourth Friday at 12:00 noon on Olelo Channel 54.

Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC): Rodney Boucher of the Ewa EPC provided several flyers and handouts in regards to emergency preparedness. Community members are welcomed to participate in several training exercises. It was also noted that the Ewa EPC is looking for a formal endorsement of the Neighborhood Board and will be emailing the Presiding Officer to request time on the March regular meeting agenda.

Memorial of Pioneers and Oneula Beach Park Clean-up: Community members were encouraged to participate in the Memorial of Pioneers cemetery clean-up on Saturday and Sunday, February 18-19, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and the Oneula Beach Park clean-up on February 25, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

Hawaii Medical Center/St. Francis: Representative Cabanilla welcomed residents to participate in a press release scheduled for tomorrow, February 10, 2012 at the State Capitol Rotunda at 1:30 p.m. The press release will announce the \$80 million Special Revenue Bond appropriation to St. Francis Hospitals. Interested parties looking to purchase the properties include Queen's Hospital and Hawaii Pacific Health.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. No Construction: It was questioned and clarified that the appropriation is not slated for construction. It was noted that upon receiving the appropriation, it is anticipated the funds would be used to upgrade the necessary facilities and infrastructure.
2. Projected Timeline: It was questioned and clarified that following the press release both houses of the State Legislature would have to pass the measure. It was noted that activities surrounding the hospital may be seen as early as May of this year. Representative Cabanilla will keep the Board apprised.
3. State Intervention: Several questions and comments were raised pertaining to the position the State is taking in regards to the overall bankruptcy of Hawaii Medical Centers. It was noted that the State should not be appropriating such a large amount of monies to aide a private entity.
4. Further Into Debt: A Board member raised concerns with the overall scheme of lending St. Francis a total of \$80 million. It was noted that it seems the special revenue bond, which will need to be paid back, would throw St. Francis into a larger debt.
5. Introducer of the Bill: It was questioned and clarified that the Representative Cabanilla was the author and introducer of the bill. It was also noted that fellow legislators will be present during the press release.

Kalaeloa Raceway Park: A community member announced that the Kalaeloa Raceway Park is now in its second year of business. Informational flyers were provided highlighting several upcoming events that are open to the public. For more information residents may call 782-7432 or visit www.kalaeloaacewaypark.com

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Reduction of Speeding/Drag Races: A community member thanked the Kalaeloa Raceway Park for their continued presence in the community. It was noted that residents have noticed a reduction of speeding and drag racing on residential roadways.
2. Neighboring Pond: A Board member questioned the status of the neighboring pond, directly adjacent to the raceway park. It was noted that there are several living plants and animals at the pond. The raceway park and its users make sure not to disturb that habitat as much as possible.

Council Resolution 11-337: A Board member thanked Councilmember Berg for his efforts in advancing Council resolution 11-337. The Board member also thanked Berg for collaborating with the City departments of Planning and Permitting (DPP), Parks and Recreation (DPR) and Design and Construction (DDC) in submitting wording for the Oneula Beach Park Master Plan.

Parks Committee Meeting: A Board member raised concerns regarding the lack of a Parks and Recreation committee meeting and suggested a committee meeting be held as soon as possible. **Lacuesta moved and Oshiro seconded to hold a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting as soon as possible.** First Vice Chair Gollner suggested the motion be visited during Committee Reports as the Board is currently under Residents' Concerns, to which the Board agreed. No vote was taken at this time.

Mahalo Representative Cabanilla: A Board member thanked Representative Cabanilla for introducing legislation that will provide monies to St. Francis. It was noted that the community deeply needs the hospital. Concerns were raised regarding a Town Hall meeting held tonight by Representative Pine in Kapolei, to which Representative Cabanilla could not comment on.

Ewa Villages Master Plan: A community member requested the Board discuss the Ewa Villages Master Plan at a regular Board meeting or defer the item to an appropriate committee such as Planning and Zoning.

Neighborhood Board Workshop Held: A community member questioned which Board members attended the proposed Neighborhood Board Workshop with the Executive Secretary of the Neighborhood Commission Office. It was noted that the meeting was private and no answer was given.

Attendance of Representative Pine: A Board member reiterated a previous concern citing that Representative Pine has missed 80% of Ewa Neighborhood Board meetings.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Ewa Beach Lions Club Community Awards Presentation: Previously reported on the agenda.

Board member Steve Knauer retired from the meeting at 9:40 p.m.; **a quorum of 10 members present.**

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) Labeling: Mary Oyama provided a PowerPoint presentation noting that she is not acting on behalf of any business or organization. Oyama explained that her child has food allergies and she believes that consumers have the right to know what is in their foods and is requesting that foods containing GMO's be properly labeled.

Residents were informed that GMO's are made by forcing genes from one species into the DNA of a food crop or animal to introduce a new trait. It was noted that residents may already be consuming GMO's without knowing it. Crops containing GMO's include soy beans, canola, Hawaiian papaya, zucchini, cereals, pastas and processed foods. Several handouts on purchasing non-GMO foods were provided. Included in the PowerPoint presentation, several resources of books, movies and websites were referenced.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Presentation in Support: A community member requested to provide an informational presentation on GMO's at a later meeting. The presentation would provide information of a different perspective of the issue. First Vice Chair Gollner agreed to hear that presentation.

2. Hawaii Seed Farmers: A community member noting that she works closely with the Hawaii Seed Farmers and the papaya industry provided statistics in support of GMO's. It was noted that over 3 trillion surveys have been conducted and none case has been raised against GMO's. The community member noted that over 80% of Hawaii's foods contain GMO's and suggested that the other 20% be labeled instead.
3. State Conflict of Interest: A community member raised concerns with the State's involvement in private companies, noting that the State may be making millions of dollars from GMO companies.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative: Executive Director Kaleve Iosefa reported;

- Renton Road Repairs: Construction bids are currently being requested by the City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) for the rehabilitation on Renton Road. Bids will be received until March 8, 2012. The project includes rehabilitation of the City-owned portions of Renton Road between Kapolei Parkway and Fort Weaver Road and from Fort Weaver Road to Asing Park.
- Moi Farm in Community: According to the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) the moi farm is an offshore project and there were no City or DPP permits. The project was authorized by the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Residents may contact the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands at 587-0381.
- Roosevelt and Renton Road Connecting Lane: According to DDC the lane that connects Roosevelt Road and Renton Road at the railway station is privately owned. It was noted that City funds cannot be used to light the privately owned roadway.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Bus Stop/Bench Repair: A Board member noted that the bus stop bench located at Fort Weaver Road and Kuhina Street requires repairs.
2. Relocation of Yield Sign: A Board member explained that as motorists turn right onto Kapolei Parkway from Papiipi Road the Yield Sign should be relocated onto Kapolei Parkway rather than Papiipi Road.
3. Re-striping of Roadways: A Board member requested that areas of Kapolei Parkway from Kolowaka Drive to Geiger Road, in both Ewa and Waianae directions, be re-striped as the lane markers are fading.
4. Need for Bus Stop Shelters: A Board member requested bus stop benches and shelters for the stretch of roadway between Keaunui Drive and Holomua Elementary School. It was noted that the area bus stops are highly utilized and patrons are forced to stand while waiting for the bus.
5. Coral Wall Repair: A Board member noted that the coral wall at the intersection of Hanakahi Road and Fort Weaver Road requires repair. It was explained that the wall may not be on City property; however, debris is on the sidewalk and may cause a potential safety hazard.
6. Crosswalk Lighting: Several comments were provided requesting that the crosswalk on Fort Weaver Road, fronting the Boys and Girls Club, be lit. It was noted that the crosswalk is the only non-signal crosswalk in Ewa and crosses four lanes of traffic. Residents noted that the area is very dark and requires lighting or pedestrian safety measures as soon as possible.
7. Mahalo to Department of Parks Director: A Board member thanked and recognized DPR Director Cabato, as he has been very willing to work with the community on several issues including Oneula Beach Park.
8. Use of Traffic Cameras: A community member questioned what will be done with the 42 traffic cameras that were purchased and used during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Conference. It was requested that a camera be placed at Renton Road and Fort Weaver Road.

9. Oneula Beach Park Restrooms: It was questioned how many port-a-potties have been placed at Oneula Beach Park, and if the broken port-a-potty was repaired. It was also requested if more port-a-potties can be placed at the beach park.
10. Bus Stop Locations: Issues were raised with the placement of bus stops including the locations fronting Mr. Gene Leong's property. It was noted that Transportation Committee Chair Gollner will be working on these issues as 'the ball is in his court'.

Governor's Representative: Deputy Director Joe Booker Jr. reported;

State of the State: Governor Abercrombie delivered his second State of the State address on January 23, 2012 before the Legislature. The address laid out investment goals that will build upon the economic progress made during the last year. Several initiatives were highlighted including an emergency appropriation of \$1.8 million grant to support the National Kidney Foundation. Investing \$1.4 million to establish Aging and Disabilities Resource Centers to assist Kupuna who face challenges of aging. Investing \$1 million toward early childhood education and health initiatives.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Mahalo for Attending: A Board member thanked the Governor's representative for attending the Board meetings. Booker noted that he will be attending future meetings and is a resident of Ocean Point.

City Councilmember Tom Berg: Councilmember Berg provided his written report and highlighted several items including two Town Hall meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at Kapolei Hale from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Friday March 2, 2012 at Kahumana Organic Farm & Café from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Councilmember touched upon several issues including concerns with the proposed Marina and the Heritage Trail in Kalaehoa. Councilmember Berg mentioned that House Bill (HB) 1351 relating to information that may be transmitted to the City regarding uninsured motorists, is scheduled to be heard. Berg also looks to grandfather-in the already existing historical plaques in Ewa Villages. Community member Glenn Oamilda was thanked for his efforts in opposing the current City Council reapportionment recommendations; unfortunately the measure did not pass the State Supreme Court.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. City Council Kapolei Hale: Residents were encouraged to participate in the next City Council meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at Kapolei Hale beginning at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recreation Center Proposal: A community member questioned the status of a proposed recreation center or gym to be located near Renton Road. It was questioned when the project was proposed and which entity would have the paperwork. It was noted that the project may be the newly completed Kroc Center.
3. Oneula Beach Park Comfort Station: Several comments were made pertaining to the Oneula Beach Park comfort station, noting that the port-a-potties are only a temporary fix. Community members noted that the comfort station is needed. It was requested that until the comfort station is completed, additional port-a-potties be located at Oneula Beach Park to accommodate residents.
4. Town Hall Meeting at Oneula Beach Park: Several community members thanked the Councilmember for holding the previous Town Hall meeting at Oneula Beach Park. It was noted that although several Board members were not able to attend, the community was very appreciative of the meeting.
5. News Article Misleading: Sharene Saito-Tam of Haseko raised concerns pertaining to an article that the Councilmember mentioned in his report. Saito-Tam clarified read the article, noting that the perception given by the Councilmember is incorrect. Haseko has mentioned that they will be updating their permits and will be preparing something to be included in the Ewa Development Plan.

Neighborhood Assistant Ribac retired from the meeting at 10:00 p.m. First Vice Chair John Gollner and Secretary Celeste Lacuesta continued the meeting minutes.

Submitted By: Leland Ribac, Neighborhood Assistant

Senator Will Espero:

Representative Rida Cabanilla:

Representative Kymberly Marcos Pine:

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Submitted By: John Gollner and Celeste Lacuesta, First Vice Chair and Secretary