



## EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012 EWA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair John Gollner 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. Second Vice Chair De Jesus read the rules of speaking.

**Members Present:** Ariel De Jesus, Kurt Fevella, John Gollner, Ernest 'Joe' Hartsell, Steve Knauer, Celeste Lacuesta, Frankie McCurley, Kevin Rathbun and Saipeti Tagovailoa-Amosa.

**Members Absent:** Coby Lynn, and Dee Dee Oshiro.

**Vacancies:** None.

**Guests:** Tony Arneho, Millie Chambrella, Jacque Kelley-Uyeoka and Leianne Nagum (Hale Kipa), Lisa Enanoria (Haseko), John Gibo, Charles Zahn, Deputy Director Leila Kagawa (Department of Human Resources/Governor's Representative), Rodney Boucher (Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee), Tiffany Patrick and Chief Warrant Officer Brian Somers (United States Marine Corps), Captain Dwayne Lee (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Steven Kitsu, Captain Paul Caley, Officer Mark Ramos and Gale Braceros (Honolulu Police Department); Allison Andrade, Felicia Durant and Thomas Ho (Kiewit); Gary Omori, Theresa Webber, Director Wayne Yoshioka (City Department of Transportation Services), Glenn Oamilda, Councilmember Tom Berg and Evelyn Souza (Councilmember Berg's Office), Roger Lacuesta, Franklin Souza, Senator Will Espero, Gary Bautista, Deb Luning (Gentry Homes), Mike Wooten and students of James Campbell High School (video recorders); Thomas Heinrich (Mayor's Representative/Executive Secretary), Marie Richardson 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 DISCLOSURES:** Chair Gollner disclosed that he had previously announced his candidacy to run for elected office; however, has not filed. Board member Fevella disclosed that he has filed as a candidate for the State Representative House District 40 seat; however, is here as a community member.

#### **CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:**

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

- **Fire Statistics for May 2012:** Included 1 structure fire, 3 wildland fires 1 rubbish fire, 102 medical emergencies, 24 miscellaneous emergencies and one major incident involving a house fire on Papipi Drive which included eight fire companies.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** As summer approaches, the island will be at a higher risk of fires due to dry vegetation and hot weather. Wildland fires were once referred to as brush fires; however, the term wildland fire is nationally recognized. Residents are asked to exercise caution when utilizing flame-producing devices as the flame may ignite dry vegetation. Keep flame-producing devices away from young children.

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

**Crime Statistics for May 2012:** Included a total of 1,921 calls, a total of 537 arrests in District 8 of which 415 were adult arrests and 122 were juvenile and a total of 7,542 calls for service in the entire District 8.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Oneula Beach Park Camping:** Concerns were raised that community members are receiving permits for camping at Oneula Beach Park. The park is open 24-hours a day. Kitsu will follow-up on the details.



2. Crosswalks on Papipi Road: Concerns were raised with the lack of crosswalks on Papipi Road, noting that pedestrians are forced to jay-walk across the street. There are three crosswalks Papipi Road and pedestrians are being ticketed for jay-walking where there are no crosswalks available.
3. Statistics on Hailipo Street: A Board member requested a report on the status of accidents that have occurred at Kapolei Parkway and Hailipo Street. Lt. Kitsu noted that he does not have the exact breakdown; however, a total of 89 incidents have occurred in the Ocean Pointe area in recent months.
4. Command Reassignments: Lt. Kitsu introduced several members of the District 8 command team. Captain Paul Calvey was introduced, noting that he will be reassigned outside of the district. The Captain noted that it was a pleasure working with the community. Applause followed.

Ewa Weed & Seed Unit: Weed & Seed Officer Mark Ramos provided a report highlighting;

Upcoming Events: Community members were informed that the Summer Culinary Arts Class started on June 5, 2012 and will conclude on July 19, 2012. The District 1 Project CLEAN at Ala Moana Beach Park will be held on June 16, 2012. The Annual Recall Training Relief on Day Watch will be from June 18-20, 2012. The H2O Ocean Sports Program at Pokai Bay will be held on June 22, 2012.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Events Open to Public: It was clarified that the District 1 Project CLEAN is open to the community. The Summer Culinary Arts Class has already begun, and was based on an enrollment factor.
2. Jay-Walking on Papipi Road: Concerns were raised noting that residents are being ticketed for jay-walking across Papipi Road near Hailipo Street and Kapolei Parkway. It was noted that there are no crosswalks near that particular intersection and pedestrians should be allowed to cross there.
3. Unmarked Crosswalks: Questions were raised regarding unmarked crosswalks throughout the area, noting that the intersection of Kapolei Parkway and Papipi Road may be an unmarked crosswalk. Officers noted that residents may contest their jay-walking citations.
4. Hailipo Street Parking: A community member noted that residents are being cited for parking along Hailipo Street; however, many residents were under the impression that the area is residential and parking along the roadway is legal. Officer Ramos noted that unsatisfied residents may call and request for a supervisor at anytime.
5. Ewa Villages Roadways: Concerns were raised with the roadways throughout the Ewa Villages, noting that many are substandard. A community member suggested that 'No Parking' signs be replaced with 'Tow Away' signs, which would allow towing companies to remove all illegally parked vehicles.
6. Officers Busy: Comments were made noting that HPD officers are already busy, and should not be bothered with non-emergency concerns like illegally parked vehicles.

**Tagovailoa-Amosa called a point of order. The point of order was not addressed and no ruling was made on the point of order. Instead, a recess was called at 7:32 p.m. to calm a community member. The meeting reconvened at 7:33 p.m.**

7. HPD Provide 250 Warnings in Past: A resident noted that in the past HPD issued approximately 250 verbal warnings to residents in Ewa Villages and suggested HPD repeat those efforts.
8. All Infractions Cited: A community member noted that a sweep had been done in Waianae where several residents were cited for illegal parking. The officers noted that HPD will respond to all calls and will cite all infractions when responding to a complaint.

Ewa Beach Community Based Development Organization (CBDO): Christiane Bolosan-Yee reported;

- Ewa Beach Community Park: It was announced that the play apparatus at the Ewa Beach Community Park will soon be installed. Volunteers will begin installation in July. A model diagram was provided. Once completed the apparatus will be donated to the City.

- Community Poster Contest: Students were urged to take part in a poster contest on behalf of President Obama's Lets Move Campaign. Community members may visit [www.ewabeachcbdo.org](http://www.ewabeachcbdo.org) for information. It was also noted that four community members are needed to judge the poster contest.
- Available Volunteers: The Ewa Beach CBDO is looking for volunteers that may have field experiences in masonry and carpentry. Volunteers may contact Boloson-Yee directly at 778-3230.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Contest Forms Available: It was requested and noted that Bolosan-Yee does have the poster contest entry forms available tonight. Community members with questions may call 778-3230 for more information.
2. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): It was questioned and clarified that the new play apparatus will be ADA accessible. The apparatus will also feature play options for children with disabilities.
3. City Grant Opportunity: It was questioned and clarified that play apparatus was not donated by the National Football League (NFL). The Ewa Beach CBDO acquired the play apparatus through City a grant.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH): Tiffany Patrick and Chief Warrant Officer Brian Somers reported;

- News and Events: Marines will be hosting cadets with Kailua High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) from June 11-16, 2012. Community members were invited to attend the Runway 5k run on July 4, 2012, for more information call 254-7636.
- Announcements: Four small-scale construction projects continue at Puuloa. Increased activity is expected for a few months. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for basing of MV-22, Huey and Cobra Aircrafts at MCBH is available online at [www.mcbh.usmc.mil](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil).
- Community Notes and Reminders: Bellows Beach Park located at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows will be closed to the public due to military training activities July 13-16 and July 27-30, 2012. This includes day use of the beach and camping as well.
- Kaneohe Bay Air Show: Community members were reminded that the Kaneohe Bay Air Show is planned for September 29-30, 2012 and will include the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels.

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

Ewa Villages Post Office: Concerns were raised with the potential closure of the Ewa Villages Post Office, noting that elderly residents would be forced to drive into Ewa Beach for their mail. **Lacuesta moved to add the item to the July regular meeting agenda.** It was noted that the issue has been sent to the Congressional Delegation, and should they choose, a Board committee may take up the issue. **Lacuesta withdrew her motion, no action taken.**

Historical Train Ride: A community member encouraged residents to take part in a 4th of July Train Ride at the Hawaiian Railway Society located off of Renton Road on July 4, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Request for Letters from the Board: A community member formally requested that the Neighborhood Board send a letters in regards to crosswalks and 'Tow Away' signs to the appropriate departments.

Oneula Beach Park Vandalized: A community member raised concerns with vandals at Oneula Beach Park, also known as Hau Bush. Dirt bike users have broken the chains near the restroom facilities and have ruined half of the field. It was noted that a homeless person has built a shelter in the bushes, and this has been reported to HPD.

Bike Rack Requests: A community member requested follow-up on a request in regards to bike racks at Geiger and Fort Weaver Roads. A Board member noted that the request had been submitted to Department of Transportation Services (DTS), which noted that there is no proper foundation for a bike rack. It has been requested of Gentry Properties that the easement be reinforced.

Proposed Antenna Follow-up: Concerns were raised with the lack of follow-up in regards to a presentation held last month proposing a cellular antenna near Zippy's in Ewa. Chair Gollner noted no position was taken on that issue.

Development and Master Plans: A Board member raised concerns with the lack of follow through or discussion by the Neighborhood Board in regards to the Ewa Villages Master Plan and the Ewa Development Plan.

Board Response to Concerns: Chair Gollner noted that the Neighborhood Board did not take a position on the proposed antenna, and there has been no movement on the Ewa Villages Master Plan. It was noted the Board has taken a position in the past; however, it is up to the Board to move the issue forward. A Board member noted that she has requested a copy of the Ewa Villages Master Plan and intended to follow-up with the community member.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative: Tom Heinrich reported;

- Golf Course Irrigation System: In regards to a concern raised last month, the City Department of Enterprise Services (DES) has indicated that the R-1 irrigation water supplied by West Loch Golf Course to the common areas in the West Loch subdivision will continue. Discussions are on-going with the Board of Water Supply on other solutions to supply R-1 water.
- Haseko Unilateral Agreement (UA): Since the UA was signed in 1994, Haseko has contributed more than \$500,000 to the Ewa Beach Community Fund, which is administered by the Hawaii Community Foundation. Records show that Haseko made an initial donation of \$5,000 in 1995 to start the fund, and contributed \$250,000 in 2004 and another \$250,000 in 2009. The developer has since made donations of \$25,000 twice a year and has agreed to pay the balance of the \$2 million when it receives a Certificate of Occupancy upon the completion of its permanent golf course clubhouse, as required by the UA.
- Voter Registration/Absentee Forms: Community members were welcomed to take voter registration forms and/or permanent absentee forms that were made available. The Mayor's Representative apologized as he did not know the deadline to register.

Mayor's Representative introduced City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director Wayne Yoshioka, noting that the Director was slated to present last month; however, with the Board's approval, Director Yoshioka would like to provide the Board with information regarding DTS and TheBus.

City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director Wayne Yoshioka: Director Yoshioka noted that he will follow-up on several issues previously raised regarding Hailipo Street accidents and the request for bike racks at Geiger and Fort Weaver Roads. It was noted that bike racks do require proper anchors before being built.

Proposed Bus Route Change Updates: In its efforts to balance bus services and the rising costs of fuel, DTS and the Oahu Transportation Services (OTS) installed several new bus route schedules earlier this month. As the changes have been rolled out, DTS is monitoring the effects in the community. No route change is set in stone, including Country Express Route E which directly impacts the Ewa and Ewa Beach communities. Community members with concerns or suggestions are encouraged to email their input to [Thebusstop@honolulu.gov](mailto:Thebusstop@honolulu.gov) or by calling 768-8365 and provide as much information or details as possible. A second set of route changes will be initiated in August; no exact routes will affect the Ewa or Ewa Beach communities. For a detailed list of route changes, residents may visit [www.honolulu.gov/dts](http://www.honolulu.gov/dts).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Traffic Calming Devices: It was noted that DTS is looking into implementing rules and regulations regarding the Complete Street initiative that recently passed City Council. DTS does recognize issues within the Ewa boundaries like Hailipo Street and Papi Road. Yoshioka noted he has not given up.
2. Left Turn Light Signal: Concerns were raised with the left turn signals throughout Fort Weaver Road, noting that the signal takes very long even when there are no vehicles. The Director explained that the vehicle detectors beneath the roadway may need to be replaced as Fort Weaver has just been resurfaced.
3. Waterfront at Puuloa Access: Comments were made regarding bus access at the Waterfront at Puuloa. Yoshioka noted that he is looking into the possibility of a Public Private Partnership (PPP) that may help address the concern. It was suggested that an already existing route be changed to service the area.

4. Suggested Park and Ride Facilities: A Board member questioned the status or possibility of placing a Park and Ride facility on Renton Road; Director Yoshioka noted he would follow-up on the issue.
5. Country Express Route E: A Board member raised concerns with the Country Express Route E, noting that community members are having issues with the new route. It was requested specific information be provided to DTS and the Director, to better analyze the issue and formulate a solution.
6. Waterfront at Puuloa Gate Closed: A community member provided additional information regarding the bus access at Puuloa, noting that in the past a bus would service the area; however, since the gate has been closed, bus access has been denied. It was suggested the City work with the military towards a solution.
7. Kualakai Parkway Bus Services: A community member questioned the possibility of acquiring bus services for Kualakai Parkway, also known as the North/South Road in Kapolei. Yoshioka noted he and his team is looking into possibilities, as the parkway is currently not serviced at all.
8. Bus Funds Used for Rail Untrue: Comments were made noting that the City Bus system is being raided by the Honolulu Rail Project. Director Yoshioka explained that this is untrue, as City Bus funds cannot be used for the rail project. Funds used for the Bus system are collected by fare box, property taxes and a small amount is provided by the Federal government, and cannot be used at all for rail.
9. Fort Weaver Access Safeway: A resident noted that the community has opposed any entrances from Fort Weaver Road into the new Safeway at the Laulani Shopping Center. Yoshioka noted that Fort Weaver Road is a state owned and operated roadway; therefore, the City has no jurisdiction on the matter.
10. Short Range Transit Plan: A community member raised concerns with the City spending between \$100,000 and \$300,000 on a mainland company to fix the bus system. Director Yoshioka noted that funds were spent on a mainland company to complete the Short Range Transit Plan, and the company did an excellent job.
11. Alternative Modes of Gas and Transportation: Several community members suggested alternative uses of gasoline and diesel fuel, noting that natural gas or electric vehicles be used. Community members may visit [www.alcoholforgas.com](http://www.alcoholforgas.com) for more information. Director Yoshioka noted that the suggestion is well taken.
12. Invitation to the Transportation Committee: A Board member invited the Director to attend a Transportation Committee meeting to be held by the Board tentatively in July; the Board was thanked for the invitation.

Questions, comments and concerns for the Mayor's Representative followed:

1. Unilateral Agreement History: A community member noted that based on the original UA, Haseko should have given the \$1.5 million directly to the community and not to charities of their choice.
2. Hawaii Community Foundation: It was questioned and clarified that the funds donated by Haseko has been administered through the Hawaii Community Foundation located on Merchant Street in Honolulu.

Councilmember Tom Berg: Councilmember Berg highlighted;

- Full Council Meeting: Councilmember Berg voted in opposition to the City Budget Bill on June 6, 2012. It was noted that the bill cut several City services that may directly impact the community.
- Bills in Regards to Rail: The Honolulu City Council passed several measures in regards to the Honolulu Rail Project; Bills 31, 32 and 33 were passed. The Councilmember raised concerns with the project citing that the budget included \$22 million for 80 employees. Berg continued to raise concerns with the projects financial plan and propaganda.
- Town Hall Meetings: Community members were thanked for attending the Councilmember's May 31, 2012 Town Hall Meeting in regards to Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) and electricity rates; Berg has drafted a resolution in response to the meeting. Residents were welcomed to attend a Town Hall Meeting on June 18, 2012 at Ewa Makai Elementary School in regards to Haseko.

- Berg Website: Community members were encouraged to visit the Councilmember's website for further information in regards to rail and other issues in the community.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Summer Fun Program: Concerns were raised regarding the increase in fees for children to attend summer fun programs. Councilmember Berg noted that he and Council Chair Ernie Martin were the only two that opposed the \$25 fee, noting that the program was free in the past.
2. Concerns Regarding Rail: Several community members raised concerns regarding the rail project, noting that the rail is 'the biggest rip off' thus far. It was questioned and noted that the community can take action and oppose the project. It was suggested the urban growth boundary be moved to block the rail project.

**Due to a lack of order and decorum as well as unruly behavior on behalf of several participants, including the Neighborhood Assistant, a recess was called at 9:15 p.m. During the recess Neighborhood Assistant Ribac along with Board Members Fevella, Hartsell, Knauer, Lacuesta and Rathbun left the meeting room.**

The Board secretary would be responsible to record the minutes for the rest of the meeting.

Submitted By: Leland S.M. Ribac, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: Marie Richardson, Neighborhood Assistant Supervisor

Reviewed and Finalized By: John Gollner, Chair