



EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chair John Gollner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with nine (9) members present.** Note – This 11-member Board requires six (6) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action. Second Vice Chair De Jesus read the rules of speaking.

Board Members Present – Ariel De Jesus, Kurt Fevella, John Gollner, Ernest “Joe” Hartsell, Steve Knauer, Celeste Lacuesta, Frankie McCurley, Kevin Rathbun, and Saipeti Tagovailoa-Amosa.

Board Members Absent – Coby Lynn and Deedee Oshiro.

Vacancies – There is currently one (1) at-large vacancy.

Guests – Millie Chambrella; Davin Takahashi; Senator Will Espero and Ron Menor (Senator Will Espero’s Office staff); Charles Zahn and Evelyn Souza (Makakilo-Kapolei Neighborhood Board); Councilmember Tom Berg; John Gibo; Donald Harlor, Patti Harlor, and Rod Boucher (Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee); Troy Sampaga and Shalani Placencia (WCO); Mitchell Tynanes; Lisa Enanoria; Mary Esther Correa; Paulina Espero; Jeannette Nekota (Neighborhood Commission); Roger Lacuesta; Kaleve Iosefa (Mayor’s Office of the Culture and Arts/Mayor’s Representative); Matt Lopresti; Richard and Shirley Landford (Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Board); Lee Tokugawa (DL Horton); Barry Usagawa (Board of Water Supply); Victor Flint (NAVFAC); Lieutenant Steven Kitsu and Officer Micah Nakagawa (Honolulu Police Department); Fire Fighter 1 Dustin Yamamoto (Honolulu Fire Department); Glenn Oamilda; and Kazuaki McArthur (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: Those present introduced themselves. Following introductions, Chair Gollner reported that Board member DeeDee Oshiro had submitted her letter of resignation prior to the meeting. Gollner also noted that he will be resigning at the end of the meeting due to upcoming medical reasons.

There being no objection, the agenda was moved out of order to address item 7A Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee following the Ewa Weed and Seed report.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Fire Fighter 1 Dustin Yamamoto reported the following;

- **June 2012 Statistics:** Included 1 structure fire, 5 wild land fires, 5 rubbish fires, 75 medical emergencies, 1 search and rescue, 14 miscellaneous calls, and 2 major incidents which included 6 companies.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** The risk of wild land fires increases as the summer heat continues. Make a 30-foot wide fire break by clearing vegetation and clutter around all structures. If your property borders an area where a wild land fire could occur, consider the need for HFD access in case the fire approaches your home. Have an emergency preparedness plan available. Consider a route you would take and other preparations in case you need to evacuate.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Steven Kitsu reported the following;

- **June 2012 Statistics:** Included 1830 total calls, 415 total arrests, 330 adult arrests, and 85 juvenile arrests.
- **Burglary Prevention Tips:** Leave lights on when leaving the house. Do not allow mail and daily deliveries to build up. Consider installing locks to better secure sliding doors. Do not leave valuable equipment within plain view of streets or passerby’s.



Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Suspicious Male: Concern was raised of a mother feeling uncomfortable with the interaction between an adult male and her child. Kitsu suggested training children to not talk to strangers and to never travel in dangerous areas. It was also suggested training children to never walk alone and to travel in groups. If suspicious activity is occurring between a child and an adult, HPD should be contacted immediately.
2. License: A community member requested information regarding the process in getting back your driver's license after your Driving Under the Influence (DUI) case has been dismissed. Kitsu clarified that persons who have had their DUI case dismissed are sent a letter from the Administrative Driver's License Revocation Office (ADLRO). Individuals receiving a letter from ADLRO must respond to the letter and set up a hearing for the reinstatement of the driver's license.

Ewa Weed and Seed: Officer Micah Nakagawa reported the following;

- Underage Drinking: Officers have been conducting underage drinking sweeps and issuing citations to adults and juveniles drinking or who are in possession of alcoholic beverages in public places.
- Narcotics: Weed and Seed and narcotics officers are actively involved in narcotics investigations in the Ewa Weed and Seed site.
- Copper Theft: Weed and Seed officers are assisting with copper theft investigations. The Weed and Seed officers also assisted in the apprehension and arrest of two (2) male suspects for numerous warrants and are possible suspects in burglaries in the Makakilo/Kapolei/Ewa Beach areas. The arrests were made in Pearl City.
- Chicken Fighting: Weed and Seed/Community Policing Team officers assisted the HPD Vice Division in addressing a complaint of chicken fighting at a residence in the Tenney Village area. Four (4) males were arrested for chicken fighting type offenses and numerous citations for parking violations.
- Monsato Protests: Weed and Seed officers assisted with the Monsato protest in Kunia. There were approximately 90 protestors.
- Ohana Food Distribution: Officers assisted with the Ohana Food Distribution at the Boy's and Girl's Club on May 25, 2012. The next Ohana Food Distribution is scheduled for July 20, 2012, at the Hale Pono Ewa Beach Boy's and Girl's Club.
- Culinary Arts: The Ewa Weed and Seed/Community Policing Team summer culinary arts class started on June 5, 2012 and will end on July 19, 2012.
- Restoration Project: A restoration project has been planned for the Campbell complex on July 14, 2012, at 12:00 p.m.

The agenda was moved out of order to address item 7A Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Resolution in Support of the Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chair Gollner introduced Donald Harlor of the Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee and reported that the Board had previously adopted a resolution in support of the committee; however, additional language needed to be added in order for the committee to receive funding. Gollner introduced a resolution that the Ewa Neighborhood Board enthusiastically supports the efforts of the Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee, including Tsunami Awareness. Gollner and De Jesus disclosed that they are both affiliated with the City Department of Emergency Management (DEM).

McCurley moved, and De Jesus seconded to adopt the resolution that the Ewa Neighborhood Board enthusiastically supports the efforts of the Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee, including Tsunami Awareness.

Discussion followed;

1. Funding Timetable: A Board member asked and it was clarified that following the submittal of the resolution, funding could be made available within three (3) to six (6) months.
2. Hotline: Councilmember Berg asked and it was clarified that there is currently not a 24 hour hotline available when emergency sirens sound. Councilmember Berg noted that the rail project has a 24 hour hotline.

A point of order was called and the Chair noted that the comments should pertain to the motion on the floor. The Councilmember engaged in verbal sparring with the Board and the Chair called a recess after order could not be restored.

Following the recess, Fevella called for the question. Community members were disorderly and the Chair called a recess.

Following the recess, the motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 9-0-0 (AYE: De Jesus, Fevella, Gollner, Hartsell, Knauer, Lacuesta, McCurley, Rathbun, and Tagovailoa-Amosa).

The agenda resumed order with item 3D Ewa Beach Development Organization.

Ewa Beach Development Organization – A representative was not present; a report was not given.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii – A representative was not present; a report was not given.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chair – Chair Gollner opened the floor for nominations of candidates for Chair. Hartsell nominated Lacuesta, and Gollner nominated De Jesus. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed. Both nominees introduced themselves.

The Board FAILED to elect a Chair, 2-5-2 (DE JESUS: De Jesus and John Gollner LACUESTA: Hartsell, Lacuesta, McCurley, Rathbun, and Tagovailoa-Amosa ABSTAIN: Fevella and Knauer).

De Jesus withdrew his name from consideration for Chair.

Discussion followed;

Agenda: A Board member noted that there are currently vacancies on the Board and suggested the election of officers should be postponed until all Board seats are filled. The Board member further expressed that the election of officers was not properly placed on the agenda. Chair Gollner asserted that the election of officers was properly placed on the agenda.

Lacuesta was ELECTED Chair, 7-0-2 (AYE: De Jesus, Gollner, Hartsell, Lacuesta, McCurley, Rathbun, and Tagovailoa-Amosa ABSTAIN: Fevella and Knauer).

A short recess was taken to let Lacuesta take her place at Chair. Gollner relinquished the gavel to lacuesta.

1st Vice-Chair – Chair Lacuesta opened the floor for nomination of candidates for 1st Vice-Chair. Lacuesta nominated De Jesus. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed.

De Jesus was ELECTED 1st Vice-Chair, 7-0-2 (AYE: De Jesus, Gollner, Hartsell, Lacuesta, McCurley, Rathbun, and Tagovailoa-Amosa ABSTAIN: Fevella and Knauer).

2nd Vice-Chair – Chair Lacuesta opened the floor for nomination of candidates for 2nd Vice-Chair. Gollner nominated Tagovailoa-Amosa. Tagovailoa-Amosa declined the nomination. De Jesus nominated Rathbun. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed.

Rathbun was ELECTED 2nd Vice-Chair, 8-0-1 (AYE: De Jesus, Fevella, Gollner, Hartsell, Lacuesta, McCurley, Rathbun, and Tagovailoa-Amosa ABSTAIN: Knauer).

Secretary – Chair Lacuesta opened the floor for nomination of candidates for Secretary. Lacuesta nominated McCurley. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed.

McCurley was ELECTED Secretary, 8-0-1 (AYE: De Jesus, Fevella, Gollner, Hartsell, Lacuesta, McCurley, Rathbun, and Tagovailoa-Amosa **ABSTAIN:** Knauer).

Treasurer – Chair Lacuesta opened the floor for nomination of candidates for Treasurer. Lacuesta nominated Hartsell. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed.

Hartsell was ELECTED Treasurer, 8-0-1 (AYE: De Jesus, Fevella, Gollner, Hartsell, Lacuesta, McCurley, Rathbun, and Tagovailoa-Amosa **ABSTAIN:** Knauer).

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

1. Laulani Shopping Center: Concern was raised that the Safeway at the Laulani Shopping Center is too close to the roadway. It was suggested the developer provide a 30-foot setback as other developers have done.
2. Proposed Shopping Center: Concern was raised regarding the proposed shopping center and hotels near Kualakai Parkway disrupting the historic R&L Train Station. It was suggested the Board discuss the Ewa Villages Master Plan at a future board meeting. Concern was also raised regarding the sub-standard living conditions of Varona Village.
3. Bus Service: It was noted that school bus services have been cut for many Ewa area school children. It was suggested petitioning the Mayor and City council for extra City bus service down Kapolei Parkway to make up for the loss in the school bus service. It was noted that the Board's Education Committee is currently working on solutions to the situation.
4. Bio-Lab: A Community member noted the absence of many elected officials at a meeting held July 11, 2012 to address plans to construct a bio-lab in Kalaeloa. The community member also expressed a lack of proper notification for the meeting. Concern was raised of the effect the lab's runoff would have on the community. It was suggested representatives from the bio-lab be invited to appear before the Neighborhood Board. A Board member noted that he was in contact with a representative from the bio-lab and would assist in facilitating a presentation before the Board.
5. Ewa Mahiko Park: A Community member reported that the Ewa Mahiko Park grass is dead/dying. It was noted that the valve that controls the water sprinklers is inaccessible. A Board member reported that Honouliuli supplies water for the park and noted that the water from Honouliuli must be turned on in order to supply water to the park sprinklers.
6. Hurricane Preparation: There will be a hurricane preparedness fair on September 8, 2012, at Ewa Makai Elementary School. State and City officials will be present to answer questions and promote emergency preparedness awareness. Various vendors will be present to sell emergency preparedness gear. Prizes and giveaways will also be available.
7. Correction: It was noted that the Ewa Beach Community Development Organization should be listed as the Ewa Beach Community Based Development Organization on the agenda.
8. One'ula Beach Park: It was reported that there will be an One'ula Beach Park cleanup on July 22, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. It was noted that there are holes left by dirt bikes that need to be filled. A Board member asked and it was clarified that the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has been contacted regarding supplies to fix the holes; however, DPR has communicated that it has limited supplies and funding at the current time.
9. Hawaii Medical Center (HMC)-West: A community member reported that Queen's Health System will likely purchase and run the old HMC-West facility. It was noted that volunteers are being sought to assist with a garage sale at HMC-West on July 15, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and July 22, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers will mainly be assisting with moving items around on July 14 with the actual sale occurring on July 22.

10. Bio-Lab Meeting Advertising: A Community member expressed that the bio-lab group did not do an adequate job of advertising the event to the community.
11. Hurricane Fund: It was asked what is done with hurricane relief funds that are not used each year. It was suggested the money only be used for hurricane relief and be returned to tax payers at the end of the year.
12. Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA): It was noted that development in Kalaeloa falls under HCDA's scope. It was noted that HCDA is a semi-autonomous entity. It was further noted that developments and projects under the purview of HCDA are not required to make a presentation before the community. Concern was raised with the guidelines set forth in the Ewa Development Plan clashing with HCDA guidelines for Kalaeloa.
13. Kakaako: Councilmember Berg reported that the bio-lab was originally slated to be built in Kakaako; however, when the governor made the deal to sign over lands in Kakaako to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), the planned bio-lab was moved to Kalaeloa. It was suggested a discussion take place on a future discussion to petition the governor to not release funds for the proposed bio-lab.
14. Unanswered Questions: It was noted that the meeting with bio-lab representatives did not allow the attendees to ask questions. It was reported that attendees were asked to write down their questions and place it in a box where it would be selected and answered randomly. It was suggested the bio-lab representatives provide answers via email to attendees who did not get a response to their questions.
15. Building Rules: It was expressed that building rules and regulations should be fair to both residents and developers.
16. Bio-Lab Representatives: A community member reported that a contractor was the individual selected to provide the bio-lab presentation. The community member noted the absence of government officials and bio-lab representatives. It was noted that the audience was not allowed to interact and ask questions directly to the presenter.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative – Kaleve Iosefa reported the following;

- Absentee Polling: The Office of the City clerk will be operating absentee polling sites on July 30, 2012 to August 9, 2012 (Primary Election), and October 23, 2012 to November 3, 2012 (General Election), from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Honolulu Hale Courtyard, the Kapolei Hale Conference Room and the Pali Golf Course Clubhouse (2nd Floor)
- Real Property Tax Credit: The City and County of Honolulu offers a real property tax credit to owners who meet certain eligibility requirements. Call 768-3205 for more information.
- H-Power: The City's H-POWER waste-to-energy plant received the Facility Recognition Award at the 20th North American Waste-to-Energy Conference, and an expansion of the facility will soon be operational. The plant has been in service since 1990 and is operated for the City by Covanta Honolulu. It utilizes two (2) refuse-derived fuel processing trains that each combust approximately 300,000 tons of municipal solid waste annually. The expansion project will handle an additional 300,000 tons per year. With the expansion, H-POWER will produce 8-percent of Oahu's power while diverting nearly 80-percent of the island's non-recyclable household trash from the landfill.
- Easement: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) reports that the "easement" in the Ewa Villages area is considered the unimproved sidewalk area, and in accordance with the City's Traffic Code, parking is prohibited on a sidewalk, and signs are not required for enforcement. Area residents can assist the Honolulu Police Department in their enforcement efforts by reporting illegally parked vehicles on the unimproved sidewalk area. DTS also reports that tow away zones, when installed, are generally established along high volume, major thoroughfares where it is necessary to keep travel lanes open to facilitate vehicular traffic flow, which is not the case for Ewa Villages.

- Crosswalk Installation: Regarding a request for the installation of marked crosswalks to cross Papipi Road, DTS reports that pedestrians may legally cross a roadway within its unmarked crosswalks, which are defined in the State Traffic Code as “that part of the roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs or, in the absences of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway.”
- Papipi Street Sidewalk: The installation of concrete sidewalks requires the creation of an Improvement District (I.D.) project. The I.D. process is a method of financing the cost of the project. It is based on the belief that the properties benefiting from the proposed improvements should be assessed a portion of the cost of those improvements. Under an I.D. program, both the benefiting owners and the City share in the cost of constructing the improvements. The I.D. program requires that the community support and initiate these improvements through their councilmember.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Iroquois Point: A Board member suggested the City enter in a public/private partnership with residents of Iroquois point to provide bus service for more than 4,000 residents. It was noted that residents are required to walk a long distance to reach the nearest bus stop.
2. Papipi Street Assessment: A Board member suggested the City conduct an assessment to see if residents along Papipi Street are willing to participate in the I.D. program with the City.
3. Sludge Transportation: A Board member asked if the City is still transporting sludge from the Sand Island Wastewater Facility to the Ewa Wastewater Facility.
4. Ewa Makai Bus: It was noted that bus service for Ewa Makai Elementary School has been cut. It was suggested modifying the City’s route 44 bus service to traverse Kapolei Parkway and accommodate students.
5. Thank You: Councilmember Berg commended the Mayor for signing off on \$100 million toward road improvement projects. Gratitude was also expressed toward DPR Director Gary Cabato for committing to repair all comfort stations island-wide. A community member also thanked the Mayor for providing permanent ambulance service to the Ewa community.
6. Bus Funding: Councilmember Berg noted that he was the only councilmember to vote against Bill14 which included bus funding cuts. Berg noted that he and City Council Chair Ernie Martin have recently drafted a resolution requesting that funding be reinstated to cover the shortfall in the bus operating budget.

Councilmember Tom Berg – Councilmember Berg noted that the media refuses to cover his anti-rail presentations. It was noted that when emergencies occur, the rail system will not be in operation. It was noted that the Rail has a 24-hour hotline and emergency services do not. It was reported that two (2) measures will be on the ballot this upcoming election; however, voters do not know what those measures pertain to. Berg credited his staff with ending the publishing of coloring books that were being published by HART. It was also noted that rail will run on foreign oil.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Deregulation: A Board member asked if deregulation on electricity will happen in Hawaii. Berg noted that the Public Use Commission (PUC) is a semi-autonomous entity and has approved electric rate increases at Hawaiian Electric Company’s (HECO) request. Berg noted that Hawaii pays the highest electric rates in the nation and has introduced a resolution to address the monopolization of electricity by HECO. Resolution 12-170 was also introduced to urge the State Legislature to prohibit the utilization of “smart” electric meters on Oahu. The Board member noted that if other electric companies were permitted to compete with HECO, the competition would cause rates to go down. Berg suggested calling Representative Denny Kaufman.
2. Emergency Sirens: A Board member noted that City officials are able to give residents three (3) days notice of a pending hurricane, a few hours notice of a foreign generated tsunami, and almost no warning of a locally generated tsunami. Residents were encouraged to sign up for Nixle and stay informed through radio broadcasts during times of natural disaster.

3. Haseko Marina: It was reported that a town hall meeting has been scheduled to discuss the Haseko Marina on July 18, 2012. It was noted that the ferry service which the community was promised has now been cancelled.
4. City Planning Commission: It was reported that the City Planning Commission met on July 12, 2012 to discuss and approve amendments to the Ewa Development Plan as submitted by the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). It was noted that the public was in support of the project pending a marina and a ferry service would be provided. It was reported that the commission approved Haseko to install any type of water whether it be a marina or pond. Input was not sought from either the Ewa or Makakilo/Kapolei Neighborhood Boards.
5. One'ula: Community members expressed concern regarding the gradual destruction of One'ula. It was noted that many cultural areas were either disturbed or destroyed by development by Haseko. It was noted that a suggestion was made for Haseko to hire a cultural advisor to assist construction crews in identifying areas of cultural importance. It was reported that Haseko instead hired an archeologist who was not familiar with the area. It was suggested Haseko make a monthly report to the Neighborhood Board on all ongoing activities. A cultural practitioner noted that there is an active lawsuit against Haseko's Ewa Marina project.

Senator Will Espero – Senator Espero circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Ambulance: The State Legislature approved \$1 million to restore ambulance service to the Ewa community.
- Zipper Lane: Construction on the afternoon zipper lane has begun and is anticipated to complete by the end of 2013. Vehicles transporting three (3) or more passengers will be allowed to use the zipper lane which extends from Pearl Harbor to Waikale.
- University of Hawaii- West Oahu (UHWO): UHWO will open on August 20, 2012.
- Varona Village: The living conditions of Varona village have been discussed with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL). DHHL has plans to improve the existing infrastructure when development begins in the surrounding area.
- Fort Weaver Road: The \$4.1 million Fort Weaver Road repaving and re-striping project will be completed soon.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Thank You: Espero was thanked for his leadership in the community and for helping to secure funding for school improvements.
2. School Signage: A Board member noted signage near elementary schools instructing drivers to slow to a speed limit of 25 miles per hour (MPH) at certain times of the day. It was noted that the street is already set at 25 MPH and suggested removing the times.
3. Overcrowded: It was noted that Campbell High School is overcrowded and needs to be alleviated. Espero noted that the budget needs to be spread throughout the entire State. Espero noted that \$1 million has recently been allocated to Campbell High School for track improvements. A new building is also being built and is expected to be ready by Fall 2012.
4. Standards: It was expressed that Hawaii's education problems are not due to lack of funding; rather, Hawaii's educational woes stem from a lack of leadership and low academic standards.
5. Education Representative: It was suggested a representative from either the Board of Education (BOE) or the Department of Education (DOE) attend monthly meetings. It was noted that the BOE schedules regional meetings to speak to the public rather than attending individual Board meetings.

6. Campbell High School: It was noted that Campbell High School had the highest graduation rate in the State and is recognized as one (1) of the best high schools for college preparation.
7. Bio-Lab: It was asked and clarified that the legislature has not taken a stance on the proposed bio-lab. It was noted that the project is under the purview of HCDA. It was asked and clarified that Espero found out about the project on July 3, 2012. It was asked and clarified that HCDA falls under the State; however, it is not known how long HCDA knew about the bio-lab project. Espero noted that the project is still going through the Environmental Assessment (EA) process and noted that the project is only in the early stages. Espero also noted that there are currently other smaller bio-labs located on Oahu. It was suggested the community work with HCDA.

Fevella retired from the meeting at 9:20 p.m.; **eight (8) members present.**

8. Military Land: It was asked if the military would take over the bio-lab since it is situated on military property. It was clarified that the project is not on military property.
9. Transparency: HCDA was accused of not being transparent in its process. It was noted that the Kalaeloa Master Plan does not require HCDA to work with the community on planned developments. It was suggested integrating policies set forth in the Ewa Development Plan into the Kalaeloa Master Plan. Espero agreed to talk to DHHL regarding impacts on the Historic R&L station, Varona Village, and the proposed shopping center.
10. Joint Meeting: A Board member suggested scheduling a joint special meeting with the Makakilo/Kapolei Neighborhood Board to host a presentation by bio-lab representatives. Community members raised concerns with information that was shared at the previous meeting and suggested the bio-lab be placed back in Kakaako. It was suggested community members be given the opportunity to pose questions to presenters. It was further suggested elected officials attend the joint meeting.

Tagovaiola-Amosa retired from the meeting at 9:31 p.m.; **seven (7) members present.**

11. Funding: A community member requested that Espero follow up to see if the project is fully funded.
12. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): It was expressed that the bio-lab should be conducting an EIS in place of the EA currently being conducted.

Representative Rida Cabanilla – A representative was not present; a report was not provided.

Representative Kymberly Pine – A representative was not present; a report was not provided.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Lacuesta relinquished the gavel to De Jesus.

Resolution Supporting Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) Food Labeling – Lacuesta expressed that people should have the right to know what is in their food and suggested the Board support the resolution on GMO food labeling.

Lacuesta moved, and McCurley seconded to support the resolution on GMO labeling. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 7-0-0 (AYE: De Jesus, Gollner, Hartsell, Knauer, Lacuesta, McCurley, and Rathbun).

De Jesus relinquished the gavel to Lacuesta.

Ewa Neighborhood Board Candidates Forum – Gollner suggested the Board host a candidate's forum following an abbreviated regular meeting on September 13, 2012.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Elections: A Board member noted that the proposed candidate's forum will take place after the Primary and before the General Election.

2. Candidates: It was asked and clarified that candidates from all political races will be invited to the forum.

Gollner moved, and Knauer seconded to host a candidate's forum on September 13, 2012. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 7-0-0 (AYE: De Jesus, Gollner, Hartsell, Knauer, Lacuesta, McCurley, and Rathbun).

Knauer retired from the meeting at 9:47 p.m.; **six (6) members present.**

Recommendations from the Ewa Neighborhood Board Education, Sports & Arts Committee – Gollner introduced the following recommendations from the Ewa Neighborhood Board Education, Sports & Arts Committee:

- The `Ewa Neighborhood Board (ENB) requests the State begin immediate construction, in smaller increments, of a new high school on the Ewa Plain, that will provide immediate relief to the overcrowding of James Campbell High School (JCHS), a school built for 1,700 carrying a current enrollment of nearly 3,000.
- The ENB requests the State consider utilizing one (1) of the feeder schools in Ewa & Ewa Beach to take the burden off of JCHS.
- The ENB requests the State consider asking the military for help in addressing the power needs at JCHS.
- The ENB requests the State immediately consider & implement all solar power options for schools in `Ewa & `Ewa Beach.
- The ENB requests the state to immediately consider & implement backup generators for all schools in `Ewa & `Ewa Beach.

The Ewa Neighborhood Board education, Sports & Arts Committee recommendations were UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 6-0-0 (AYE: De Jesus, Gollner, Hartsell, Lacuesta, McCurley, and Rathbun).

Ewa Watershed Management – Bruce Tsuchida introduced Barry Usagawa and reported the goal of the Oahu water management plan is to formulate an environmentally holistic, community based, and economically viable watershed management plan. The plan will provide balance between the preservation and restoration of Oahu's watersheds, and sustainable ground water and surface water use and development to serve users and future generations. Both State law and City ordinance requires each county to provide a county water management plan. The City and County of Honolulu has decided to formulate a watershed management plan for each district rather than formulating a singular county-wide plan. The planning process includes preliminary watershed analysis water demand forecasting, water supply options and watershed management strategies, preliminary and public draft review, and a final watershed management plan draft. Formulation of the plan is anticipated to take two (2) years. During this time, BWS will look for the best possible way to work with Neighborhood Boards.

The Neighborhood Assistant retired from the meeting at 10:00 p.m. The Board secretary continued the minutes.

Submitted by: Kazuaki McArthur, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Celeste Lacuesta, Chair; Nola Frank, Neighborhood Commission Office staff.

Presentation to the board:

Bruce Tsuchida, principal planner of Town Sinc Inc. Ewa watershed management plan... worked on for the board of water supply.

Long range plan that looks at the water resources for the entire Ewa plain.

Legal requirement of the state water code, state law, at the City level there Ch. 30 of the revised ordinances of Honolulu will develop a water resources plan.

Wants to work with the Board, either the whole board in updates or working with a standing committee or developing a PIG.

Michael Lee, make sure that cultural areas are also observed in the planning as part of the management.

Glen Oamilda, question of the plan coordinating into the development that the Board of Water Supply not denying anyone as of today. Bruce explained that this is in the new stages of the plan. Glen kept going and going.

Voting of removing Colby Lynn from the board due to excess absences, four counting this meeting. John Gollner, made the motion, Kevin Rathburn, seconded the motion. All yes.

Motion made by Ariel to extend the community concerns to two minutes. John Gollner, seconded. Vote was taken and the motion was defeated.

Committee Inputs:

Last few minutes from last meeting need to be submitted to complete minutes.

Next meeting August 9, 2012.