



EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012 EWA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Celeste Lacuesta called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with seven (7) members present.** Note – This 11 member Board requires six (6) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Rodney Boucher, Ariel De Jesus, Kurt Fevella, Steve “Alan” Knauer, Celeste Lacuesta, Frankie McCurley, Kevin Rathbun, Roslynn Steiner (Appointed at this meeting), and Mitch Tynanes (Arrived at 7:17 p.m.).

Board Members Absent – Ernest “Joe” Hartsell.

Vacancies – None.

Guests – Included Captain Glenn Kuwamura (Honolulu Fire Department); Millie Chambrella; Russell Padilla; Gem Padilla; H. Doug Matsuoka; Mary Esther Coves; Thad; Maria Kyi; Martin Trevino; and Kazuaki McArthur (Neighborhood Commission Office).

RULES: McCurley read the Board speaking time policy.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: Those present introduced themselves.

FILLING OF BOARD VACANCIES: Lacuesta asked if there were any individuals interested in filling the At-Large vacancy on the Board. Martin Trevino volunteered to fill the vacancy. **Boucher nominated Trevino.**

A recess was called at 7:02 p.m. to allow the Neighborhood Assistant to verify Trevino’s residency. The Neighborhood Assistant confirmed Trevino’s Residency. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Lacuesta offered Trevino the opportunity to introduce himself to the Board. Trevino reported that he is a 3-war soldier and has a resident of Ewa for 10 years. Trevino further noted he is a political science major at the University of Hawaii-West Oahu (UHWO) and is familiar with Robert’s Rules of Order and the State Sunshine Law.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. **Reason:** It was asked and clarified that Trevino is a member of his Homeowner’s Association Board and was encouraged to attend the Neighborhood Board meeting. Trevino noted he would advocate for issues which are important to the community which may not be being discussed at the current time.
2. **Community Interests:** It was asked and clarified that Trevino would advocate for causes important to the people of the community.
3. **Disclosure:** Boucher disclosed that he knows Trevino from UHWO and has worked with him on forming the Student Veteran’s Association.
4. **Personal Agenda:** It was asked and clarified that Trevino has no personal agenda to pursue on the Neighborhood Board.
5. **Unity:** It was noted that all Board members need to be able to work together.

Rathbun nominated Roslynn Steiner to fill the vacancy.

A recess was called at 7:09 p.m. to allow the Neighborhood Assistant to verify Steiner’s residency. The Neighborhood Assistant confirmed Steiner’s Residency. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.



Following the recess, Lacuesta reminded those present that all campaign literature, shirts, banners, or other propaganda are not permissible inside the meeting room.

Lacuesta allowed Steiner to introduce herself to the Board. Steiner reported that she moved to Ewa from California in 2007. She noted that she is the Vice-President of a Steiner Laboratory (bio-tech laboratory). She noted her activity in local schools, church, and political activities. Steiner noted that she hopes to lend her perspective on ways to improve Ewa while maintaining its unique identity.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Community Changes: It was asked and clarified that Steiner has noticed many positive changes in the community since arriving in 2007. Steiner expressed the desire to continue to assist implementing positive changes while maintaining the community's character.

Tynanes arrived at 7:17 p.m.; **eight (8) members present.**

2. Board Meetings: It was asked and Steiner clarified that she has attended Neighborhood Board meetings recently.
3. Female: It was expressed that there needs to be more female representation on the Board.
4. Re-introduction: Tynanes noted that he had just arrived and asked if Trevino could re-introduce himself. Trevino re-introduced himself to the Board.

Steiner was APPOINTED to the Board, 7-1-0 (Steiner: De Jesus, Fevella, Knauer, Lacuesta, McCurley, Rathbun and Tynanes Trevino: Boucher).

A recess was called at 7:22 p.m. to allow the Neighborhood Assistant to administer the Oath of Office to Steiner. The meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m. Following the recess, nine (9) members present.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD DELEGATE TO ATTEND THE OCTOBER 22, 2012 COMPLAINT HEARING BEFORE THE NEIGHBOHOOD COMMISSION: Lacuesta noted that the Board needs to appoint a representative from the Board to attend the Ewa Neighborhood Board complaint hearing before the Neighborhood Commission on October 22, 2012. Lacuesta suggested Rathbun be appointed by the Board to represent the Board at the hearing.

Fevella moved, and McCurley seconded to appoint Rathbun as the Board's representative to appear before the Neighborhood Commission at the October 22, 2012 Ewa Neighborhood Board complaint hearing.

Discussion followed: Self Representation: It was noted that Board members are not excluded from attending the complaint hearing per the Neighborhood Commission Office Executive Secretary. Several Board members noted that they would be attending the hearing and providing testimony. A Board member noted that the appointment of a Board delegate was only a suggestion by the Executive Secretary.

The motion was ADOPTED, 8-0-1 (Aye: Boucher, De Jesus, Fevella, Lacuesta, McCurley, Rathbun, and Steiner Abstain: Knauer).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lacuesta asked if there were any corrections to the September 13, 2012 minutes. The following were noted.

1. Page 8: Under the heading Campaign Money, it was suggested the word "noted" be changed to "alleged".
2. Affiliation: It was asked and clarified that the Neighborhood Assistant listed member's of Councilmember Berg's staff along with their titles as members of Neighborhood Boards. It was expressed that they should not be listed as Board members if they were not on official Board business of their respective Boards.

Chair Lacuesta deferred the approval of the minutes to the next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Submitted by: Kazuaki McArthur, Neighborhood Assistant

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