



EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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 nine (9) 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, Ernest “Joe” Hartsell, Steve Alana Knauer, Celeste Lacuesta, Frankie McCurley, Kevin Rathbun, and Mitchell Tynanes.

Board Members Absent – Saipeti Tagovailoa-Amosa and Roslynn Steiner.

Vacancies – None.

Guests – Included Millie Chambrella; Charles Zhan (Neighborhood Commission); Tony Arneho; Tiffany Patrick (Marine Corps Base Hawaii); Captain Robert Abley (Honolulu Fire Department); Doug W.; Guy Chang (State Department of Land and Natural Resources); Gilbert Dano (Ewa Beach Surf Club); Rock Riggs (Senator Mike Gabbard’s Office staff); Sandra Arakaki; Michael Arakaki; Kymberly Pine; Victor Flint (NAVFAC); Leila Kagawa (Governor Neil Abercrombie’s Representative); Councilmember Tom Berg; Officer Peralta and Officer Takamiya (Honolulu Police Department); Lisa Enanoria (Haseko); and Kazuaki McArthur (Neighborhood Commission Office).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: De Jesus read the Board’s time limit policy. Those present introduced themselves.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Officer Peralta circulated report and highlighted the following;

- **October 2012 Statistics:** Included 535 total arrests, 440 adult arrests, 95 juvenile arrests, and 6393 total calls for service.
- **Safety Tip:** The holiday season is here. The community must work together to educate all residents of the Waianae Coast, Ewa Plains, and the Kapolei area to keep roadways safe. Residents are encouraged to drive safely, adhere to posted speed limits, and abstain from drinking and driving and using electronic devices while driving. Everyone is invited to participate in the various community educational sign waving events scheduled during the holiday season. The goal of the events is to help reduce traffic fatalities on our roadways. Dates and times are as follows:
 - December 3 – 7:00 to 7:45 a.m., at Campbell High School Boys and Girls Club
 - December 4 – 7:00 to 7:45 a.m., at Kapolei High School
 - December 5 – 7:00 to 7:45 a.m., at Waianae High School
 - December 6 – 7:00 to 7:45 a.m., at Kaimiloa Elementary School
 - December 10 – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Fort Barrette Road/Farrington Highway
 - December 11 – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Waianae Boat Harbor
 - December 12 – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Fort Weaver Road/Laulaunui Drive
 - December 13 – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Nanakuli Beach Park
 - December 14 – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Waianae Mall

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. **Loitering:** A Board member reported witnessing juveniles loitering at the Ewa Community Park playground late in the evening. It was suggested HPD patrol the area for juveniles late at night. HPD agreed to monitor the situation.
2. **Ewa Community Park:** A Board member noted that community members lock bathrooms at night and



monitor the park. HPD was thanked for their service.

3. Tsunami Traffic: A Board member reported that the traffic was chaotic during the tsunami warning. It was requested an officer be designated to guide traffic at Kapolei Parkway when a tsunami warning is issued. HPD noted that they did not receive the tsunami warning until two (2) hours before the estimated tsunami arrival. It was noted that midnight watch was called in early to assist 3rd Watch. HPD noted the suggestion and replied that they may consider appointing an officer to guide traffic at Kapolei Parkway.
4. Traffic: A community member asked if it was possible to allow emergency vehicles to go against traffic on the freeway when responding to an emergency during heavy traffic times. HPD noted that allowing vehicles to go against traffic would put emergency responders in danger.

Weed and Seed – Officer Takamiya reported the following;

- Narcotics: Ewa Weed and Seed, and HPD Narcotics Division personnel are actively involved in narcotics investigations in the Ewa Weed and Seed district.
- Ohana Food Distribution: Ewa Weed and Seed assisted with the Ohana Food Distribution at the Ewa Beach Boys and Girls Club on September 21, 2012. The next Ohana Food Drive and Bingo Night is scheduled for November 16, 2012, at the Hale Pono Boys and Girls Club.
- Keiki ID: Officers offered Keiki IDs at the Campbell High School 50th anniversary celebration on September 29, 2012; and at the Kapolei High school Open Market on October 25, 2012.
- Oneula Beach Park: Officers assisted with the Oneula Beach park cleanup on October 13, 2012.
- Intramurals: Officers participated in an intramurals program at Ewa Makai Middle School from October 22 to 26, 2012; and at a multi-school competition at Ilima Middle School on November 1, 2012.
- Discovery Fair: Officers participated in a discovery Fair/Weed and Seed Safer Communities event at leeward Community College on November 3, 2012. Approximately 5,000 to 6,000 people were in attendance.
- Upcoming Events: Weed and Seed will be participating in the following upcoming events;
 - December 1 – Kickoff event for the Live and Let Live/Drive Safe for Ewa at the Kapolei Police Station.
 - December 8 – Kapolei Lights Parade
 - December 15 – Ewa Beach Parade
 - December 15 – Shop with a Cop at Kapolei K-Mart
 - December 20 – H2O Water Sports Program at Pokai Bay

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Oneula Beach Park: A Community member raised concern regarding the amount of homeless at Oneula Beach Park and expressed the need for better patrol. HPD noted that they do talk to homeless individuals and try to get them to accept social services before removing them from the park. The community member noted he was a member of the Ewa Beach Surf Club and reported that the club volunteered to maintain the park 25 years ago. The community member expressed the need to be persistent and consistent about cleaning the beach park and clearing out the homeless. It was suggested the City, State, and Haseko meet together to find a solution to maintain the beach park. The community member expressed that beach closures are not the solution to the problems in the area.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Robert Abley reported the following;

- October 2012 Statistics: Included 1 structure fire, 1 rubbish fire, 84 medical emergencies, and 11 miscellaneous calls for service.
- Safety Tip: Consider a fire-resistant, artificial Christmas tree. If a real tree is purchased choose one as fresh as possible and keep it hydrated. Use noncombustible materials for decorations. Choose only

Underwriter's Laboratory-approved electronic decorations, and follow manufacturer's instructions for installation and usage. Do not overload extension cords.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Used Extinguishers: A Board member asked and it was clarified that HFD does not provide disposal service for used extinguishers. It was suggested finding a fire extinguisher disposal company in the phone book.

RESIDENT/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

1. Oneula Beach Park Improvements: A community member reported that Haseko promised to provide various improvements to Oneula Beach Park when the land was acquired in 1994. It was noted that the only improvement made thus far has been the planting of coconut trees. A Board member reported that the Ewa Lyons Club holds monthly cleanups of Oneula Beach Park. The Board member noted that the park is in better shape than it was in the past. It was further noted that the Lyons Club works in conjunction with Weed and Seed, the State and Haseko.

Verbal sparring ensued and a recess was taken at 7:29 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 7:32 p.m.

2. Oneula Problems: A community member noted that the problems at Oneula beach Park are not as big as some make them out to be.
3. Past Cleanup: A community member noted that a cleanup of Oneula Beach Park in 1995 yielded 22 truck loads of trash. It was noted that homeless individuals in the area were warned about the cleanup but decided to not adhere to the warnings at that time. It was expressed that the homeless in the area make it unsafe for beach users. It was further expressed that the rules need to be enforced.
4. Park Closure: A Board member clarified that the closure of Oneula Beach Park is an old rumor. It was noted that the Lyons Club and HPD perform monthly cleanups of the park. It was further noted that HPD must adhere to certain processes before removing the homeless from the area. It was suggested the Ewa Beach Surf Club team up with the Lyons Club and participate in the monthly cleanups as it did in the past.
5. Senator Mike Gabbard: Rock Riggs of Senator Mike Gabbard's office reported that Senator Gabbard now covers a portion of Ewa due to the most recent re-districting. Riggs noted that he has been assigned to report to the Ewa Neighborhood Board. It was reported that the next legislative session will commence on January 16, 2012. Community members were invited to submit suggestions for bills during the next legislative session. It was also reported that Senator Gabbard will be scheduling a Listen Story session for the community in the near future.
6. Thank You: Former State Representative Kymberly Pine thanked the community for allowing her to represent the district for the past eight (8) years. Councilmember Berg and his staff were also thanked for their hard work and dedication over the past two (2) years.
7. Haseko Traffic Study: Lisa Enanoria of Haseko reported receiving a letter from the State Department of Transportation (DOT) to perform a traffic study at the Kaimalie Street/Fort Weaver Road intersection as requested by the Ewa Neighborhood Board. It was reported that Wilson Okumoto has been hired to perform the study. Data has been collected and is under review.
8. Verona Village: An update was requested on the status of Verona Village.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Governor's Representative – Leila Kagawa reported the following;

Business and Information Technology Transformation Plan: Last month, the governor unveiled the State's Business and Information Technology Transformation Plan. The State has not significantly invested in technology for more that three (3) decades. This 12-year roadmap leverages modern technologies and streamlines business processes to improve the delivery of government programs and services to the people of Hawaii. Chief Information Officer Sanjeev Bhagowalia and his team developed the technology plan after a

thorough review of national best practices and lessons learned from other states. It aims to consolidate 743 fragmented legacy systems into fewer, better integrated enterprise-wide solutions that facilitate improved information sharing. The new plan will transform the current inefficient paper based business environment into a more cost efficient digital/mobile accessible environment. The State Department of Taxation (DoTAX) started its transformation in fall 2011 by upgrading check cashing and processing methods. As a result, more than 280,000 checks were deposited in less than four (4) days in 2012, as opposed to 166,000 in 2011. Additionally, nearly 2.7 million tax returns were processed within 14 days; an increase of nearly 900,000 from 2011.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. DOT Requests: A Board member requested DOT address the following issues;
 - o Trimming of trees in the median, at the intersection of Aala Drive and Fort Weaver Road
 - o Installation of a median on Fort Weaver Road, from Geiger Road to Keoniula Boulevard
 - o Planting greenery in the median at the Fort Weaver Road/HMC-West intersection
2. Cafeteria: A Board member requested a follow up on a concern regarding a paid cook position at Ilima Middle School. It was noted that Ilima Middle School has a cook and a full kitchen; however, the cook is not cooking the food but is getting compensated.
3. Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR): Oahu Branch Chief Guy Chang of DLNR's Conservation and Resources Enforcement Division reported that the State erected a fence at Oneula Beach Park to restrict vehicular access on the beach. It was noted that since the fence has been erected, the area has rehabilitated nicely. It was noted that the Beach is still open for use.
4. Driving Path: A Board member noted that the City put in access to the beach is past. It was asked if the access was an actual driving path. It was noted that the area was recently blocked off by the State. It was noted that the road was originally created to allow City crews to retrieve trash from the area; however, others started using the path to drive out to fishing and surfing spots. A community member noted that when the original access road was closed, people started using the coral road. It was noted that old beach users used to take care of their own area and leave existing bulky items for the City to remove.
5. Public Notification: Concern was raised that the community was not informed when the State decided to erect the fence. It was expressed that many of the restrictions implemented were intended to curb illegal dumping and homeless encampments; however, as a result, fishermen and surfers are now negatively impacted as well. It was expressed that the Board and community need to work together to resolve issues.
6. Walking Distance: A Board member raised concern that fishermen and surfers now have to walk long distances to get to certain spots along the shoreline. It was asked if an exception could be made for Oneula.
7. Board Committee: It was suggested DLNR work with the Board's Parks and Recreation Committee.
8. Law: Chang reported that it is against both State and City law to operate a motor vehicle on the beach and reiterated that the fence was erected to restrict only vehicular traffic.

Mayor's Representative – A representative was not present; a report was not made available.

Councilmember Tom Berg – Councilmember Berg circulated a newsletter and highlighted the following;

- Resolution 11-35: Resolution urging the United States Navy to preserve and allow the continued use of the Barbers Point stables located at the former Marine Corps air station Ewa in the Kalaeloa community development district.
- Resolution 11-203: Resolution urging the formation of a joint federal-state-city task force on the prevention of flooding and remediation of flood damage losses on the leeward coast.
- Resolution 11-260: Resolution requesting that the city create and fund a solid waste technology liaison position in the executive operating budget for fiscal year 2013.

- Resolution 11-283: Resolution urging the city to develop a public-private partnership for a paintball gaming complex in Kalaeloa.
- Resolution 11-308: Resolution urging the legislature to pass legislation requiring motor vehicle insurance carriers to provide information to the counties on uninsured drivers.
- Resolution 11-337: Resolution urging the department of planning and permitting and the department of parks and recreation, and the department of design and construction to revisit the Oneula Beach Park Master Plan.
- Resolution 12-172: Resolution urging the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) and the State of Hawaii to recognize and preserve the historic trails of the Ewa plains. The resolution was introduced as a way to prevent the proposed bio-lab from being built in Kalaeloa due to the preservation of historic trails in the area.
- Bill 57: Relates to animal control laws and the ability for the public to rescue animals from euthanization if they commit to spay and neuter the animal.
- Zone Change Request: The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the Primary Urban Center Zone Change Request by Kee Thelma Inc. on November 14, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., at the Mission Memorial Conference Room.

Fevella departed at 8:00 p.m.; **eight (8) members present.**

Senator Willie Espero – A representative was not present; a newsletter was made available.

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

Representative Kyberly Pine – It was noted that Kymberly Pine no longer serves as area representative as of the election held on November 6, 2012.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii – Tiffany Patrick circulated a report and highlighted the following;

- Puuloa Range Training Facility: Training exercises are ongoing Monday through Sunday, between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Turkey Trot: The 10K Turkey Trot race is scheduled for November 17, 2012. Call 254-7590 for more information.

THREE (3) ABSENCES/CONSIDERATION TO VACATE BOARD SEAT: Chair Lacuesta reported that Board member Tagovailoa-Amosa has missed three (3) meetings and is eligible to have her seat vacated by the Board.

Boucher moved, and Rathbun seconded to vacate the Board seat held by Board member Tagovailoa-Amosa.

Discussion followed;

Numerous Absences: A Board member noted the current meeting marks the fourth meeting Tagovailoa-Amosa has missed during the current fiscal year. It was noted that Tagovailoa-Amosa had also missed three (3) meeting during the last fiscal year. Another Board member noted Tagovailoa-Amosa's value to the Board but also noted the numerous absences.

The motion was ADOPTED, 7-0-1 (Aye: De Jesus, Hartsell, Lacuesta, McCurley, Rathbun, Boucher, and Tynanes Abstain: Knauer).

BOARD BUSINESS:

Oneula Beach Park Fishing Tournament – Guy Chang reported that fishing tournament organizers are working with DLNR's Land Division to obtain a permit for the event.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Family Event: It was noted that the fishing tournament has been going on for 19 years. It was noted that the event is for families and not for profit. It was further noted that people do drink at the tournament; however, they are encouraged to be responsible when doing so.
2. Resolution: A Board member noted that the Board will be drafting a resolution in January and will be working with DLNR. It was asked when the fishing tournament is scheduled to take place.
3. Hawaiian Gathering Rights: It was noted that the State cannot stop Native Hawaiians from practicing native gathering rights as fisherman.
4. Insurance: Concerns were raised regarding the requirement to provide insurance for the event. It was noted that if the event is cancelled, the families are the ones that will suffer.
5. Resolution Purpose: It was asked what the purpose of the resolution was.
6. Access: Concern was raised regarding access.
7. Excessive Dumping: Problems of excessive dumping in the past was brought up.
8. Negotiations: It was suggested negotiating with Haseko to acquire land to implement an access road.

Restructuring of Committees and Committee Chairs – Board and community members agreed to fulfill the following committee assignments as directed by Chair Lacuesta;

- Consumer Affairs – Knauer (Chair)/De Jesus (Vice-Chair)
- Education, Sports, and Arts – Rathbun (Chair)/Hartsell (Vice-Chair)
- Health and Social Services – Hartsell (Chair)/Boucher (Vice-Chair)
- Government, Legislative, and Military Affairs – McCurley (Chair)/Boucher (Vice-Chair)
- Parks and Recreation – Tynanes (Chair)/McCurley (Vice-Chair)/Tony Arneho and Sandra Arakaki (Members)
- Planning, Permitting, Zoning, and Environmental – Rathbun (Chair)/De Jesus (Vice-Chair)
- Public Safety – Boucher (Chair)/De Jesus (Vice-Chair)
- Traffic and Transportation – De Jesus(Chair)/McCurley (Vice-Chair)
- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizen’s Advisory Committee – Lacuesta (Board Representative)/Rathbun (Alternate)

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Ewa Development Plan: A Board member noted that three (3) Board members attended the hearing on the Ewa Development Plan and reported that the Oahu General Plan has yet to be approved. It was noted that Board members provided testimony in an attempt to get the Ewa Development plan approved. The Ewa Development Plan was tabled at the hearing.

Motion Supporting a Traffic Light Study at the Fort Weaver Road/Kaimalie Street Intersection & a Signal Light Study on Fort Weaver Road, Fronting Ilima Middle School – De Jesus reported that the traffic light study at the Fort Weaver Road/Kaimalie Street intersection and the signal light study on Fort Weaver Road, fronting Ilima Middle School are long standing community requests. It was suggested a letter be sent to DOT requesting the studies be conducted.

De Jesus moved, and Knauer seconded to write a letter to DOT requesting a traffic light study at the Fort Weaver Road/Kaimalie Street intersection and a signal light study on Fort Weaver Road, fronting Ilima Middle School.

Discussion followed;

1. Fort Weaver Road/Kaimalie Street: A Board member noted that a study is already underway for the traffic light signal at the Fort Weaver Road/Kaimalie Street intersection. It was further noted that a study has yet to be conducted at Fort Weaver Road, fronting Ilima Middle School.

2. Prior Opinion: A Board member requested the Haseko representative research and report back on an opinion derived from a prior Fort Weaver Road/Kaimalie Street intersection study. The Board member noted that the previous traffic light study concluded that a traffic light was not warranted.
3. Signage: An update was requested on the "Welcome to Ewa Beach" sign.

Rathbun departed the meeting at 8:50 p.m.; **seven (7) members present**.

The motion was UNANMOUSLY ADOPTED 7-0-0 (Aye: De Jesus, Hartsell, Knauer, Lacuesta, McCurley, Boucher, and Tynanes).

Rathbun returned to the meeting at 8:52 p.m.; **eight (8) members present**.

December 2012 Recess: Lacuesta reported that the Board has not recessed in a long time. It was suggested the Board consider recessing during the month of December 2012.

De Jesus moved, and McCurley seconded to recess December 2012. The motion FAILED to be adopted, 5-2-1 (Aye: De Jesus, Hartsell, Lacuesta, McCurley, and Rathbun No: Boucher and Knauer Abstain: Tynanes).

Lacuesta asked if anyone wished to reconsider their vote.

The motion to recess in December 2012 was ADOPTED, 6-2-0 (Aye: De Jesus, Hartsell, Lacuesta, McCurley, Rathbun, and Tynanes No: Boucher and Knauer).

Lacuesta noted that the current meeting location would not be available May 2013.

APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND AGENAS:

September 13, 2012 and October 11, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes – **Tynanes moved, and Hartsell seconded to approve the September 13, 2012 regular meeting minutes, October 11, 2012 regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion was ADOPTED 7-0-1 (Aye: De Jesus, Hartsell, Lacuesta, McCurley, Rathbun, Boucher, and Tynanes Abstain: Knauer).** Corrections included;

- October 11, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes, Page 2 – Following "**The motion was ADOPTED, 8-0-1**" should have included: **Tynanes** in the vote.

Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee – **Tynanes moved, and Hartsell seconded to amend the regular meeting minutes for February 9, 2012, March 8, 2012, April 12, 2012, May 10, 2012, July 12, 2012, August 9, 2012, and September 13, 2012; and regular meeting agendas for May 10, 2012, June 14, 2012 and July 12, 2012 to replace "Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee Plan" with "Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee Plan". The motion was ADOPTED 7-0-1 (Aye: De Jesus, Hartsell, Lacuesta, McCurley, Rathbun, Boucher, and Tynanes Abstain: Knauer).**

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS: As committee assignments were set during the current meeting, no committee reports were given.

Treasurer's Report – Hartsell read the Treasurer's report and reported the following;

- Principal Balance: \$3,560.00
- July 2012 Expenditures: \$300 for facility rental contract, \$2,280 for video recording contract, \$8.50 for printing, \$18.45 for postage, totaling \$2,606.95.
- August 2012 Expenditures: \$10.44 for printing, \$24.70 for postage, totaling \$35.14.
- September 2012 Expenditures: \$6.72 for printing, \$17.10 for postage, totaling \$23.82.
- October 2012 Expenditures: \$8.22 for printing, \$26.00 for postage, \$7.07 for PACS, totaling \$41.29.
- Total Remaining Balance: \$852.80. The report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Flood Inundation Zones – Residents were encouraged to check flood inundation zones and were advised to stay off the streets if residing outside flood inundation zones.

2. Ohana Food Distribution – Community members were invited to volunteer to help unload the food container at the next Ohana Food Distribution on November 16, 2012, at 12:00 a.m., the Hale Pono Boys and Girls Club.
3. Oneula Beach Park Cleanup – The next Oneula Beach Park cleanup is scheduled for November 18, 2012, at 8:00 a.m.
4. Emergency Go-Packs – Community members were advised to prepare “Emergency Go-Packs”. Emergency Go-Packs are a portable pack of food and water that can easily be packed to sustain oneself during times of emergency.
5. Next Meeting – The Board will recess in December 2012. The next Ewa Neighborhood Board regular meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ewa Public Library, 91-950 North Road.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Submitted by: Kazuaki McArthur, Neighborhood Assistant

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