



## EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013 EWA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ariel De Jesus 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, Alex Bresslauer, Ariel De Jesus, Steve Knauer, Kevin Rathbun, Mitch Tynanes, Roslynn Steiner, and Jessie Syd Weinberger (Arrived at 7:04 p.m.).

**Board Members Absent** – Kurt Fevella, Ernest “Joe” Hartsell, and Frankie McCurley.

**Vacancies** – None.

**Guests** – Councilmember Ron Menor; Dennis Galolo (Councilmember Ron Menor’s Office staff); Charles Zhan and Jeanette Nekota (Neighborhood Commission); Cynthia Rezendes (Nanakuli-Mailii Neighborhood Board No. 36/Guest Presiding Officer); Captain Glenn Kawamura (Honolulu Fire Department); Ray Cordeiro; Cesar Caoili; Gale Braceros (Weed and Seed); T.J. Cuaresma, Mark and Kaili (Social Hour, Inc.); Pamela Witty-Oakland (Mayor’s Representative); Kuulai Lewis; Kiran Polk and Adam Reeder (Councilmember Kymberly Pine’s Office staff); Rock Riggs (Senator Mike Gabbard’s Office staff); Lisa Enanoria (Haseko); Lieutenant Joseph Trinidad and Officer Michael Nakagawa (Honolulu Police Department); Ryan Toyomura (Senator Will Espero’s Office staff); Representative Karen Awana; Victor Flint (NAVFAC); Carol Pelekai; Jennifer Han (Hawaii Humane Society); Cindy Aylett (City Department of Facility Maintenance); Leila Kagawa (Governor’s Representative); Representative Bob McDermott; and Kazuaki McArthur (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**RULES OF SPEAKING:** Rathbun read the Board’s rules of speaking.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:** Those present introduced themselves.

**INTRODUCTION OF APPOINTED INDEPENDENT PRESIDING OFFICER:** De Jesus introduced independent presiding officer Cynthia Rezendes and noted the presence of Commissioners Charles Zhan and Jeanette Nekota of the Neighborhood Commission.

**De Jesus relinquished the gavel to Rezendes.**

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY (FIRST RESPONDER) REPORTS:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Captain Glenn Kawamura reported the following;

- **January 2013 Statistics:** Included 1 structure fire, 4 wild land fires, 127 medical emergencies, 3 search/rescues, and 40 miscellaneous calls for service.
- **Safety Tip:** Have dryers installed and serviced by a professional. Do not use the dryer without a lint filter. Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum. Flexible or rigid metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time. Ensure the air exhaust pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap opens when the dryer is in operation. Remove lint from the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry. Maintain the dryer in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a professional to ensure the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks. Utilize the proper plug and outlet and ensure the dryer is properly connected. Follow the manufacturer’s operating instructions, and do not overload your dryer. Keep the area around your dryer clear of items that can burn, such as boxes, cleaning supplies, and clothing. Clothes that have come into contact with flammable substances, such as gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents, should be laid out to dry, and then washed and dried as usual.



Weinberger arrived at 7:04 p.m.; **eight (8) members present.**

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Joseph Trinidad reported the following;

- January 2013 Statistics: Included 517 total arrests, 411 adult arrests, 106 juvenile arrests, and 6572 total calls for service.
- Project C.L.E.A.N.: Project C.L.E.A.N. is an initiative created by Chief Louis Kealoha that brings the community organizations together to enrich neighbors by painting out graffiti, removing trash and bulky items, and building partnerships. District 8 will be having our first project clean for the year. Please come join other Community Policing Teams/Weed & Seed and volunteers from our business community to help beautify Ewa Beach parks. The event is scheduled for March 23, 2013, from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Ewa Beach Boys and Girls Club.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Speeding Near Ewa Beach Elementary School: Several residents raised concern regarding speeding on Papipi Road, near Ewa Elementary School. It was noted there have been accidents in the past and that children have almost been hit recently. It was suggested HPD provide HPD personnel to help curb speeding in the morning. It was also suggested a crosswalk be installed on Papipi Road. It was noted that the area across the school was once cane fields and did not necessitate a cross walk; however, since the area has been developed, a crosswalk is needed. Concern was also raised that cars are speeding and ignoring the stop sign at the Halipo Road/Papipi Road intersection. It was noted that the City is looking into the situation on Paipipi Road.
2. Kuhina Street: Speeding was reported on Kuhina Street. A Resident raised concern of cars possibly crashing into her property.
3. Mayor's Concern Report: Residents were encouraged to fill out the Mayor's concern forms and turn them into the Neighborhood Assistant for processing.

Weed and Seed – Officer Mike Nakagawa reported the following;

- January 2013/February 2013 Weeding Activities:
  - Officers have been conducting underage drinking sweeps, issuing citations to adults and arresting juveniles that were observed drinking or in possession of alcoholic beverages.
  - On January 28, 2013, officers apprehended and arrested a male suspect for two (2) counts of Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle (UEMV) at the Ewa Pointe Marketplace.
  - On February 2, 2013, officers assisted with the Chinese New Year parade and block party in Chinatown.
  - On February 5, 2013, officers conducted a truancy sweep and arrested 36 students for truancy. 34 students were from Campbell High School, one (1) from Waipahu High School, and one (1) from Castle High School.
  - On February 5, 2013, officers apprehended and arrested two (2) male suspects for Unauthorized Control of a Propelled Vehicle (UCPV).
- January 2013/February 2013 Seeding Activities:
  - On January 11, 2013, officers gave a "Say Hi" presentation at Calvary Chapel for a Boy Scout Troop.
  - On January 25, 2013, officers assisted with the Ohana Food Distribution at the Hale Pono Ewa Beach Boy's and Girl's Club.
  - On January 26, 2013, officers assisted with the Oneula Beach Park clean up.
  - On January 31, 2013 officers participated with the Boy's and Girl's Club youth patrol. About 15 youth participated with the community walk and RAP session after the walk.
  - From January 22, 2013 to February 15, 2013, officers will be assisting Ewa Makai middle School with their intramurals program.
  - February 13, 2013 marked the beginning of the Ewa Beach Weed and Seed bowling program. It will be a five (5) week program at the Barber's Point Bowling Center.

- Upcoming events:
  - February 15, 2013 – Officers will be participating in the Community Literacy and Career Sharing Day at Keoneula Elementary School.
  - February 22, 2013 – Career Day presentations at Kaimiloa Elementary School.
  - February 23, 2013 – Wetlands Stewardship Program at the wetland preserve in Hoakalei.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Drug House: A resident reported that individuals that were selling drugs at the house abutting her rental property moved into her property and started dealing drugs and set up a meth lab. Concern was raised that HPD would not assist in helping to remove the individuals from her property, It was noted that responding officers were not aware of the laws to remove the individuals from the property. It was noted that the individuals were eventually removed with assistance from Representative Bob McDermott.

#### BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING PART 1:

Treasurer's Report – De Jesus read the Treasurer's report and reported expenditures totaling \$55.75 for printing and postage, and a remaining balance of \$754.62.

Approval of January 10, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes – **De Jesus moved and Weinberger seconded to approve the January 10, 2013 regular meeting minutes as circulated. The motion was ADOPTED, 7-0-1 (Aye: Boucher, Bresslauer, De Jesus, Rathbun, Tynanes, Steiner, and Weinberger Abstain: Knauer).**

Amendment to the November 8, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes – **De Jesus moved, and Boucher seconded to amend the discussion and motion on page 6 of the November 8, 2012 regular meeting minutes to read traffic light study and installation instead of traffic light study. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 8-0-0 (Aye: Boucher, Bresslauer, De Jesus, Knauer, Rathbun, Tynanes, Steiner, and Weinberger).**

Board Polo Shirts, Banners, and Table Cloth – De Jesus circulated proposed designs for Board polo shirts and Board banners. De Jesus noted he would take up each item separately for the vote.

Board Polo Shirts: De Jesus noted the polo shirts would be used for public events where the Board would be involved.

**De Jesus moved, and Boucher seconded to approve the design for the polo shirts.**

Discussion followed;

1. Cost: It was asked the cost and quantity of the shirts. De Jesus noted that the cost and quantity have not yet been determined. It was noted that the shirts would probably not be purchased until the next Board term and noted that De Jesus would petition the Neighborhood Commission for funding in the next budget.
2. New Board: It was expressed that the new Board should be the one's voting on the matter. It was also expressed that the purchase of polo shirts would not be a responsible use of City funds. It was suggested tabling the item until the next Board term.

**The motion FAILED, 1-7-0 (Aye: De Jesus Nay: Boucher, Bresslauer, Rathbun, Tynanes, Steiner, and Weinberger).**

Board Banner: De Jesus referred everyone to the suggested banner design and suggested purchasing a 2X5 banner to post on the Library fence and a 2X5 banner to hang on the table during Board meetings and functions.

**De Jesus moved, and Rathbun seconded to approve the design and request funding from the Neighborhood Commission for funding in the upcoming fiscal year to purchase the two (2) banners.**

Discussion followed;

1. New Board: It was suggested allowing the next Board to vote on banners next term. It was suggested saving City funds and asking for donations instead.

2. Donations: De Jesus explained that donations for City use need to be through the City's gifting process and be approved by the City Council. De Jesus reiterated that he will seek funding from the Neighborhood Commission for the next fiscal year.
3. Banner Posting: It was asked if the banner would be posted all the time or only on the date of the meeting. De Jesus noted it would be up to the Board to decide. A Board member noted that banners cannot be posted on government property without permission.
4. Budget: De Jesus reported he had inquired about Board budget allocations and noted that Board allocations differ from one another.
5. Community Donation: A community member expressed that a banner is a good idea and wanted to donate an amount for the banner. Rezentes noted that the Board cannot take donations without first going through the City's gifting process.

**The motion was ADOPTED, 6-1-1 (Aye: De Jesus, Boucher, Bresslauer, Rathbun, Steiner, and Weinberger Nay: Knauer Abstain: Tynanes).**

#### RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

1. Ewa Villages Golf Club: It was reported that the City's golf course at Ewa Villages is under new management and is available for community and private events. The club house can house 120 to 150 people. On March 29, 2013, an event called "Pau Hana With A Purpose" will take place in conjunction with the Autism Society of Hawaii. On February 22, there will be the Pau Hana Serenaders, at 7:00 p.m.
2. Autism Society of Hawaii: It was reported that the Autism society of Hawaii is working with the community and community organizations to plan more events to increase awareness and provide more outreach.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Ewa Beach Community Preparedness & Ewa Beach Tsunami Ready/Storm Ready Grant Proposal Update – Boucher reported that he is a volunteer with the Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee (EBEPC). Community members were encouraged to sign up for Nixle to receive updates on emergency alerts and conditions. It was noted that EBEPC was started two (2) years ago in response to a power outage at the time. EBEPC is a non-profit, community based organization staffed by volunteers. EBEPC has put on community events to promote emergency preparedness and has encouraged community members to put together a "Go-Bag" which contains food and other items that can sustain you for a few days in case of an emergency. Volunteers are needed for the EBEPC and for emergency shelters. Individuals taking refuge at an emergency shelter during an emergency should plan to bring items that will sustain them and all those in their party for five (5) to Seven (7) days. EBEPC is working to complete, submit, and get approval for its Multi-Hazard Mitigation Preparedness Plan. It was noted that there are currently three (3) ways out of Ewa. Community members were encouraged to study the best exit for their location and to not jam Fort Weaver Road in an emergency. Community members were also encouraged to study the tsunami inundation zones provided by the City. EBEPC continues to work with the City Department of Emergency Management (DEM), the Federal Management Agency (FEMA), the City and County of Honolulu, and community vendors to put on future community events.

Pet Identification – Jennifer Han of the Hawaiian Humane Society circulated information and reported that the Hawaiian Humane Society is the only open admission shelter in Hawaii and works with other organizations to return illegal animals to their natural environment. The Hawaiian Humane Society hosted the Campbell High School video crew to tour and document the activities at the Hawaiian Humane Society facility. Hawaiian Humane Society also provides a two (2) semester course on animal welfare at the Ewa Beach Boy's and Girl's Club. Han expressed the importance of Pet Identification and noted that it determines legal possession of an animal. Furthermore, pet identification is required by law. Pet identification also helps return lost pets to their owners. Hawaiian Humane Society provides microchipping for animals for \$15. It was noted that Hawaii law requires anyone who finds an animal with an I.D. to turn them into the Hawaiian Humane Society. It was noted that stray animals without identification are held 24 hours before being put up for adoption; while pets with I.D. are held up to nine (9) days to allow their owner to claim them before being put up for adoption.

City Road Maintenance Program – Cindy Aylett from the City Department of Facility Maintenance reported that the City will be undergoing new pavement preservation practices. It was noted that repaving badly damaged roads is

costly and time consuming. It was noted that the City will look to treat roads that are in the early stages of degradation instead of waiting to repave badly damaged roads.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Schedule: A schedule or timetable on Ewa Road repairs was requested. Aylett reported that the City is still in the early stages of determining which roads need maintenance.
2. Verona Villages: It was requested the roads at Verona Villages be repaved.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative – Pam Witty-Oakland reported the following;

- Neighborhood Board Elections: The final filing date to run as a candidate for the Neighborhood Board is February 15, 2013.
- Property Tax: Property taxes are due February 20, 2013.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Cabinet and Neighborhood Commission Office: An update was requested on the staffing of the Mayor's cabinet and the Neighborhood Commission Office. Witty-Oakland reported that appointments are announced as they are made available.
2. Verona Villages: It was requested the roads at Verona Villages be repaved.
3. Crosswalks: It was noted that the area around Papipi road and Kapolei Parkway is in need of crosswalks. It was noted that there are many accidents involving pedestrians in the area. It was suggested placing school zone markings like those found on North Road.
4. Ewa Beach Elementary School: A mother noted that her child was almost hit by a vehicle near Ewa Beach Elementary School. It was suggested something be done to address speeding in the area before the City gets hit with a lawsuit.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine – Adam Reeder circulated a newsletter and reported that Bill 1 regarding the amount of roosters allowed on a property has been deferred by the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. On February 21, 2013, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) will be hosting a listen session at Ewa Beach Elementary School, at 7:00 p.m. On February 20, 2013, the full City Council will meet at Kapolei Hale, at 10:00 a.m. Councilmember Pine is also looking into issues on Papipi Road.

Councilmember Ron Menor – Councilmember Menor circulated a newsletter and reported that complaints regarding potholes were referred to DFM. Menor reported he is also seeking the Mayor's plan to restore bus service and will share the plan with the community as it becomes available. Menor further reported that the Managing Director has been contacted and it was noted that the Ewa Mahiko Sports Complex will be opened by the end of the month. It was finally noted that Councilmembers Pine and Menor supported the Ewa Beach Community Based Development application for funding to the Senate and House.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Bus Route: A bus route for Puuloa was requested for the students that live in the area.
2. Thank You: Menor was thanked for making the Ewa Mahiko Sports Complex a priority.

Governor's Representative – Leila Kagawa reported the following;

- Economy: Lieutenant Governor Shan Tsutsui will take a lead role in expediting construction, repair and maintenance projects and public-private ventures statewide. These long-range investments (including capitol improvement projects) have already helped to stimulate the island economy and generate local jobs

while improving public infrastructure and facilities.

- Agriculture: The Governor proposed increased state agency purchases of Hawaii agricultural products to provide a consistent and regular market for goods. The administration will also work to increase access to capital for local farmers and ranchers by expanding the State Department of Agriculture's loan programs.
- Energy: The Governor proposed embarking on a clear path toward increased use of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and has proposed the establishment of the Hawaii Refinery Task Force to serve as a collaboration of government energy industries and utilities to immediately work on short term and long term findings and recommendations.
- Keiki and Kupuna: The Governor reaffirmed his commitment to giving Hawaii's children the best opportunity for school success through a strong early childhood education program. He also asked legislature to increase the Kupuna Care budget by \$4.2 million and make it permanent.
- Campbell High School: \$1.5 million has been allocated to repair the Campbell High School track and field.
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS): The bill that would allow for the old Ewa fire station to be torn down and be used to house EMS vehicles is going strong through the legislature.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Electrical Grid: It was suggested funds be allocated to repair Campbell High School's electrical grid.
2. Bike Rack: A bike rack was requested across the Fort Weaver Road/Iroquois Point intersection.

Senator Will Espero – Ryan Toyomura circulated a newsletter and made himself available for questions.

Senator Mike Gabbard – Rock Riggs circulated a newsletter and reported Senator Gabbard has made Senate Bill (SB) 623 a priority. It was explained that the bill aims to lessen the impact the solar tax credits have on the State budget and make it more affordable for homeowners to install photovoltaic (PV) systems. SB 1087 relating to a green financing program would make it possible for individuals to purchase green energy systems and pay it off in the long term.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Solar Tax Credits: Concern were raised regarding the state taking away the solar tax credits. A community member noted he had paid for the PV system for his home with the knowledge that he would be receiving a larger tax break from it. Disappointment was expressed for the lack of tax credits for homeowners who have purchased a PV system.
2. Long Term Loan: Concern was raised regarding the suggestion to have the Hawaiian Electric Company give out long term loans to pay for PV systems. It was noted other businesses are capable of installing PV systems as well.

Knauer departed the meeting at 8:55 p.m.; **seven (7) members present.**

Representative Bob McDermott – Representative McDermott circulated a report and noted that he has focused his Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) funding proposals on improvements to Campbell High School. McDermott also reported that he had helped a community member evict drug squatters on her property. Community members were encouraged to visit his website.

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

#### BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING PART 2:

Restructuring and Consolidations of Board Committees and Delegates – Steiner read the Neighborhood Plan regarding committee rules and responsibilities. De Jesus proposed the following committees, committee chairs, and committee vice-chairs:

- Intergovernmental Affairs, Human Services, and Legislative Committee: Chair Frankie McCurley and Vice-Chair Rodney Boucher.
- Parks, Education, Sports, and Arts Committee: Chair Mitchell Tynanes, Vice-Chair Roslynn Steiner.
- Planning, Permitting, Zoning, Environmental, Public Works, and Sustainability Committee: Chair Kevin Rathbun, Vice-Chair Jessie Weinberger.
- Public Safety and Economic Development Committee: Chair Rodney Boucher.
- Transportation Committee: Chair Roslynn Steiner, Vice-Chair Alex Bresslauer.
- OMPO Citizen's Advisory Council Delegates: Roslynn Steiner and Kevin Rathbun, Frankie McCurley (Alternate).

**De Jesus moved, and Boucher seconded to approve the committee structure and assignments. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 7-0-0 (Aye: Boucher, Bresslauer, De Jesus, Rathbun, Tynanes, Steiner, and Weinberger).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Papipi Improvements: It was reported that Haseko will be issuing letters through the mail regarding an update on the Papipi drainage improvements. Community members can call 551-9871 for more information. Call 864-2391 for construction updates.
2. Haokalei Cultural Foundation: The Hoakalei Cultural Foundation will be removing pickle weed on February 23, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. Call 744-8806 for more information.
3. Board of Water Supply (BWS): BWS will be given time on next month's agenda.
4. Oneula Beach Park Clean Up: The Ewa Beach Lions Club will be cleaning up Oneula Beach Park on February 24, 2013, at 8:00 a.m.
5. Homelessness: The Ewa Beach Lions Club will be holding a meeting with State Homeless Coordinator Colin Kippen to discuss homelessness on February 20, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at 91-1037 Kamailio Street.
6. Next Meeting: The next Ewa Neighborhood Board meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ewa Beach Library 91-950 North road.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Submitted by: Kazuaki McArthur, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Nola Frank, Neighborhood Commission Office staff; Ariel De Jesus, Chair