



## EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013 EWA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ariel De Jesus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was NOT established with four (4) 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 (Arrived at 7:01 p.m.), Cesar Caoili (Arrived at 7:03 p.m.), Ariel De Jesus, Ernest “Joe” Hartsell (Arrived at 7:01 p.m.), Steve Knauer, Mitchell Tynanes (Arrived at 7:03 p.m.), and Jessie Syd Weinberger.

**Board Members Absent** – Kevin Rathbun, Roslynn Steiner, and Kaleve Tufono-Iosefa.

**Vacancies** – None.

**Guests** – Donald and Patt Harlor (Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee); Charles Zhan (Neighborhood Commission); Allen Gomes Jr.; Lieutenant Randall Borges and Officer Michael Nakagawa (Honolulu Police Department); Captain Glenn Kuwamura (Honolulu Fire Department); Allan Arneho; Gale Braceros (Weed and Seed); Peter Caderas, Tom McCarthy, and Tom Baty (Hawaii Railway Society); Jame Schaedel and Kiran Polk (Councilmember Kymberly Pine’s Office staff); Rock Riggs (Senator Mike Gabbard’s Office staff); Matt Lopresti; Les Young (Mobi PCS); Deb Luning (Gentry Homes); Christiane Bolosan-Yee (Ewa Beach Community Based Development Organization); Ryan Toyomura (Senator Will Espero’s Office staff); Jeff Overton (Group 70); Pamela Witty-Oakland (Mayor’s Representative); Lisa Enanoria (Haseko); Cynthia Rezentes (Guest Presiding Officer); Leila Kagawa (Governor’s Representative); and Kazuaki McArthur (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**Introduction of Board Members:** Those present introduced themselves.

Bresslauer and Hartsell arrived at 7:01 p.m.; **Quorum established with six (6) members present.**

**Rules of Speaking:** Weinberger read the rules of speaking.

Tynanes and Caoili arrived at 7:03 p.m.; **eight (8) members present.**

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

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Captain Glenn Kuwamura reported the following;

- **May 2013 Statistics:** Included 1 structure fire, 2 wild land fires, 4 rubbish fires, 1 vehicle fire, 18 medical emergencies, 2 search and rescues, and 17 miscellaneous calls for service.
- **Safety Tip:** The risk of wild land fires increases as summer approaches. 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 fire department access in case the fire approaches your home. Have an emergency preparedness plan available. Consider the route you would take and other preparations in case you need to evacuate.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

**Ewa Cemetery:** Retired Captain Tomokiyo and other off duty fire fighters were thanked for cleaning the Ewa Cemetery.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Lieutenant Randall Borges circulated monthly statistics and reported the following safety Hurricane Season tips;

- Identify the nearest storm shelter and prepare an evacuation plan.



- Make sure you have bottled water, a first aid kit, flashlights, battery operated radio, non-perishable food items, blankets, clothing, personal hygiene products, prescription medication, and a small amount of cash.
- Make an inventory list of personal property and important documents.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Moped Gangs: It was asked if HPD was aware of any moped gangs in Ewa. Borges noted that a group of juveniles on mopeds were documented in East Honolulu in the past and reported that HPD had pursued the group for harassing drivers. Borges was not aware of any similar groups in Ewa at this time.

Weed and Seed: Officer Michael Nakagawa reported the following;

- Weeding:
  - May 2, 2013 – Officers arrested and returned 28 truants to Campbell High School.
  - May 3, 2013 – Ewa Weed and Seed executed a search warrant in Ewa which resulted in the confiscation of drugs, paraphernalia, and illegal gambling devices.
  - May 13, 2013 – Community Policing Team and Weed and Seed officers participated in the Police Week Memorial Procession from the Main Police Station to the State Capitol.
- Seeding:
  - May 10, 2013 – Weed and Seed officers assisted with Drama Night at Kaimiloa Elementary School.
  - May 16, 2013 – Youth Patrol and RAP session at the Ewa Beach Boys and Girls Club.
  - May 19, 2013 – Weed and Seed officers assisted with the Campbell High School Project Graduation.
  - May 24, 2013 – Ohana Food Distribution at the Ewa Beach Boys and Girls Club.
  - June 6-July 18, 2013 – Ewa Weed and Seed Culinary Arts Summer Program. There are currently 32 students enrolled.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Culinary Arts Summer Program: It was asked and clarified that all current and incoming Campbell High School students can enroll in the Ewa Weed and Seed Culinary Arts Summer Program. Students will receive half a credit upon completion of the program.
2. Geographic Restriction: It was asked and clarified that a parolee who violates parole may receive a geographic restriction that restricts them from certain areas. However, if the parolee resides in the area, it would be difficult to obtain and enforce a geographic restriction.
3. Gambling Machines: It was asked the distance that must be maintained between a school and gambling machines.
4. Warrant: A community member raised concern of an incident involving elder abuse. It was noted that the house was a drug house; however, HPD was not able to confiscate the drugs due to a lack of a warrant. Nakagawa noted that drugs must be sent off to a lab before a drug arrest is made. However, in order to remove drugs from a property, a search warrant must be issued by a judge.

#### RESIDENT/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

1. Hurricane Season: Community members were encouraged to be prepared for Hurricane Season and suggested looking for information provided by the City Department of Emergency Management (DEM). Volunteers and sponsors are being sought to participate in the emergency preparedness fair on September 7, 2013. For more information on the fair, call 682-0111.
2. Ewa Development Plan: A town hall meeting is being scheduled for June 25, 2013, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Kapolei High School cafeteria. Presenters will be there to identify the problems with the Ewa Development Plan. There will also be a live broadcast of the meeting.
3. Ewa Beach Community Based Development Organization (EBCBDO): The EBCDO will be conducting a survey on June 17 and 24, 2013, at 5:15 p.m., at the Boys and Girls Club. The purpose of the survey will

be to gather input from the community about schools, neighborhood issues, and way EBCBDO can get involved. The information will be provided to service providers in an effort to better serve the community.

4. Sign: It was asked if the "Welcome to Ewa Beach" sign would ever be replaced.
5. Small Business Classes: It was asked and clarified that the EBCBDO is currently working with the City and plans to hold small business classes by Fall 2013.
6. Oneula Beach Park: The Ewa Beach Lions Club will be holding a clean up of Oneula Beach Park on June 30, 2013, at 8:00 a.m.
7. Saber Media: It was asked and clarified that Saber Media teacher Mike Wooten has been reappointed to a different position and will not be handling the Saber Media program. It was noted that the new Saber Media supervisor is not interested in recording the Ewa Neighborhood Board meetings at this time.
8. Resolution: It was suggested the Board consider a resolution to ask the City to properly maintain the Ewa Cemetery instead of relying on volunteers to maintain. It was noted that Councilmember Menor is working on forming a task force to care for all of Ewa's historic sites. It was suggested supporting Councilmember Menor when he introduced his measure.
9. Ewa Cemetery: It was expressed that the recent media about the Ewa Cemetery is being overblown. It was clarified that the Ewa Beach Lions Club usually maintains the cemetery; however, due to a conflict in schedule and recent rainfall, the grass at the cemetery became overgrown. It was reported that the City only acquired the property three (3) months ago and is currently working out how to maintain the property.
10. Dying Reef: It was noted that State Department of Land And Natural Resources (DLNR) Director William Aila Jr. has been contacted about the dying reef at Oneula. It was requested the area be assessed.
11. July 4: July 4 activities on Schofield will not be opened to the general public this year.

#### BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING:

Treasurer's Report – Hartsell read the Treasurer's Report and noted expenditures of \$40.79 in May 2013, leaving a balance of \$551.27. The report was filed.

Approval of the May 9, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes – **Tynanes moved, and Hartsell seconded to approve the May 9, 2013 regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion was ADOPTED, 7-0-1 (Aye: Boucher, Bresslauer, Caoili, De Jesus, Hartsell, Tynanes, and Weinberger Abstain: Knauer).** Corrections included;

- Page 1 – Location should be listed as **Ewa Mahiko Park**.
- Page 7 – Under Haseko Update should read...**Sharene Saito Tam reported that Haseko is awaiting the permit to construct the comfort station at the District Park. The park is to include athletic courts, parking, and a comfort station. Next to the park is a 1.25 acre site that has been dedicated for a child care facility, 1 acre for a fire station, and 12 acres for Keoneula Elementary School. Haseko residential communities include pocket parks, bike lanes, and private alleyways. Hoakalei Country Club is a 248 acre golf course which was designed to provide leisure as well as help with regional drainage. Previous plans for a larger marina were changed due to different issues with disturbing the Honouliuli WWTP Sewer Outfall Pipe. A recreational lagoon is planned in place of the previously proposed marina. The lagoon will be open to the public. There is also a wetlands preservation area which is the nesting ground for three (3) endangered special of fowl. Haseko has partnered with the community to engage in various service projects to clean the Oneula shoreline and clean out the Wetlands in preparation for nesting season. Haseko is building a new access way to Oneula Beach Park; which will be turned over to the City following construction.**

**Questions, comments, and concerns followed;**

1. **Canoe Hale:** It was asked and clarified that land has been set aside for the construction of a canoe hale; however, the canoe club(s) need to come up with the funding to build the structure.
2. **Comfort Station:** Haseko was thanked for organizing and participating in the cleanup at Oneula. It was asked and clarified that Haseko will be funding the new sewer line for the Oneula comfort station.
3. **Hole:** It was asked and clarified that there is no giant hole just above the preserve land.
4. **Marina:** It was noted that the original phase 1 plan to build the marina was originally supposed to be 120 acres, but has since been reduced to 40 acres. Concern was raised of the aeration of the water. Saito-Tam clarified that 3-million gallons of water flow in and out of the lagoon and keeps the water clean.

**De Jesus relinquished the gavel to Rezentes at 7:34 p.m.**

Amendment to the April 11, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes – De Jesus presented the following corrections to the April 11, 2013 regular meeting minutes;

- Page 5 – under North Road Repairs should read...is bordered by City, **Ewa Beach Golf Club**, and Federal properties.
- Page 6 – should read West **Loch** Elderly Village

**Tynanes moved, and De Jesus seconded to approve the April 11, 2013 regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion was ADOPTED, 7-0-1 (Aye: Boucher, Bresslauer, Caoili, De Jesus, Hartsell, Tynanes, and Weinberger Abstain: Knauer).**

**Rezentes returned the gavel to De Jesus at 7:36 p.m.**

#### GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS:

Marine Corps base Hawaii – A representative was not present; a report was not provided.

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

- Route 13: Mayor Caldwell has restored Bus Route 13 frequency to every 15 minutes.
- Housing First: Mayor Caldwell has launched the Housing First plan to address homelessness. The plan offers homeless housing while also providing necessary services to help rehabilitate the chronically homeless in an effort to transition them into shelters or transitional housing.
- Elevated Crosswalks: The City Department of Transportation Service (DTS) completed their study for a request for raised crosswalks along North Road. The study included a field inspection and a review of the area's traffic collision history, and found that the installation of raised crosswalks is not necessary at this time. The site inspection found that the marked crosswalks are in good condition and that "School Xing" pavement markings were recently installed in advance of the crosswalks along North Road to provide additional warning of potential pedestrian crossings in the area. The DTS will be issuing a work order to replace several faded school warning signs in the area and to install "higher fines" plaques in conjunction with the school warning signs on both approaches to the school zone along North Road.
- Traffic Signal/Crosswalk Installation: DTS completed their study regarding the installation of a traffic signal and crosswalk at intersection of Papipi Rd and Kapolei Parkway. The study included a review of the area's traffic collision history and a vehicular/pedestrian volume analyses, and found that the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Papipi Road and Hailipo Street/Kapolei Parkway is not warranted at this time. The DTS follows the warrants set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), which is approved by the Federal Highways Administrator as the national standard. The MUTCD provides a number of warrants with each mandating minimum traffic/pedestrian volume and traffic collision criteria that must be met for traffic signals to be justified. The requirements were not met for this intersection. DTS' evaluation also found that the minimum pedestrian volume warrant required to install a marked crosswalk

across of Papipi Road at Kapolei Parkway was not met. DTS will be installing pedestrian warning signs on approach to the intersection to warn motorists of unexpected pedestrian crossings in the area.

- Natorium: Mayor Caldwell has teamed with Governor Abercrombie and community stake holders to announce plans to move forward preserve the Natatorium arched entrance, while removing the crumbling swimming pool.
- Ewa Mahiko Drainage: The drain grate at Ewa Mahiko Park was stolen and the open drain was secured with a piece of plywood to prevent someone from falling in. This piece of plywood caused the water to back up in this area which gave the appearance that there was a problem with drainage. The City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is working on the fabrication of a new grate. Staff has temporarily marked it with a cone.
- Ewa Plantation Manager's Mansion: The projected final inspection and acceptance date for the Ewa Plantation Manager's Mansion is June 21, 2013.
- Grant In Aid Extension: June 21, 2013 is the deadline for FY2013 Grant In Aid applications. City Council is set to review the deadline and may vote to grant an extension.
- Farrington Highway Widening: The City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) will be holding a public information meeting to discuss the widening of Farrington Highway between Fort Weaver Road and Kapolei Golf Course Road on July 16, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Hale Pono'i, 91-5420 Kapolei Parkway.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Route-E: Additional information on the restoration of Bus Route-E was requested.
2. Kapolei Parkway/Papipi Road Crosswalk: Concern was raised with the DTS assessment that the number of commuters using the Kapolei Parkway/Papipi Road intersection does not warrant a crosswalk. Witty-Oakland noted that DTS follows the criteria set forth by the Federal Highways Administrator.
3. Mesh Underlayment: It was reported that some new roads have a mesh underlayment placed down first to keep asphalt from seeping into the ground. It was asked if this is a requirement for all new roads. It was noted that the new Road to Oneula has no mesh underlayment.
4. Surplus Land: It was noted that certain entities within Ewa Villages want to expand. It was asked if there are any surplus lands available in Ewa Villages.
5. Ewa Plantation Manager's Mansion: It was noted that the plants are dying at the Ewa Plantation Manager's Mansion due to a lack of water. It was asked when water would be restored to the property.
6. Bus Route: It was requested that a bus route be rerouted to travel North and South on Kapolei Parkway.
7. Keoniula Boulevard: It was noted that Haseko will not conduct a traffic study on Keoniula Boulevard to see if a crosswalk is warranted. A community member noted that a Haseko representative stated that the road would be more dangerous for pedestrians with a crosswalk installed. It was asked if there is any data to support the statement by Haseko.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine – Kiran Polk circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Budget: The following items were appropriated in the City Council budget;
  - \$1.6 million for the restoration of Bus Route-E
  - \$500,000 for repairs to Varona Village
  - \$17 million for upgrades to the Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - \$3 million for the Makakilo Drive Extension design
- Grants in Aid: The deadline for Grant in Aid submittals is set for June 21, 2013. An informational meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2013.

- Going Green Event: There is a going Green event at Kapolei High School on June 15, 2013.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Ewa Development Plan Amendments: It was noted that the Ewa Development Plan has not been reviewed since 1997. It was reported that the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) rejected 15 amendments proposed by the community and replaced them with some of their own. It was asked if and what amendments were submitted by Councilmember Pine.
2. Attendance: A Board member criticized Pine for not being present at the Ewa Neighborhood Board meetings.
3. Bill: An update was requested on Bill 22 relating to the increase of user fees.
4. Community Input: It was suggested vetting proposals with the community before submitting to City Council.

Councilmember Ron Menor – Councilmember Menor circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Route-E: \$1.064 million has been included in the budget to for the full restoration of Bus Route-E. DTS Director Michael Formby has stated that he would help restore the route should the appropriate funds be allocated in the budget.
- Weed and Seed: \$200,000 has been placed into the budget for the Weed and Seed program.
- Varona Villages: \$500,000 has been allocated in the budget for immediate repairs to dilapidated homes in Varona Village.
- Campbell High School: Councilmember Menor has worked with Campbell High School Principal Naomi Takamori and Athletic Director Sam Delos Reyes on using Ewa Beach Community Park as a practice facility while renovations are completed to the Campbell High School Track and Field.
- Bill 22: Councilmember Menor strongly opposed Bill 22 and suggested the measure be recommitted to committee; in effect, the bill has been killed.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Ambulance Services: Menor was thanked for lobbying to keep ambulance service in Ewa.
2. Varona Villages: Menor was thanked for addressing the substandard conditions at Varona Villages. It was noted that Varona Villages is part of the Ewa Historic District.
3. De Bartolo: It was suggested Menor continue to question the De Bartolo project.
4. City Intimidation: Concern was raised of the City intimidating residents out of Varona Villages.
5. Original Lessees: It was asked what portion of Varona Village residents are original lessees. It was noted that many of the current residents are not original lessees and have in turn allowed the properties to depreciate to near derelict conditions, knowing that they will not own the property. It was noted that residents are also responsible for maintaining the properties along with the City.
6. Recovered Funds: It was asked and clarified that funds originally slated for the repair of Varona Village were never fully recovered. Menor noted that a small portion of the funding may have been recovered; however, it is not likely the funds will ever be fully recovered.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – A representative was not present; a report was not provided.

Governor's Representative – Leila Kagawa circulated a report and noted the following;

- Economy: The State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) is predicting steady growth for Hawaii's economy through the next year. The State's unemployment rate is also continuing to improve. The Abercrombie Administration is continuing to invest in Capitol Improvement Projects (CIP) across the State that further strengthens Hawaii's economy and create employment opportunities while improving State facilities and infrastructure.
- Bill Review: Governor Abercrombie, along with staff and relevant departments, continues to review the bills passed during the 2013 legislature. The governor has until July 9, 2013 to sign bills, but must inform the legislature of potential vetoes by June 24, 2013. For a list of signed bills, visit [www.governor.hawaii.gov](http://www.governor.hawaii.gov).
- Cement: A community member's suggestion to use cement instead of asphalt on Hawaii's highways and freeways was submitted to the State Department of Transportation (DOT) and is being tested.
- New Highway: DOT recommends that the community suggestion to construct a new highway from Waianae to Honolulu be taken up with the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO).
- Fort Weaver Road: Suggestion relating to traffic improvements along Fort Weaver Road, from Geiger Road to Keoneula Boulevard have been forwarded to the Traffic Branch.
- Sidewalk Improvement: The suggestion for improvements to the sidewalk from Geiger Road to Keanui Drive has been submitted to the Traffic Branch.
- Shopping Center Driveway: The community is encouraged to forward their concerns to the developer of the shopping center which has a driveway going onto Keoneula Boulevard.
- Median Lane/Island: The suggestion to implement a median lane or island on Fort Weaver Road has been forwarded to DOT Facility engineers for follow up.
- Fort Weaver Road Traffic Lights: The traffic light requests for the intersections of Fort Weaver Road/Kaimalie Street and Fort Weaver Road/Ewa Beach Road/Kilaha Street falls under City jurisdiction.
- Bus Stop Improvements: Bus stop improvements fall under City jurisdiction.
- Bike Rack: The request for a bike rack on Fort Weaver Road, between Geiger Road and Keanui Dive has been forwarded to the DOT Traffic Branch.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. New Roads: It was asked if the State has any plans for new roads for new residential developments.
2. Fort Weaver Road Jurisdiction: It was asked if the State is responsible for maintaining the Fort Weaver Road, fronting the Tsunami Center.

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

- Campbell High School Electrical Grid: The funding for the electrical grid upgrade at Campbell High School does not provide for the installation of photovoltaic (PV) panels.
- Civil Defense Pods: Senator Espero looks to gather volunteers to participate in community based civil defense pods to coordinate with first responders during times of emergencies.
- Hawaii Fashion Month: October is Hawaii Fashion Month. Senator Espero looks to help promote talented local fashion designers.
- Cameras: Senator Espero is working to centralize all of the State's security cameras into a singular system. By doing so, the State can cut maintenance costs and increase operational efficiency.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Ambulance Service: Espero was thanked for lobbying to keep ambulance service in Ewa.
2. Land Development: Espero's was criticized for investing time into fashion month and not engaging the community in land development issues. It was expressed the Espero's priorities are skewed.
3. North Road: It was expressed that Espero is doing a poor job as the Safety Committee Chair. It was suggested Espero focus on ways to better protect children along North Road, rather than centralizing the security camera system.
4. High Frequency Radios: It was suggested purchasing high frequency radios for emergency volunteers during emergency situations. It was noted that high frequency radios are the only type of radios that will function properly during times of emergency.

Senator Mike Gabbard – Rock Riggs circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Senate Bill (SB) 614: SB614 relating to works of art honoring the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye and the late U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink was passed.
- Island Invasive Species: Senator Gabbard has been taking tours to identify invasive species at various points around Hawaii.
- Listen Story: The next Listen Story session is scheduled for June 22, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at the Kapolei Starbucks adjacent to Chevron Gas Station.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Erosion: It was asked what Gabbard plans to do about shoreline erosion as the Chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment.
2. SB 1087: Gabbard was thanked for working on SB 1087. It was noted that the bill puts Hawaii at the forefront of the affordable green energy movement.
3. Electricity Costs: It was suggested that Gabbard hold a public meeting to address high electricity rates. Riggs noted that the Senator held a public meeting at the beginning of the last legislative session.
4. Kualakai Extension: It was noted that the planned Kualakai extension will interfere with the existing historic railway. It was asked the senator's stance on the issue. Riggs noted that DOT has been apprised of the issue.

Representative Bob McDermott – Representative McDermott circulated a report and highlighted the following;

- North Road: The golf course has nearly completed the patching of potholes on their portion of North Road. The long term solution is to repave the road. However, the golf course is not willing to invest in a repaving project at this time. Discussions with the City are ongoing.
- Campbell High School Electrical Infrastructure: Campbell High School's electrical grid needs to first be upgraded before other improvements (PV, Air Conditioning, Generator Hookup) can be installed.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Transformers: It was asked and clarified that workers are trying to complete the transformers for the high school.
2. Track Funding: It was asked and clarified that as of May 1, 2013, funding for track repairs at Campbell High School have not been released.

3. Thank You: A community member thanked McDermott for being a good public servant and for being responsive to constituents. The community member noted that he has tried contacting his State representative regarding issues and has not received a response yet.

Representative Rida Cabanilla – Representative Cabanilla circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Ambulance Service: \$1.2 million has been allocated to support ambulance service for Ewa.
- House Bill (HB) 200: HB 200 relating to design funding for the East Kapolei High and Intermediate Schools was passed. It was noted that until land for the school is designated, monies for design will not be released.
- Electrical Grid: \$1 million has been allocated for the upgrade of the Campbell High School electrical grid.
- Leeward Bike Path: There is a conflict with the proposed Leeward Bike Path passing through certain historic paths. If the conflict is not resolved, money for the bike path will lapse.
- Ewa Beach Community Based Development Organization: \$250,000 has been allocated to support the Ewa Beach Community Based Development Organization.
- Ewa Beach Elementary School: \$9.6 million has been allocated toward the construction of a new 8-classroom building at Ewa Beach Elementary School.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Ambulance Service: Cabanilla was thanked for lobbying to keep ambulance service in Ewa.
2. Development Plans: It was noted there are six (6) development plans in Ewa. Cabanilla was asked which plan she submitted to the City.
3. Tsunami Warning Center: It was noted that the Tsunami Warning Center will be relocated. It was suggested acquiring the property and placing the proposed Kapolei East High and Middle School on the property.
4. Development: It was expressed that some development is ok. However, too much development is detrimental. Cabanilla noted that legislators are not able to vote on land reclassification issues.
5. Attendance: A community member suggested Cabanilla attend Neighborhood Board meetings during session and stop taking credit for things their legislators have done. Cabanilla suggested the community member stop being angry that he lost the last election.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Mobi PCS Antenna Tower – Les Young circulated a handout and reported plans for Mobi PCS to install an 80' antenna on the Southwest corner of the Ewa Makai Middle School property, along Coral Sea Road. The antenna will be used to expand Mobi's coverage in the area. A presentation has already been made to Ewa Makai Middle School and has been endorsed by Principal Ed Oshiro. Following the presentation to the Neighborhood Board, the Department of Education (DOE) will also weigh in on the project. Ewa Makai Middle school will be compensated by Mobi for leasing out the portion of the property. The antenna also has the capacity for other carriers to utilize the pole as well. 126 residents adjacent to the property have been apprised of the presentation before the Board this evening. The pole will be located 700 feet from the nearest residential property.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Disguised Pole: It was asked and clarified that the antenna at the school will not be disguised as a tree. Young noted that the pole has the capacity to support other cellular carriers should they decide to utilize the pole. If other carriers decide to utilize the pole, Mobi will give 50% of the rent given to Mobi to the school.

2. Height Variance: It was noted that 80' equates to roughly five (5) stories. It was noted that a height variance would be required.
3. Mobi Towers: It was asked and clarified that property owner's benefit from the other two (2) Mobi antennas in Ewa.
4. Money: Concern was raised of the money directly benefiting Ewa Makai Middle School. It was noted that other schools have had antennas placed on their properties; however, the money went to a DOE general fund instead of to the school. Young explained that DOE Complex Supervisors oversee funding given to schools and have the right to allocate monies to schools located within their complex area.
5. Designs: It was suggested Mobi use more colors and incorporate more creative designs for its poles.
6. Radiation: Concern was raised regarding radiation emitted from the pole. Young confirmed that the pole would emit small traces of radiation; however, at the altitude the antenna would be situated, it would likely have no affect to the school and students.

**Tynanes moved, and Weinberger seconded to support the proposed antenna pole with the assurance that Ewa Makai Middle School receives money from the antenna pole. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 8-0-0 (Aye: Boucher, Bresslauer, Caoili, De Jesus, Hartsell, Knauer, Tynanes, and Weinberger).**

Discussion followed;

1. School Benefit: Concern was raised that the school would not benefit from the project.

**De Jesus relinquished the gavel to Rezentes at 9:07 p.m. Rezentes noted that once the Board puts a motion on the floor and calls for the question, the Board is not required to take public comment.**

2. Agreement: It was noted that an agreement has already been reached to have at 60% of the funding gained from Mobi going directly to Ewa Makai Middle School.

**Rezentes returned the gavel to De Jesus. Community members were encouraged to adhere to speaking rules and keep comments brief due to time constraints.**

Hawaiian Railway Society (HRS) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Major – Peter Caderas introduced Tom Baty and Tom McCarthy and introduced HRS' plans to construct a building to house a Hawaii's only Lionel Toy Train exhibit. The project for the building started three (3) years ago and was halted when it was brought to the attention of HRS that a portion of their property was zoned R-5 and Ag-1. The present HRS operation was approved under the old Comprehensive Zoning Code. However, the new Land Use Ordinance only allows expansion of the facility if the site is re-zoned or receives a historical designation. The property has since applied for and received a historical designation and is seeking Board support for the new building. The building will be a 1,280 square foot single story structure and be modeled after the Aiea and Waipahu train stations that existed during the plantation era.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

3. Funding: It was asked and clarified that the building is being privately funded.
4. Good Idea: It was expressed that it is a great exhibit to introduce both children and adults to toy trains.
5. Purposes: It was noted that the building would provide a historic and educational opportunity for visitors. It was noted that individuals can learn about simple mechanics as well. It was suggested HRS put together a layout of the old Ewa Plantation rail system.
6. Nostalgia: A community member noted being raised near the old Waipahu Rail Station and expressed feelings of nostalgia and being able to relate to the project.

**Knauer moved, and Hartsell seconded to support the HRS project. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 8-0-0 (Aye: Boucher, Bresslauer, Caoili, De Jesus, Hartsell, Knauer, Tynanes, and Weinberger).**

Gentry Homes Community Park CUP Minor – Debbie Luning reported that Gentry Homes is seeking City approval to build a park and parking lot on a portion of a 7.3 acre parcel of land at the corner of Keanui Drive and Kapolei Parkway. The land is currently zoned A-1. Gentry Homes plans to complete the park and parking lot then have it turned over to the Ewa by Gentry Community Association. The project will be conducted in two (2) phases.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Small Children: It was noted that the community is looking for parks for small children.
2. Geiger Park: It was asked if the park would be similar to Geiger Park. Luning noted that Geiger Park is City owned and maintained. The proposed park would be owned and maintained by the Ewa by Gentry Community Association.

**Tynanes moved, and Knauer seconded to support the CUP Minor request as presented by Gentry Homes, Ltd. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 8-0-0 (Aye: Boucher, Bresslauer, Caoili, De Jesus, Hartsell, Knauer, Tynanes, and Weinberger).**

**A recess was called at 9:32 p.m. to allow Hoopili to set up. The meeting returned to order at 9:34 p.m.**

Hoopili Update – Cameron Nekota reported that it's been two (2) years since Hoopili last addressed the Board. Hoopili is being designed to be a walking community which allows residents access their homes, shopping areas, recreational areas, and places of learning by foot. A 45-acre at the North portion of the property has been proposed to the DOE to build the new East Kapolei High and Middle School. Plans also provide for three (3) elementary schools. Rail has also affected the way Hoopili has planned its community and D.R. Horton is actively working with the City on Transit Oriented Development initiatives. The Rail will be running directly through the property. Hoopili plans to construct a linear park along the rail route which will create a buffer between the rail and residential properties. Hoopili is also incorporating sustainability and clean energy initiatives into the community. All homes will be PV ready; with 10% being built with already installed PV systems. An Urban Agriculture program is also being implemented to allow for civic farms, community gardens, and home gardens. 50 acres of land has been designate din Central Oahu to eventually relocate farmers currently farming on Hoopili lands. The State Department of Agriculture has already approved the lands in central Oahu.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Water Infrastructure: Concerns were raised regarding availability of water for Hoopili and other surrounding communities. Nekota noted that BWS has 12 million gallons of water per day for the community.
2. Connection: It was asked and clarified that there will be no connection from Waipahu Street and Hoopili.
3. School Property: It was asked and clarified that the proposed land for the high school is currently being discussed with DOE. It was noted that funding for the design of the high school will not be released until DOE has acquired land for the high school.
4. Traffic: Concern was raised of the Ewa residents not being able to get out. It was expressed that Hoopili will only add to the concern. Nekota noted that planners are constantly working with DOT on traffic issues.
5. Units: it was noted that area can only sustain 20,000 units; however, Hoopili has plans for 30,000 units.
6. Outsiders: Concern was raised regarding the number of local residents moving to Hoopili versus outsiders moving in. Nekota was not able to say where buyers would come from; however, did mention that homes are being marketed for affordable rates for first time home owners.

**The Neighborhood Assistant departed the meeting at 10:00 p.m. The Board Secretary continued the minutes.**

Submitted by: Kazuaki McArthur, Neighborhood Assistant

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