



## EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 EWA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chair Joe Hartsell called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. **Quorum was established with 10 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, Mary Esther Correa, Ariel De Jesus, Joe Hartsell, Kevin Rathbun, Roslyn Steiner, Lola Tripp, Mitchell Tynanes, and Jessie Syd Weinberger.

**Board Members Absent** – Steve Knauer.

**Vacancies** – None.

**Guests** – Cesar Caoili; Ryan Toyomura (Senator Will Espero's Office staff); Dennis Galolo (Councilmember Ron Menor's Office staff); Jame Schaedel (Councilmember Kymberly Pine's Office staff); Tiffany Patrick and Armando Quiroz (Marine Corps Base Hawaii); Rock Riggs (Senator Mike Gabbard's Office staff); Matt Wong and Varissa Bender (Hawaii Department of Education); Kurt Fevella; and Kazuaki McArthur (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Hartsell apologized for the delayed start and irregular meeting location and noted that the Board would forego the reading of the speaking rules.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – A representative was not present. A report was provided.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – A representative was not present. A report was provided.

**Weed and Seed** – A representative was not present. A report was provided.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR:** Hartsell opened the floor for nominations. **Correa nominated Rathbun, De Jesus nominated Weinberger, and Tripp nominated Tynanes.**

**De Jesus moved, and Correa seconded to close nominations. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 10-0-0 (Aye: Boucher, Bresslauer, Correa, De Jesus, Hartsell, Rathbun, Steiner, Tripp, Tynanes, and Weinberger).**

**Rathbun was ELECTED Chair, 6-2-2 (Rathbun: Boucher, Bresslauer, Correa, Hartsell, Rathbun, and Steiner Tynanes: Tripp and Tynanes Weinberger: De Jesus and Weinberger).**

Hartsell relinquished the gavel to Rathbun. Rathbun noted that due to the current circumstances, the meeting would be abbreviated and adjourn after residents' concerns. A community member engaged in verbal sparring in opposition to adjourning early.

De Jesus departed the meeting at 7:37 p.m.; **nine (9) members present.**

#### **RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**

**Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Fair:** Boucher disclosed that he is a member of the Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee and thanked the community for their support in the recent Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Fair.



GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS:

Marine Corps Base Hawaii – Tiffany Patrick reported that the Puuloa Training Facility is open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Patrick also reported that the Department of Defense (DOD) has ended all furlough days last week. Community members were also invited to attend the Splash and Dash event on Sunday, October 20, 2013. The event will include a 500 meter swim and a 5K run. Visit [www.mccs.com/races](http://www.mccs.com/races) for more information. Patrick also introduced Armando Quiroz.

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

- Road Mesh: In discussion with the executive director of the Hawaii Asphalt Paving Industry (HAPI), the "road mesh" mentioned during a discussion at a previous Ewa Neighborhood Board meeting is probably a product called "Geoweb." A primary purpose for Geoweb is to provide more strength in the design of a pavement structure. Geotechnical engineers may require Geoweb in pavement design if there are places where the subgrade is poor. The purpose of the Geoweb is not to prevent seepage of the asphalt into the ground. Based on three (3) soil reports for ongoing road construction in Ocean Pointe, Geoweb is not required as part of the pavement design. Further, City structural design requirements for new asphalt concrete pavements do not require Geoweb.
- Community Gardens: At this time, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) reported that the City has no plans to implement community gardens in newer Ewa developments. However, developer D. R. Horton is required to set aside no less than 251 acres of land in their Hoopili development for "Urban Agriculture." Of the 251 acres, no less than 159 acres is to be devoted to "Civic (commercial) Farms", eight (8) acres for Community Gardens, and 84 acres for "Steward Farms" (home gardens). According to D. R. Horton, the eight (8) acres of community gardens will be implemented and operated in a similar fashion to the City's current community gardens program run by the DPR. However, the eight (8) acres of community gardens to be implemented in Hoopili will be operated by a separate non-profit organization that is yet to be created.
- Volunteer Forms: Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) volunteer forms were circulated to the Board.
- Newsletter: The monthly newsletter contains a report on bus restoration, Thomas Square, and the Grants in Aid (GIA) program.
- Inventory of Land: Maps, zoning, and other property information in an area is available on the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) website.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Rail: Correa raised concern that the rail would not hold up against natural disasters. Correa also noted that the rail is disturbing the iwi in the area.
2. GIA: Boucher commended Witty-Oakland on the GIA program and process.
3. Road Material: Correa raised concern over a report that the Mayor imported road material from the mainland for a road in Mililani.
4. Cutbacks: Fevella asked if any parks in Ewa would be affected by the anticipated cutbacks. Fevella noted that much progress has been made at Oneula Beach Park and raised concern that the progress would be halted by the cutbacks.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine – Jame Schaedel circulated a newsletter and reported that the new Oneula Beach Park access road has been opened. Included in the newsletter are reports on the Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Fair, expansion of service for the Kapolei Hale driver's license/State ID line, Hire Leeward, and the Hawaiian Railway Society.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Jobs: Correa noted the need for more jobs for local residents in the area.

2. Mahalo: Boucher expressed gratitude for Pine and other legislators who participated in the emergency preparedness fair.

Councilmember Ron Menor – Dennis Galolo circulated a newsletter and reported that the Ewa Post Office is slated to be closed by the United States Postal Service (USPS). Councilmember Menor has lobbied USPS to reconsider the closure. A community meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 20, 2013, at 12:00 noon, at the Ewa Post Office on Renton Road.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Post Office: Correa expressed that the post office needs to remain open.
2. Speeding: Boucher thanked Menor for participating in the anti-speeding campaign on Kuhina Street. Correa expressed that HPD should issue speeding tickets to youths and young adults to encourage them to slow down.

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

Governor's Report – A representative was not present. A report was not provided.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Special Session: Correa raised concern with the governor's decision to call a special session to pass a bill on same sex marriage. Correa expressed that it should be placed on the ballot for the people to decide. Weinberger rebutted the statement and verbal sparring ensued.

Senator Will Espero – Ryan Toyomura circulated a newsletter and noted that October is Hawaii Fashion month. For more information, visit [www.hawaiifashionmonth.com](http://www.hawaiifashionmonth.com). There will also be a regional community meeting on Sunday, October 12, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Ewa Makai Middle School.

Senator Mike Gabbard – Rock Riggs circulated a newsletter and reported on the Habitat for Humanity Build-A-Thon event on Saturday, September 14, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Kaneoneo Street. The next Listen Story session will be Saturday, September 21, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at the Pray Eat Love Café.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Habitat for Humanity Restore: Correa encouraged the community to participate in the Habitat for Humanity Restore event.

Representative Bob McDermott – Representative McDermott circulated a packet comprised of community letters and responses. McDermott thanked the community for participating the anti-speeding campaigns and the emergency preparedness fair. McDermott referenced a report wherein it was determined that the bones found at Campbell High School are not human and were most likely transported to the school with dirt that was used for back fill.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. High Schools: Steiner asked and McDermott responded that Hawaii plans to have photovoltaic (PV) systems installed in all schools within the next three (3) to five (5) years. McDermott has requested that the contract to complete Campbell High Schools' system be written to include the upgrade of the electrical grid, PV system installation and air conditioning installation. Each school will have its own service contract. McDermott also noted that East Kapolei High School is anticipated to be completed within the next five (5) years. McDermott also noted that Hawaii ranks last in the nation in funding used to renovate schools.
2. Ocean Pointe: A community member raised concern of speeding at Ocean Pointe; citing a recent accident involving juveniles. Rathbun encouraged the community member to work with Councilmember Pine on the matter.

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

Rathbun noted that the remainder of the agenda would be deferred to the next regular meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next Meeting: the next Ewa Neighborhood Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., at Ewa Public Library.
2. Hispanic Heritage Month: October is Hispanic Heritage Month. Community members were encouraged to participate in the various events at Kapiolani Park in October.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Kazuaki McArthur, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Leland Ribac, Neighborhood Commission Office staff; Kevin Rathbun, Chair