



EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015 EWA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Rodney Boucher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **A quorum was established with 9 members present.** Note – This 11-member Board requires six (6) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Rodney Boucher, John Clark, Shayne Greenland, Ron Hochuli, Bryan Jeremiah, Sam Puleyasi, Lynn Robinson-Onderko, Mitchell Tynanes (arrived at 7:13 p.m.), Jessie Weinberger, and Amado Yoro.

Board Members Absent – Princeton Liborio.

Vacancies – There were no vacancies.

Guests – Heidi Armstrong (Department of Education), Oryn Nakamura (Board of Water Supply), Councilmember Ron Menor, Rock Riggs (Senator Mike Gabbard's Office), Representative Bob McDermott, Ryan Toyomura (Senator Will Espero's Office), Representative Matt LoPresti, Stefani Jeremiah, Andrew Purch, Billy Rayl (Aloha Council Boy Scouts of America), Lieutenant Farrel Sojot (Honolulu Police Department), Jared Ellis, Malia Ikeda (Haseko), Delia Clark, Mark Evenson, Matt Miura, Captain Dwayne Lee (Honolulu Fire Department), Councilmember Kymberly Pine, Judi Wong, Lance Johnson, Kurt Fevella, Maeda Timson, and Risé Doi (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Introductions: Boucher read the rules of speaking. Those present introduced themselves.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Dwayne Lee reported the following:

- **September 2015 Fire Statistics:** There was 1 rubbish fire. There were 117 medical emergencies and 31 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** When selecting a Halloween costume, stay away from long trailing fabric. Choose materials that will not easily ignite. Make sure eye holes in masks are large enough. Provide children with flashlights.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Awareness:** B. Jeremiah asked and Captain Lee answered that Fire Prevention Week is in October 2015.
2. **Introductions:** Captain Lee introduced firefighters Chris Cervantes, Mike Tomson, and Rob Frank.
3. **Event:** Community member Stefani Jeremiah commended and thanked HFD for an event at the zoo.
4. **Fire Prevention Week:** Captain Lee advised the public to check smoke alarms once a month and replace the battery once a year.
5. **CPR Training:** Fevella thanked HPD for the CPR training at Pohakea Elementary School.

Chair Tynanes arrived at 7:13 p.m. **10 members were present.** Boucher relinquished the gavel to Chair Tynanes.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Farrel Sojot reported the following: **September 2015 Crime Statistics:** There were 50 motor vehicle thefts, 61 burglaries, 163 thefts, and 61 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). There were 7,544 calls for service in District 8.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: **Statistics:** B. Jeremiah asked about the increase in thefts and burglaries. Lieutenant Sojot noted that the increase in thefts and burglaries fluctuates seasonally and that criminals are active in other districts.

Weed and Seed – A representative from Weed and Seed distributed a handout and highlighted the following events:

- **September 2015 Events:** The Ewa Beach Emergency Preparedness Fair and Keiki and Kupuna ID was held on Saturday, September 5, 2015. Child safety seat education and enforcement was held on Tuesday,

September 15, 2015. Stored property ordinance operations were held at Oneula Beach Park on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 and Thursday, September 17, 2015. Intramural kickball events were held at Ewa Makai Middle School on September 28, 29, and 30, 2015.

- Upcoming Events: On October 24, 2015, there will be a cleaning project at Ewa Mahiko Park from 8:00 a.m. to noon. On November 7, 2015, there will be a community fair at Leeward Community College from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Homecoming Parade: Community member Kurt Fevella thanked Weed and Seed for the homecoming fair.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

Treasurer's Report – B. Jeremiah reported the remaining balance for September 2015 is \$249.48. The report was filed.

Approval of the September 10, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: **Robinson-Onderko moved and Puletasi seconded to approve the September 10, 2015 regular meeting minutes as published. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (Aye: Boucher, Clark, Greenland, Hochuli, B. Jeremiah, Puletasi, Robinson-Onderko, Tynanes, Weinberger, Yoro; Nay: None; Abstain: None).**

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Brad Kitsu reported there were no new updates and offered to take any questions or concerns.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Restrooms: Fevella noted that the repairs for the restrooms at Oneula Beach Park has begun and the restrooms will open early next year.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine – Councilmember Pine circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- Restrooms: Mayor Caldwell sent a copy of a letter to Councilmember Pine's office regarding the contractor connecting the sewer line to the restrooms at Oneula Beach Park.
- Mahalo: Councilmember Pine thanked Board members, Boy Scouts, and Councilmembers Menor and Espero for their work.
- Oneula Beach Park Meeting: Over 200 people attended the meeting at Oneula Beach Park to offer their insight regarding park improvements.
- Complete Streets: There were safety concerns regarding Papipi Road. The City finished a Complete Streets study in the area and will make safety improvements once funding is released.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Mahalo: Hochuli thanked Councilmember Pine for holding the community meeting regarding Oneula Beach Park and is looking forward toward improvements to the park.
2. Speed Bumps: Fevella noted that there was a speed bump removed near Papipi Road and suggested reinstalling the speed bump.
3. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU): Councilmember Pine circulated a flier with information about ADUs and what types of housing qualify to add an ADU.

Councilmember Ron Menor – Councilmember Ron Menor distributed a newsletter and highlighted the following:

- Men's March Against Violence: Councilmember Menor mentioned he had participated in the Men's March Against Violence earlier today at Honolulu Hale.
- Emergency Preparedness: The City Council presented an honorary certificate to the City Department of Emergency Management (DEM) for their work in community outreach and emergency preparedness.
- Smoke Alarms: The American Red Cross, HFD, and area partners are sponsoring a program for free smoke alarms for seniors. Call 739-8111 for more information.
- Tax Relief for Businesses: The City Council has been considering measures to provide tax relief to businesses that have been negatively affected by rail construction.
- Oneula Beach Park: Councilmember Menor commended Councilmember Pine for holding the community meeting regarding improvements to Oneula Beach Park.

- Hanakahi Street: On Saturday, October 31, 2015, there will be a petition drive to collect the remaining signatures to support traffic calming measures on Hanakahi Street.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Ewa Cemetery: Fevella raised a concern regarding the condition of the Ewa cemetery and that the City cannot contract more workers to maintain the property. Fevella noted that the Ewa Beach Lion's Club Foundation can help.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Oryn Nakamura reported the following:

- September 2015 Main Breaks: There were no main breaks.
- Watershed Management and Protection: Oahu's Koolau and Waianae mountain ranges capture and retain rainfall, allowing it to seep into and replenish the island's underground aquifers. It is vital to protect and preserve these watershed areas to ensure its existence for future generations. Watershed protection tips include the following: Keep to trails when in watersheds; participate in projects that remove invasive plants and animals to allow the recovery of native plants and animals; and conserve water every day.
- Pipe Removal: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Department of Health (DOH) has procedures for the proper removal of asbestos cement pipes. Contractors that work on BWS projects that may involve asbestos must submit an asbestos abatement plan that complies with EPA and DOH procedures for removing potentially hazardous materials.
- Project: A water system improvement project was recently completed in older Ewa Beach.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Rainfall Runoff: B. Jeremiah asked and Nakamura answered that runoff from the rain does not contaminate the aquifer since the water filters through natural dykes. Nakamura noted most people who use catchments use the water for irrigation.
2. Updates: Boucher asked for an update regarding the Red Hill agreement and the date of the next meeting regarding the Ewa watershed.

Senator Will Espero – Ryan Toyomura distributed a newsletter and reported the following:

- Portable Relocation Project: A contract was awarded to CC Engineering & Construction for the portable relocation project at Campbell High School. Construction on the project will begin shortly.
- Town Hall Meeting: There was a town hall meeting on Saturday, September 19, 2015. A survey was distributed regarding Haubush. Results were shared with City Council members.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Red Hill: Boucher asked for a report on Senator Espero's position on the Red Hill plan.
2. Assisted Suicide: Fevella raised a concern regarding assisted suicide.
3. Campbell Football Field: Chair Tynanes asked for an update regarding the status of the construction of the football field at Campbell High School. Greenland noted the football field is a work in progress and should be completed in February 2016 or March 2016. Chair Tynanes commented that despite capacity issues at Campbell High School, funding for projects to improve the school seem like a low priority. Robinson-Onderko commented that community pressure might help on getting funding. A resident raised a concern regarding morale of the students from not having a home football field. Greenland noted that it is difficult for athletes at Campbell High School to compete with athletes from other schools when the school does not have the same facilities and equipment.
4. Apathy: Clark raised a concern regarding apathy in the community and that the community needs to come together in larger numbers.
5. Teachers: Community member Lissette Roman commented that a group of teachers is trying to open a charter school. Roman commended teachers at Campbell High School.

Senator Mike Gabbard – Rock Riggs distributed a handout and reported the following:

- Town Hall Meeting: Senator Gabbard, Senator Clarence Nishihara, and Senator Will Espero will be hosting a town hall meeting on education at the UH West Oahu multi-purpose room on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Kalaeloa Traffic Safety Improvements: \$7 million was approved for safety improvements to the Enterprise Street electrical corridor to Saratoga Avenue, but the State Legislature will need to appropriate more money to extend the improvements to the Kalaeloa airport.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Emergency Pet Shelter Training: Boucher noted that the Hawaiian Humane Society will have emergency pet shelter training on Saturday, October 17, 2015.

Representative Bob McDermott – Representative McDermott reported the following:

- Halfway House: Residents were concerned about a halfway house that they were not notified about.
- Elder Abuse: Elder abuse was a constituent issue.
- Grant Team: Representative McDermott is working with the Campbell Foundation to put together a private fundraising team.
- Funding: Representative McDermott raised concerns regarding the allocation of funding in the House, and recommended that Robinson-Onderko and Puleasi schedule a meeting with House Speaker Joe Souki.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Funding: Robinson-Onderko noted that funds have been allocated but there are systemic problems in the State Department of Education (DOE). Robinson-Onderko commented that the community cares and will make a difference.

Representative Matt LoPresti – Representative Matt LoPresti distributed a newsletter and reported the following:

- Meeting: Representative LoPresti suggested that the Board members also meet with Senate President Ron Kouchi to discuss funding issues.
- Oneula Beach Park: Representative LoPresti commended Councilmember Pine for organizing the community meeting regarding Oneula Beach Park.
- Men's March Against Violence: Representative LoPresti noted he had participated in the Men's March Against Violence with other legislators and groups, and also advised the public to call 911 or 531-3771 for help.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Lion's Club: Fevella asked and Representative LoPresti clarified that he did not say that the Lion's Club was promoting a candidate, and commended the Lion's Club.
2. Reapportionment: Representative LoPresti raised a concern that Ewa residents are underrepresented in the legislature due to reapportionment.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Emergency Preparedness: Boucher announced that the Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at the Ewa Beach Public Library at 7:00 p.m. The Hawaiian Humane Society will hold pet shelter training on Saturday, October 17, 2015. There will be an emergency preparedness fair at Mililani Town Center on Saturday, October 24, 2015. There will be Red Cross training held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at the Ewa Beach Public Library from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Visit oahudem.org and redcross.org/hi/honolulu for more information.
- Kapolei City Lights: Maeda Timson announced that the Kapolei City Lights parade and block party will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015. Call 768-8445 for more information.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Kapolei City Lights: Fevella commended Timson for heading Kapolei City Lights. Fevella noted that the Ewa Beach Lion's Club Parade will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2015.
2. Hearing: Chair Tynanes announced that there will be a hearing at the Mission Memorial Building regarding a zoning variance at Ko Olina on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
3. Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Workshop: Chair Tynanes announced there will be a TOD workshop on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at Aloha Stadium hospitality room from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Verizon Wireless Telecommunication Facility – Mark Evenson from Cascadia delivered a presentation regarding a Verizon Wireless telecommunication facility at Ewa Villages Golf Course near the club house. Cascadia is requesting a height waiver. The proposed facility will be 60 feet and a monopole that resembles a palm tree. The facility will be enclosed in a 25" by 25" compound with an emergency generator.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Location: Clark asked and Evenson answered that an engineer from Verizon chooses the location of the tower. Evenson noted that the proposed facility will help with reception and capacity.
2. Generator: Boucher asked and Evenson answered that the emergency generator holds 210 gallons of diesel fuel and burns three (3) gallons per hour.
3. Coverage: B. Jeremiah asked for a coverage map, the capacity of the generator, and a map of existing towers in the area.
4. Community: Chair Tynanes asked if Verizon will be providing any benefits for the community. DOE

superintendent Heidi Armstrong mentioned that a monopole near a school is a revenue generating idea. Evenson noted that DOE has a freeze on new sites. Clark asked and Evenson answered that the presentation was to fulfill a City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) requirement for a height waiver and to open dialogue with the community.

Update on Sex Education Program – Armstrong provided a list of hurricane evacuation shelters in the area. Armstrong provided an update regarding heat abatement projects at area schools, noting that the hottest classrooms are a priority for air conditioning, and every classroom currently cannot be air conditioned due to electrical costs.

Lisa Hackenberger delivered an overview of the sex education curricula that have been selected by Ewa schools. Healthteacher.com is a comprehensive, research-based health education online curriculum option that covers many health topics, including sexual health as one of the topics. Hackenberger noted the other sex education option approved by Ewa schools is Family Life and Sexual Health (FLASH), a comprehensive sexual health program based on the theory of planned behavior. Both programs are abstinence-based and age appropriate and include a family component. Parents can view the curriculum and choose to opt-out.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Concern: Clark raised a concern about teaching sexual health in fourth grade. Armstrong noted that parents can view the curriculum prior to the teaching of the subject matter. Hackenberger noted that health topics cover puberty and growth development and not taught until fifth grade. Chair Tynanes asked and Armstrong answered that parents can opt-out and opt-in later. Hackenberger noted that if parents choose to opt-out, the child will work on other health activities. Hackenberger noted that parents can also opt-out of other health topics besides sexual health. Clark asked and Armstrong answered that parents will have about a month before the curriculum is taught to opt-out. B. Jeremiah commented that he was concerned with the instruction of sex education, and Armstrong noted that sex education is not a year-long curriculum. S. Jeremiah asked Armstrong clarified that Campbell-Kapolei complex area have selected the two options that were presented tonight.
2. Pono Choices: Boucher asked and Armstrong answered that Pono Choices was not one of the sex education curricula selected for the Campbell-Kapolei complex area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Transportation: Boucher noted that Councilmember Menor and Representative McDermott will be looking at the speed abatement measures for Hanakahi Street and Papipi Road. Boucher noted that the rail was discussed at Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) meeting that was held on Monday, September 21, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Traffic Light: Chair Tynanes noted that Haseko will be installing a traffic light and crosswalks near Kaimalie Street and Fort Weaver Road in March 2016.
- Next Regular Board Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23 will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ewa Beach Public Library.
- Vacancy: Chair Tynanes announced that Princeton Liborio moved out of the district and resigned, therefore, there will be a vacancy available on the Board next month.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Submitted by: Risé Doi, Neighborhood Assistant II
Reviewed by: Relley Araceley, Neighborhood Assistant I
Finalized by: Mitchell Tynanes, Chair