



WAHIAWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 26

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2006
WAHIAWA RECREATION CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Jyun Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sheri Bentley, Jeanne Ishikawa, Burt Iwata, Robert Kent, Silvia Koch, Mary Jane Lee, Jyun Yamamoto.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ben Acohido, Burt Iwata, Kathy Masunaga.

GUESTS: Eugene Lee (Mayor's Representative), Brandon Mitsuda (Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz's office), Lawrence Lau (Governor's Representative), Senator Robert Bunda, Representative Marcus Oshiro, Lt. Charles Wong, Sgt. Joe Whittaker and Officer Andrew Bonifacio (HPD), Duke Chung (BWS), Captain Jim Donovan and CMDCM Mike Dollen (NCTAMS PAC), Jack Kampfer (WCBA), Pam Mills-Packo and J. Packo (RMS), June Carvalho, Lloyd and Nora Chong, Ellen Hyer, Daniel Monroy, Daniel Neyer, Benny Quiseng, Steve J. Rodrigues (Neighborhood Commission Office Staff).

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The Board approved the minutes with the following corrections:

Page 1, under Members Present, delete "**Kathy Masunaga**".

Page 2, under Residents' Concerns, second paragraph, second line, delete "**University of Hawaii**" and insert "**State Department of Health**".

TREASURER'S REPORT: Yamamoto read the Financial Statement for the month of September. The Operating Account expenses were \$34.41, leaving a balance of \$1,420.18. The Publicity Account did not incur any expenses, leaving the balance at \$2,110.00. The Refreshment Account did not incur any expenses, leaving the balance at \$120.00. The report was accepted subject to audit.

FIRST RESPONDERS – Reports and Concerns:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – No report or representative was available.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sgt. Joe Whittaker gave a brief presentation on HPD's District 2 Crime Analysis & Targeting Pilot Program. The program will allow the public to access crime trend information on the web. This program is only being tried in District 2 (Mililani, Wahiawa and North Shore). You will be able to review maps and datasheets to see crime trends for burglaries, unauthorized entry of motor vehicle, motor vehicle thefts, auto theft recoveries, and graffiti. For more information, visit www.honoluluohpd.org and click on D2, Wahiawa, North Shore. Access crime trends by clicking on the D2 Crime Trends button.

Concerns and comments followed:

- 1) Sgt. Whittaker answered: a) It won't list the exact address where the crime occurred – it would be listed as, i.e., 100 block of California Avenue. b) They have the ability to track other crimes besides property crimes. If you have a specific request, please let them know. Property crimes are tracked because it is tied to the drug problem. c) Only crimes reported o HPD is listed. d) After the six months, the pilot program will be reviewed. e) If you don't possess a computer, you can stop by the station ask for a hard copy and they will print it out. e) They are not able to track those who are arrested. It falls under another agency. f) This program was done internally for one year. It will take only one officer 30-60 minutes to update the information every Monday morning.



- 2) Kent had concerns about speeding in his neighborhood. Lt. Charles Wong said speeding is a perennial problem. Speeding on side streets is low priority. This district covers one-third of the island. Officer Andrew Bonifacio suggested a C-TAP sign-waving program, speed monitor, etc.
- 3) Lt. Wong stated HPD gets 140 new officers per year, but loses an average of 173 officers per year. HPD goes to the mainland to find new recruits.

Yamamoto thanked HPD for the presentation. (A round of applause was given at this time).

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) – No report or representative was available.

U.S. Army – Schofield Barracks – No report or representative was available.

U.S. Navy – NCTAMS PAC – Captain Jim Donovan reported: 1) The United States Navy celebrated its 231st Birthday on October 13. In celebration of the Navy's birthday, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet held its annual Officer's Navy Birthday Ball on October 7th at the Hilton Hawaiian Village and the Enlisted Ball will be held on October 28th. They celebrated the day by cleaning up Whitmore Road (they filled up 17 trash bags and picked up 10 tires). 2) NCTAMS was saddened by the loss of one its support personnel. Mr. Dennis Phillips passed away suddenly on October 7, 2006. His passing will leave a void by all who have known and worked with him. 3) CO NCTAMS PAC extended an invitation to Chair Acohido and fellow Wahiawa Neighborhood Board members to visit the NCTAMS PAC facility during the August 2006 meeting. Does the Board still want to schedule a site visit? 4) Preparations for Operation Aloha continue. NCTAMS PAC sailors have raised \$1,173.56 so far. Turtle Bay Resort and the Sugar Mill Café have graciously offered to contribute much of the food.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

Board of Water Supply Project – Resident June Carvalho said residents are concerned about the BWS project on California Avenue. They don't know why the project has taken so long to complete. The ongoing construction has taken a toll on their vehicles (i.e. shocks, etc.) and caused a financial impact. Residents want to know when will the project be completed and will the road be repaved or resurfaced. Yamamoto indicated that the resurfacing was delayed because the City wanted to wait until the project is completed. Eventually, the entire stretch of California Avenue will be resurfaced. Duke Chung, BWS, stated the project is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2007. He asked the same questions – why is the project only 32% completed. He will follow-up.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chair Acohido and Mary Jane Lee, as P.I. Group attending the "Community Strengthening Program" (Leilehua High School on September 21, 2006) – Lee mentioned the September 13, 2006 edition of Ka Nupepa has an article on the Community Strengthening Program. It was an excellent article. There were 60 participants at the meeting (one-third were seniors, one-third were between the ages of 35-60, and one-third were below 35 years of age). The participants were quite active. She's not sure when the next meeting will be held.

Chair Acohido attended the BWS information session for Neighborhood Boards on the future of water for O'ahu consumers (BWS Fred Orht Museum in Honolulu on September 30, 2006) – Deferred.

Invitations received from military neighbors to visit NCTAMS PAC and a training facility at Schofield Barrack (Dates and details to be announced) – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

Hawaiian Cultural Impact on Construction – BWS Public Affairs – No representative was present.

Wahiawa Beautification (Letter from Phillip Riley) – No representative was present.

CORRESPONDENCE: Deferred.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY GROUP REPRESENTATIVES:

Wahiawa Community Business Association (WCBA) – Kampfer reported: 1) The “Bridges out of Poverty” workshop held on October 14, 2006, was a success. 2) WCBA is trying to finalize the details for a community-wide Make-A-Difference day to be held on October 28, 2006. The Rainbow Seniors will be doing a C-TAP on Kamehameha Highway, while the Wahiawa Lions will be doing work on the senior housing facility. Lunch will be provided by First Baptist Church. It’s part of the national Make-A-Difference Day. 3) The Community Strengthening Program came up with three goals. Two of the goals are a multi-generation facility and beautification of Wahiawa.

Mayor's Representative – Eugene Lee reported: 1) Follow-up items: a) A work order request was submitted to the Department of Facility Maintenance to have the entire Wahiawa Police Station cleaned and repainted; b) The Notice of Order was issued to the property owner of 567 Avocado Street on August 17, 2006. The Order has a \$100 initial fine and on September 19 daily fines of \$50 per day started. As of today’s date the fines are at \$400. There is still no correction. The case will be referred to Corporation Counsel on December 15, 2006; c) Lt. Charles Wong was assigned to have his personnel monitor the one-hour parking stalls on Kamehameha Highway and take necessary enforcement action. 2) The Mayor cut his trip to Korea short because of the earthquake in Hawai’i. 3) Neighborhood Assistant Steve Rodrigues circulated “Honolulu News”, the Mayor’s monthly newsletter.

Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz – Brandon Mitsuda circulated Council Chair Dela Cruz’s monthly report and highlighted the following: 1) Council Chair Dela Cruz sends his regrets. 2) He asked the Board to submit Advance Budget Requests for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) to their office by the end of this year. 3) Council Chair Dela Cruz encourages everyone to get out and vote. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. He asks that everyone votes “yes” on Charter Amendment No. 1. 4) Council Chair Dela Cruz did send a letter to BWS to expedite their project on California Avenue. 5) He reported on RISR’s (Request for Investigation and Service Report) for Wahiawa and Whitmore. 6) If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact him at 527-5710.

Governor’s Representative – Lawrence Lau circulated the “Governor’s Update” and his follow-up concerns report. Lau highlighted the following: 1) Follow-up items: a) The State Department of Health (DOH) has spoken with Pam Mills-Packo and Dr. Yost and has met with Dr. Yost regarding their concerns about a DOH-sponsored course; b) The concern about potholes was sent to Russ Saito; c) The State Department of Transportation (DOT) do not intend to restore lights on the H-2 Freeway in the near future, until they can find a way to secure the lighting system. Copper wiring have been stolen twice already at significant cost. There is no safety hazard because the lights are not technically warranted. They were initially installed for comfort, not safety; d) DOT completed a design package for the replacement of rail lights along the H-2 Freeway, Wahiawa exit. The cost of the project will be much more than originally budgeted. DOT should be able to advertise the construction project in about five to six months; e) DOT has checked both approaches to the signalized intersection of Kamehameha Highway and Waipio Uka. The overhead signal heads are mounted on the mast arms and are high enough for drivers to see.

Congressman Ed Case – No report or representative was available.

Senator Robert Bunda – Senator Bunda stated he and Representative Oshiro met with representatives from Kamehameha Schools, Dole and Galbraith Trust regarding the land. It’s not a done deal. The question remains is who will have the eventual say regarding the water. Donation of the land is also not out of the question.

Representative Marcus Oshiro – Representative Oshiro stated: 1) He will be following-up on the recent earthquake. Concerns include: a) HECO – why did it take so long for the power to be restored? b) Civil Defense – why wasn’t the residents notified? c) Honolulu International Airport – why was the airport shut down? d) Tourism Industry – they need to get the word out that Hawai’i is “Open for Business”. 2) The water issue is just coming up. Water is important. We want to keep diversified agricultural on the North Shore. He and Senator Bunda are working on the issue. 3) According to Rev. Smith, DOT and HPD will make another sweep of the homeless and take down their structures.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Duke Chung reported: 1) He apologized for missing last month’s meeting, as he was ill. 2) There were two main breaks for the month of September in the Wahiawa area (September 16 - 1818 Eames Street; and September 16 – 1184 Neal Avenue). 3) With the recent concerns about national security and

the increasing problem of theft and vandalism of public property, BWS has been proactive in our efforts to protect the safety of our water supply. Should you see anything out of the ordinary or suspicious occurring at one of BWS' sites, please call 911. 4) Water Conservation Tip: "Use a broom to clean up your driveway. Eliminating even a weekly five minute pavement hose down can save you between 625 and 2500 gallons per year depending on the flow rate and frequency of use." 5) Follow-up: a) 1849 California Avenue – temporary patch has been installed by the contractor; b) Church of Nazarene – parking lot repairs will be made when the contractor does final resurfacing; c) Exposed 12-inch main – will be removed near the end of the project. A change order has been issued to the contractor for a price; d) Wahiawa-Whitmore Main – the 16-inch main has been placed in service and the work is 95% completed. The contractor needs to install a chain link gate at Clark Street and grass the slope down to the lake; e) The trench at Kilani and Koa is from work done by Wastewater/Environmental Services; f) Replacement of service main at Wonderview Place is being requested; g) Manua and Hauola – there are some old galvanized service mains that were not abandoned when the new mains were installed. BWS' Wahiawa Baseyard is attempting to find the connection points to cut off and abandon these old mains; g) BWS dispatched crews to check the structural condition of all reservoirs today and will continue inspections and evaluation of findings to insure our reservoirs are structurally sound.

Wahiawa Action Initiative (WAI) – No report or representative was available.

Wahiawa Satellite City Hall – No report or representative was available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Subject to his/her consent, Wahiawa Neighborhood Board members are appointed chairpersons of the committees indicated in the attachment to the agenda – Yamamoto asked Board members to review the list of committee assignments that was attached to the agenda/minutes.

Army Corps of Engineer Status Report on Ku Tree Reservoir – Yamamoto gave a brief review of the Ku Tree Reservoir project. In 2003, the Board was given a presentation by a private engineering firm regarding this project. The dam is no longer being used. The reservoir is not storing water. He concerned that in an event of an earthquake or heavy rains that the water would back-up the dam. The engineering firm proposed to dig a tunnel so all the water could flow through the area. Board members thought the project would proceed, but it didn't because the war broke out. The money comes from the Army's Operational Funds. Army Garrison Hawai'i put the project on the low priority list. There is a possibility of getting other funding (i.e. military construction funds). The Board may want to consider a motion to request the Army to use funds for mitigation work or place the project on a higher priority list. The second is highly doubtful. Approximately 4,000 soldiers will be transferred to Schofield so the Army is scrambling to find housing.

Kent moved and Koch seconded that the Wahiawa Neighborhood Board No. 26 table the Ku Tree Reservoir issue. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report on Workshop: "Building Bridges Out of Poverty" and a discussion on what is the involvement of Wahiawa Neighborhood Board – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Solicit Board members and community input on the use of Wahiawa Neighborhood Board Publicity Funds – Deferred.

ADJOURNMENT: By a consensus of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Submitted:

Steve J. Rodrigues,
Neighborhood Assistant