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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 20, 2006 WAHIAWA RECREATION CENTER

OPENING CEREMONIES - (6:55 p.m.) Chair Acohido asked for a moment of silent reflection and asked everyone to remember Board member Robert Kent, as he had open heart surgery last week and Board member Silvia Koch, who was absent tonight, as she was celebrating her parents' 50th wedding anniversary. Chair Acohido announced that there was a card for Robert Kent and invited everyone to sign it. Chair Acohido lead the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Ben Acohido called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present and welcomed everyone.

MEMBERS PRESENT - Ben Acohido, Sheri Bentley, Jeanne Ishikawa, Burt Iwata, Mary Jane Lee, Kathy Masunaga and Jyun Yamamoto.

MEMBERS ABSENT - Robert Kent (excused) and Silvia Koch (excused).

VACANCIES - None.

GUESTS - Edmund Aczon (U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye's representative), Zeny Muyot (U.S. Representative Ed Case's representative), CDR. Bob Goodwin and CWO4 Clifton Jenkins (NCTAMS PAC), Laurence Lau, Deputy Director, Environmental Health Administration (Governor Linda Lingle's representative); Gerald Ellamar (Representative Marcus Oshiro's office), Eugene Lee, Director of Department of Design and Construction (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative); Brandon Mitsuda (Council Chair Donovan Dela Cruz's office), Captain Ed Nishi, Lt. Charles Wong and Lt. Kurt Nakamura (Honolulu Police Department); Captain Richard Ochoa (Honolulu Fire Department), Duke Chung, Kawehi Yim and Gerald Tanaka (Board of Water Supply), Geri Tramontano (Wahiawa Satellite City Hall), Ellen B. Hyer, Earl Wakamura, Daniel Neyer, Emily Nishihara (Ka Nupepa), David Aki, Kimo Cashman, Danny Monroy, Leon Miguel (Perfecto Engineering), P. Acosta (PECS, Inc.), Laure Adan, Jack Kampfner (Wahiawa Community Business Association), Reverend Jack D. Smith (WCBA/Church of Nazarene); Pam Mills-Packo, Dr. Aly El-Kadi, and Dr. Yost; Tom Lenchenko, Ms. Iwata, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Chair Acohido announced that the regular Neighborhood Assistant Steve Rodrigues was not present, but Steve extended his Thanksgiving wishes to the Board and to the community. His replacement was K. Russell Ho.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 16, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES -The following corrections were made to the October 16, 2006 regular meeting minutes:

Page 1, instead of two listings, "Burt Iwata," should be listed only under **MEMBERS ABSENT**.

Page 1, under **Honolulu Police Department (HPD)**, Concerns and comments, it should read, "c) Only crimes reported to HPD are listed."

Page 3, under **Senator Robert Bunda**, it should read, "Senator Bunda stated he and Representative Oshiro met with representatives from Kamehameha Schools, Dole and Galbraith Trust regarding the land containing the Lake Wilson reservoir."

Page 3, under **Representative Marcus Oshiro**, it should read, "Representative Oshiro stated: 1) He will be following up on the recent earthquake."

Page 4, under UNFINISHED BUSINESS, it should read, "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 October agenda/September minutes."

The minutes of the October 16, 2006 regular meeting were approved as corrected.

Chair Acohido clarified that that the Chair had circulated the list of committee assignments, but Masunaga was absent for the October meeting. Tonight, Chair Acohido requested that Masunaga consider the Governmental Affairs Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Iwata reported that after \$37.67 was expended for the printing and mailout of the agenda, minutes and miscellaneous correspondence, the Operating/Publicity Account balance was \$3,492.51. With no expenditures the Refreshment Account balance remained at \$120.00. The Neighborhood Commission Office Executive Secretary wrote a letter that stated that in September the Publicity Account budget was increased to get more community participation by allowing for the videotaping of ten meetings for viewing on Ololo or the publishing of an annual four-page newsletter and that the Operating Account would be combined with the Publicity Account as a lump sum. Chair Acohido mentioned that at the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, the Board favors an annual newsletter. The treasurer's report was accepted, subject to audit.

DEFENDERS & FIRST RESPONDERS – Reports and Concerns

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Captain Richard Ochoa reported the October statistics and highlighted the following:

1. There were 67 medical emergencies, 11 (vehicle, rubbish and brush) fires and no major incidents.
2. Fire safety tip- The holidays are a time for celebration and that means more cooking, home decorating, entertaining, and an increased risk of fire due to heating equipment. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States. After a party, check for smoldering cigarettes. Use caution with holiday decorations, and whenever possible, choose those made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant or non-combustible materials. Purchase only lights and electrical decorations bearing the name of an independent testing lab, and follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation and maintenance. Do not overload extension cords. Try to keep live trees as moist as possible by watering them daily. When purchasing an artificial tree, ensure it is made with fire-retardant materials.
3. He extended a holiday wish for a happy and safe holiday season.

Chair Acohido thanked the HFD.

Ishikawa entered the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Lt. Charles Wong introduced Captain Ed Nishi and Lt. Kurt Nakamura, reported the October statistics and highlighted the following:

1. Burglaries increased. Thefts increased from 10 to 37.
2. Lt. Wong distributed a flyer on the Honolulu Police Department's review by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Public Safety Communications Accreditation Program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in organization, direction and authority, human resources, recruitment and selection, operations, and training. The public is invited to offer comments by calling 479-6307 on Monday, December 11, 2006 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call the HPD's Office of Accreditation at 529-3323. Lt. Wong mentioned that the HPD is one of two departments that has three certifications.
3. Captain Nishi thanked the Board for its continuous support throughout the year and mentioned to call 9-1-1 and HPD will respond. Lt. Nakamura was the Watch Commander tonight and they are now on a five day/nine hours shift (5/9) schedule. They have an island-wide traffic task force and will be monitoring speeding. They will be setting up road blocks for the holiday season.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Resident Kimo Cashman commended the HPD for the "fantastic" response to his call to 9-1-1. When he asked why the Iliahi Elementary School parking lot was closed, the response was that there was damage due to copper wire thefts.
2. Another resident expressed her concern about thefts from the community gardens. Others have called 9-1-1 several times. She was advised to keep on calling 9-1-1 and try to get the vehicle license number. HPD has stakeouts for theft of garden produce. Also, it is hard to track stolen vehicles, as sometimes,

cars are "pending transfer." HPD caught someone trying to drive off with 300 pounds of mangoes. Fortunately, the HPD helicopter was already airborne.

3. HPD explained that District 2 covers one-third of the island of Oahu. Full operating strength is 113 positions, but they have staffing at 106. There are 20 officers per watch.

Chair Acohido mentioned that the HPD has the best training and the police recruits are often sought after by other jurisdictions. As this District is so large, HPD depends on the community to be the "eyes and ears" for them. He urged the community to get the politicians to fund 3-1-1, the non-emergency information number.

HPD is trying to serve the community with resources they have. Response time may take a little longer due to the distances to the North Shore. Concerning 9-1-1, HPD will take down the information and follow up.

4. Resident David Aki from near the Oceanic State Park thanked the HPD for catching one person after two houses were robbed.
5. Concerning Kilea Place, the HPD can investigate suspected drug activity, but there is no traffic enforcement on private roads.

Chair Acohido mentioned that there are two programs open to the public- the Civilian Police Academy and the Business Police Academy. They train the public on security and safety.

6. Captain Nishi is encouraging his officers to say "Hi!" and to be friendly. The department's "Segway" vehicles were transferred to Downtown. There is no staffing for a bike detail in Wahiawa. They now have All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) on the beaches to prevent vehicle break-ins. Concerning the copper wire thefts, the lights are still out and there may be a long investigation.

Chair Acohido thanked the HPD.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - There was no representative present.

U.S. Army Schofield Barracks - There was no representative present. Chair Acohido mentioned that the U.S. Army has filed an appeal to Federal Judge David Ezra's ruling on the Stryker Brigade training.

U.S. Navy NCTAMS PAC - Commander Bob Goodwin mentioned Captain Jim Donovan could not attend tonight as he just returned from a trip to Australia. The U.S. Navy thanked Wahiawa and the Wahiawa Lions Club for the invitation to participate in the Veterans Day parade on November 10. Thirty sailors participated. He mentioned Operation Aloha, the serving of a Thanksgiving meal from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Waiialua Community Center. So far, they raised over \$3,400 and collected over 400 pounds of canned goods.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

A resident thanked the Armed Forces and wished them a happy Thanksgiving.

Chair Acohido thanked Commander Goodwin.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS

1. Concerning the Wahiawa Botanical Gardens, Chair Acohido mentioned there are overhanging tree branches at 116 and 120 Uuku Street.
2. Cashman mentioned the disrepair of the Iliahi Elementary School. He commended Council Chair Donovan Dela Cruz's office for their quick response that a contractor has been hired and the completion date of October 31. However, the repairs have not been completed yet. Brandon Mitsuda would follow up. Chair Acohido asked Cashman and his neighbors to call HPD to report suspicious behavior.
3. Aki mentioned that the City Council's Transportation and Planning Committee will be meeting on rail on Wednesday, December 22 at the Mililani District Park multi-purpose room at 6:30 p.m.

Also, if the Kahuku hospital shuts down, then the Wahiawa Hospital would be affected. There would be more pressure on Wahiawa to provide handi-van service and other Americans with Disability Act (ADA) services and on the HFD, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and HPD.

He was concerned about the inter-island ferry taking away buses/vehicles from the community and the impact of people from the neighbor islands using the handi-vans.

Central Oahu would not get the benefits of rail. He wanted the Board to get someone to sit on the Transportation Committee, like the HPTA back in the 1990s.

4. Resident Earl Wakamura expressed his concern about a timetable for the finishing of the Board of Water Supply (BWS) project on California Avenue. Chair Acohido mentioned that a presentation would be coming up tonight.

Laure Adan wrote a letter to the BWS to finish the project. She expressed her concerns about inconvenience to the neighbors.

Chair Acohido mentioned that the most effective way to voice residents concerns is voice them at a Neighborhood Board meeting, where all of the governmental officials are present to hear them. A resident added for two years the job was well done. There is no speeding on California Avenue.

5. Concerning the overgrown tree on Kula Road, Chair Acohido will call Hawaiian Telcom.

Chair Acohido thanked everyone.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

1. Chair Acohido tries to attend the meetings of the "Community Strengthening Program." Community residents and organizations were invited to a "talk story" session with Mayor Hannemann on November 11, 2006 at the FilCom Center in Waipahu at 9:00 a.m.
2. He reported on the budget increase for publicity and the combining the publicity and operating accounts. The recommendation from the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) Executive Secretary Joan Manke was to use the publicity funds for Olelo television viewing or an annual newsletter. Chair Acohido mentioned that it was not necessary for the Board to purchase a public address system, as it can use one from the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO). The \$120 refreshment budget is to be used for refreshments only. He asked Board member Masunaga to serve on the newsletter committee. She would be interested in putting an iPod broadcast "newsletter" on the NCO website. Chair Acohido would follow up with Bryan Mick of the NCO.

Chair Acohido cautioned the Board against receiving gifts and mentioned that Ka Nupepa and the Wahiawa Action Initiative (WIA) also publicize community events. Lee suggested that these issues could be brought up at the Committee-of-the-Whole meetings before the Board meetings.

PRESENTATIONS (7:50 p.m.)

Hawaiian Cultural Impact by Board of Water Supply (BWS) Construction – Kawehi Yim distributed a handout on the Board of Water Supply Cultural Consulting Program and reported that they had an informational workshop for Board members. She gave some historical background. Bones were discovered in 1999 or 2000 along Kalakaua Avenue and the Board of Water Supply was heavily criticized for their lack of cultural sensitivity. So, the BWS developed this program for better communication with the communities. Family members can be recognized as representatives if they can prove their Hawaiian background to the Great Mahele. There are disconnects in the traditional Hawaiian culture and burial practices and American and State Health Planning and Development requirements. Chapter 60 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and Chapter 13 of the Health Department rules cover this area. The BWS wants to take a pro-active approach and now meets with the families. On the map in the handout, the yellow areas along the coastline are sandy berms and the red areas were recognized historical/cultural sites. They have their resident archeologists review the sandy berms, as the Hawaiians did not have tools to dig deep in the soil. Also, burial caves were used. They looked at the probability of finding cultural sites. Each case has a different solution, depending on the community. These proactive steps of cultural consulting, long-term project review and standard operating procedures for emergency work, seem to be working for the Board of Water Supply. Hawaiian Electric Co. (HECO) has a similar program. They recently found two areas, but worked with the Hawaiian community.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Cashman commended the BWS on its historical work.

2. Yim mentioned that the source of the map is State Historical Preservation Division and she located Wahiawa on the map.
3. A resident suggested that they parallel cultural consideration with the archeological finds.

BWS California Avenue project delay - Yim apologized for the delay and thanked the community for their continued patience. The BWS was not diligent in communication with the contractor, so the project which was supposed to be finished in October 2006 should be completed by mid-2007. Instead of rehabilitation of the trench with an eight-inch pipe, it was supposed to be a twelve-inch pipe. In Phase 3, they would install eight-, twelve- and sixteen-inch mains to be completed by mid-summer 2007. Yim introduced Gerald Tanaka from the BWS and Leon Miguel and P. Acosta from Perfecto Engineering. The funding for the City repaving of California Avenue is in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 budget. There would be no work from Thanksgiving through Sunday and from the Christmas holidays to January, but it can change. At the October 2006 meeting, it was mentioned that it was more than one year after the project was started. They have been trying to expedite the project by having multiple crews working. Any damages can be filed with the contractors. She would provide the phone numbers later. On California Avenue and Upper Carson, repaving the trench width plus one foot on each side is in the budget and damages go against the contractor. Re-stripping would come later. The road rehabilitation project is in the City budget for Fiscal Year 2008 (which is from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008). The telephone number for Yim is 748-5319, for Tanaka is 225-7139 and for Perfecto Engineering is 681-6618.

Chair Acohido thanked Yim and the BWS for trying to improve the quality of life for the community by replacing very old water mains.

Community Strengthening Program for Wahiawa - Jack Kampf mentioned that the last Community Strengthening meeting was on November 11. The Mayor gave his rail presentation and took questions about the rail system and community concerns, like the transit center. The Neighborhood Board can apply for Wahiawa Community Business Association (WCBA) grants. They want to organize Neighborhood Security Watches on Rose Street and Iliwai Drive from the First Baptist Church to Leilehua High School. The first meeting will be at the First Baptist Church on November 30 and the second meeting will be at the Our Lady of Sorrows Church on December 14. Secondly, they want to form a committee to look into a multi-generational, multi-use community center. Thirdly, they want a committee for the beautification of Wahiawa.

Chair Acohido asked the community to volunteer for any project and thanked Kampf.

RECESS - (8:31 p.m.) Chair Acohido called a recess.

(8:43 p.m.) Chair Acohido reconvened the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Chair Acohido received a press release from U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye expressing his disappointment about the Del Monte Company closing two years earlier than announced. Both U.S. Senators will do everything they can to alleviate the financial and emotional pain of the 551 workers and their families. **Masunaga moved to place this as an agenda item for the next meeting.** Chair Acohido mentioned that the Board could discuss this issue at this time, but not act on any motion as this was not on the agenda. **The motion died for lack of a second. Masunaga moved and Ishikawa seconded to place the Del Monte shutdown on the agenda for discussion. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0-0.**

Masunaga moved that the Board write a letter of support to the Del Monte employees and expressing the Board's disappointment in the manner in which the decision was disclosed. Chair Acohido thanked Masunaga for her comments but mentioned that the Board could not act on any motion at this time. **The motion died for lack of a second.**

Chair Acohido suggest a Special Meeting later with a six-day notice. **Ishikawa moved and Masunaga seconded that the Board call for a Special Meeting on the Del Monte closure on December 4.** Discussion followed. Suggestions were to have the Special Meeting on "neutral" ground at the Wahiawa Community Center or the Wahiawa Neighborhood Board could sponsor a public forum. Besides the short time frame to get the notice out, there was a question of having social service or labor agencies attend. Masunaga clarified that she just wanted a letter of support as other agencies have already met with the

workers. Someone mentioned that although Kunia was under the Waipahu Neighborhood Board and some workers live in Wahiawa, the two Boards could work together. Masunaga added that the Del Monte January closure would come before the next Neighborhood Board meeting. **The motion did not carry, 1-2-4.** Aye-Masunaga. Nay- Bentley and Acohido. Abstained - Ishikawa, Iwata, Lee, and Yamamoto. Chair Acohido announced that there would be no special meeting on December 4 for letter writing or providing social services.

2. There was an invitation to Wahiawa Neighborhood Board members to attend a seminar concerning the Kaiaka Bay watershed on Wednesday, November 29, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Haleiwa Shingon Mission. Wahiawa provides the water that might flood the Kaiaka Bay watershed. Chair Acohido mentioned the agenda. Pam Mills-Packo introduced Dr. Aly El-Kadi, a hydrologist, and Dr. Yost, a soils scientist and expanded on the Department of Health (DOH) "Clean Water Act" project. Chair Acohido asked questions about the Lake Wilson reservoir's overflow to the spillway and its affect on the lower watershed and if they looked at the dam. Dr. El-Kadi replied about the flood impact, and they did not look at the dam. Dr. Yost mentioned that cesspools are in a costal flood/tsunami zone. Chair Acohido asked if they established a baseline for the data. Dr. Yost replied that in the early 1900s the plantations used to use arsenic as a pesticide and it has contaminated the soil and water and may exceed world health standards. Chair Acohido added that the Wahiawa treatment plant can satisfy R-2 standards, but if they can improve to "potable water" quality, then they would not contribute to the pollution. She left their contact numbers. Chair Acohido thanked them.
3. There was an invitation to visit Kualoa Park on Saturday, November 25 for "Foundation of Ahupua'a," a free tour, sponsored by the Ala Wai Watershed Association and the Board of Water Supply (BWS) on how to care for water on your land. The bus for participants starts at Kaimuki High School.
4. The Oahu Arts Center's fifth annual holiday dinner is on Saturday, December 9, 2006 at the Pearl Country Club, 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$35.00 per person.
5. Chair Acohido announced that he had important correspondence concerning the Wahiawa Civic Center and Wahiawa Transit Center. Interested person may review them after the meeting.
6. The Union 76 service station on the corner of Cane Street and California Avenue wants to sell beer and wine and sent certified letters to the neighbors as part of the liquor license application process. Chair Acohido asked the City Council representative to check the separation distance from the nearby school.

GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS – (9:04 p.m.)

Wahiawa Community Business Association (WCBA) - Jack Kampfer announced the annual WCBA Christmas Parade on Friday, December 1, starting at 6:30 p.m. Santa will be there. The WCBA annual meeting is usually the third Thursday in January, but this year it will be the Wednesday before (January 17) in Nehelani Club at Schofield Barracks. See him for tickets.

Chair Acohido thanked Kampfer.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative - (9:05 p.m.) Eugene Lee, Director of Department of Design and Construction, distributed the Mayor's newsletter and reported that there were no concerns from last month.

1. He reported that the Mayor is concerned about two bills before the City Council which would affect the rail transit project. A. Bill 79, concerning the "locally preferred alternative" and the route, will have the second reading on December 12. The Mayor is in favor of this bill, as it would require the City Council to make a final decision by December 31, 2006, so that the tax could be collected starting on January 1, 2007. B. Bill 83, which was introduced by Councilmember Charles Djou, would delay the collection of the tax for six months. The Mayor opposes this bill, as the delay would cost the City \$135 million. The Alternatives Analysis (AA) was submitted before the November 1 deadline. The recommendation was to go way the fixed guideway (light rail) system. There will be two more informational meetings on November 22 at Mililani District Park and November 27 at Radford High School. Chair Acohido and Lee encouraged community members to attend the next meeting on Wednesday at Mililani District Park at 6:30 p.m.

2. Chair Acohido had asked Lee to update the Whitmore Village community sign, which started as a vision team project to install the sign at the corner of Whitmore Avenue and Kamehameha Highway. The project was cancelled when Mayor Hannemann took office. Although the sign was made, it was not installed. Lee suggested that Brandon Mitsuda mention to Council Chair Donovan Dela Cruz to make an appointment with the Mayor to discuss this issue and site location. It would cost \$50,000 to install it at Kahi Kane Park.

Chair Acohido gave some background information. This project started in 2004 and involves the state Department of Transportation (DOT), Castle and Cooke and the U.S. Navy. The sign was made and but needs "Kahi Kani Park" added to it.

Resident Tom Lenchenko commented that the original intent of the sign was to identify the Whitmore Village community and not as a park marker and suggested that a non-profit community group apply for the funds to install and maintain the sign. Chair Acohido urged the residents of Whitmore Village to contact Council Chair Dela Cruz concerning this issue.

Comments followed.

Resident Ellen B. Hyer thanked the City for painting the police station.

Chair Acohido thanked Mayor's representative Lee.

Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz - (9:17 p.m.) Brandon Mitsuda distributed Council Chair Dela Cruz's newsletter and highlighted the following:

1. His contact information is on the third page.
2. He also distributed the information on the City Council's Transportation and Planning Committee meetings on the rail system. There was a phone number and website listed. Chair Acohido mentioned that if a Board member testifies at a hearing or concerning Bills 79 and/or Bill 83, he/she must disclose that he/she is a member of the Neighborhood Board. Mitsuda also had copies of the City Council calendar.
3. He mentioned that some residents complained that refuse truck drivers are hitting power lines on Leilehua Road. He has contacted the City Refuse Department to remind drivers to be more careful.
4. He announced that the HPD would be monitoring speeding enforcement and traffic safety measures on Lemiwai Street. Motorists are cutting through the area to bypass traffic on Kamehameha Highway. His office is also asking for road repairs on potholes on Rose Street.
5. He mentioned a City partnership with the Wahiawa Rainbow Club to work on fixing a City parking lot on Kamehameha Highway.
6. He will follow up on Cashman's concern about the slide at Iliahi Neighborhood Park on California Avenue in Wahiawa. The slide repair was supposed to be completed by October 31, but has not been completed yet. Another memorandum will go out.
7. Concerning Whitmore Village, they are concentrating on the gym. The community has requested installing more and brighter lighting for the exterior and at the comfort station at Village Park to prevent vandalism and putting security screens on for the comfort station.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Concerning the second reading of Bill 68, concerning prostitution, Chair Acohido asked about the scope of the bill. He favors extending the "no prostitution zone" to Wahiawa, as Waikiki was the first "no prostitution zone." As with speeding and other community problems, he added that it is not the ordinance, but the community watch and awareness that is keeping the streets safe. Mitsuda would follow up.

2. A resident Iwata mentioned that the Whitmore gym lights were out, but some of the maintenance people mentioned that the lights are on 24 hours a day and seven days a week. Mitsuda would follow up.
3. Board member Lee mentioned that the crosswalk was faded near the Center Street and North Cane Street intersection between California Avenue and Kilani Avenue.
4. Ishikawa asked about the potholes at the parking lot at the Civic Center. She was informed that it was under the state government.
5. A Board member requested a recap of the City Charter amendments that recently passed. Mitsuda would follow up next time. Chair Acohido mentioned that the information was on the internet.

Chair Acohido thanked Council Chair Dela Cruz's representative Mitsuda.

Governor Linda Lingle's representative - (9:26 p.m.) Laurence Lau distributed Governor Lingle's Weekly Update and reported on previous concerns.

1. Concerning possible reservoir contamination by a lua at/behind the pineapple stand, the Department of Health (DOH) Wastewater Branch staff conducted a site inspection of the property on October 24, 2006, to determine the merits of the complaint. Their inspection determined that there was a pipe on the property. However, the pipe was an abandoned line. There was no wastewater flowing through the pipe and no wastewater was entering a reservoir, as alleged. A warning letter was sent to the property owner in early November 2006. Our complaint file on this matter is now closed.
2. Concerning the Kukaniloko birthing stones and better access to parking at the site, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) responded that a line of rock boulders across half the entry road and a locked chain across the other half were installed in September by a member of the curator organization (Friends of Kukaniloko and Hawaiian Civic Club of Wahiawa). The curators have a five-year agreement with State Parks to care for and help maintain the five-acre cultural site. State Parks did not consent to this closure near the base of the pavement on the easement from Kamehameha Highway. When informed of the locked chain by the Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE), State Parks sent out an e-mail to the curators, Bank of Hawaii (BOH) on behalf of Galbraith Estate (landowner of easement), and Representative Marcus Oshiro asking why this was done and if Galbraith had given consent. No response was received from Galbraith, but the curators responded that chain was moved to prevent "misuse" of the site (drinking, squatters, etc.) and reduce car break-ins. State Parks has raised concerns about this closure, the lack of adequate parking and turn-around, and difficulty of access in regards to Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements. One suggestion made by State Parks to all the parties was to consider posting park hours - the chain would be down during the day for visitation, but could be locked at night. No response has been received.

Representative Marcus Oshiro urges DLNR to get an easement from the Galbraith Estate. He says the State only has a license, and that the estate trustees want to convey an easement, but time is short.

The State has a perpetual easement for public access to the five-acre site from Kamehameha Highway. It is the understanding of State Parks that Galbraith Estate intends to donate the easement to the State prior to closing on the sale of the property. Representative Oshiro has been working with BOH, on behalf of Galbraith to make this donation happen.

Lau mentioned that DLNR is now in negotiations with the various parties.

3. Concerning the highway sign, Representative Oshiro says the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau (HVCB) sign was replaced. When State Parks worked on replacing the HVCB sign for Kukaniloko, we were informed that these are not to be used as directional signs and were told that the sign should be placed at the site, which was done. To place a sign on the highway would take the concurrence of Department of Transportation (DOT). At meetings held in 1999 with a community advisory committee, the idea of promoting visitation by placing roadway signs was discussed. However, without management and a good roadway, many did not support the highway sign. State Parks is willing to reconsider the highway sign idea if the community is now in favor.

4. Someone also asked for interpretive signs at the site. The DLNR responded that the three interpretive signs were removed during construction of an Americans with Disability Act (ADA) parking stall and concrete pad to hold the signs. There were objections raised to this construction within the five-acre cultural site and there were legal issues about construction within the easement. Therefore, an exception was received by DLNR for the ADA parking stall. In the meantime, the signs were taken to Wahiawa Freshwater Park for storage. Because of previous vandalism to the signs, State Parks is going to get new replacement signs made. A concrete slab will be required to install the signs and it is uncertain if there may be some objections to this.
5. Concerning the Freshwater Park highway signs, DLNR responded that, again, these road signs will need to be coordinated with DOT or the City and County, depending on which roadways are affected.
6. Concerning the inspection of highway bridges after the October 15 earthquake, DOT responded that the bridges were immediately inspected and no damages were found. Normally, they inspect bridges on a two-year cycle on each island.
7. Concerning the south cross walk on Kamehameha Highway at the Olive Avenue intersection being removed, the DOT completed research and does not recommend its removal.
8. Although it was not on the agenda, concerning the new "no smoking" law, the Healthy Air and Workplace Law took effect on November 16. Smoking is prohibited in enclosed or partially enclosed facilities that are -
 1. owned by state or county
 2. open to the public (including private businesses)
 3. places of employment
 4. airports (cabin to curb)
 5. within 20 feet of doorways, windows, ventilation, intakes or
 6. enclosed or partially enclosed sports arenas, outdoor arenas, stadiums, amphitheatres.Exceptions: Hotels may designate up to 20 percent of rooms for smoking (same floor, contiguous, not allow infiltration). More information at: www.hawaiiismokefree.com.

Call 2-1-1 for more information.

9. Lau mentioned that the Wahiawa Treatment plant produces a high-quality sand-filtered, ultra-violet discharge. The only reason that it does not get R-1 rating is that it does not have a 100 percent backup disposal system. So, they have the R-2 rating. Chair Acohido asked if wetlands could be used to filter instead of a reservoir. Lau replied that in theory it may work, but there may be a question of capacity. Pam Mills-Packo mentioned that using wetlands was not a good idea.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Ishikawa again asked about the big potholes at the parking lot at the Civic Center, fronting California Avenue, behind Jiffy Lube. Lau would follow up.
2. A resident was concerned about the two wooden signs for Wahiawa and asked who was responsible.
3. The freeway lights out, due to copper wiring thefts. There was discussion about using aluminum wire instead of copper wire and the safety issue of no lights.
4. Ishikawa was still concerned about the fencing around the Civic Center. Kampfer of the WCBA would like to tear down the shack and move the metal skirting to prevent the homeless people from using the area.

Chair Acohido thanked Governor representative Lau.

Congressman Ed Case's representative - Zeny Muyot, on behalf of Congressman Ed Case, thanked the Wahiawa community for their support and she wished everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving!" and "Happy Holidays!" Chair Acohido mentioned that Congressman Case's website has his parting comments and future plans. Muyot gave www.edcase.com.

Chair Acohido thanked Congressman Case's representative Muyot.

Senator Robert Bunda - No representative present. Chair Acohido understood that Senator Bunda was now Senate President *emeritus*.

Representative Marcus Oshiro - Gerald Ellamar distributed Representative Oshiro's newsletter and highlighted the following:

In the Twenty-Fourth Legislature, Representative Oshiro will be the Finance Committee Chair. He will be hosting a pre-legislative forum on December 13 at the Wahiawa Recreation Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Chair Acohido thanked Representative Oshiro's representative Ellamar.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - (9:40 p.m.) Duke Chung thanked their customers for conserving water after the October earthquake and power outage. They did not have to use the emergency generators to pump the water, as the reservoirs can provide service up to 24 hours. Most areas had water. Although they are behind schedule, the fire hydrants are on an 18-month repainting schedule.

Chair Acohido thanked Choy.

Wahiawa Satellite City Hall - Geri Tramontano thanked the Board members for their dedication and reported the following:

1. For the last two years they had a Christmas tree at the Wahiawa Satellite City Hall and people can hang little doves with a message on it. It should be up by December.
2. Concerning fireworks permits, they cost \$25.00 for 5,000 firecrackers. Persons must be 18 years old or older and they must state the location of burning. Last year over 1,000 permits were sold in Wahiawa. Chair Acohido mentioned that the last week of December is very busy, so he suggested using the Internet.

Tramontano wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Chair Acohido thanked Tramontano.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wahiawa Beatification - Following up on Phillip Riley's letter on Wahiawa Beatification, Chair Acohido reported that Board member Jeanne Ishikawa volunteered to spearhead a community task force. Chair Acohido asked Kimo Cashman to volunteer. This task force would work on the area bridge to bridge along Kamehameha Highway and with the WCBA and Wahiawa Action Initiative (WAI). Two years ago, a film crew did not want to film in Wahiawa. Chair Acohido added that he has an adopted Japanese daughter, who called Wahiawa a "cowboy town."

Ku Tree reservoir project - Regarding the Ku Tree reservoir project, there was discussion with U.S. Army Garrison Hawai'i on the status of Army Corps of Engineer project for flood control of Lake Wilson reservoir. Board member Yamamoto reported that they hired an architectural engineer to "re-look" at it and he may have a report soon. Chair Acohido added that two years ago, the U.S. was more concerned with dams and did not respond to this concern.

NEW BUSINESS (9:46 p.m.)

Visits to military facilities - Concerning visits to military facilities, NCTAMS PAC requested that the visit for December 2, 2006 be moved to a January date. Also, Chair Acohido requested to postpone the visit to Schofield Barracks until January 2007. Board members and the public are invited to Pearl Harbor for their Christmas boat tours on December 15, 16, 17, 2006

Location of signs - Concerning the location of community signs at entrances to Wahiawa and Whitmore Village, these items were already discussed. Installation of the restroom at Kahi Kani Park at Whitmore Village should be included in the discussion.

Ad hoc committee on transportation - Chair Acohido mentioned that the Board would like to establish an ad hoc committee to meet with City and State transportation departments on improving ingress and egress at north and south entrances of Wahiawa

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

1. The Wahiawa Neighborhood Board No. 26 will recess in December.
2. Due to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on the third Monday of the month, the next Wahiawa Neighborhood Board No. 26 meeting will be moved to the fourth Monday, January 22, 2007, Wahiawa Recreation Center at 7:00 p.m.
3. The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, 2007, Wahiawa Recreation Center, 6:30 p.m. Agenda items are: 1) Re-designation to Wahiawa-Whitmore Neighborhood Board; 2) Collaboration with WAI and WCBA on maintenance of Wilson Bridge, H-1 rail lights, No parking on Kamehameha Highway during peak commuter hours, and re-stripping of Kamehameha Highway segment into Wahiawa; 3) Drafting of agenda for January 22, 2007 regular meeting.

Invitations will be extended to WAI and WCBA to attend the COTW meeting on January 8, 2007.

4. A special meeting may be called regarding speeding on California Avenue and Road. The City Department of Transportation Services and Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 2 Commander will be invited to attend. The City has been requested to set up speed monitors.

ADJOURNMENT - Hearing no objections, Chair Acohido adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

Submitted by Neighborhood Assistant K. Russell Ho

Reviewed by Chair Ben Acohido