



WAHIAWA-WHITMORE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 26

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009 WAHIAWA RECREATION CENTER

OPENING CEREMONIES: Vice Chair Joe Francher welcomed everyone to the Board meeting, opened with a moment of reflection of the past week, and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Francher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with **a quorum of seven (7) members present**. Note—This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Cindy Bauer, Joe Francher, Dean Harvest, Jeanne Ishikawa, Silvia Koch, Robert Lormand and Hugh Lowery.

Board Members Absent: Ben Acohido and Mary Jane Lee.

Guests: Dave Watkins and Bill Stewart (NCTAMS), Reed Matsuura (Councilmember Dela Cruz's office), John and Lois Eiting (Top Hat Bar); Kayla Overton, Captain Sean Diggins and Sergeant Major Williamson (U.S. Army); Alesia Au, Captain Richard 'Butch' Ochoa (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Miguel Macias (U.S. Navy), Officer Wendy Atabay (Honolulu Police Department), Dorris Warr, Jyun Yamamoto, Tom Bauer, Larry Lau (Governor's Representative), Leland S.M. Ribac (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Vacancies: There are no vacancies at this time.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS: **Harvest moved and Bauer seconded to take the agenda out of order and hear items VIII C- VIII E directly following the Wahiawa Satellite City Hall. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0, (Aye: Bauer, Francher, Harvest, Ishikawa, Koch, Lormand and Lowery).**

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Ochoa reported the following;

1. Fire Statistics for September Included: 27 fire related responses; 5 rubbish fires, 7 brush fires, 7 auto fires and 56 medical emergencies.
2. Fire Safety Tip: When selecting Halloween costumes, ensure they are flame-resistant, made of lightweight fabric, brightly colored, and clearly visible. A natural mask of cosmetics is better than a mask that may restrict breathing or vision.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Homeless near Wahiawa Fire Station: It was questioned and clarified that homeless do not linger around the fire station due to its well lit exterior.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Officer Wendy Atabay reported;

Crime Statistics for September included: 22 burglaries, 12 stolen vehicles, 24 thefts, and 14 vehicle break-ins.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Parking Lot Chain Lowered: A concern with the lowering of the parking lot chain at the old Wendy's location. Homeless residents were using the parking lot more frequently with the chain being lowered. Atabay noted the property is privately owned and HPD cannot do anything unless authorized.
2. Glenn Avenue Homeless: A concern regarding a homeless drug addict running around and trespassing on residential property throughout Glenn Avenue.



3. California Avenue Parked Cars: A concern with illegally parked vehicles at the 1900-2100 block of California Avenue near Iliahi Elementary School. Students have to walk on the road which is very dangerous.
4. Koa Street Trees: A concern with several planks of wood protruding off of a tree on Koa Street; a community member already has voiced her concern that someone will be injured by the planks.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS): No report available at this time.

Mayor's Representative: Harvest noted that the Mayor's representative will be present at the November meeting.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): No report available at this time.

Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz: Reed Matsuura reported;

1. Advanced Budget Requests: The Neighborhood Boards in Council District 2 are asked to begin prioritizing community projects they would like included in the fiscal year (FY) 2011. Boards are asked to pick two project ideas before the end of November.
2. Street Lights at Lunalilo Homes: The request for brighter lighting at the California Avenue must be first justified before capital improvement project (CIP) funds are designated.
3. Transit Authority: The Councilmember has introduced Resolution 09-266 which creates an entity known as a Public Transit Authority be formed. The Board of Directors of the Transit Authority will consist of nine members, three appointed by the Mayor, three by Council and one by the Speaker of the House.
4. Bills and Resolutions of Interest: Included in the Councilmember's monthly report are Bill 71 (2009) relating to property tax relief, Bill 67 relating to shark tour operations and Bill 69 relating to public sidewalks. For more information see the Councilmember's monthly report.
5. Lemiwai Street Speed Humps: This project is currently in its procurement phases at this time.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Public Transit Authority: It was questioned and clarified that the Public Transit Authority was posed as a ballot question during the 2008 election year.
2. Councilmember's Attendance: Board and community members expressed concern with Councilmember Dela Cruz's attendance these past years. Several community members requested his presence at the next Board meeting.

Wahiawa Satellite City Hall: No report available at this time.

U.S. Army: Kayla Overton with Captain Sean Diggins reported;

1. Ku Tree Dam: A draft emergency plan has been completed, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), are currently conducting field requirements to the dam. Meanwhile the dam is currently open and water is flowing without obstructions. A meeting will be held on Friday, October 23, 2009 on Schofield Base.
2. Schofield Wastewater & Hazardous Waste: Updates have been made to the wastewater treatment facilities on base in the past; however no wastewater is being dumped into local waterways including Lake Wilson. All hazardous waste is stored in 55 gallon drums and shipped to the mainland for disposal.
3. Courtesy Patrols at Local Bars: As done in the past, courtesy patrols by Navy officers, usually hinder any underage drinking to occur at local bars. It can be requested that these courtesy military patrols be reinstated in Wahiawa.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Courtesy Patrols: It was suggested that the military work closely with the City Liquor Commission when conducting the courtesy patrols.
2. Drinking Seminars by HPD: Atabay will be conducting two seminars, for two different battalions on base, aimed at educating and forewarning the military personnel of potential dangers and legalities that may occur due to illegal alcohol consumptions.
3. Military Motorcyclist: It was announced that military personnel operating a motorcycle on base must go through a mandated training program before he/she may use the motorcycle.

U.S. Navy: Lieutenant Miguel Macias reported;

1. Change of Command Service: The community is welcomed to participate in the Change of Command Service ceremonies on Base, for interested members contact Lieutenant Macias following the Board meeting.
2. Veterans' Day Parade: Naval officers and soldiers will be participating in the Veterans' Day Parade on Wednesday, November 11, 2009.
3. Operation Aloha: The Navy has nearly doubled the amount of food donations for this year's Thanksgiving Operation Aloha fundraiser. Nearly 13,071 pounds of food has been donated so far.

Elected Officials:

Governor's Representative: Larry Lau reported;

1. Advisory Signage for Freeway: The State Department of Transportation (DOT) has noted that the installation of variable message signs (VMS) on H-2 is part of the Freeway Management System (FMS). The FMS is a multi-phase project and deployment of each phase is dependent on available funding and staffing. Current phases are prioritized on H-1 and Moanalua Freeways.
2. Lights and Signage for Wahiawa: There are a total of 31 signs located throughout Waipahu, Pearl City, Mililani and Wahiawa that highlight the Wahiawa area. DOT has indicated that these 31 signs provide sufficient signage for Wahiawa Town.
3. Wahiawa Bridges: DOT has noted that there are no plans to paint the bridges in Wahiawa at this time.
4. Wahiawa Civic Center: No signs have been posted regarding the Civic Center's hours of operation. However; 'No Parking' signs and 'No Loitering' signs have been installed on the property.
5. Homeless Facility: There are no plans to build homeless shelters in the area at this time. The focus has shifted to build affordable housing in the Wahiawa area.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Advisory Signage for Freeway: A Board member expressed his dissatisfaction with the signage response by DOT, and requested that a representative of that department be present in November.
2. Library Signage: A request for proper Wahiawa Library signage be installed.
3. Last Board Meeting: Lau explained that due to budgetary constraints majority of the Governor representatives at Board meetings will not be returning on a monthly basis. Departments are focusing on the needs of the departments during these troubled times.
4. Website Needed: It was suggested that in the absence of the Governor's representative, a website be created to direct State concerns to the effected departments.

5. Mahalo and Aloha: Lau thanked the Board for their support in these economic times noting it was a wonderful journey with the Board. All Board members thanked Lau for his hard work in the community and wished his Department well in the future.

Senator Robert Bunda: No report available at this time.

Representative Marcus Oshiro: No report available at this time.

Congressional Delegates: No report available at this time.

Community Organizations:

Wahiawa Community Base Development Organization (Wahiawa CBDO): The CBDO has filed its application for a Community Development Block Grant. The Ewa community has also joined forces and will hopefully better the chances of getting the grant. Informational flyers will be sent out shortly to all community members.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Housing and Urban Development (HUD): It was questioned and clarified that the grant funds are being provided by the HUD program.

Wahiawa Business Community Association (WCBA): No report available at this time.

Whitmore Village Community Organization: No report available at this time.

RESIDENTS' COMMUNITY CONCERNERS: Several concerns were raised at this time;

Top Hat Bar: Owners John and Lois Eiting announced that they plan to re-introduce the Top Hat Bar to Wahiawa residents. Noting that the Top Hat Bar was once part of the community, but discontinued service due to change of ownership of the property management. The new location is slated for 140 North Kane Street; the building there is currently being renovated.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Surrounding Locations: It was noted that a church is near the property along with 54 non-profit organizations. These surrounding locations will be noted in the liquor licensing application.
2. Renovations: As previously noted the building is currently being renovated along with the exterior where the bar will be located.

Harvest moved and Ishikawa seconded to place the Top Hat Bar on the November 2009 agenda for consideration of support. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0, (Aye: Bauer, Francher, Harvest, Ishikawa, Koch, Lormand and Lowery).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2009: Harvest moved and Ishikawa seconded to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2009 with corrections. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0, (Aye: Bauer, Francher, Harvest, Ishikawa, Koch, Lormand and Lowery.)

- Page 3: U.S. Army: Construction Semi-Truck Use: Replace 'Wilikena Drive' with 'Kamehameha Highway.'
- Page 3: WCBA: Replace 'Pastor Jack Smith' with 'Jack Kampfer.'

BOARD BUSINESS:

'Your Town Wahiawa': The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2009 at the Wahiawa Police Station; community members are welcomed to participate. This project is planning to incorporate an Architectural School in Wahiawa.

Homeless Task Force Report: The Task Force continues to work with several church organizations in the community and is planning a fair in mid November.

Possible Videotaping of the Wahiawa Neighborhood Board: Harvest reported the following;

1. Possible Vendors: Two vendors were contacted; Dave Amodo of Pearl City and Robert Bailey of North Shore have been informed of the possible contract. Both have proposed a \$250 monthly fee.
2. Funding: The Board does have a reasonable amount of funding in its Publicity Account (\$2116), and could afford to videotape the Board as soon the Board chooses.
3. Leilehua Students: Olelo has informed Harvest that a group of students are being trained to provide videography to the Board; however, the team is not ready at this time.

Committee-of-the Whole Meeting and Committee Schedules: It was announced that the next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wahiawa Recreation Center.

Agenda Planning for Monday, November 16, 2009 at Whitmore Village Gymnasium: It was announced that during the Committee of the Whole Meeting, agenda items for November 16, 2009 Regular Meeting will be discussed.

Community Welcome for Redeployment of the 25th Infantry Division: This item was deferred until next month.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Harvest read the September 2009 Treasurer's Report, highlighting a current expense of \$39.49 for printing and postage of agenda and minutes, leaving a current operating account balance of \$1,386.66.

Committees: No report available at this time.

The U.S. Army and U.S. Navy, along with Elected Officials and Community Organizations were heard earlier on the agenda. Please see their reports earlier in the set of minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Several announcements were made at this time;

1. Committee of the Whole: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wahiawa Recreation Center.
2. Regular Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitmore Village Gymnasium.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted By:

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