



WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009 WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Members Present – Scotty Anderson, Linda Fulton, Sylvia Himeda, Kelley Roberson, Paul Saito, Richard Turbin, Chris Williams.

Members Absent – None.

Vacancies – There is one (1) vacancy in each of Sub-districts 1 and 4, for a total of two (2) vacancies. Boards are now able to fill vacant seats due to the recent amendment to the Neighborhood Plan Section 2-14-104(a).

Guests – Captain Tim Turgeon (Honolulu Fire Department); Sergeant G.erreira, Lieutenant G. Lum Lee, Officer A. Kahapea (Honolulu Police Department); Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply); Kainoa Kaumeheiwa-Rego (Councilmember Charles Djou's Office); Representative Lyla Berg; Senator Sam Slom; Craig Nishimura (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Office); Gran Kao, Nina Reppual Carney (KCA); Jackie Burke (Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management); Joan Shinn (Representative Barbara Marumoto's Office); Stanley Chang; Sarah Miller; Jai Keep Barnes; and Theona Kapoi (Neighborhood Commission Office Staff).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Those present introduced themselves.

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEATS: No candidates interested at this time. Chair Anderson requested board members from sub-districts 1 and 4 recruit a community member from their sub-district to fill vacant board seats.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Tim Turgeon reported the following:

- **October 2009 statistics** – 7 structure fires, 1 wild fire, 1 vehicle fire, 84 medical emergencies and 25 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Christmas Trees** – Consider a fire-resistant, artificial Christmas tree. If purchasing a natural tree, choose one as fresh as possible, keep it hydrated, and keep it away from heat sources in the house. Use noncombustible materials for decorations. Choose only Underwriter's Laboratory-approved electrical decorations and follow manufacturer's instructions. Do not overload extension cords.
- **Food Preparation** – Holiday family gatherings often include extensive food preparation. As a significant portion of home fires originate in the kitchen, do not leave cooking unattended. Have an ABC-rated fire extinguisher available near the kitchen and learn to use it. Turn off the heat if you must leave the stove, even if only for a few minutes. Never wear long, loose-sleeved clothing while cooking. Turn the handles on pots and pans inward to prevent accidents. Keep children away from the kitchen. If housing overnight guests, share the home escape plan with them, including your designated meeting place outside the home.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. **Grease Fires** – The best solution to extinguishing a pan grease fire is to cover the pan with the lid. A wet dish cloth may temporarily maintain the fire; however, it is recommended using the pan lid to smother the fire. Using salt to extinguish a fire may work for small fires. Never use water to put out a grease fire.



Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Officer A. Kahapea circulated the report indicating it was for October 19, 2009 through November 19, 2009. It includes HPD contact information and safety tips such as having your car keys out when walking to the car, be alert when walking alone, and never leave your car while the is engine running.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Homeless “City” – A resident is concerned with the “tent city” homeless residents have been developing in Waikiki near the Waikiki Aquarium. HPD stated the people living near the Waikiki Aquarium have found a way around the law. A proposal has been made to amend the current law to address the problem.
2. Halloween Night – Halloween was a quite night for HPD as there were no major safety concerns.
3. Illegal Dumping on Kahala Avenue – A resident is concerned with bulky items being left in front of his property. It was noted that bulky item pick up in the week of the fourth Monday of the month. Residents have been asked to leave bulky items on their property until the night before pickup.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann’s Representative – Craig Nishimura reported the following:

- Honolulu City Lights – Will be on display beginning Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
- Honolulu Marathon – Scheduled for Sunday, December 13, 2009. Residents are advised to drive carefully.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Sidewalk Repair – A resident questioned if the sidewalk where Diamond Head Road and Kilauea Avenue meet is going to be repaired. The concern was brought up a year ago, and the resident would like to know if a repair on the sidewalk will be done.
2. Cost of Honolulu City Lights – Residents would like to know the estimated cost of the Honolulu City Lights Electric Parade and Light Displays. It was suggested to have the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) underwrite part of the bill.
3. Operation Red Wing (Medal of Honor Park) – A resident requested if maintenance crews are going to fix the grass at the park, something should be placed over the grass where the maintenance vehicle will sit. The grass will not grow back if they do not minimize the impact on the grass.
4. Homeless “City” – A resident is concerned with the “tent city” homeless residents have been developing in Waikiki near the Waikiki Aquarium and feels the City should better maintain Waikiki. It is unacceptable for the city to allow this to happen in a high tourist area. Nishimura stated park cleanups have been done, and the situation is difficult to handle, as if something is done to one area, it will have to be done to all areas.
5. Illegal Dumping on Kahala Avenue – A resident reiterated that bulk item pickup is on the week of the fourth Monday of every month.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Lorna Heller reported the following information:

- BWS Fire Hydrants – Fire hydrants play an important part in the effort to provide safe and dependable water service. Hydrants serve as an active fire protection measure as well as providing a source of water for contractors working on construction projects, street sanitation, and other uses.

BWS is responsible for the installation and maintenance of more than 20,000 fire hydrants on the island of Oahu, which are maintained every 18 months. BWS also makes certain that water from each hydrant flows at sufficient water pressure to ensure efficient and reliable water service in case of a fire.

Only authorized personnel are allowed to use fire hydrants. Further information may be found on the BWS website, www.boardofwatersupply.com. Report a malfunctioning fire hydrant to 748-5000.

- Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshop Schedule – The workshops feature xeriscape (unthirsty) plants and gardening techniques that will help residents save water outdoors. Visit the BWS website to check out exciting classes being offered at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden.

Councilmember Charles Djou – Kainoa Kaumeheiwa-Rego distributed the report and highlighted the following:

- Bill 51 – Relates to a new homeowners classification bill which passed on October 27, 2009 by City Council. The vote raised the issue of practicing bad policy and questioned the process of voting.

- Transparency of Government – Questions have been raised as to how the new Chief of Police is selected. The selection of the new Chief of Police has been placed in a negative light, the process being questioned. Councilmember Djou is drafting a new resolution for the process of selecting a new Chief of Police which would include two people chosen by the Mayor, two by City Council, two by the Prosecuting Attorney and the Chair is to be chosen by the Mayor with City Council approval.

With no objections, the agenda was taken out of order to hear the STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Representative Barbara Marumoto – Joan Shinn circulated a report and highlighted the following:

- Furlough Fridays – Representative Marumoto considers “17 Furlough Fridays” to be unacceptable and signed the petition to hold a special session.
- Kaimuki Christmas Tree – With help from the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) the Kaimuki Christmas Tree will be lit this year. There will be a parade beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2009. The parade will be closing a portion of Waialae Avenue, between 3rd Avenue and Koko Head Avenue.
- Tree Planting – Representative Marumoto assisted in a tree planting project at the volunteer-built garden in the shadow of the Diamond Head Lighthouse.
- Doris Duke Museum – Representative Marumoto testified in opposition to the permit the museum request to construct a “replacement” structure on the grounds.

Representative Lyla Berg – Representative Berg circulated a report.

- Senator Sam Slom – Senator Slom circulated a report and highlighted the following:
- Holiday Tree – The White House no longer has a Christmas tree, instead it will be called the Holiday tree.
- Senate Special Session – Met to facilitate Judge Edwin Nacino’s appointment to First Circuit Court.
- Furlough Fridays – Governor Linda Lingle supports using \$50 million of the “rainy day” funds. However, the Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA), the Department of Education (DOE) and the Board of Education (BOE) will have to agree on how the funds will be used if they support using \$50 million of the “rainy day” funds. The legislature will have to hold a special session for the funds to be used right away.
- “Rainy Day” Funds – Senator Slom is in opposition of using the “rainy day” fund because if the money is released, the legislature would have to change the wording of what constitutes as an “emergency”. Senator Slom thinks the one time use of the \$50 million will go to the salaries of the union and collective bargaining employees. The Department of Education is allocated \$2.7 billion from the State budget and 2/3 of the employees are not in the classrooms.
- State Finances – Is under review. Senator Slom feels it is only getting worse. December 17, 2009 another report will be made available and could possibly show the State revenue is even lower than expected. Hawaii is ranked number 11 likely to follow California in their state of bankruptcy. Residents of the State have to be open and willing to change for things to get better.
- New Session – Begins January 20, 2010. The opening reception will not have free food or speakers.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Senator Slom’s Opinion – To call the Hawaii’s economic crisis, a “crisis” would mean the State had no way of seeing it coming, but the State did. Senator Slom does feel some state departments are no longer needed. The departments should be reestablished by how well each department is doing. The DOE should look into prioritizing the classroom teachers. Senator Slom is embarrassed that the New York Times had published an article titled “Hawaii – Every Child Left Behind”. People have to be willing to accept change.

2. Department of Education – The DOE has to prioritize their efforts for what is best for public school students. The DOE should be placed under review for what the two-thirds of the budget not going to the classroom teachers.

The agenda resumed order with RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY concerns.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Home Based Businesses – Members of the Kahala Community Association (KCA) are concerned with the proliferation of home based businesses in the Kahala Area. KCA members are aware of the regulations for a home based business, and they feel it is not being met with surrounding neighbors. Another resident recommended calling the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) and the City's Customer Service Department (CSD) to follow up with the concern. If possible record times the businesses are in violation of the home based businesses, inspectors will not have the time to research for you. From an inspector's point of view, know the rules and when the business is in violation from. In some cases, the issue may be dealt with at a simple meeting with neighbors and business owners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the October 15, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes – The October 15, 2009 regular meeting minutes were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED with the following corrections, 7-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Fulton, Himeda, Roberson, Saito, Turbin, Williams).

- Page 2 – Bullet one, under Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative, Heminer Property is misspelled and should read *Hemmeter* Property.

A resident commented on page two, under Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative, the fourth bullet, second paragraph of the minutes stating that particular paragraph could have been better written by not placing the board in a negative light.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (WESPAC) – Jackie Burke circulated a report and introduced WESPAC to the community to encourage participation in preserving the eco-system. WESPAC is one of eight regional councils established under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) in 1976 to manage offshore fisheries. In 2006, the Hawaii commercial fishing industry overall generated \$496 million in sales, \$254 million of income and over 11,000 jobs. One of the National Standards of the MSA (abridged), states that the conservation and managements measures shall "take into account the importance of fishery resources to fishing communities to provide for sustained participation of, and to minimize impacts to such communities (consistent with conservation requirements)." WESPAC also abides by a council's guiding principles. Burke encourages residents to look at the website: www.wpcouncil.org. On the site, the 2009 Advisory Committee noted the best practices WESPAC can have is community involvement.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Malama Manalua – WESPAC has been attended a Malama Manalua meeting regarding concerns for Manalua Bay. WESPAC will be working with Malama Manalua with fishery concerns.
2. Over Fishing at Night – A resident is concerned with night fishing a Manalua Bay. At night families will go to the bay and fish for "aquarium" fish which hurts the bay. It was requested for a group to monitor the coastal waters at night. Burke stated WESPAC is aware of the night fishing and working on the issue.

Other Business – None.

OTHER REPORTS:

Chair Reports/Correspondence –

- Honolulu Marathon – Chair Anderson will be participating in the marathon. He requests residents drive carefully on the day of the event.

- Sony Open – A letter was addressed to the Board regarding the temporary liquor license that will be used for the duration of the Sony Open. A resident requested the event work on providing sufficient parking for all attendees.

Treasurer's Report (September 2009) – Treasurer Himeda reported the following:

- Revised September Report – Indicated an appropriated amount of \$2,456. The operating account expended \$26.04 for printing and postage; the publicity account had no expenses, leaving a balance of \$936. The total remaining balance is \$2368.63.
- October Report – The operating account expended \$26.04 for printing and postage; the publicity account had no expenses, leaving a balance of \$936. The total remaining balance is \$2342.59.

Committees –

- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Traffic – Middle Street will be widened.
- Land Use & Zoning – No report.

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) – No announcements to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

December Meeting – The Waiialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 will recess in December 2009.

Next Board Meeting – Will be on Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church on 1350 Hunakai Street.

Other Announcements – The Board would like for State Elected Officials to report at the beginning of the meeting when more residents are present. The Board will take the agenda out of order if there are no objections at the night of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Submitted by: Theona Kapoi, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Scotty Anderson, Chair