



## WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010

### WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Scotty Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **a quorum was NOT present with four (4) members.** Note – This nine (9) -member Board requires five (5) members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present – Scotty Anderson, Linda Fulton, Paul Saito, Chris Williams.

Members Absent – Sylvia Himeda, Richard Turbin.

Vacancies – There are two (2) vacancies in sub-district 1 and one (1) vacancy in sub-district 4, for a total of three (3) vacancies.

Guests – Captain Tim Turgeon (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant G. Lum Lee, Sergeant G. Perreira, Officer A. Kahapea (Honolulu Police Department); Dane Wicker (Councilmember Charles Djou's Office); Senator Sam Slom; Representative Barbara Marumoto; Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply); Richard Ito; Ellen Shiraki; Terry Yoshinaga; T.J. Lane; C.J Cavanaugh; and Theona Kapoi (Neighborhood Commission Office).

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

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEATS: Martin Schiller was interested in filling a vacancy in sub-district one. However, due to the lack of quorum, he was unable to be appointed at the meeting.

### CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Mike Tosaki reported the following:

- April 2010 Statistics – 7 structure fires, 86 medical emergencies and 22 miscellaneous emergencies. The cause of many structure fires are candles and faulty electrical wires.
- Community Relations Fire Safety Tip – The upcoming school intercession ushers in summer, which usually accompanies hot weather and dry vegetation conditions. The risk of wildland fires increases as summer approaches. If you witness someone starting a fire or behaving suspiciously, make notes that would assist officials in apprehending the alleged arsonist.  
Helpful safety precautions:
  - 1) Prepare and practice a fire escape plan.
  - 2) Make a 30 foot wide fire break or “green area” by clearing vegetation and clutter around all structures.
  - 3) Remove combustible debris to prevent a wildland fire from spreading.At the first sighting of a wildland fire:
  - 1) Call 911. Be alert and watchful of the fire's progress, and prepare to evacuate.
  - 2) Close all entrance doors, windows and other openings that would allow embers to access a building's interior and thoroughly water down the structures roof.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. Lum Lee circulated the crime statistics report for the area indicating it was for April 14, 2010 through May 17, 2010. It includes HPD contact information and safety tips. This month's safety tip focuses on the use of ATM's. Visit the HPD website at [www.honolulu.org](http://www.honolulu.org) to find more information.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – Chair Anderson read a report for the record from the Mayor's Representative, Craig Nishimura:

- Medal of Honor Park – The request for night closure is appreciated. The following shall be required prior to the approval of the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation for the closure of a park during



specified night-time hours. The Neighborhood Board shall provide written information to the Director recommending the closure and recommended hours. At such time, the matter will then be placed upon the agenda for discussion and approval from the Board of Parks and Recreation. The next Board of Parks and Recreation meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2010. Once this occurs the Director will make his decision.

- Branches Fronting 1626 Akiaki Place – The City fern tree fronting the address of concern is included in an active tree maintenance contract for the Kaimuki area, and pruning work along Akiaki Place is anticipated to be performed towards the latter part of May 2010.
- Manhole Cover Fronting 1416 Luniakoa Street – A work order was made to investigate if immediate repairs can be done or more action is required.
- Request for 4-way stop at Malia Street & Ainakoa Avenue – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will be installing painted medians and driver feedback signs on Ainakoa Avenue. DTS is currently selecting a design consultant and expects the improvements to be installed in early 2011.

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

- 2010 Detect-A-Leak – Water conservation week was May 2, 2010 through May 8, 2010. During this week BWS reminded Oahu customers to use the water they need and not to waste any. There are three types of leaks that should be checked; 1) Toilet; 2) Property; and 3) Underground. For a detailed handout or to watch an instructional video on how to check your property for leaks, visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com). The most common house hold leaks are in toilets and leak detection tablets are available this evening.
- 2010 Poster and Poetry Contests – BWS would like to express their aloha to the more than 2,500 student artists and 250 poets participated in this years contest. For a full list of winners visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com). The posters and poems will also be on display at Kapolei Hale May 17th-May 28th; Kahala Mall June 7th-June 18th; Windward Mall June 21st-July 2nd; and BWS's public service building July 5th-July 16th.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Water Restrictions – No water restrictions have been noted for the Board's area.

Councilmember Charles Djou – Dane Wicker distributed a report and stated he was available for questions.

#### STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Representative Barbara Marumoto – Representative Marumoto circulated a report. Outcomes of Legislative bills are included in her report. Representative Marumoto also highlighted the following:

- Kawamoto Homes – Genshiro Kawamoto has put 7 of his 24 Kahala properties up for sale.

Representative Lyla Berg – No representative available. A report was circulated.

Senator Sam Slom – Senator Slom circulated a report and highlighted the following:

- Legislative Session – Senator Slom stated this Legislative Session was the worst session he has been a part of. There was nothing good that occurred during session. Senator Slom noticed almost every bill that went into third reading had a vote in the senate of either 23-2 or 24-1, which seems as if everything was set.
- Surfing Reserve Bill – This bill was to designate, honor and acknowledge beaches in the State. The House did not give any reason as to why was the bill killed. However, by executive order, Governor Linda Lingle will designate surfing reserves.
- Barrel Tax Bill – The increase will go from the current five cents to \$1.05 which will affect everyone including motorists, electricity rate payers and all consumers. Airlines are exempt from this tax.

- Local Workers – There are many misunderstandings as to why work is contracted out to mainland vendors. The requirements of many jobs call for specific job qualities including certifications and licensed workers. In terms of building the rail, no one on the island would have that kind of experience because we do not have an elevated rail system.
- General Motors (G.M.) – G.M. will open its hydrogen fuel celled cars plant in Hawaii soon.
- Senate Bill 2220 – This bill is now ACT 121 (10). It relates to establishing a construction site inspection task force to discuss, research and report on ways to improve and coordinate the investigation and inspection of construction sites for unlicensed and illegal activities.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Update on Mrs. Shiraki's Concern – The concern is regarding a refuse truck backing into Mrs. Shiraki's private property to collect refuse from a neighboring property. Richard Ito reported that he and Mrs. Shiraki has been in contact with Dave Shiraishi. Mr. Shiraishi noted that recent routing of refuse pick up that does pass directly in front of the 32 plus feet of frontage on Hunalewa Street merits another review of the routing and to allow two weeks for review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: This item was deferred due to no quorum.

BOARD BUSINESS: None.

OTHER REPORTS:

Chair Reports/Correspondence – None.

Treasurer's Report – Deferred to next meeting.

Committees –

- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Traffic – No projects affecting the Board area.
- Land Use and Zoning – No report.

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, June 17, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church on 1350 Hunakai Street.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Theona Kapoi, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by Scotty Anderson, Chair