



WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2010 WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Scotty Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **a quorum was present with six (6) 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, Sylvia Himeda, Paul Saito, Richard Turbin, Chris Williams.

Members Absent – None.

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 Mike Tosaki, Firefighter Tom Hinger (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant G. Lum Lee, Sergeant G. Perreira, Officer M. Mitchell (Honolulu Police Department); Councilmember Lee Donohue; Will Oku and Dane Wicker (Councilmember Lee Donohue's Office); Senator Sam Slom; Craig Nishimura (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Office); Representative Barbara Marumoto; Representative Lyla Berg; Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply); Stanley Chang; TJ Lane; Jeremy Low; Chris Baran; Shari Berinubis; Terry Yoshinaga; Richard Ito; Ellen Shiraki; Martin Schiller; and Theona Kapoi (Neighborhood Commission Office).

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEATS: Martin Schiller stated he was interested in filling a seat on the Board. Kapoi verified his address which would allow Schiller to fill a vacant seat in sub-district one. **Turbin moved, Williams seconded to appoint Martin Schiller to the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 6-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Fulton, Himeda, Saito, Turbin, Williams).**

Kapoi administered the Oath of Office to Martin Schiller. **There is now a quorum of seven (7) members present.**

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

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Departed to respond to an emergency call before report was given.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Lum Lee circulated the report for the area which includes HPD contact information and safety tips. This month's safety tip focuses on preparation for hurricane season. Visit the HPD website at www.honolulupd.org to find more information regarding the statistics within the Board's area.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – Craig Nishimura reported the board did not have concerns for him to follow up with last month and was available for questions.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Chair Anderson stated he will follow up with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) due to Medal of Honor Parks appearance. The grass at the park is starting to turn brown.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Lorna Heller reported there was one main break for the month of May near Black Point. Heller also reported the following:

- **Water Quality** – BWS conducts thousands of tests on the water source and distribution system to ensure water served to customers meets or exceeds all federal and state standards. The results of the tests are shared annually, which all customers should receive by July 1, 2010. Residents may also check the BWS



website, www.boardofwatersupply.com to get the water quality report. An informational handout has been provided to better understand water quality.

- Summer Conservation – As a reminder, Hawaii is entering the hot summer months when water consumption typically rises. BWS requests residents be vigilant and use the water you need, but don't waste it. Simple things that can be done to save water include: checking your home for leaks; turn off the tap when brushing your teeth; install a nozzle on your garden hose; and refrain from watering lawns between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

With no objections the agenda was taken out of order to include Councilmember Lee Donohue's report.

Councilmember Lee Donohue – Will Oku distributed a report. Councilmember Donohue commented that he still has to get used to being addressed as Councilmember Donohue. If possible, he would prefer to be called "Chief." He also commented about his temporary six-month position and he is happy to serve his community. Councilmember Donohue highlighted the following:

- Budget – The City Council passed the budget legislation for the 2011 fiscal year totaling approximately \$1.8 billion. The City Council also adopted legislation maintaining the real property tax rate.
- Asia-Pacific Economic Corporation (APEC) – The City has begun preparing for the upcoming APEC conference. This conference will have a significant impact on the state where 21 member countries will be showcased to the world. Many of the APEC guests will be housed throughout Waikiki hotels as well as the Ihilani Resort in Ko Olina.
- Other Issues – The City Council is focusing attention to the fireworks issue as well as the Rail project.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Board Issues – Councilmember Donohue was questioned about issues that are important to the board including Kawamoto properties and the beach vegetation bill. Councilmember Donohue stated as far as he knows, Mr. Kawamoto is selling some of his properties.
2. APEC Convention and the Homeless Issue – The issue that will have to be addressed before APEC arrives is homelessness. Councilmember Donohue stated it is a difficult issue because he has seen it from the police point of view having to move someone and their family out of a park at 2:00 a.m. not knowing the answer as to where they are supposed to go from there. He has been in touch with the Waikiki Health Center and the State as well as the community have to set up alternatives for everyone.
3. Honolulu Rail System – Councilmember Donohue stated the City Council is waiting for the approval from the Governor. Until the Governor's approval is received nothing will happen.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

- Hawaii State Budget – Representative Marumoto stated her opinion of the 2010 Legislative Session is in her report. Some focus is on the State Budget, Unemployment and Furloughs. The Kaimuki Christian School received authorization for a \$20 million private bond that will be paid back tax free.
- Kaimuki Middle School – Building H of Kaimuki Middle School will be receiving a new air conditioning unit.
- Honolulu Police Department Major Evan Wong – The Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition recognized the contribution and cooperation of Major Evan Wong in promoting the traffic safety of children.
- Kawamoto Properties – Of the 12 properties that are on sale one has sold; 4631-33 Kahala Avenue. It was listed to sell for \$19.5 million.
- Mark Martinez of Jose's Mexican Cantina – A sudden heart attack took him at age 54. He was a big community supporter and will be missed.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Vacant Property – A property near the 3rd green of the golf course mimics a senior care home. There has been no activity at the residence for over a year. It was commented that it was supposed to be a halfway house. There is concern that someone will find a way in to the empty home and it will become an issue.
2. Vetoed Bills – It was questioned to know if there have been any additional bills in Representative Marumoto's report that have been vetoed. Representative Marumoto did not recall any. The Governor has until June 21, 2010 to veto a bill and July 6, 2010 will be the day it can be over ridden.
3. Kawamoto Property – It was commented that Mr. Kawamoto no longer has an interest in Hawaii.

Representative Lyla Berg – Representative Berg circulated a report and highlighted the following:

- Keiki ID Day – Saturday, June 19, 2010 stop by Kahala Mall between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and get your child a Keiki Identification Card. This is sponsored by Representative Berg, Chevron and the HPD.
- Mahalo Picnic – Saturday, June 26, 2010 Representative Berg will host a Mahalo Picnic at Maunalua Bay Beach Park from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Hawaii School Instructional Days – Representative Berg is proud to announce that a Bill passed in the Legislature that will increase instructional hours to meet at least the national average. This change will occur in two years. It seemed evident to Representative Berg that the Hawaii State Department of Education does not have a strong relationship with the Federal Government. Programmatically, she is surprised that the superintendent does not have a personal relationship with the Federal Government.
- Councilmember Lee Donohue – Representative Berg personally welcomed Councilmember Donohue to the City. She knows him mainly as her child's Sensei.

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

- Councilmember Lee Donohue – Senator Slom congratulated Councilmember Donohue for his position.
- Governor Linda Lingle's Asia Trip – Governor Lingle completed a successful trip to Asia promoting Hawaii's tourism and push for clean energy.
- Retiring Positions – Darwin Ching, State Labor Director resigned his position to run for Honolulu Prosecutor. Kurt Kawafuchi, State Tax Director left government service by mutual agreement. J.P. Schmidt, State Insurance Commissioner will begin joining a Honolulu Law Firm July 1, 2010.
- New Investigating Committees – There will be two investigating committees. The first will request a management and financial audit of the Department of Taxation Contracts. The second committee will be a joint legislative investigating committee to oversee the investigation of the Department of Budget and Finance's handling of the State's Investment in Student Loan Auction Rate Securities.

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. The Department of Environmental Services has yet to respond to Mr. Ito's phone calls. Councilmember Donohue requested to speak with Mr. Ito when the meeting adjourns.

Aloha Week Festival – Shari Berinubis, the Princess of Oahu for the Aloha Week Parade announced the Aloha Week Festival will be held at the end of September of this year. The parade is not funded by sponsors and individual floats need to raise their own monies. It is important these festivals continue to perpetuate the Hawaiian Culture. For donations to various floats you may contact Ms. Berinubis at hulala143@aol.com.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 15, 2010 and May 20, 2010 Minutes – **The April 15, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 15, 2010 Memorandum for the record were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED as circulated, 6-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Fulton, Himeda, Saito, Schiller, Williams).**

BOARD BUSINESS:

Conference of Chairs (COC) – Vice Chair Chris Williams reported the following regarding the COC:

- Meeting Purpose – To evaluate the Neighborhood Board (NB) System, the NB Plan and to promote cooperation and communication.
- Neighborhood Plan Changes – Many of the changes are procedural.
- Complaint Process – There is an informal process that the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) may assist with the alleged violation. The formal complaint process is conducted in compliance with Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 91. Under the old plan, complaints were raised against the entire board, where as the 2008 Plan, complaints may be raised against specific members. Information was also given regarding The Sunshine Law.
- Miscellaneous Topics – The board should not take the role of an intervener due to the NB system being advisory. Messages/Prayers of Aloha are permitted, with guidelines. The three absence letter is harsh in text, many people disliked it. Boards are also no longer required to use the provided templates.

Three Letter Absence Discussion – The Board Member apologized for the absences and will remain on the Board.

OTHER REPORTS:

Chair Reports/Correspondence – Chair Anderson stated there will be a Citizens Advisory Committee for the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO).

Treasurer's Report – Himeda reported for April and May 2010 the Board spent \$25.45 each month for printing and postage. The Boards balance at the end of April was \$2,181.16. The Boards balance at the end of May was \$2,155.12. This includes \$936 the Board is allotted for publicity funds. **The Treasurer's Report was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED and filed, 7-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Fulton, Himeda, Saito, Turbin, Williams).**

Committees –

- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Traffic – Chair Anderson stated Lester Fukuda continues to represent the Board at the OMPO meetings and does a great job. There is a Citizens Advisory Committee that community member may join to offer suggestions on how to improve Oahu.
- Land Use and Zoning – No report.

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Board Meeting – On Thursday, July 15, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church on 1350 Hunakai Street.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Theona Kapoi, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Scotty Anderson, Chair