



## WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Scotty Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. **a quorum was 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, Arnold Brady (appointed at meeting), Linda Fulton, Sylvia Himeda, John Pyles (appointed at meeting), Martin Schiller, Richard Turbin.

**Members Absent** – Stan Fichtman, Paul Saito.

**Vacancies** – The Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board has two (2) vacancies. One (1) vacancy in sub-district 1 and one (1) vacancy in sub-district 3.

**Guests** – Firefighter's Guy Katayama and Chris Edwards (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Gary Lum Lee, Officer Anthony Kahapea (Honolulu Police Department); Linnie Pascual (Councilmember Lee Donohue's Office); Senator Sam Slom; Craig Nishimura (Acting Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Office); Lorna Hellar (Board of Water Supply); Representative Barbara Marumoto; Mike Klein (Hawaii Intergenerational Community Development Association); Stanley Chang; Jeremy Low; Chris Baron; John Pyles; Arnold "Arnie" Brady; Carl Higashi; Terry Yoshinaga; Richard Ito; Ellen Shiraki; and Theona Kapoi (Neighborhood Commission Office).

**Without objection, the Honolulu Fire Department and Honolulu Police Department were moved out of order to be heard first.**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Firefighter Chris Edwards reported the following:

- **August 2010 Statistics:** 5 structure fires and 1 rubbish fire; 18 medical emergencies and 24 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Community Relations:** The National Fire Protection Association selected "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week (FPW) on October 3-9, 2010. The campaign reminds everyone about the importance of smoke alarms and encourages families to take the necessary steps to update and maintain their smoke alarms. HFD will be delivering Fire Fighter's Safety Guides and posters to elementary schools island wide. HFD will also be distributing the posters for display in prominent community locations.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Lieutenant Gary Lum Lee reported the following:

- **Conserving Paper:** HPD is trying to conserve paper. Board members will receive the report before hand via email and some copies will be made available to members of the audience. If residents would like to receive the report via email, contact Office Kahapea at [akahapea@honolulu.gov](mailto:akahapea@honolulu.gov) or visit the HPD website at [www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7](http://www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7).
- **Safety Tip of the Month:** This month's report highlights bicycle safety. A few things to remember include: wearing a helmet, wear bright clothes, ride with a basic tool kit and some money if you run into trouble, and bring water. For more on bicycle safety tips visit the HPD website at [www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7](http://www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Ainakoa Burglary:** Lieutenant Lum Lee confirmed HPD caught the burglar who stole items on Ainakoa Drive. The burglary occurred about the time the water main break occurred.
2. **Motorcycles on Kahala Avenue:** A concern was raised about the noise

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



**FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEATS:** John Pyles was interested in filling the sub-district 3 seat and Arnold Brady was interested in filling the sub-district 1 seat.

Turbin nominated John Pyles and Arnold Brady to fill their respective sub-districts. There being no other interested candidates, the nominations were closed.

**Turbin moved, Schiller seconded to have John Pyles and Arnold Brady fill their respective sub-districts. The Board ADOPTED the motion by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 5-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Fulton, Himeda, Schiller, Turbin).**

Kapoi administered the Oath of Office to Pyles and Brady.

Pyles and Brady appointed; **Quorum of seven (7) members present.**

#### CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Acting Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Craig Nishimura reported the following:

- Kahala Beach: It was requested to call 911 when observing a dog leash violation. Please give the location and direction the dog and owner are traveling and a possible description. The Hawaiian Humane Society may also be notified at 356-2200.
- Irrigation on Median Strip on Hunakai Street: The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) thanks the community for their patience with this matter. The work is currently being done through contract. DFM will be manually watering the area with a water truck once a week.
- Nishimura's Announcement: Craig Nishimura announced that he will no longer be the mayor's representative for the board. He stepped down as the Director of the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) and accepted a position with the Waster Water Program within the city.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Dumping Green Waste: It was commented that there is a continuing problem of people dumping green waste on other people's property, specifically near Kahala Avenue and Pueo Street. The resident was told by the refuse department that the property owner would have to take care of the problem. The resident did not feel that was an appropriate way of conducting business.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Lorna Hellar reported there were no water main breaks in August. She also reported the following:

- Ultra-Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program: BWS and the City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) will be ending its residential Ultra-Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program at the end of the 2010 calendar year. The current program will continue a \$100 rebate for customers who change toilets to ultra-low flush toilets (1.6 gallons or less per flush) until the program's expiration date. Property owners wishing to participate in the program must submit their applications to the BWS by Friday, December 31, 2010. Applications that are properly completed and postmarked by that date will be honored, pending availability of funds.

The BWS estimates that more than 65 percent of the residential market has been reached through the successful Ultra-Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program. City ordinance required all nonresidential users to convert ultra-low flow toilets in 1994 and restricted high-flow toilets from being sold locally. The residential rebate program has saved more than 4.6 billion gallons of potable water on Oahu since inception.

While water conservation remains an important initiative, current economic conditions have called for curtailment of the homeowners rebate program. The BWS will, however, continue to explore alternative water conservation programs to implement in the future. For more information visit the BWS website at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

Councilmember Lee Donohue – Linnie Pascual reported the following:

- Bill 34 CD2 Relating to Fireworks: This Bill did not pass final reading on August 18, 2010 and will be on the September 22, 2010 Council Agenda. A proposed amendment (Version B) was posted to address concerns by two Councilmember's during the Public Safety and Services Committee meeting of August 5, 2010.
- Bulky Items: The Bulky Item Bill was signed into law and will become effective on January 1, 2011. If a violation of the law occurs, property owners may pay a fine of up to \$250. A copy of the ordinance will be made available at the next board meeting.

#### STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

- After the Elections: Representative Marumoto stated that after the elections, many of the candidates who do not take office will look to get leadership positions.
- 100th Anniversary Boy Scout Banquet Honors Dr. Lawrence Tseu: As a boy, Dr. Tseu was a Cub Scout but later lacked the funds to purchase a uniform. Now, Dr. Tseu is a philanthropist and can finally afford a uniform. He has endowed several local and international projects including the Center for Nursing Education at Chaminade University.
- Ideas for Next Session: It was stated that if residents have ideas for bills, give her office a call.
- Diamond Head Monument Improvement: Rock fall Mitigation II will take place on Diamond Head Road.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Beach Encroachment Bill: Representative Marumoto was commended for her efforts with the Beach Encroachment Bill. Representative Marumoto stated that enforcement will be up to the Department of Land and Natural Resources Coastal Division.

Representative Lyla Berg – A report was circulated.

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

- Mark E. Recktenwald: Recktenwald was sworn in as Hawaii's newest Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii on Tuesday, September 14, 2010.
- Governor Linda Lingle Appoints Two New Senators: Governor Lingle appointed Ronald D. Kouchi (7th District, Kauai) and Laura A. Figueira (22nd District, North Shore, Oahu) to fill vacant seats until it can be filled at the November 2, 2010 election.

#### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Hawaii Bicycling League – On September 26, 2010 the Hawaii Bicycling League with host the Century Ride, Hawaii's largest and oldest bicycling event in Hawaii – 29 years old. The ride will close roads of one lane that will start at Kilauea Avenue and Kalanianole until Lunalilo Home Road, in the outbound morning route from 6:15 a.m. to approximately 7:30 a.m. For further information, contact Chad Taniguchi at 808-735-5756 or via email at [chad@hbl.org](mailto:chad@hbl.org).

656 Apuwai Place – Terri Yoshinaga, Mrs. Ellen Shiraki's lawyer is requesting the City take a fair look into issue. It was stated that the Neighborhood Board is a citizen's forum and the people need to stand up for the rights that of the people. Ms. Yoshinaga is requesting for a simple reply to their request of setting up a meeting date to discuss the issue at hand.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Meet with City Council: It was suggested that a meeting be set up with Councilmember Donohue.
2. Request to the Department of Environmental Services (ENV): Although a letter was recently sent to ENV, it was suggested to send a letter with a deadline of a response time or another course of action would be taken. Chair Anderson would try to facilitate a meeting with ENV and Mrs. Shiraki.

3. Upcoming Election: It was suggested that Mrs. Shiraki possibly wait until after the primary election because the administration may change and it could waste some of her efforts.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Fulton moved, Himeda seconded that the June 15, 2010 regular meeting minutes approved. The minutes were APPROVED AS CIRCULATED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Brady, Himeda, Fulton, Pyles, Schiller, Turbin).**

#### BOARD BUSINESS:

Senior Affordable Housing – Michael Klein of the Hawaii Intergenerational Community Development Association (HICDA) gave a presentation about affordable housing for senior citizens. HICDA is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit formed in 1998. There are three focuses of HICDA: 1) Senior Housing; 2) Housing for the Workforce and 3) Creating Intergenerational Communities.

The Waialae-Kahala and East Honolulu area does not have enough senior housing. The 2010 estimated number of residents over 60 years of age is 14,100 or 1 out of 4 people in the area. It is estimated that in 2020, the number of residents over 60 years of age will be 18,900 or 1 out of 3 people in the area. There is a need of 1,000 additional senior housing units that is affordable at 30 to 100 percent of the area medium income.

HICDA completed the Kaluanui Senior Apartments, Inc., located on 6950 Hawaii Kai Drive. It is a concrete structure that was completed in 2003 and consists of 31 senior apartments. There is an age restriction of at least 62 years of age and the average age in the apartments is 76. There is an income restriction of 30 to 50 percent of the Area Medium Income (Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Project) and the rent includes utilities.

HICDA completed the Nanakuli Senior Apartments, Inc., located on 87-122 Nanaikeola Street. It is a concrete structure that was complete in 2008 and consists of 40 senior apartments. There is an age restriction of at least 62 years of age and the average age in the complex is 69.

Some of the seniors in the housing were homeless. Klein mentioned one of the tenants children did not want to take care of her and kicked her out of her house. She was homeless for a little while, until HICDA was able to create affordable housing for seniors on fixed incomes. There are requirements that have to be met before becoming eligible for housing with HICDA.

HICDA's goal for the next 10 years is to create 1,000 newly constructed and completed units that are affordable. Funds for the various projects will be through private grants, the federal government, tax credits and Housing Urban Development (HUD). HICDA is looking to create a fund of \$20 million for the new projects. The zoning needed for the projects include P-2 or A-2; A-2 is preferred.

HICDA will be used for an Awareness Campaign on the need for housing that is affordable for the seniors and workforce. Residents may assist HICDA by writing letters of support, attending public meetings or providing financial support. For more information contact Mike, Debbie or Ann at 524-0552 or [hicda1154@yahoo.com](mailto:hicda1154@yahoo.com).

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Good Program: HICDA was commended for developing this program and looking to have seniors in affordable housing.

Hawaii's Children First – Diane Okazaki reported the following:

Hawaii's Children First is seeking the public's support for the question that will be on the November 2, 2010 general election: "Shall the Board of Education be changed to a board appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, as provided by law?" Hawaii's Children First is seeking a "YES" vote.

There are 35 states that have appointed board members. The majority of top performing states have appointed board. 8 of the top 10 states on the National Assessment of Education Progress – the nation's undisputed benchmark for student achievement have appointed boards. The main concern is accountability of the system, having an appointed Board will be a reflection of the Governor and accountability will be known.

Wesley United Methodist Church Renovations – Chair Anderson stated the Church will be undergoing renovations that were supposed to begin in August. He will keep the Board and residents informed of meeting location changes. It was suggested to approach businesses and request a meeting be held at their location. Chair Anderson would like to take any input on possible locations for the meeting until renovations are complete.

OTHER REPORTS:

Chair Reports/Correspondence – Chair Anderson noted that the garbage collection at Kahala Nui is aware of the situation. They recently changed garbage collectors and there should not be any more trouble.

Treasurer's Report –

	Previous Balance	Current Expenses	Publicity Funds	Current Balance
June	\$2,155.12	\$24.05	\$936	\$2,131.07
<b>Beginning of 2011 Fiscal Year</b>				
July	\$2576	\$24.74	\$2,226	\$2,551.26
August	\$2,551.26	\$21.15	\$2,226	\$2,530.11

Committees –

- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Traffic – None.
- Land Use and Zoning – None.

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by: Theona Kapoi, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Scotty Anderson, Chair