



WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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 five (5) members.** Note – This nine (9) -member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present – Scotty Anderson, Arnold Brady, Linda Fulton, John Pyles, Stan Fichtman.

Members Absent – Sylvia Himeda, Paul Saito, Martin Schiller, Richard Turbin.

Vacancies – The Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board has no vacancies at this time.

Guests – Acting Captain Thomas Ettinger (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Erik Egami and Officer Arthur Kurosu (Honolulu Police Department); Senator Sam Slom; Lorna Hellar (Board of Water Supply); Representative Barbara Marumoto; Doug Carlson (Honolulu Rail Transit); Stanley Chang; Richard Ito; Ellen Shiraki; Lance Tom; Malia Zimmerman; Randy Ennis; Matt Balkin; Melvin Ah Ching; Steve Camara; Larry Price; and Theona Kapoi (Neighborhood Commission Office).

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

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Acting Captain Ettinger reported the following:

- **September 2010 Statistics:** Included 2 structure fires, 2 wild land fires and 1 rubbish fire; 88 medical emergencies and 22 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** Planning ahead can help make Halloween a fire-safe one. Buy costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame retardant. Choose materials that will not easily burn. If your child is wearing a mask, ensure the eye holes are large enough so that vision is not obscured. Also provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting. Dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations away from open flames and/or heat-generating sources, including light bulbs and heaters. For decorations, use simulated candles with battery-powered lights.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Egami reported the following:

- **October 4-17 2010 Statistics:** Included 8 burglaries, 1 graffiti offense, 2 motor vehicle thefts, 18 theft offenses and 9 unauthorized entry to a motor vehicle offense. If residents would like to receive the report via email, contact Officer Kahapea at akahapea@honolulu.gov or visit the HPD website at www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7.
- **Safety Tip of the Month:** This month's report highlights Halloween safety. A few things to remember include: wearing bright costumes, stay in groups and stay on well lit streets. For more on Halloween safety tips visit the HPD website at www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Robbery Near Kahala Beach:** Lieutenant Egami reported the incident occurred near a public right-of-way to the beach where it is poorly lit. HPD currently does not have any leads.
2. **Malia Street Traffic Congestion:** A concern was raised regarding the traffic congestion at Malia Street during peak traffic hours. Cars are getting creative at maneuvering around and even driving on the opposite side of the street to get through. The resident has called 911 and the dispatcher has argued with the resident about the situation. Lieutenant Egami suggested speaking with a supervisor if that occurs again.
3. **Graffiti Incidents:** HPD is currently investigating a few leads regarding graffiti offenses.



4. Noisy Neighbors: A concern was raised about a resident on Ainakoa Drive constantly runs power drills and tools throughout the day. Elderly residents are home during the day hours and do not mind the noise once in a while. However, because the tools are running non stop, it seems as though a business is being run out of the house. Police have been notified and warnings given, but it still continues. This issue will be relayed to the Mayor's Representative for follow up.

The agenda moved back to order with the Item I INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS.

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

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Mayor Carlisle's Representative – No representative present. Chair Anderson noted that Ann Chung, the Director of Economic Development will be the new representative for the Board.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Lorna Hellar reported there were two water main breaks in September. She also reported the following:

- Safety and Security at BWS Properties and Facilities: With concerns about national security, and the increasing problem of theft and vandalism of public property, BWS has been proactive in its efforts to protect the safety of our water supply. However, having the community as a partner to help BWS keep an eye on its various properties.

BWS would like to remind everyone that should you see anything that looks out of the ordinary or suspicious occurring at one of our sites, call HPD. Calls to BWS is appreciated regarding the incident, however HPD will be able to respond to the situation faster.

- Water Conservation Tips: 1) Collect rainwater for outdoor irrigation; and 2) Don't let the water run. For more information visit the BWS website at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Councilmember Lee Donohue – A report was made available.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

- Save Lili'uokalani School: The elementary school will be 100 years old next school year. The Board of Education is targeting the school for closure. It was encouraged to support the school by signing a petition online at www.kaimukihawaii.com/queen-liluokalani-school-petition.html. If the school is shut down, the students will have to relocate to Liholiho Elementary or Waialae Charter School.
- Diamond Head Peace Garden: On Diamond Head Road and 18th Avenue there was a dedication of the Millennium Peach Garden.
- Fred Rohlfing Book Signing: Rohlfing recently signed his book *Island Son* at the Kahala Barnes and Noble.
- Save the Dates: Saturday, November 6, 2010, Waialae Avenue will be closed for the Kaimuki Kanikapila. On Thursday, December 2, 2010 Waialae Avenue will be closed for the Annual Christmas Parade.

Representative Lyla Berg – No representative or report available.

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.
- Senator Figueira and Senator Kouchi: The interim Senators will be serving until November 2, 2010.
- Prayers During Session: It is being discussed if there is going to be a prayer during session, someone from every religion will have to attend to cover all religions.
- "Local Jobs for Local People" Law: Senator Hemmings and Senator Slom were opposed to this law. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) declared it was in violation of procurement rules

and said that “state laws cannot be applied to projects that use federal community planning and development funds.”

- State Automated Telephone Directory System: This system will make it easier for callers to reach State or County offices. The State telephone directory phone number is 586-2211 on Oahu or toll-free on the neighbor islands at 974-4000 ext. 62211#. The system began operating on October 1, 2010.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Fichtman moved, Pyles seconded that the September 16, 2010 regular meeting minutes be approved. The minutes were APPROVED AS CIRCULATED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 5-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Brady, Fichtman, Fulton, Pyles).

BOARD BUSINESS:

Transit Authority Ballot Initiative – Doug Carlson noted on November 2nd, Oahu will be asked to vote on a proposed amendment to the City Charter. Carlson highlighted the benefits of creating a new public transit authority for the rail system which as the City Council has determined that an appointed transit authority would provide for timely and efficient management of the planning, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion of the rail transit system. Decisions will be made quicker due to its singular focus and it will not cost more money. The appointed positions will be volunteers and chosen selectively.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. TheBus Bus System – This authority will not include TheBus.
2. Board Accountability – It was stated that much of the accountability will be through the City Council and the Mayor.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Mayor John H. Wilson Elementary School – The school has entered a national contest in competition with other elementary schools across the nation to win up to \$50,000. Each school was required to write a proposal for a physical fitness program to service their students. The four schools with the highest numbers of votes will win. Voting began October 5, 2010 and ends November 1, 2010. Each person may vote once each day. To access the voting website go to www.powerabrightfuture.com.

Kahala Nui – A resident commented that the facility will be emptying their rubbish bins on Kahala Nui property not on Malia Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Board Meeting – On Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church on 1350 Hunakai Street. Please note that the location could change due to scheduled renovations at the Church.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by: Theona Kapoi, Neighborhood Commission Office

Reviewed by: Scotty Anderson, Chair