



WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010 WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Scotty Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. **A quorum was present with seven (7) 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, Stan Fichtman, Linda Fulton, John Pyles, Paul Saito, Martin Schiller.

Members Absent – Sylvia Himeda and Richard Turbin.

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

Guests – Firefighters Beau Lee and Reggie Gawiran (Honolulu Fire Department); Sergeant Clinton Sukekane (Honolulu Police Department); Senator Sam Slom; Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply); Joan Shinn (Representative Barbara Marumoto's Office); Mark Hashem (State Representative Elect); Trevor Ozawa (Council Member Elect Stanley Chang's Office); Ann Chung (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Office); Nina Camey and Carole Berg (Kahala Community Association); Ellen Shiraki; Terry Yoshinaga; Karl Essig; Gloria Gau; Vernon Muira; Nancy Thomas; Mako Nishimura; Gen Nishimura; and Theona Kapoi (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Without objection, Councilmember Lee Donohue's report was moved out of order to be heard first.

Councilmember Lee Donohue – Councilmember Donohue circulated his written report and was available for questions.

Chair Anderson commended Councilmember Donohue for his work to the community during the term of his seat. The Councilmember was presented a lei on behalf of the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board by Ann Chung from Mayor Peter Carlisle's Office.

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:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Gawiran reported the following:

- **October 2010 Statistics:** Included 3 structure fires, 2 rubbish fires, 1 vehicle fire and 108 medical emergencies.
- **Fire Safety Tip 1:** Consider a fire-resistant, artificial Christmas tree this holiday season. When choosing a real tree, pick one as fresh as possible, keep it hydrated and away from heat sources. Use noncombustible materials for decoration and choose only Underwriter's Laboratory-approved electrical decorations and follow the manufacture's instructions for installation and usage. Do not overload extension cords. Also when housing overnight guests, share your home escape plan with them.
- **Fire Safety Tip 2:** Turn of the stove if you must leave when cooking. Unattended cooking is the number one cause of home fires. Have a metal lid ready to cover grease fires. Never wear loose-sleeved clothing and turn handles on pots and pans inward to prevent accidents. Keep children away from the cooking area.
- **Fire Safety Tip 3:** Turkey fryers can be very dangerous. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the poultry in hot oil. The NFPA states that "turkey fryers that use oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for acceptably safe use even by a well-informed and careful consumer." Further information may be found on the NFPA website at www.nfpa.org.



Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant Sukekane reported the following:

- October 15 – November 15, 2010 Statistics: Included 9 burglaries, 34 theft offenses and 8 unauthorized entry to a motor vehicle offenses. 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 Identity (ID) Theft. Sergeant Sukekane noted that ID theft is a major problem. There are tips that can help protect against ID theft on the HPD website at www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. ID Theft: Sergeant Sukekane reported he was a recent victim of ID theft. He received an automated call on his cellular phone requesting personal information, but quickly hung up. Sergeant Sukekane stated that financial institutions will not request for personal information through an automated system and if this does occur inform the financial institution.
2. Unreported Mugging: Sergeant Sukekane will have Officer Mitchell follow up with the board regarding the mugging and further information.
3. Kahala Recreation (REC) Center and Park: HPD cannot enforce any time restrictions at the REC center because there are no established times that closes the area. Residents will have to coordinate with the City to get proper signage to close the park.

Mayor Carlisle's Representative – Ann Chung, Director of Economic Development followed up with concerns from the previous meeting and reported the following:

- Damaged Property: Concern is that there has been destruction of private property on the makai side of Kahala Avenue where contractors have blocked both directions sometimes directing traffic to drive over residents landscaping, irrigations lines and through (horseshoe) driveways to leave or return home. The Department of Environmental Services (ENV) noted there have been situations where the Contractor had to drive trucks onto grass areas to do work. Unfortunately, damage to grass areas have occurred and the Contractor will repair these damaged areas at no cost to the project. The Contractor has been reminded of their responsibility to have the proper traffic controls in place to insure that the work area is safe for the workers and public. Although the Contractor does not recall directing traffic over landscaped areas or through driveways, the Contractor was reminded that these types of traffic control will not be tolerated.
- Sewer Work: There was concern that with less than 24-hour notice, residents were told not to put anything down the sewer lines for a 24-hour period, 1 PM to 1 PM the next day; no showers, no dish washing, no toilet flushing, etc. ENV apologizes for the miscommunication. The Contractor was instructed to communicate the intent of ENV's message precisely so that there will be no misunderstanding. The intent of the message is to ask for residents' assistance by using the sewer for necessary purposes (toilet flushing, showers, etc) only, and to reschedule unnecessary use, such laundry washing, to another day. It was never the intent for the residents not to use the sewer for a 24-hour period.
- Rats: There was concern that the Kahala area now has rats running around. The State Department of Health (DOH) was notified and baited the man holes. However, the rats are no longer under the man holes they are looking for new homes in residents homes. ENV will continue to follow up on the concern and report back to the Board.
- No Trash Pickup: There was concern that the beach side construction project had no warning that they would not be able to get any materials delivered or large equipment to the project for two weeks. The Refuse Division, Department of Transportation Services, and the Street Usage Permit Section; was not notified by the construction contractor of the street blockage that occurred on Saturday, November 6, 2010. Residents who were therefore not serviced on that Saturday were serviced on Monday, November 8, 2010. Refuse staff will discuss the matter with the contractor to make arrangements so that the residents can receive trash service.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Road Paving: It was requested to receive a timetable for the paving of Ainokoa Drive and Halekoa Drive.
2. 656 Apuwai Place: Chair Anderson informed Ms. Chung about the use of Mrs. Shiraki's private driveway for refuse pick up. It was noted that a meeting is forthcoming for Mrs. Shiraki, ENV and Corporation Counsel regarding the issue.
3. Contact Information: To contact Ms. Chung call 768-5761 or email achung@honolulu.gov.

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

- 2010-2011 Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshop Schedule: The Board of Water Supply and the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape are pleased to announce the 2010-2011 Saturday Xeriscape Workshop schedule. The workshops are held at the Board of Water Supply's Halawa Xeriscape Garden, focus on the concept of xeriscaping – an innovative means of conserving water through efficient landscaping – and other means of saving water outdoors. You can visit the BWS website at www.boardofwatersupply.com to check out the exciting list of classes offered at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. All of the workshops offered help to educate the community about water conservation outdoors.
- Water Meter Maintenance: BWS is responsible for the maintenance of water meters and it's important that the meter box area is clear of grass and debris so BWS crews can easily access it. For more information call 748-5000 or visit the BWS website at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Water Meter for Landscaping: Heller will follow up with the Board regarding the criteria needed to have a separate water meter for landscaping needs.
2. Watering Hours: BWS recommends NOT watering the yard between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Lee Donohue – Councilmember Donohue addressed the Board earlier during the meeting.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

- Washington D.C.: Representative Marumoto is conducting business in Washington D.C. and was unable to attend the Board meeting.
- Kawamoto Properties: It has been reported that Japanese billionaire, Gensiro Kawamoto, would like to establish an art museum and garden on two of his consolidated lots. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at the Kahala Recreation Center hosted by the Kahala Community Association.
- Kaimuki Christmas Parade: On December 2, 2010, the Kaimuki Christmas Parade will block off Waialae Avenue beginning at 3rd Avenue ending at Koko Head Avenue.
- Non-Profits: For non-profit organizations, be aware of the recent tax changes.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. House Leadership: Leadership positions in the House have not yet been decided. If residents have any ideas or concerns, contact Representative Marumoto's Office at 586-6310 or email her at repmarumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Representative Lyla Berg – No representative or report available.

Without objection, Representative Elect Mark Hashem's report was added to the agenda.

Representative Elect Mark Hashem – Representative Hashem circulated a report and highlighted the following:

- House Leadership: As mentioned, Leadership positions have yet to be determined.
- School Consolidations: A public hearing will be held on December 13, 2010, 6:30 p.m. at Kalani High School Cafeteria and December 15, 2010, 6:30 p.m. at Kaiser High School Cafeteria. Copies of the consolidation studies can be picked up various schools in the area and is available online at <http://doe.k12.hi.us>.

Without objection, Councilmember Elect Stanley Chang's report was added to the agenda.

Councilmember Elect Stanley Chang – Trevor Ozawa reported the following:

- Smooth Transition: Councilmember Elect Chang has been working with Councilmember Donohue's Staff and the Community to be sure he is aware of the issues he will face when he begins his term.

- Contact Information: Councilmember Elect Chang may be reached at 778-5783 or via email at Stanley@votestanleychang.com until he settles in his office in January 2011.

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

- Minority Leader: Senator Slom is the only republican in the Senate. This means he will be a member of all Senate Committees and will hold three leadership positions: Senate Minority Leader, Senate Minority Floor Leader and Senate Minority Policy Leader.
- New Senate Office: Senator Slom's office is located in room 214. It is expected that the phone and fax numbers will remain the same.
- Appointed School Board: On November 2nd, Hawaii voters decided to go from an elected to an appointed school board.
- Hawaii Redistricting: A redistricting committee was established to possibly redo the boundary lines based upon the 2010 U.S. Census.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Getting Out of Debt: Senator Slom stated Hawaii needs to know how it got into debt in the first place in order to know how to get out of it. Hawaii does need some discipline to help with getting out of debt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Fulton moved, Fitchman seconded that the October 21, 2010 regular meeting minutes be approved. The minutes were APPROVED AS CIRCULATED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Brady, Fichtman, Fulton, Pyles, Saito, Schiller).**

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Kahala Community Park – A resident is concerned with the adults loitering at the Kahala Community Park after football practice is through. Football practices began August 2, 2010 and there is non-stop whistle blowing between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The adults, some of whom are parents of the athletes remain after practice and at times not leave until 10:00 p.m. Residents have spoken with the park manager and will follow up with the football league.

A concern was raised that young adults that seem to be a part of a gang have been hanging around the park after 10:00 p.m. because there are no park closure signs. It was suggested to have signs put up to close the park and the restrooms. Board Member Fitchman suggested having the support of surrounding neighbors so they do not wonder why something just happened.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School – Chair Anderson read a resolution adopted by the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board Number 4 requesting to keep the Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School open. Students would likely be transferred to Waialae or Liholiho Elementary Schools. Whether the Board would like to be actively involved with the closure of the school, the neighborhood would be affected by its closure. The Board decided not to make a motion and hope for the best for Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School.

Bill 53 (2010) – This Bill was introduced in City Council and relates to Special Management Area and Shoreline Setback Variance (SMA/SSV). Board Member Pyles stated that this Bill was a housekeeping Bill and there is no reason to oppose it. The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has made it clear of what the Bill is. If the Bill is passed; it has a sunset provision; it was suggested that it be extended.

Approval of Board Expenditure for Facility Rental – Chair Anderson was able to reserve the Kahala Community Park Recreation Center for the Board during the renovation period of the Wesley United Methodist Church at no cost. The Board will meet at the Kahala Community Park located at 4495 Pahoehoe Avenue at 7:00 p.m.

OTHER REPORTS:

Chair Reports/Correspondence – The Waialae Country Club applied for a Special Liquor License to be used for the 2011 Sony Open from January 8-16, 2011.

Treasurer's Report – Fulton stated the board had a previous balance of \$2,495.19. In October 2010 the board spent \$27.31 on printing and postage leaving a balance of \$2,467.88.

Committees –

- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Traffic – There is no report.
- Land Use and Zoning – There is no report.

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- December Recess – The Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board will not be meeting in December 2010. Have a safe and happy holiday season.
- Meeting Location Change – The Wesley United Methodist Church on 1350 Hunakai Street will be under going renovations from January 2011 to June 2011. The Board will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the **Kahala Community Park Recreation Center on 4495 Pahoia Avenue.**
- Next Board Meeting – On Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kahala Community Park Recreation Center, 4495 Pahoia Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted by: Theona Kapoi, Neighborhood Commission Office

Reviewed by: Scotty Anderson, Chair