



WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011** **KAHALA COMMUNITY PARK**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Scotty Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. **A quorum was not present with four (4) 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, Sylvia Himeda, John Pyles (arrived at 7:14 p.m.), Paul Saito, Richard Turbin (arrived at 7:21 p.m.).

Members Absent – Stan Fichtman, Linda Fulton, and Martin Schiller.

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

Guests – Firefighters Chris Edwards and Reggie Gawiran (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Calvin Tong and Office Tony Kahapea (Honolulu Police Department); Senator Sam Slom; Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply); Representative Barbara Marumoto; Representative Mark Hashem; Councilmember Stanley Chang; Rebecca Soon, Trevor Ozawa (Councilmember Stanley Chang's Office); Ann Chung (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Office); Nina Camey (Kahala Community Association); Jan and Emily Bullock; Devon and Steve Peterson; and Theona Kapoi (Neighborhood Commission Office).

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

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

- **December 2010 Statistics:** Included 5 structure fires and 1 vehicle fire. There were 101 medical emergencies, 4 activated alarms and 13 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Community Relations:**
 - **Fire Safety Tip** – In an emergency, it is critical that emergency responders quickly identify the correct location. Fire, building, U.S. postal codes, and City ordinances state that property owners shall place their house numbers so it is legible and readily visible from the street. This will assist HFD and other first responders to quickly locate a house in the event of an emergency. If the property is difficult to locate, provide 911 dispatchers with additional information to assist them in locating the property.
 - **Fireworks Regulation Changes** – Beginning January 2, 2011, consumers may only purchase firecrackers; Consumers must apply for a permit to set off firecrackers no less than ten days prior to the event; It is unlawful for any persons having the custody or control of any minor to permit the minor to set off, ignite, or otherwise cause to explode any firecrackers. For any question please call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 723-7162.

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

- **Statistics:** Residents interested in receive the police statistics for this neighborhood 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 safety tips for driving in the rain. More information may be found on the HPD website at www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:



1. Appreciation to HPD: Representative Marumoto thanked HPD for assisting the residents with noise complaints on Ainakoa Drive. It was noted that the person creating the noise will be moving out of the district.
2. Speeding on Ainakoa Drive: Lieutenant Tong stated that they will inform the first watch about the speeding. Chair Anderson noted that the Department of Transportations Services (DTS) will be repainting the intersection with the illusion that the road is narrowing and will force drivers to slow down.
3. Homeless Residents: HPD will follow up with the concern of homeless residents frequenting areas like the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) Box. It was commented that the homeless woman with the rabbits and cats is once again in the area.
4. Traffic Congestion: It was requested HPD inform Kamehameha Preschool of the traffic congestion picking up and dropping off students at Keanu Street and Hunakai Street. Lieutenant Tong will educate the Preschool about the situation and offer suggestions before taking any action.
5. POD's on the Street: The resident will need a street usage permit to keep the POD on the street.
6. Pedestrian Right of Way: Many areas in the neighborhood do not have a distinct sidewalk for residents to walk on. Cars are often parked on the street side forcing pedestrians to walk on to the street. Lieutenant Tong requested residents call 911 with the location for HPD to check on the possible violation.
7. Speeding on Kilauea Avenue: It was requested that residents call 911 and inform HPD about the time the violations occurred.

Pyles arrived at 7:14 p.m.; Quorum of 5 members present.

Without objection the agenda was moved out of order to hear Item V.b. Resolution to Oppose Consolidation of Kalani Complex Schools.

Resolution to Oppose Consolidation of Kalani Complex Schools – A first grade student of the Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School (QLES) spoke to the board in opposition of the school closure. Mrs. Devon Peterson stated that the Board of Education has not been following their own rules and procedures in accordance with the Hawaii administrative rules.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Need for School Closures: It was stated that schools have been closing all over the state. If the closures are being done to save money and if schools don't close what can the state if there is pressure to cut spending? Mrs. Peterson stated that there has to be a question of priorities. If the school closures are happening, how much money is the state really saving? The money seems to get shifted elsewhere rather than being saved. One was Moloka'i is saving money is by not having principals. The problem is that some say certain schools are not achieving standards. If there is no money to help fund the school, the school becomes less attractive, in turn lowering enrollment. The children pay the price. The way schools are managed is draining to a child's education.
2. Charter Schools: If parents are worried about the way schools are managed, they should look into the possibility of charter schools. Charter schools give parents more say in their child's education. Mrs. Peterson stated the parents of QLES are looking into it.
3. Appointed School Board:

Turbin arrived at 7:21 p.m.; Quorum of 6 members present.

The agenda resumed order with Item II.c. Mayor's Representative – Ann Chung.

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

- Ainakoa Drive Noise: As mentioned earlier by HPD, the issue of power drills and tools being used throughout the day has been resolved.
- Rats: Unfortunately when sewer lines are rehabilitated, rats are many times flushed out of the sewer system where they tend to inhabit and look for suitable substitute dwelling areas. If an address is provided the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) will monitor the sewer lines and continue to bait the manholes. The State Department of Health (DOH) vector control branch or commercial pest controller should be consulted with in regards to eliminating any rat problem.

- Ainakoa and Halekoa Drive Repaving Schedule: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has selected a consultant to design proposed improvements to the intersection of Ainakoa and Malia Drives. DTS improvement projects, which includes modified signage and striping, does not include repaving of Ainakoa and Malia Drives. The construction plans for signing and striping improvements are estimated to go out for bid by the end of Summer 2011.

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

- Concerns About Chromium VI (Hexavalent Chromium): An environmental group released a report about the presence of a Chromium VI, a suspected carcinogen, in waters supplies around the country. BWS would like to inform residents that they are committed to protecting public health and takes seriously any information about potential drinking water contaminants. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of reviewing health effects data to determine if a new standard is needed and also developing guidance on monitoring for Chromium VI. BWS has decided it is important to start assessing the extent of Chromium VI presence in our water supplies now by collecting and testing samples. BWS feels this is an important proactive step to get information on Oahu water and proceed to develop a sampling plan in consultation with the State Department of Health (DOH). BWS monitors its water supplies in compliance with the present EPA maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 100 parts per billion for total chromium. The results show BWS sources presently meet the current MCL for total chromium and are available on our Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which we provide to all customers each year.
- Water Conservation Contest Reminder: We also would like to issue a friendly reminder that the BWS has launched its annual poster and poetry contests, open to all Oahu school children. This year's theme is "Me He Ahupua'a – Mai Uka I Kai (As an Ahupua'a – from the Mountain to Sea, Conserve Water)". Students are encouraged to artistically and poetically depict the theme as a way to learn and better understand the value of water conservation and resourcefulness.
- Contact BWS: For more information from the BWS visit www.boardofwatersupply.com or call 748-5041.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Water Meter for Landscaping: Heller will follow up with the Board regarding the criteria needed to have a separate water meter for landscaping needs.

Councilmember Stanley Chang – Councilmember Chang reported the following:

- Committee Chair: Councilmember Chang noted that he is the Chair of the Pubic Works and Sustainability (PWS) Committee. He feels fixing Oahu's streets is a top priority as Honolulu has the second worst roads in the country. Potholes continue to be a major issue and it is encouraged residents call the pothole hotline at 768-7777. Do not assume the City will repair the pothole. Emergency repairs can also be completed.
- Waimanalo Gulch Landfill: Councilmember Chang visited the Landfill where runoff overflowed into the ocean. The Landfill is building an area where runoff should flow on the side of the gulch and not into the ocean, however it is still weeks away from completion.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- National Road Standards: It was requested that Councilmember Chang follow up on the possibility of Oahu being required to comply with national road standards which would make Oahu more proactive in keeping our road maintenance up to date.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

- Marumoto Bills: Representative Marumoto will be introducing a number of bills this legislative session.
- Marumoto Activities:
 - Representative Marumoto and the Arthritis Foundation held a forum at Kalaha Nui Retirement Community. Seventy-five people heard a panel of experts speak about the disease and how exercise and stretching may help relieve symptoms.

- Thanks was given to the Kaimuki Business and Professional Association for another well organized Holiday Parade
- Meeting Held by Representative Marumoto and the Kahala Community Association: This meeting was held to receive input from neighbors on whether they would like a museum on Kahala Avenue or not. District officials that participated included Senator Sam Slom, Representative Mark Hashem, Councilmember Stanley Chang and Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board Chair Scotty Anderson. Japanese billionaire Gensiro Kawamoto has discussed the possibility of opening an art museum and garden on two adjacent lots he owns on Kahala Avenue. Residents were opposed to a museum or a museum with conditions. It was suggested a Bill be introduced in the legislature for messy properties be charged as a misdemeanor with harsher punishments. Councilmember Chang commented that the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) was concerned will fining big property owners within a small radius. Raising fines would have to be consistent with all violators. The City does have laws in place; the problem lies with the enforcement of them.

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

- 2011 Session Bills:
 - Relating to Employment Security – This excludes sole proprietors from the employment security laws, but also allows them to elect to be covered by it.
 - Relating to Taxation – This exempts new businesses from income tax. Requires that new businesses claiming the exemption have either: (1) been in existence for less than three years, or (2) earned less than \$100,000 in gross sales during any of the first three taxable years.
- House Speaker: House Speaker Calvin Say will continue in his leadership position for the 2011 Session.
- Committees: Representative Hashem is a member of the Economic Revitalization and Business, Finance, and Tourism Committees. He is also the Vice Chair of the Agriculture and International Affairs Committees.

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

- Introduction of 2011 Bills: Senator Slom will be introducing a number of bills this Session. Some will deal with addressing unemployment and Hawaii's small businesses.
- Committees: Senator Slom is a member of all the Senate Committees.
- Senator Slom's Comments: Senator Slom commented that he would like to have an audit of the entire Department of Education (DOE), not just parts of it. He also commented that the Department of Human Services is requesting for more funding. He questions what the State is doing to get people off welfare.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Medal of Honor Park (Triangle Park) – It was requested the City take proactive steps into keeping the park with as little damage as possible after the Sony Open. The Sony Open utilizes the park annually and is supposed to return the field to it's previous state, however, it takes months before it gets done. What can the City do to prevent so much damage to the park?

Ainakoa Field – There is a batting cage on the field that the baseball league uses for batting practice. The noise it makes is disturbing and a request has been made to ask the league to limit their batting practice from continuing into night fall.

Unmarked Bus Stop – At 4721 Kahala Avenue, two cars were towed away because it was a bus stop. There was no indication that there was a bus stop there. What can be done so this does not happen again and are residents allowed to paint the curb red?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Turbin moved, Saito seconded that the November 18, 2010 regular meeting minutes of the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board be approved with the following corrections:

- Page 2 – Question 1, under Mayor Carlisle's Representative, "Ainokoa" should be replaced with *Ainakoa*.
- Page 4 – Bill 53 (2010), omit current wording and replace with the following: "Bill 53 was introduced by Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) to compliment ACT 160 passed by the legislature in 2010 regarding vegetation encroaching onto the shoreline. No action is required by the Board."

The minutes were APPROVED as CORRECTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 6-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Brady, Himeda, Pyles, Saito, Turbin).

BOARD BUSINESS:

Recap of Meeting Sponsored by Representative Marumoto – This item was previously addressed during Representative Marumoto’s report.

Resolution to Oppose Consolidation of Kalani Complex Schools – This item was previously addressed. However, at this time, the Board heard the addition to the resolution is opposition of consolidating the Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School by the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board. The additions from the Waialae Neighborhood Board were as followed:

“WHEREAS, the parents are concerned that they and the teachers at Queen Lili’uokalani Elementary School have not been kept fully informed of the process related to the proposed consolidation and that the lack of information may cause teachers and students to leave the school, and THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 that it opposes the consolidation of Queen Lili’uokalani Elementary School with Liholiho and Waialae Schools, that the laws, rules and regulations required to be followed for a proposed consolidation be followed, and that the community, parents and teacher be kept informed of the process and significant decisions related to the Department of Education’s consolidation study on Kalani Complex Elementary Schools (Draft No. 4090710); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Education.”

Turbin moved, Pyles seconded that the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board approve the additions to the resolution in opposition of the consolidation of the Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School. The motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 6-0-0, (AYE: Anderson, Brady, Himeda, Pyles, Saito, Turbin).

OTHER REPORTS:

Chair Reports/Correspondence – Les Fukuda will continue to represent the Board at the OMPO meetings and any Board Member may be the alternate.

Treasurer’s Report – Himeda stated the board had a previous balance of \$2,442.27. In December 2010 the Board spent \$22.41 on printing and postage leaving a balance of \$2,419.86.

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:

- Meeting Location: 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 Paho Avenue.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Submitted by: Theona Kapoi, Neighborhood Commission Office

Reviewed by: Scotty Anderson, Chair