



## WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011** **KAHALA COMMUNITY PARK**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Scotty Anderson called the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board (Board) meeting to order at 7:02 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, Stan Fichtman, Linda Fulton, Sylvia Himeda, John Pyles, Paul Saito, Martin Schiller, Richard Turbin (arrived at 7:12 p.m.).

**Members Absent** – Arnold Brady.

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

**Guests** – Firefighter Mark Montgomery and Captain John Kino (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Calvin Tong, Sergeant Erik Egami, Officer Tony Kahapea (Honolulu Police Department); Senator Sam Slom; Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply); Casey Nishimura (Representative Mark Hashem's Office); Councilmember Stanley Chang; John Chang (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Office); Andrew Laurence (Malama Maunaloa); Jan, Emily, Lyle Bullock; Rosa Serai; Jim Lake; Von Gardner; and Theona Kapoi (Neighborhood Commission Office).

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

#### **CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Captain Kino reported the following:

- **January 2011 Statistics:** Included 5 structure fires and 1 vehicle fire. There were 109 medical emergencies and 17 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Community Relations:**
  - **Fire Safety Tip** – Smoke alarms save lives and are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Since the late 1970's, properly installed and maintained smoke alarms have contributed to an almost 50 percent decrease in fire deaths. According to the Nations Fire Protections Association, residents are likely to survive a home fire if you have working smoke alarms. An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if all homes contained working smoke alarms.
  - **Smoke Alarm and Fire Safety Tips** – 1) Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home; 2) Test smoke alarms at least once a month or as directed by the manufacturer; 3) Replace smoke alarm batteries once a year or as directed by the manufacturer; The best smoke alarms are hard-wired and interconnected, so that if one alarm detects smoke, all alarms in the house are activated. 4) Designate a safe meeting place outside the home and practice your family escape plan.

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

- **Statistics:** Residents interested in receiving the police statistics for this neighborhood via email, contact Officer 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 tips for personal safety. More information may be found on the HPD website at [www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7](http://www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Successful Arrests:** A concern was raised about what happens to criminals after they have been arrested. Lieutenant Tong stated that it is dependent on a number of different things.



2. Bicycles on Sidewalks: Lieutenant Tong stated that bicycles are not allowed on sidewalks in areas zoned as a business district like Waikiki and the Downtown area.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – There was no representative or report available at this time.

Mayor Carlisle's Representative – John Chang followed up with previous concerns and reported the following:

- Medal of Honor Park (Triangle Park): Bill Belford with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will work with the Sony Open to develop a plan to minimize further damage to include possibly finding other suitable parking locations.
- Ainakoa Field: The permitted group of 5-7 year old children are using a portable batting cage and it is taken down daily. The user group has been reminded that it is permitted use should cease prior to sunset.
- Unmarked Bus Stop at 4721 Kahala Avenue: In the matter of the unmarked bus stop on Kahala Avenue opposite Koloa Street, the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) will send a crew to paint the curb red. Oahu Transit Services, Inc (OTS) bus stop crew will be sent to remove stickers or replace the bus stop sign entirely.

**Turbin arrived 7:12 p.m.; Quorum of eight (8) members present.**

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Unmarked Bus Stop: A resident expressed gratitude for working on the Bus Stop right away.
2. Medal of Honor Park: Chair Anderson stated having met with Bill Belford and a few other people from DPR. They will be working on a more proactive effort to minimize the damage of the park.
3. Public Access to Beach: A resident requested the sign be removed from the public access point to Diamond Head Beach. It was requested that warning signs be posted instead.
4. Kahala Avenue Park: It was requested that the showers at Kahala Avenue Park be changed to what it previously was. If that is not possible, it was requested water pressure for the showers to be adjusted because it is too strong.

**Without objection the agenda moved out of order to hear item II c, Board of Water Supply.**

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

- Chromium VI (Hexavalent Chromium) Test Results Available: BWS and the Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) released test results of initial island-wide screening for Chromium VI. The preliminary sampled water systems serve the majority of customers in West, Central and East Oahu, as well as the North Shore and Windward Oahu. The results collected may be found on the BWS website.

According to DOH the Chromium VI results are within the expected range of naturally occurring levels for Hawaii and are not indicative of industrial contamination. BWS continues to meet all drinking water standards, and Oahu's tap water is safe for consumption. BWS will continue sampling on Oahu to develop a more comprehensive picture of Chromium VI in its systems. Future test results will be made available as public record. For more information visit the BWS website, [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) or call 748-5041.

- Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshops: Workshops are held each month at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden and are geared toward community education about how you can conserve water outdoors. BWS employees and gardening experts will host educational and fun activities where participants learn about water conservation through Xeriscape. To register for classes, call 748-5363 or email [tours@hbws.org](mailto:tours@hbws.org).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Water Meter for Landscaping: Heller stated BWS manages the City's municipal drinking water supply only. The Department of Environmental Services (ENV), Wastewater will follow up with the Board regarding the criteria needed to have a separate water meter for landscaping needs.

**Without objection the agenda resumed order with item II e, Councilmember Stanley Chang.**

Councilmember Stanley Chang – There was no report or representative available at this time.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Representative Barbara Marumoto – There was no representative available; a report was circulated.

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

- Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Requests:
  - \$4.1 Million for the design and construction of the athletic track and turf field at Kaiser High School.
  - \$8.2 Million for girls locker rooms in accordance with Title IX requirements.
  - Kahala Elementary CIP's include about \$815,000 for improvements to the school.
- Representative Hashem's Staff: His staff includes Angelica Moore, Kathy Kato, Dorothy Mulkern, and Casey Nishimura. Any of the staff members may be contacted at 586-6510.
- "Public Nuisance Bill": Representative Hashem co-signed this Bill.
- Special Funds: A Bill has been introduced to abolish special funds completely. This will allow the Legislature to approve the budget quicker and justify as well as regulate spending.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Public Nuisance Bill: Nishimura was unsure if the "Public Nuisance Bill" would be effective. He stated Councilmember Chang is working on getting a task force together to work on a solution regarding Mr. Kawamoto's properties.
2. Kawamoto Properties: Residents questioned Mr. Kawamoto's ability to do as he pleases. He has been fined and he is allowed to get away with paying 10 cents on the dollar. Board Member Turbin stated that there is something that can be done and enforced civilly, however residents will have to get together and it gets expensive. Board Member Fichtman stated that the law cannot discriminate against an individual. It has to be a one size fits all and all the City has to do now is enforce their current ordinances.

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

- 2011 Legislative Session: Senator Slom stated that one-third of this year's session has gone by and the government has done nothing. The approval of the budget has not been done and none of the bills that were passed have to do with the State's operating budget. The State has a spending problem.
- Governor's Cabinet Appointees Confirmed: The State Senate confirmed the Governor's Cabinet Appointees which included Kalbert Young to be the Director to the Department of Budget and Finance.
- Governor Abercrombie's Campaign: In his campaign to become Governor, Abercrombie stated that he will not increase taxes. As Governor, he has introduced five tax bills.
- Sabrina McKenna: The Hawaii State Senate confirmed Family Court Judge Sabrina McKenna to be the Hawaii State Supreme Court as its newest justice.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Budget Deadline – According to the State's Constitution, the budget is to be submitted to the Legislature before the session begins.

**Without objection the agenda moved out of order to hear item II e, Councilmember Stanley Chang.**

Councilmember Stanley Chang – Councilmember Chang distributed a report and highlighted the following:

- Potholes: Councilmember Chang noted fixing Oahu's streets is a top priority. Potholes continue to be a major issue and it is encouraged residents call the pothole hotline at 768-7777.
- Alternate Landfill Site: Councilmember Chang noted a committee was selected to recommend a new site.
- City Budget: The City Council has not received the budget and will keep the public informed.
- Plastic Bag Ban: There is a Bill in the Council requesting the ban of plastic bags on Oahu.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Ordinance Change: Councilmember Chang discussed with the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) that it is likely fines accumulated will not result in any kind of misdemeanor without changing the law.

2. New Ideas: Councilmember Chang noted that he and his staff are constantly looking at innovative and creative solutions for City issues and welcome any thoughts or ideas.
3. Councilmember Chang's Opinion: It was asked of the Councilmember how he would handle the situation of Mr. Kawamoto's properties if he were the only person that made the decision. Councilmember Chang stated that there are many things that would need to be taken into account and it is not an easy answer to come by. It was suggested there be a change in the City Charter and more pressure be placed on DPP.

**Without objection the agenda resumed order with item III, Residents'/Community Concerns.**

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School – A resident thanked the Board for their resolution to support the School. The school has achieved the AYP every year. The hearing was on February 14, 2011 and the hearing was extended to February 24, 2011 as there were more testifiers than anticipated. After all testimony is heard, recommendations will be made to the full Board of Education (BOE). There was concern with the Department of Education (DOE) is not following Hawaii's Administrative Rules and timelines have been missed for schools and it's teachers. A final decision needs to be made by March 2011.

Speeding on Waialae Nui Ridge – A resident was concerned with the speeding of cars on Waialae Nui Ridge in the 1800 block and suggested possibly putting speed bumps to slow motorists down. Chair Anderson suggested contacting Officer Kahapea and work with him on Community Policing. They will bring out speed signs so motorists see how fast they travel. It seems to work for participants of the program.

Public Land Maintenance – A resident suggested tax credits for tax payers that improve, enhance and maintain City property at their own expense; relates to beach front and streets. It was suggested if a taxpayer has 10,000 square feet of land and maintains 1,000 square feet of land that is partially City property, there should be a tax credit of 1/10 of the property.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Turbin moved, Saito seconded that the January 20, 2011 regular meeting minutes of the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board be approved. The minutes were APPROVED as CIRCULATED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 6-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Fichtman, Fulton, Himeda, Pyles, Saito, Turbin).**

BOARD BUSINESS:

Parking Issues at Hoaloha Kai Montessori School – There was no representative or report available.

"Every Drop Counts" – Andrew Laurence of Malama Maunalua presented the following information:

Maunalua Bay runs from Black Point to Koko Head. The Bay is getting better and it has a chance to recover with the help of all the residents. After volunteers have assisted with cleaning the Bay, the water has become clear again. However the natural environment can still be over run by other species. So far, there has been no reinvasion of these species. Having worked with various organizations, Malama Maunalua will be able to complete what the project intended on time and under budget. Laurence distributed a handout that for residents regarding actions they can take to help protect Maunalua Bay.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- Mahalo: The Malama Maunalua Bay was commended for doing what they do on time and under budget. It was suggested a resolution be drafted to propose the improvement and quality of life on the island to help make it a more beautiful place to live.

OTHER REPORTS:

Chair Reports/Correspondence – Chair Anderson noted a concern from a resident of Waialae Ridgeline Estates. The concern is that the "No Parking Anytime" Signs need to be replaced as residents are parking in a no parking zone. There also needs to be a "No Littering" Sign as residents who walk their pets do not pick up after them. The presence of signs may alleviate some of the mishaps that have been occurring.

Treasurer's Report – Himeda stated the board had a previous balance of \$2419.18. In January 2011 the Board spent \$28.03 on printing and postage leaving a balance of \$2,391.83.

Committees –

- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Traffic: Comments may be submitted to OMPO
- Land Use and Zoning: There is no report.

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Letter to Board Member Turbin: Turbin read the letter he received a loud.
- Neighborhood Board Elections: The Neighborhood Commission had a special meeting today to decide whether or not the Neighborhood Board System will be having a 2011 Election. Residents interested in being an elected member of the Board should still submit their candidacy declaration form.
- Next Meeting: The Board will meet at the Kahala Community Park Recreation Center on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Theona Kapoi, Neighborhood Commission Office

Reviewed by: Scotty Anderson, Chair