



## WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** **THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011** **KAHALA COMMUNITY PARK**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Scotty Anderson called the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board (Board) meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. **A quorum was present with six (6) 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 (arrived 7:07 p.m.), Paul Saito, Martin Schiller.

**Members Absent** – Arnold Brady, Richard Turbin.

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

**Guests** – Firefighter Thomas Ettinger (Honolulu Fire Department); Chief Louis Kealoha, Deputy Chief Delbert Tatsuyama, Deputy Chief Randy Macadangdang, Assistant Chief Bart Huber, Major Evan Ching, Captain William Baldwin, Lieutenant Carl Thorstad, Sergeant Allen Ishida, Officer Tony Kahapea (Honolulu Police Department); Senator Sam Slom, Mirian Landre (Senator Slom's Office); Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply); Representative Mark Hashem; Councilmember Stanley Chang; Trevor Ozawa (Councilmember Chang's Office); Ann Chung (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Office); Kathy Kane and Bob Murakami (KCA); Q. Yau; Martha Vera; and Theona Kapoi (Neighborhood Commission Office).

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

### **CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:**

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

- **March 2011 Statistics:** Included 3 fires and 114 medical emergencies.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and injuries. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. It is important to be alert to prevent cooking fires. The following are helpful tips for cooking safety from the National Fire Protection Association:
  - **Cook with Caution:** 1) Be Alert! If sleepy or have consumed alcohol, do not use the stove or stovetop; 2) Stay in the kitchen while frying, grilling, or broiling food. If leaving the kitchen, turn off the stove; 3) If simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly. Remain in the house, and use a timer as a reminder that you are cooking; 4) Keep items such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, curtains, etc., away from the stovetop, as they easily catch fire.
  - **Cooking Fire:** 1) Get out! Close the door behind you to help contain the fire; 2) Call 9-1-1; 3) If you attempt to extinguish the fire, ensure others are out of the house and that there is an unobstructed way out for yourself; 4) Keep a lid nearby when you are cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turning off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled; 5) for an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Captain Baldwin 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).
- **Stop Criminals from Acquiring your Money (S.C.A.M):** This month's report highlights tips for scams and protecting yourself against them. An informational brochure was left for residents to protect and prevent the community from being taken advantage of. Many elderly residents have been a victim to these scams. More information maybe found on the HPD website at [www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7](http://www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7).
- **Chief Louis Kealoha:** Chief Kealoha introduced himself to the Board and community. He noted that since his appointment, he has been going around the island when he can to attend neighborhood board meetings



and neighborhood security watch groups. The past week was busy for the Waialae area and he wanted to know HPD will continue working hard for the community. Chief Kealoha noted he has also stopped S.C.A.M.'s in the area. He also introduced the new captain, Captain William Baldwin.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC): Concern was raised regarding Kapiolani Park being a designated area for protesters. It was noted that to date, all details have not been set.
2. Traffic Detours: It was requested that HPD assist with unpredicted traffic detours. Motorists often break the law by driving in the oncoming traffic lanes to bypass traffic congestion in some areas of Waialae.
3. Information to the Public: HPD suggested signing up for NIXLE. It is a program that can send motorists text message or email alerts of traffic updates. The City is currently working on sending messages with more detail and a lot quicker.
4. Filming Officers on Duty: It was clarified that although many police officers do not like to be videotaped, they can be filmed in a public place.

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

- Water Main Breaks: There were two eight inch water main breaks for the month of March; one on Ainahaina Road and the other on Waialae Iki. Heller will follow up on last month's concern of the amount of water loss during a water main break.
- Water System Improvement Projects: Which Mains to Replace and When: Much of Oahu's waterlines are nearing their life expectancies – over 40 percent of BWS waterlines are 30 to 60 years old. BWS must prioritize and implement projects to systematically replace aging pipes. To do this, BWS analyzes information collected on the water system and prioritizes its pipeline replacement projects based on four factors: 1) Condition assessment; 2) Fire protection improvement; 3) Public Impact; 4) Project coordination.
- BWS recognizes the impact water system improvement projects have on the community. However, with a systematic and prioritized pipeline replacement program, BWS aims to reduce the number of emergency repairs and ensure a continued safe and dependable water supply for customers. For more information about ongoing construction projects visit the BWS website at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

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

- Bulky Item Pickup: It was clarified that bulky item collections resumed in mid March 2011. It took the Refuse Division two weeks to clear the backlog.
- Pahoa Avenue: A notice of violation has been issued for overgrowth on the vacant lot at 4340 Pahoa Avenue. A work request has been sent to the Department of Facility Maintenance for the graffiti along the walls of the City drainage culvert. There was no observation of a derelict vehicle on the vacant lot.
- Neighborhood Commission Office Update: Acting Executive Secretary Tom Heinrich's first public hearing was today. The following hearing will be on Monday, May 2 and the final hearing and vote will be on Wednesday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. The 2011 Neighborhood Board System Election voting period is scheduled for May 2 to 20. Information regarding how to vote will be sent to residents as early as April 29, 2011. The election results must be released by June 1 – the target date with the vendor Everyone Counts is May 23.
- The Department of Corporation Counsel: Mayor Carlisle named Robert Godbey as the Director of Corporation Counsel, subject to City Council approval to his administration. Upon confirmation, he will begin on July 1, 2011.
- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC): Chung noted that she is the Mayor's Liaison for the 2011 APEC Conference in Honolulu. It is with high hopes that the conference will run smoothly and will bring great benefits to Honolulu even after the conference. The leaders of the conference will not be in town until November 11th and 12th, exact locations of where things will be held have not been release. For more information about APEC visit the website at [www.apec2011hawaii.com](http://www.apec2011hawaii.com).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Unmarked Bus Stop: A resident expressed gratitude for work done on the Bus Stop right away.
2. Medal of Honor Park: Chair Anderson stated having met with Bill Balfoar and a few other people from DPR. They will be working on a more proactive effort to minimize the damage to 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.

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

#### STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Representative Barbara Marumoto – A written report was circulated.

- Representative Mark Hashem – Representative Hashem circulated a report and highlighted that this month's newsletter to residents, it notes all the cuts proposed by the House and the Senate. The State legislators will have to work on closing the \$200 million shortfall by the end of this Session.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Tax Exemptions: Chair Anderson noted that coming from a construction background, losing tax exemptions will somewhat result in clients being charged for what used to be tax exempt. Construction contractors are working on alternatives to assist with these issues.
2. Farrington High School Story: In a recent Sunday Star Advertiser newspaper, Lee Cataluna wrote a story about the volleyball team having nothing to work with but ultimately completed the season. It is stories like this that everyone has to look to because they were able to complete a season with less than what others have.

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

- Conference Committee: Senator Slom stated to date 350 bills passed in conference committee.
- Budget: This year's budget is still not balanced. Senator Slom is not on the budget committee because he voted against it. It was noted that there is likely to be problems with fiscal years 2012 and 2013 with the budget, as there is a \$1.3 billion deficit. Although many believe an increase of the general excise tax is not going to happen, it is not for certain until Session ends.
- Board of Education (BOE) Appointees: Senator Slom noted that the appointed members seem positive and willing to make changes for the better.
- Honolulu Rail Project: Senator Slom noted he along with two other people will file a law suit against the City and County of Honolulu to stop the Rail project. One of the reasons being that the City does not have the necessary funds for a rail system.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Don Horner – It was noted that Don Horner is charged with many organizations around the State. It was questioned as to why they are asking a single person to fill and accomplish so many tasks.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: There were no concerns brought to the Waialae NB at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Fichtman moved, Saito seconded that the March 17, 2011 regular meeting minutes of the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board be approved. The minutes were APPROVED as CIRCULATED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Fichtman, Fulton, Himeda, Pyles, Saito, and Schiller).**

#### BOARD BUSINESS:

Parking Issues at Hoaloha Kai Montessori School – Chair Anderson noted that the issue was resolved prior to this month's Waialae NB meeting.

#### OTHER REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report – Himeda stated the board spent \$28.65 on printing and postage in March 2011, leaving a balance of \$2,334.05.

Committees –

- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Traffic: Residents interested in the Hawaii Statewide Pedestrian Master Plan can visit the OMPO website at [www.oahumpo.org](http://www.oahumpo.org).
- Land Use and Zoning: There is no report.

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) – None.

**Without objection, the agenda was moved out of order to hear Councilmember Stanley Chang's report.**

Councilmember Stanley Chang – Trevor Ozawa distributed a report and noted the Council Members were discussing budget issues until 11:00 p.m. the other night. There are going to be cuts that have to be made in the City. Councilmember Chang's focus is to keep the public's trust and confidence in the system. Councilmember Chang highlighted the following:

- Kawamoto Issues: After lengthy discussions with the City, it is possible to look into criminal enforcement for the Kawamoto properties. To date, Mr. Kawamoto does not have any outstanding fines.
- City Budget: The City Council has been working diligently on the budget. They are currently looking at where to cut at least \$10 million in the budget. Thankfully \$77 million was allotted for the road budget.
- Legacy of Life: A brochure was distributed for an organization called the Legacy of Life Hawaii. It is an organization that asks if you would like to be an organ donor. You can sign up on a driver's license or state ID application. For more information visit [www.legacyoflifehawaii.org](http://www.legacyoflifehawaii.org).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Organ Donor: It was noted that on the driver's license application, the box to sign up to be an organ donor is very small and off to the side, so many people do not know that it's there. In Hawaii, the percentage rate of organ donations is low for cultural reasons.
2. Debt Service: Concern was raised regarding the City's ability to borrow money to fund the Rail project. It was questioned to whether or not the City will know what the debt service will cost tax payers before putting it into the budget.
3. Tax Increase: Councilmember Chang noted that he did not favor an increase in the gas tax.

**Without objection the agenda resumed order with item VII, Announcements.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting: The Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board's next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hoaloha Kai Montessori School.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Submitted by: Theona Kapoi, Neighborhood Commission Office

Reviewed by: Scotty Anderson, Chair