



WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014** **HOALOHA KAI MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Arnold Brady called the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. **with a quorum of five (5) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Scotty Anderson, Arnold Brady, Kenneth Chang, Sylvia Himeda, Martin Schiller, and Richard Turbin (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)

Board Members Absent: Marianne Au, Peter Dudgeon, and John Pyles.

Vacancies: There were no vacancies.

Guests: Firefighter 1 Beau Lee (Honolulu Fire Department), Officer Shane Fujitani, Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane, and Sergeant Cyrus Hanuna (Honolulu Police Department), Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply), Michael Leong (Councilmember Stanley Chang's Office Staff), Gerald Saito (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative), Martin Hsia (Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say's Representative), Senator Sam Slom, Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Deena Dray (Diamond Head Theatre), Michael Gallagher, Wendy Ikeda, and Carla Pilato, and Laura Masui (Montessori of Oahu), Lloyd Nishikaw (Troop 777), Trevor Ozawa, Julie Farrell, and Lori Snyder (Neighborhood Commission Office Staff).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Board and community members introduced themselves.

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Brady announced Dudgeon and Au would be absent from this meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Firefighter 1 Beau Lee reported the following:

- **Fire Statistics for January:** Statistics included 2 structure fires, 4 rubbish fires, 97 medical emergencies, 2 search and rescues, and 49 miscellaneous calls for service.
- **Microwave Safety:** Purchase a microwave oven with an independent testing laboratory label. Complete and return the product registration card to be notified if there is a product recall. Supervise children who are using a microwave oven. Use only microwave-safe food containers or dishes. Never use aluminum foil or metal in a microwave oven. If a fire starts in a microwave oven, leave the door closed, turn the oven off, and unplug it from the wall receptacle. If the fire does not extinguish, go outside and call 911.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane provided a handout and reported the following:

- **Crime Statistics for January 2014:** Statistics included 8 motor vehicle thefts, 8 burglaries, 12 thefts, and 14 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV). HPD responded to 6,022 emergency calls.
- **Community Policing Team:** Direct any rain safety questions to the Community Policing Team.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: **Map:** Sukekane addressed Anderson's concern of the missing map on the handout by replying there is a new standard form for the reports, and map information is available at honoluluupd.org.

- **Marijuana Presentation:** Chair Brady announced that HPD will deliver a presentation and noted upon HPD's request, there would be no question and answer portion after the presentation. Officer Shane Fujitani delivered a presentation regarding why HPD is opposing the legalization of the recreational use of marijuana. Research showed that marijuana is harmful, it is not modern medicine, and minimizing the consequences of marijuana use will lead to an increase in usage from Hawaii's youth. Officer Fujitani also



noted that legalizing marijuana will not save in law enforcement costs and resources, and taxing marijuana will not generate revenue due to health care costs resulting from marijuana use. Direct questions to the narcotics division at 723-3933 or to the Drug Free Hawaii Coalition.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Lorna Heller reported the following Saturday workshops: Bokashi Composting on March 8, 2014, Chemical-Free Insect and Pest Traps on March 15, 2014, and Five (5) Simple Steps to a Beautiful Garden on April 5, 2014. Daily lunch tours of the garden are available from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. For more information go to boardofwatersupply.com.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO): No representative was present. Chair Brady announced that OahuMPO meetings are held each month to inform about Oahu's development and planning.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Gerald Saito reported the following:

- Scaled Drawings: Saito noted the new scaled drawing Ms. Snow requested of the Aukai Avenue cleaning access area is in the drafting process. The new drawing will be provided by the Director and Chief Engineer of the Department of Facilities Maintenance (DFM) upon completion, estimated to take four (4) to five (5) weeks. Schiller was concerned about the length of time it has taken to create the drawings. Saito will report back.
- Bus Advertising: The Caldwell Administration proposed Bill 69 in December 2013 to authorize advertising on City buses, and on Friday, January 17, 2014 the bill was deferred. Saito explained the Mayor proposed Bill 69 to get sustainable revenue for critical city services from somewhere other than the pockets of transit riders and taxpayers.
- Refuse Fee: The Caldwell Administration is proposing a fee of \$10 per month for refuse collection services. Property taxes would not increase. The City spends more than \$50 per household for single family residential services. Maui charges \$18 per month, Kauai charges \$12 per month, and Hawaii does not offer refuse services. Fees would be collected on the Real Property Tax Bill twice a year covering the twice a week pick up on a maximum of five (5) carts. If approved, charges for businesses, non-profits, and multi-unit residential buildings receiving front-end loader services would begin July 2014, and charges for residents would begin January 2015. Environmental Services (ENV) inspectors would need to enforce this ordinance.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Ms. Snow: Chair Brady heard from Snow earlier that day and thanked Saito for the report on her behalf. Snow is happy about the solution.
2. Refuse Fee Equity: Schiller asked for the City to ensure equity for the refuse fee. Turbin noted people should not have to pay for the core services of the City. Anderson agreed with Turbin's concern. A community member noted charging the refuse fee on a property tax bill could cause residents to go into foreclosure if they were forced to pay the fee.
3. Diamond Head Beach Trash: Turbin reported trash pile-ups in the Diamond Head Beach Park area due to an absent trash retrieval van. A community member stated there is a "Bring Trash to Top of Hill" sign, yet trash is piled up under the sign. Saito will convey the concern.

Councilmember Stanley Chang: Michael Leong provided a handout and reported the following:

- Street Light Fixed: The broken street light on the 600 block of Honua Street was reported to Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM); the light was repaired.
- Floor Repair: The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) inspected the floor repair at the 4700 block of Kahala Avenue. The renovation did not exceed the \$1,000 requirement and no permit was needed.
- Coconut Tree: A coconut tree was blocking drivers' views at the stop sign on Kainapau Place and Kahala Avenue. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) concluded the tree was not blocking the stop sign and the tree was not removed.
- Homeless: The removal of three (3) homeless persons sleeping under the H-1 via-duct in front of Aloha Petroleum is scheduled for this month.
- Telephone Poles: Two leaning telephone poles were reported on the corner of Farmers Road and Pueo Street, and new telephone poles were installed.

- KCC Bathroom: The toilets were repaired at the Kapiolani Community College (KCC) bathroom by the farmer's market.
- Refuse Fee: At the Council meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2013, Councilmember Chang voiced concerns about Bill 69 and stated past issues with refuse pick-up. Leong noted there was still a chance for the public to attend the committee hearings and to submit testimony about the proposal.

Questions, comments, and concerns: There were no questions, comments, or concerns.

Representative Bertrand Kobayashi: Representative Kobayashi provided a handout and reported the following:

- Fire Ants: Fire ants exist on Maui and Hawaii Island. Fire ants are 1/16 of an inch and smaller, and the sting can be felt for one (1) to four (4) hours.
- Historic Preservation: Complaints have been made from contractors and realtors about the long review periods for alterations to a historic home (a house 50 years or older). There is a bill going through the House and Senate to address the concern. Opposition exists from private groups that wish to preserve World War II structures.
- Long Term Issues: The legislative issues requiring steady long term funding include endangered species, early education, bringing prisoners home from Arizona, watershed protection, and University of Hawaii (UH) repairs.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: UH Repairs: Anderson noted the UH management problems need to be solved before repairs continue.

Representative Mark Hashem: No representative was present; no report was provided.

Senator Sam Slom: Senator Slom provided a handout and reported the following:

- Town Hall Meeting: The East Honolulu Town Hall meeting will be held at Kaiser High School on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Representative Hashem, Representative Gene Ward, Senator Laura Thelam, and Senator Slom will attend.
- Crossover Day: The first crossover day is Tuesday, March 4, 2014. The bills in the Senate that have passed committees will be voted on the senate floor, and the bills in the house that have passed their committees will be voted on in the house floor. Slom noted there was still time for citizen participation and was happy to see so many people coming down to the hearings.
- Honolulu Rail Project: On Tuesday, February 18 2014, the August 2013 appeal of the Honolulu rail project case was dismissed. Slom noted he was optimistic that the project will not be completed. Slom had many concerns with the project, and gave a warning that the City would come after residents for money for the train.
- Replacements: Justice Simeon Acoba will be retiring in March at the age of 70. Governor Neil Abercrombie selected Michael Wilson from six (6) nominees to replace Acoba in the State Supreme Court. The Senate will have to advise and consent to Wilson's nomination. The Governor announced Linda Rosen as the replacement for the late Loretta Fuddy in the Department of Health (DOH).
- Legislative Recess: The Legislature is on a five (5) day mandatory recess. At this time, Legislative members conduct district visits to hear from the community.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: There were no resident concerns.

BOARD BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS:

Diamond Head Theatre: Deena Dray announced an open house on Monday, March 3, 2014, where community voice comments and concerns about the theatre reconstruction. Dray asked to be put on the March 2014 agenda to report a formal presentation with the architects and planners.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Historical Building: Schiller asked if Diamond Head Theatre was considered a historical building. Dray responded that the theatre was not registered as a historical registry, but history will be incorporated into the reconstruction.
2. Height: Turbin was concerned about the height of the new building; Dray did not release that information.

3. Resolution: Schiller asked if Dray will come to the Board with a resolution; Dray will look into it.

Montessori of Oahu (MO'O): Michael Gallagher presented the history of Montessori school and its benefits to the neighborhood. Maria Montessori was a female physician in Italy who questioned how children learn. Montessori children learn respect, courtesy, and kindness. MO'O applied for a charter and if received will get funding a year later. MO'O's biggest challenge is to find a home for the school which serves children ages three (3) to 12. If interested, talk to Gallagher or visit the website at mo-o.org.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Hoaloha Kai Montessori School Closing: Turbin asked why the Hoaloha Kai Montessori School was closing. Schiller responded Kamehameha Schools has plans to redevelop the area.
2. Recommendation: Schiller recommended that Gallagher talk to developers who see MO'O as an opportunity to serve the community.
3. Board Members: Gallagher will e-mail a list of MO'O Board members to Schiller, as requested.
4. Support: Anderson, Schiller, and Chair Brady shared support of MO'O.

New Meeting Location: Chair Brady suggested the following as possible new meeting locations: Wesley Methodist Church (\$50 per month), Kahala Community Park, and Sylvan Learning Center at Kahala Mall. Chair Brady noted Au has connections with Star of the Sea School and recommended Board members make an on-site visit before a decision is reached.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Wesley Methodist: Turbin noted Wesley Methodist Church was previously free to rent. Chair Brady responded the church has been renovated and the Board did not have the budget for the current rent fee.
2. Sylvan Learning Center: Schiller noted he has a connection at Sylvan Learning Center; the space has chairs, does not have tables, is air conditioned, a key is provided and rent is free.
3. Chair's Concerns: Chair Brady noted a possible issue with parking at Kahala Mall. Chair Brady recommended inviting a representative from Kamehameha schools to the next meeting to hear what they plan to do with the Hoaloha Kai meeting space.
4. Last Meeting as Hoaloha Kai: Himeda asked for clarification on the date of the last meeting at Hoaloha Kai Montessori School. Chair Brady replied that April 2014 or May 2014 will be the last meeting at this location, depending on the school's schedule. Himeda recommended creating a list of concerns to note when visiting the possible sites.

OTHER REPORTS

Chair's Report/Correspondence: There was no report at this time.

Approval of Minutes: **Schiller moved and Anderson seconded to approve the January 16, 2014 regular meeting minutes as published. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 6-0-0, (Aye: Anderson, Brady, Chan, Himeda, Schiller, and Turbin).**

Treasurer's Report: Anderson reported last month's spending of \$14.60: \$4.48 for printing and \$10.12 for postage. The remaining balance was \$289.21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting: The next regular Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board meeting will be on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hoaloha Kai Montessori School.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Submitted By: Lori Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: Risé Doi, Neighborhood Assistant II

Reviewed and Finalized By: Arnold Brady, Chair