



## WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014 WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pro Tem Chair Arnold Brady called the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. **with five (5) members present. Quorum was ACHIEVED.** Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present:** Arnold Brady, Kenneth Chang, Peter Dudgeon, John Pyles, Martin Schiller, and Richard Turbin (7:14 p.m.).

**Board Members Absent:** Marianne Au, Scotty Anderson, and Sylvia Himeda.

**Vacancies:** There were no vacancies.

**Guests:** Sergeant Gary Sunada, Lieutenant Maurice Asato, and Officer Shane Fujitami (Honolulu Police Department); Captain Tim Turgeon (Honolulu Fire Department); Les Fukuda (Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization); Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply); Gerald Saito (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Michael Leong (Councilmember Stanley Chang's office staff); Representative Bertrand Kobayashi; Representative Mark Hashem; Senator Sam Slom; Robyn Kahalelehua and Charles Fortner (Cascadia PM); Glen Tsugawa (Special Education Center of Hawaii); Don Weisman (American Heart Association); Robert Murakami; Nina Carney; Anita Bruhl; Natalie Iwasa; Lori Snyder (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

### INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS

### MONTHLY REPORTS

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** Captain Tim Turgeon reported the following:

- **Fire Statistics for May 2014:** Statistics included 2 wildfires, 80 medical emergencies, 35 miscellaneous emergencies, 0 major incidents, and 117 total alarms.
- **Fire Safety Tip: Childproof Homes:** Check for situations that may cause electrical shock, accidental falls, and poisoning from unsecured medications, cleaning products, or houseplants. Ensure swimming pools are properly fenced and gated. An alarm on the door from the house to the pool can help prevent an unattended keiki from drowning. Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach or in a locked cabinet.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD):** Lieutenant Maurice Asato provided a handout and reported the following:

- **Crime Statistics for June 2014:** Statistics included 6 motor vehicle thefts, 14 burglaries, 33 thefts, and 8 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV). HPD district seven (7) officers responded to a total of 5,743 emergency calls.
- **Safety Tip:** In preparation for a natural disaster, store enough non-perishable food to last for at least two (2) weeks. More information can be found on the handout provided.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Vehicle Break-Ins:** Lieutenant Asato clarified there were eight (8) vehicle break-ins, not burnings.
2. **Graffiti:** Chair Brady noted graffiti at the Blockbuster on Hunakai Street.

**Board of Water Supply (BWS):** Lorna Heller provided handouts and reported the following:

- **Unthirsty Plant Sale:** A celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Halawa Xeriscape Garden will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2014 at the Unthirsty Plant Sale from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The free event is open to the public, and a shuttle service will be provided. For more information, visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) or call 748-5041.
- **Summer Water Conservation:** BWS would like to remind all residents to avoid wasting water. Tips included checking for property leaks, avoid watering plants between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and turning off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving.



Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO): Les Fukuda reported the following: Emergency Management: Fukuda attended a presentation on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 about emergency management and how to evacuate residents during a tsunami. Residents were advised not to take evacuation sirens lightly, and if a Category four (4) emergency occurred, a 10 foot wall of water was to be expected.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: No representative was present; a written report was not provided.

**Richard Turbin arrived at 7:14 p.m. Six (6) members were present.**

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

- Road Repairs: Construction is ongoing for the rehabilitation of localized streets in Waialae Nui, Waialae Iki and Aina Haina. Construction is anticipated to be completed on Monday, February 9, 2015.
- Tree Removal: A resident was concerned about three (3) coconut trees at 3711 Poka Place falling on his property, and requested the City remove the trees. The Department of Planning and Permitting's (DPP) investigation concluded that the abutting property owner is the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR has sent a Notice of Alleged Violation to Poka Place and is working with the complainant's attorney to rectify the situation. The matter has also been referred to the State Attorney General's Office for follow-up. DPP will not take any action while DLNR takes appropriate corrective action.
- Irrigation Repair: The Department of Facilities Maintenance (DFM) is working with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) irrigation repair staff to fix the irrigation system in the Hunakai Street medial strip the week of Monday, July 21, 2014, or sooner.
- Phone Numbers: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Public Transit Division phone number is 768-8396. In response to a concern raised at the June 2014 Waialae Neighborhood Board meeting, DTS will have this number connected to voicemail. The Customer Service Line for the City's transit services contractor, Oahu Transit Services, Inc. (OTS) phone number is 845-4500, and the OTS customer service department phone number is 848-5555 and press 3. Both lines are staffed from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, except City holidays.
- Illegal Green Waste: Illegal dumping can be reported to the Refuse Inspection Office at 768-5220, or if witnessed call 911. Inspectors and police officers issue citations for this type of illicit activity.
- Vegetation Overgrowth: Vegetation overgrowth around 3751 Poka Place is the property owner's responsibility to maintain. Overgrowth blocking the City street signs is cleared by the City road crew and will be scheduled by the end of July 2014 or as soon as resources are available.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Illegal Green Waste: Turbin emphasized the concern about the illegal waste dumped in front of properties on Kahala Avenue, and noted residents do not have time to police the area.
2. Wilson Park Lights: Schiller recommended the Wilson Park lights shut off at 10:00 p.m. rather than sporadically to decrease noise and criminal activity.
3. Kalaniana'ole Highway Repaving: Resident Anita Bruhl voiced concern that the repaving on Kalaniana'ole Highway would take two (2) years to complete, noted the long traffic delays resulting from the construction, and questioned why the construction occurred at the busiest time of the day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The concerns were directed to the State officials.
4. Ahina Street Hole: Resident Nina Carney noted she contacted Councilmember Chang's office about a space under 537 Ahina Street. An inspector noted the space was the property owner's responsibility, but Carney voiced concern that the vegetation strip nearby was beginning to fall in the hole, and requested a more thorough investigation.
5. Sidewalk: Community member Natalie Iwasa noted a resident was concerned about the lack of pedestrian sidewalk due to the bike lanes by the golf course on Kealaolu Avenue, and requested the City consider implementing those suggestions in the Complete Streets project. Saito was aware of the concern and will follow up. Schiller noted the suggestion to put a pedestrian walkway on that street was looked at in the past and was told the lane was not available. A community member noted the pedestrians share the bike lane and it is working very well. Les Fukuda noted many older streets do not have sidewalks, and the funding would be needed from an Improvement District which would come from the taxpayers.
6. Canal: A community member requested an update on Ross Sasamura's revised plans to change the canal access, and noted many of the public, including a drainage engineer inspecting the canal, are unaware of the plan. The community member thanked Sasamura for opening up the beach access that allows water to rush in and out of the canal.

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

- Magazine: Senator Sam Slom was mentioned in a national magazine.

- Bed and Breakfasts (B&B): A suggestion was made at the June 2014 Waialae Neighborhood Board Meeting about using the B&B websites to enforce issues relating to B&B's. The websites would address the property issues, but the State would need to address the issue of revenue made from the business.
- Vetoed Bills: The House of Representatives had a scattered interest in overriding vetoed bills.
- Culinary Institute: Kapiolani Community College was given a bid extension for Phase 1 construction for the Culinary Institute. The bid will be going out sometime around the end of July 2014. Construction is estimated to start in November 2014.
- Kindergarten: At the end of July 2014, Kindergarten will be mandatory for Hawaii.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- Information Sharing Bills: Representative Kobayashi responded for Pyles that an information sharing bill was signed into law in 2012. Schiller requested paperwork of the bills passed that requires mandatory mediation if a homeowner has issues with condominium management.
- Kahala Shell Closure: Turbin noted the Kahala Shell and many other service stations were closing, and noted the annual safety check should not be required. Schiller noted Kamehameha Schools is redeveloping Kahala Shell land and the Shell station will still be providing gas but will not provide safety checks.
- Kalaniana'ole Repaving: Representative Kobayashi responded to resident Bruhl's question referring to the time of construction by noting highway work is done during the day for work safety, efficiency, and pay.

Representative Mark Hashem: Representative Hashem provided a handout and reported the following:

- Kalaniana'ole Highway: Kalaniana'ole construction began Monday, July 14, 2014 and noted traffic from Waialae to Hawaii Kai was not too bad, but the reverse direction would add 20 to 30 minutes to one's drive. The construction would last for 18 months. In the past, the community requested construction during the day because of the bright lights and loud noise if done at night. Chair Brady recommended traffic e-mail updates for those concerned about traffic. Call 587-2160 to speak to a live person from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for traffic information.
- Kalani High School Paving: Repaving is occurring on the streets along the sides of Kalani High School.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Kalauha'oha'i Fishpond: Representative Hashem clarified for Chair Brady that the current volunteer work to restore the fishpond is separate from the construction work to be done using allocated funds in the 2014 budget.

Senator Sam Slom – Senator Slom reported the following:

- Safety Inspection: Senator Slom previously introduced two (2) bills relating to eliminating the safety inspection and give two (2) years until a new car needed an inspection. There was opposition to the bills, and Senator Slom would reintroduce the bills in 2015 if desired.
- Kalaniana'ole Construction: Senator Slom attended a briefing from the Department of Transportation (DOT) explaining that the contractor will not change the contract from a day to night shift and the neighbors along Kalaniana'ole Highway are opposed to night construction. The contractor was very adamant about not changing contract, and is doing their best to keep people informed.
- Legislation: Governor Abercrombie signed 229 bills, vetoed seven (7), and allowed six (6) to become law without signature.
- Senate Bill (SB) 2682: The Financial Disclosure Bill became law without signature and 22 people have already resigned from various boards and commissions. Senator Slom wished for the bill to become law after a year, but the bill became law immediately, and Governor Abercrombie is currently looking for people to serve on the boards.
- Financial News: The State Budget Director Calvin Young agrees that the state of Hawaii will be broke and 2017. Hawaii unemployment rate stayed at 4.4%.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Construction: Community member Iwasa noted the work is occurring five (5) hours a day, and if one (1) hour each day was added, the project could be completed 20% of the time earlier. Senator Slom noted this was previously suggested but the contractor is firm about not changing the contract, and strongly suggested receiving the e-mail construction updates.
2. Safety Checks: Schiller noted the reason for safety checks was the roads wear out tires very quickly, by agreed with Turbin that safety checks should be more accessible.
3. Stadium: Senator Slom noted the funding was not available for a new stadium at the University of Hawaii.
4. Property Tax Appeal: The question about the status of the property tax appeal was directed to the City.

John Pyles left at 8:16 p.m. **Five (5) members present.**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Board Chair: Chair Pro Tem Brady opened the floor for nominations of Chair person. **Turbin nominated Brady.** Noting no other nominees, nominations were closed. **The motion to elect Brady as Board Chair person was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 5-0-0, (Aye: Brady, Chang, Dudgeon, Schiller, and Turbin.)**

Board Vice Chair: Chair Brady opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chair. **Schiller nominated Anderson.** Noting no other nominees, nominations were closed. **The motion to elect Anderson as Vice Chair was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 5-0-0, (Aye: Brady, Chang, Dudgeon, Schiller, and Turbin.)**

Board Secretary: Chair Brady opened the floor for nominations of Secretary. **Schiller nominated Turbin.** Noting no other nominees, nominations were closed. **The motion to elect Turbin as Secretary was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 5-0-0, (Aye: Brady, Chang, Dudgeon, Schiller, and Turbin.)**

Board Treasurer: Chair Brady opened the floor for nominations of Treasurer. **Schiller nominated Dudgeon.** Noting no other nominees, nominations were closed. **The motion to elect Pyles as Treasurer was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 5-0-0, (Aye: Brady, Chang, Dudgeon, Schiller, and Turbin.)**

John Pyles returned at 8:22 p.m. **Six (6) members present.**

Chair Brady took the agenda out of order to **4.7. Councilmember Stanley Chang.**

Councilmember Stanley Chang – Michael Leong provided handouts and reported the following:

- Bulky Trash Items: The accumulated bulky items reported in June 2014 were removed on June 23, 2014.
- Park: Various improvement requests on Aiana Koa Neighborhood Park have been directed to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP).
- DPP Fines Bill: Councilmember Chang will introduce a new bill related to DPP fines in residential areas.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. DPP Fines Bill: Turbin asked if the new bill being introduced would be retroactive. Leong will follow up.
2. Beach Signs: Leong noted for Pyles that he would get more information from DPR about the new No Animals On Beach signs.
3. Kilauea Avenue: Bruhl inquired about any future construction on Kilauea Avenue. Leong will forward the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) web link to Chair Brady that contains a list of the design projects, and Kilauea Avenue is on the list.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: Kamehameha Schools: A Board member requested the Board invite Kamehameha Schools to present an update on their development plans at a future Waialae Neighborhood Board meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS:

Annual Heart Walk: Don Weisman from the American Heart Association distributed a flyer and reported on the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Heart Walk. The Heart Walk will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2014. 5,000 walkers attended at the 2013 event. An entire lane of Diamond Head Road will be closed from 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Verizon Wireless: Robyn Kahalelehua with Cascadia PM on behalf of Verizon wireless reported on a proposal to install a 65 foot tall wireless telecommunications facility at the Special Education Center of Hawaii (SECOH), 708 Palekaua Street. The parcel is four (4) acres. The tower will be camouflaged as a palm tree. The purpose of the tower is to provide additional cell coverage and data speed to Verizon customers. This presentation is the prerequisite to file an application for the permits. Glen Tsugawa, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SECOH, noted the constituents of SECOH were informed of the proposed project.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Health Concerns: Kahalelehua responded to Schiller's concerns about the health effects by noting that the State of Hawaii Board of Health performed a study and declared there were no health risks with this project. Kahalelehua will e-mail the health study to Chair Brady.
2. Profit: Tsugawa answered for Chang that SECOH would be receiving some profit from the project.

3. The Outdoor Circle: Schiller recommended Kahalelehua discuss the project with the The Outdoor Circle, an environmental non-profit organization.
4. Neighbors: Kahalelehua answered for Turbin that neighbors were notified about the project.

Seawall Removal: John Pyles provided photos of the seawall removal, and noted the removal is having a positive effect. Pyles thanked Jeff Overton of Group 70 for their efforts on the seawall removal.

Approval of Minutes: **Pyles moved and Schiller seconded to approve the June 19, 2014 regular meeting minutes as published. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 6-0-0; (Aye: Brady, Chang, Dudgeon, Pyles, Schiller, and Turbin.)**

Treasurer's Report: Dudgeon reported a spending of \$13.07 in May 2014. The remaining balance was \$213.30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 112 Mile Road Race: The Dick Evans Memorial 112 Mile Bicycle Road Race will be held on Sunday, August 31, 2014. For more information, contact Carl Brooks at [OutaBoundsHawaii@gmail.com](mailto:OutaBoundsHawaii@gmail.com) and register at [www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org).
- 15K Run/Walk: The Norman T. Tamanaha 15K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, August 10, 2014. For more information contact Joan Davis at [jrdva4vp@hotmail.com](mailto:jrdva4vp@hotmail.com) and visit [www.mprrc.com](http://www.mprrc.com).
- Next Regular Meeting: The next regular Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Submitted By: Lori Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed By: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed and Finalized By: Arnold Brady, Chair