



## WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014 WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Arnold Brady called the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **with eight (8) members present. Quorum was established.** Note: this nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present:** Scotty Anderson, Marianne Au, Arnold Brady, Kenneth Chang, Peter Dudgeon, Sylvia Himeda, John Pyles, Martin Schiller, and Richard Turbin (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Vacancies:** There were no vacancies.

**Guests:** Firefighter Doug Hu and Firefighter Joe Huggins (Honolulu Fire Department); Officer Shane Fujitani and Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane (Honolulu Police Department); Kimo Carvalho (Institute for Human Services); Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply); Michael Leong (Councilmember Stanley Chang's Chief of Staff); Representative Bertrand Kobayashi; Senator Sam Slom; Martin Hsia; Bob Murakami; Nina Reppun Carney (Kahala Community Association); Erik Wong, Spencer Hook, Alakai Ushijima, William Chan, and Eric Burton (Boy Scouts of America, Troop 10); Brad Ebert; David Berting; Calvin Souza; Lori Snyder (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

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

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** Firefighter Joe Huggins reported the following:

- **October 2014 Statistics:** There were 3 structure fires, 45 medical rescues, 2 hazardous conditions, 11 service calls, 11 good intent calls, and 4 false alarms.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** HFD encourages every family to take the necessary steps to prepare for a natural disaster. Survival kit preparation, shelter locations, and other information can be found at [www.honolulu.gov/dem](http://www.honolulu.gov/dem). Fire prevention and safety questions can be answered by calling 723-7152.

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

- **Crime Statistics:** There were 6 motor vehicle thefts, 4 burglaries, 21 thefts, 7 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV) and 6,341 total calls for service.
- **Safety Tip:** Personal safety tips can be found in the newsletter.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Dangerous Animal Emergency:** Schiller inquired about who to contact in a dangerous animal emergency, such as a stray dog attack. Lieutenant Sukekane noted that HPD will catch the dog and take it to the Humane Society. HPD will also issue citations if a neighbor's dog is barking loudly.
2. **Dogs on Beach:** A resident voiced concern about loose dogs at Kahala Beach. A dog jumped on the resident's four (4) year old son while the owner was drinking an alcoholic beverage on the other end of the beach. The resident called HPD, and the dog was then placed on a leash. The resident's children are now afraid to go to Kahala Beach. The resident requested signs be placed along the beach to educate the public about keeping dogs leashed. Lieutenant Sukekane noted HPD enforces the laws, and Chair Brady noted the signage issue can be addressed by the city.

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

- **BWS Fire Hydrants:** BWS has installed and maintained more than 20,000 fire hydrants across Oahu, which excludes federal and private water systems. BWS inspect and maintain hydrants every 18 months to make certain that water from each hydrant flows at sufficient water pressure. Residents can help keep fire hydrants dependable by keeping the area around fire hydrants clear, and reporting damaged or malfunctioning



hydrants to BWS at 748-5000. Further information about hydrants may be found on [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Broken Fire Hydrant: Heller answered for Chair Brady that broken fire hydrants should be reported to BWS at 748-5000.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO): No representative was present, and a written report was not provided.

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

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: A handout was provided, and Chair Brady read the report. Bus Advertising: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) noted that the City currently generates revenue through commercial advertising maintained on the interiors of City buses. There are at present no plans to sell commercial advertising on the exterior of City buses since a 2013 proposal was not approved by the City Council.

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

- Homeless Sightings: HPD performed three (3) field checks in October 2014 and no citations were issued. HPD will continue to monitor the Waiialae Kahala area.
- Illegal Dumping: The concern about illegal dumping at the corner of Pueo Street and Kahala Avenue was assigned to the Department of Environmental Services (ENV).
- Curb Repainting: The red curb zone repainting on Pueo Street and Kahala Avenue, and Hunakai Street and Kilauea Avenue, was assigned to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS).
- Curbside Items: The report of three (3) owners on Koloa Street having various items curbside before the bulky item pick-up date was assigned to ENV.
- Illegal Businesses: The reports of an illegal Temporary Vacation Unit (TVU) and an illegal bike business was assigned to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP).
- Construction Storage: The issue of the Hunakai Street and Kilauea Avenue construction area used as machinery storage has been assigned to DDC.
- Kahala Shell Development: Leong provided a handout and clarified that Kamehameha Schools does not have plans to redevelop the Kahala Shell gas station area for residential purposes.
- Last Meeting: Leong noted this will be his last Waiialae Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 meeting, and thanked the Board, public, and governmental officials for the opportunity to serve.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Curb Repainting: Pyles requested red curb zone repainting at the bus stop at 4721 Kahala Avenue.
2. Dogs on Beach: Leong will follow up on the signage for the rules about animals on Kahala Beach.

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

- Rhinoceros Beetle: A rhinoceros beetle was found at Diamond Head and in Mililani. Report any rhinoceros beetle sightings to the state's pest hotline at 643-7378.
- National Governing Board: Kaimuki Middle School Principal Frank Fernandes was appointed to the National Assessment Governing Board.
- Teacher of the Year: Waikiki Elementary School teacher Catherine Caine was named Hawaii's 2015 State Teacher of the Year. This is the second year in a row that a Waikiki Elementary School teacher has been chosen as Hawaii's State Teacher of the Year.
- 2015 Leadership Team: The appointments of the House of Representatives Majority leadership lineup for the 28th Legislature were announced.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Traveling Beetles: Schiller asked how the beetle traveled across the island. Representative Kobayashi noted it is assumed that the beetles are being carried by someone or something.
2. New Committee Chairs: Representative Kobayashi answered for Au that the three (3) brand new committee chairs are Derek Kawakami, Gregg Takayama, and Kaniela Ing.

**Turbin arrived at 7:40 p.m.; nine (9) members were present.**

Representative Mark Hashem: No representative was present, and a report was not available.

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

- Special Session: The Senate held a special session in October 2014 to confirm three (3) judges.
- New Governor: David Ige takes office as Governor on Monday, December 1, 2014. Mike McCartney, former president and CEO of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, is Ige's Chief of Staff
- Senate Committee Organization: The Hawaii State Senate reorganized within hours after the election. Senator Slom mentioned a few new committee chairs, including Glen Wakai for Economic Development and Technology, Gilbert Agaran for Judiciary and Labor, and Jill Tokuda for Ways and Means. Senator Slom is Vice Chair for the Economic Development and Technology Committee, and will be on all 16 committees.
- University of Hawaii (UH) Tuition: UH extended residential tuition rates to all military veterans.

#### RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Poka Place Keave Trees: A resident voiced concern about overgrown Kiawe trees on Poka Place. City garbage trucks are knocking down the Kiawe thorns which are damaging cars. The overgrown foliage is covering "Danger: Rock Fall" signs.

Diamond Head Bike Path: A resident voiced concern about the inconsistency of signage on the newly installed Diamond Head bike paths. The resident was concerned that non-English speaking tourists would not understand the signs if the signs continue to be both green and black.

#### BOARD BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

The Institute of Human Services (IHS): Development and Community Relations Manager Kimo Carvalho reported on IHS. IHS is a non-profit organization that is Oahu's largest homeless center. IHS has stabilized 10,300 homeless individuals into housing programs in the last eight (8) years. IHS shelters can accommodate up to 450 people at maximum capacity, and there are beds currently available. IHS not only serves food and provides shelter, but provides support services such as health clinics and employment programs. Carvalho circulated Homeless Help cards with contact information and encouraged the community to report homeless sightings.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Veterans: Carvalho answered for Schiller that IHS works with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) if a client is a veteran. Veterans account for 12% of the homeless population served at IHS.
2. Rules: Carvalho answered for Schiller that IHS has simple rules that deter some homeless from accepting IHS services.
3. Long Lines: Carvalho answered for Turbin that the long lines in front of IHS were due to the meal service and previews of the shelter to possible homeless clients.
4. Layout of Shelter: Carvalho explained to Turbin that the shelters are made up of bunk beds with storage lockers, and referred to Allison Schaefer's articles where she describes feeling safe at IHS.
5. Flight Giveaways: Anderson inquired about certain states giving homeless individuals a one (1) way ticket to move to a different state. Carvalho noted no homeless client he has interviewed had been sent to Hawaii from a different state. IHS created a location assistance program to help homeless who need to relocate back home.
6. Volunteers: Carvalho noted for Au that individuals interested in volunteering should contact 447-2800.
7. Funding: Carvalho noted for Schiller that IHS is funded by federal and city grants, private sector grants, and individual donors.
8. Winter Homeless: Turbin voiced concern about homeless individuals that come from the mainland to Kahala Beach in the winter to camp. Carvalho noted IHS is aware of this issue and directs these individuals to hostels.
9. Medical Services: Carvalho noted for Chair Brady that IHS has an on-site and field psychiatrist to assess, treat, and stabilize clients with mental issues and similar medical problems.
10. Available Housing: Turbin inquired if there was enough housing for all of the homeless in Hawaii. Carvalho noted there is a high demand and low housing availability, and a creative solution is needed.

#### OTHER REPORTS

Chair's Report/Correspondence: There were no reports.

Approval of Minutes: **The October 16, 2014 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as amended by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 9-0-0, (Aye: Anderson, Au, Brady, Dudgeon, Chang, Himeda, Pyles, Schiller, and Turbin).**  
Amendments included:

- Page 1: In the third sentence of the paragraph Trailers, "Alapai Street" should be changed to "Aukai Avenue".
- Page 2: After Dumping on Waialae Avenue, "Waialae Avenue" should be changed to "Kahala Avenue".
- Page 4: In the third sentence of the paragraph KBA Members, "Kamehameha School" should be changed to "Kamehameha Schools".

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dudgeon reported a spending of \$12.98 in October 2014. The remaining balance was \$347.88. The report was filed.

Land Use and Zoning: There was no report regarding land use and zoning.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Honolulu Marathon: The 42nd Honolulu Marathon will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2014. Chair Brady told a concerned resident to contact [info@honolulumarathon.org](mailto:info@honolulumarathon.org) or call (808) 734-7200 about traffic issues from the marathon.
- Next Meeting: The next regular Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Submitted By: Lori Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant I  
Reviewed By: Jordan Ozaki, Senior Elections Clerk  
Reviewed and Finalized By: Arnold Brady, Chairperson