



WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015 WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pro Tem Scotty Anderson called the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **with seven (7) members present. A 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, Kenneth Chang, Peter Dudgeon, Sylvia Himeda, John Pyles, Martin Schiller, and Richard Turbin.

Board Members Absent: Marianne Au

Vacancies: There was one (1) vacancy.

Guests: Captain Tim Turgeon (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Clint Sukekane (Honolulu Police Department); Kenny Amazaki (Councilmember Trevor Ozawa's Office); Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply); Michele Nekota (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Senator Sam Slom; Martin Hsia; Arnold Brady; Kathy Kane; Nina Reppun Carney; Bob Murakami; Edwin Kimura; and Lori Snyder (Neighborhood Commission Office).

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- **February 2015 Fire Statistics:** There was 1 structure fire, 1 rubbish fire, 1 vehicle fire, 68 medical emergencies, 43 miscellaneous emergencies, and 114 total alarms.
- **Cooking Safety Tips:** Cook only when alert. Keep watch of what is cooking, and turn off the stove if leaving the area. Keep dish towels, paper towels, and potholders away from the stove. Avoid cooking in loose clothing; loose sleeves can easily catch on fire. Keep hot items away from counter or table edges. If there is a fire, go outside, call 9-1-1, and stay outside.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Clint Sukekane reported the following:

- **February 2015 Crime Statistics:** Statistics include 5 motor vehicle thefts, 5 burglaries, 19 thefts, and 8 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). There were 5,777 calls for service.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: **Campers on Beach:** Piles requested that HPD patrol beaches for individuals who build bonfires and sleep on Kahala beaches. Lieutenant Sukekane recommended that community members call HPD when this is observed, and noted that HPD makes occasional beach checks.

Election of Officers: Chair Pro Tem Anderson opened nominations for Vice Chair. Schiller nominated Turbin. **Turbin was APPOINTED as VICE CHAIR, 6-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Dudgeon, Himeda, Pyles, Schiller, and Turbin).** Chang was not present when the vote was taken.

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

- **February 2015 Main Break Report:** There were no main breaks during February 2015.
- **Telephone Scam:** BWS customers are being targeted in an attempt to fraudulently collect money. Anyone who receives unexpected and/or aggressive phone calls in reference to a past due bill should not give any information to the caller and should call the BWS for verification. Precautions include knowing one's own account status, understanding BWS collection procedures, safeguarding personal information, and hang up on suspicious callers. Call 9-1-1 and BWS at 748-5000 to file a report for suspicious activity.
- **National Fix-a-Leak Week:** Monday, March 16, 2015 through Sunday, March 22, 2015 is National Fix-a-Leak Week. Residents are encouraged to check for property leaks by using leak detection dye tablets.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) –Chair Pro Tem Anderson announced that a report was available at www.oahumpo.org.

Governor's Representative – No representative was present and no report was provided.

Mayor's Representative – Michele Nekota reported the following:

- Ti Leaves: The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) and the Honolulu Zoo are asking for donations of ti leaves to help repair the hale la'i. Green, yellow, or brown ti leaves with the stems may be dropped off in plastic bags at the Honolulu Zoo entrance.
- Oahu's Important Agricultural Lands (IAL) Community Meetings: The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) is hosting community meetings about the IAL initiative from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: April 1, 2015 at Kapolei Hale conference rooms A-C, April 8, 2015 at Mililani Middle School cafeteria, and April 15, 2015 at Windward Community College.
- Bulky Item Collection: Bulky item collection in sector 7 (Kahala) on the fourth Monday of the month was reported cleared by the Honolulu Refuse Yard the week of Monday, December 22, 2014. A number of calls were received about bulky items out on Sunday, December 28, 2014, which is the fifth Monday of the month. Residents may be confused by fourth versus last week of the month. In January 2015, bulky collection was delayed by one (1) week due to the heavier than normal setout following the holidays.
- Pedestrian Protection: According to HRS 291C-72, drivers are required to stop for pedestrians who are crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is in their half of the roadway. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) conducts educational awareness for pedestrians, island wide through the Walk Wise Hawaii program and the Ped Man program. DTS visits senior homes and school A+ or summer fun programs to educate the seniors and kids about pedestrian safety. DTS also runs booths at various fairs such as the Children and Youth Day Fair and the Senior Wellness fairs.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Crosswalk Law: Turbin recommended changing the law so that drivers cannot enter the crosswalk until the pedestrian has fully exited the crosswalk.
2. Bulky Items: Chang requested that information be distributed to residents to clarify the bulky item pick-up dates. Anderson recommended calling the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) for bulky item information. Piles noted that he called the refuse service and four (4) days later the items were picked up.
3. Ti Leaves: Himeda noted that it was difficult to find parking when dropping off ti leaves at the zoo, and requested an employee meet drivers outside the zoo to collect the leaves.
4. Noise Pollution: Anderson reported a constituent's concern about noise pollution from helicopters.
5. Short Term Rentals: Anderson noted that the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 voted in opposition of short term vacation rentals and bed and breakfast establishments in 2005, 2008 and 2013. Turbin explained that the current bill would create a large fine for those advertising on the internet that do not have a license.
6. Accessory Dwelling Units: A community member noted that some neighborhoods have prohibited accessory dwelling units, and inquired if there are any provisions to accommodate those neighborhoods so that covenant is not broken. Nekota will follow up.

Councilmember Trevor Ozawa – Kenny Amazaki reported the following:

- Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Budget: The Committee on Budget began hearing from each department to review and analyze each department's proposed expenditures.
- Car-Sharing Pilot Program: Councilmember Ozawa introduced Bill 10, a 36-month pilot project that will dedicate parking stalls in off-street parking facilities for use by car-sharing organizations. Bill 10 also establishes costs and fees associated with such operations.
- Committee Hearings: Committee hearings will be held Tuesday to Thursday, March 31 to April 2, 2015.
- Full Council: The next full Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.
- Short Term Rentals: Councilmember Ozawa voted "no" on the short term rental bill discussed earlier. The Mayor's Administration created the bill.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Auto Repair Business: A community member reported that a neighbor was running an auto repair business at their residence. Amazaki responded that DPP will send an inspector to investigate.

Representative Bertrand Kobayashi – A representative was not present and a report was not available.

Representative Mark Hashem – A representative was not present and a report was not available.

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

- General Excise Tax (GET) Bills Review: If the City does not get its tax increase it will not meet its commitment for the rail project. If the GET is not available, the Mayor could increase property taxes. The Senate bill would extend the tax for 25 years, in five (5) year increments. The House bill includes a one-fourth percent tax increase but would allow other counties to vote on their own GET extension if desired.
- Attorney General Appointment: Governor David Ige appointed Doug Chin as the Attorney General.
- Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Nomination: Governor David Ige nominated Carleton Ching as the director of DLNR. Senator Slom met Ching and had no reason to vote against the appointment, but Governor Ige withdrew the nomination. Governor Ige has until Monday, April 6, 2015 to make a new nomination.
- Open Budget Initiative Website: A new website has been created that puts real time state budget facts and figures online through the Hawaii Open Budget Initiative.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Rail Funding: Schiller voiced agreement on the rail GET but inquired about an alternative plan to help with the rail financial crisis. Senator Slom noted that five (5) different alternatives have been mentioned, including alternatives to use the guideway as it is currently built.
2. DLNR Nomination: A community member inquired more about why Senator Slom supported the DLNR nomination. Senator Slom noted that those who opposed Ching did not review his managerial skills but rather focused on Ching's label of a developer, and Ching would bring a "fresh pair of eyes" to the department.

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Illegal Use of Diamond Head Park Land: Martin Hsia provided photos and reported that his neighbors on Poka Place have begun growing plants and installing an artificial irrigation system on the side of Diamond Head Park beyond the resident's property boundaries. Hsia noted that he has been talking with Representative Bertrand Kobayashi about this concern.

Turbin moved and Schiller seconded that the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 request a representative from DLNR to attend the next regular Board meeting and address the resident's concern of the use of preservation land for private use. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Chang, Dudgeon, Himeda, Pyles, Schiller, and Turbin)

BOARD BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS: There were no presentations.

OTHER REPORTS

Chair's Report – Chair Pro Tem Anderson reported the following:

- Sony Open Liquor Permit: The Sony Open is requesting approval to sell alcohol at the tournament.
- Hibiscus Half Marathon: The Hibiscus Half Marathon is scheduled for Sunday, May 24, 2015. There were no objections from the Board.

Approval of the February 19, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – **Turbin moved and Pyles seconded to approve the February 19, 2015 regular meeting minutes. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Chang, Dudgeon, Himeda, Pyles, Schiller, and Turbin).**

Treasurer's Report – Dudgeon read the Treasurer's report and noted a remaining balance of \$295.82. The report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: The next Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2015, 7:00 p.m., at the Wesley United Methodist Church.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted By: Lori Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant, Reviewed and Finalized By: Scotty Anderson, Chair Pro Tem