



WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 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 six (6) 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, Marianne Au, Kenneth Chang, Peter Dudgeon, Sylvia Himeda, John Pyles (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Martin Schiller, and Richard Turbin (arrived at 7:11 p.m.).

Board Members Absent: None.

Vacancies: There was one (1) vacancy.

Guests: Captain Daniel DeFries (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane (Honolulu Police Department); Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply); Michele Nekota (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Senator Sam Slom; Michelle Nagamine (Councilmember Trevor Ozawa's Office); Representative Bertrand Kobayashi; Claire Sullivan and Tim Talkington (Whole Foods Market); Carol Hoshiko (Kapiolani Community College); Aaron Landry (Car2Go); Les Fukuda (OahuMPO); Edwin Kimura; Martin Hsia; Bob Murakami; Calvin Souza; and Lori Snyder (Neighborhood Commission Office).

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

Chair Pro Tem Anderson took the agenda out of order to 5.1. Honolulu Fire Department.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Daniel DeFries reported the following:

- **March 2015 Fire Statistics:** There were 2 structure fires, 1 wildland fire, 94 medical emergencies, and 25 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Smoke Alarms Safety Tip:** Smoke alarms are a very important part of fire safety in the home. Smoke alarms substantially reduce the risk of fire deaths in residential fires and alert occupants of smoke and fire 24 hours a day. The goal of HFD is to have smoke alarms in every home. Test smoke alarms yearly, and dust smoke alarm systems often to prevent false alarms.

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

- **March 2015 Crime Statistics:** Statistics include 2 motor vehicle thefts, 8 burglaries, 15 thefts, and 6 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). There were 6,299 calls for service.
- **Safety Tip:** HPD will begin issuing citations for pedestrian violations. A pedestrian safety handout was provided.

Pyles arrived at 7:06 p.m. There were seven (7) Board members present.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: **Pedestrian Crossing:** Lieutenant Sukekane answered for Himeda that if a pedestrian is stopped outside of a crosswalk that has no walking signal light but the vehicle traffic light is green, the driver should stop to be cautious. Lieutenant Sukekane noted that pedestrians should also be cautious when standing near or entering a crosswalk.

Chair Pro Tem Anderson returned the agenda to order.

Election of Officers

- **Chair:** Schiller nominated Anderson to fill the Chair vacancy. Anderson was **ELECTED** by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Au, Chang, Dudgeon, Himeda, Pyles, and Schiller).**
- **Secretary:** Schiller nominated Pyles to fill the Secretary vacancy. Pyles was **ELECTED** by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0. (AYE: Anderson, Au, Chang, Dudgeon, Himeda, Pyles, and Schiller).**

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

- March 2015 Main Break Report: There were no main breaks during March 2015.
- Free Educational Materials for Keiki: In support of the Neighborhood Commission Office's "Community for Keiki" month, BWS is offering educational materials for youth and community organizations to learn about Oahu's precious water resources. Materials include activity and coloring books, water conservation flyers, watershed protection handouts, and "Water for Life" booklets. The materials are available online at www.boardofwatersupply.com or for pick up at the BWS headquarters at 630 South Beretania Street. For more information or to schedule a pick-up, call BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.

Turbin arrived at 7:11 p.m. There were eight (8) Board members present.

Chair Anderson took the agenda out of order to 4. Filling of Vacancy.

Filling of Vacancy – There were no nominations to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 1; the item was deferred.

Chair Anderson returned the agenda to order.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) – Les Fukuda reported the following: There is a bill in the State Legislature that must be passed in order for OahuMPO to be a part of the decision making process for the State and County transportation planning; without the bill, OahuMPO Board would continue to be an advisory board. Contact Fukuda with any traffic or transportation questions or concerns.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Light Synchronization: Turbin requested the synchronization of traffic lights on Alakea Street. Fukuda noted that traffic mitigation priority is given to the traffic traveling from east to west.

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

Mayor's Representative – Michele Nekota reported the following:

- 88th Lei Day Celebration: The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will be accepting entries for the Youth Hawaiian Lei contest at the Lei Receiving booth at Queen Kapiolani Park on Friday, May 1, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Summer Fun Registration and Program: Summer Fun will run from Friday, June 12, 2015 through Friday, July 24, 2015. Registration for District 1 and 2 will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Monday, May 18, 2015 and Tuesday, May 19, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. District 3 and 4 registration will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Monday, May 18, 2015 and Tuesday, May 19, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visit www.honoluluparks.com for more information.
- Ti Leaf Collection: The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) will be accepting ti leaf donations from Wednesday, April 1, 2015 until Monday, May 18, 2015.
- Age Friendly Cities Action Plan: The Age Friendly Cities Action Plan is a comprehensive plan for transforming Honolulu's built environment and encouraging social involvement and healthy aging. The Action Plan can be found at www.kupunatokeiki.com. Comments can be submitted by Friday, April 24, 2015 to: University of Hawaii Center on Aging, 1960 East West Road, BioMed T705B, Honolulu, HI 96822, or by e-mail at Kupuna2keiki@gmail.com. Questions can be directed to the University of Hawaii (UH) Center on Aging at 956-5001.
- Project Graduation Deadline: The deadline to apply for Project Graduation grants is Friday, May 1, 2015. Project Graduation celebrations are adult-supervised, alcohol-free and drug-free events held for high school seniors on their graduation night. HPD supports healthy, safe choices for young people and will provide up to \$1,500 to pay for ground transportation expenses associated with Project Graduation events.
- Bulky Item Pick-up: Brochures were available regarding bulky item pick-up. More information can be found by calling 768-3200 or visiting www.opala.org.
- Pedestrian Protection: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS), HPD, and Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) are working closely to increase pedestrian safety, including improving crosswalk locations, on-street markings, lighting, signage and, in some instances, warning lights. DTS and HPD are also focusing on pedestrian and driver education. District 7 (East Honolulu) conducts Safer Roads initiatives once a month at various locations within the district. During these initiatives, officers will educate drivers and pedestrians and cite for observed violations.

- Board Opposition to Vacation Rentals: The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) acknowledges that the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 opposes vacation rentals and bed and breakfasts.
- Ohana Dwelling Units: The DPP's building supplemental form states that owners should check their deeds, lease agreements, and/or association by-laws for any building restrictions regarding the ohana dwelling ordinance.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Bus Route Status: Schiller requested the status of the restoration of bus routes in Ewa and Mililani. Nekota will follow up.
2. Parks Preventative Maintenance: Pyles inquired if there were preventative maintenance programs for Oahu parks. Nekota noted that there has not been a preventative maintenance program in the last 25 years, but DPR understands the importance of preventative maintenance and is looking to create a program.
3. Illegal Auto Shop: Two (2) community members reported an illegal auto shop run out of a neighbor's garage at 1257 Aikanoa Avenue. Nekota noted that HPD investigated the scene and could not find the owners. One of the community members noted that physical confrontation has occurred, and the neighbors will only be working on cars when HPD or DPP are not present, and will work on one (1) vehicle at a time while parking the other vehicles on the street. The community member noted that the vehicles are continually getting ticketed and towed, and there are noise and pollution concerns. Nekota noted that DPP was responsible for the investigation, and HPD was responsible for enforcement. Turbin requested that DPP talk to residents. Turbin noted that there was a similar problem on South Beretania Street that took about six (6) months to address, and the community member said this issue has been occurring for nine (9) months. Turbin suggested placing this item on the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 May 2015 agenda. The resident noted the auto work begins around 3:00 p.m. A community member noted that HPD can check the license plates on the vehicles to find the owners.
4. Pedestrian Crosswalk: Nekota answered for Himeda that the present law allows drivers to continue through the crosswalk if the pedestrian has crossed their half of the road.

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

- 2015 Community Survey Results: The 2015 Community Survey showed that 52% of those surveyed believed more funds should go towards grades K-12 education, while only 7% of those surveyed believed more funds should go towards the Honolulu rail project
- Pesticide Bill: There is not a pesticide bill in the legislature because of differences between the House and Senate agricultural committees.
- Preschool Open-Door: The deadline to enroll for the Preschool Open-Door 2015-2016 school year is Thursday, April 30, 2015.
- Measures Passed for Crossover: Nearly 150 measures were passed on final crossover, including Senate Bill (SB) 287 which mandates and establishes a timetable for voting by mail for all elections in Hawaii.
- Shredding Event: A free shredding event will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Rail Funding: Representative Kobayashi answered for Turbin that 11 out of 51 State Representatives voted "no" to support funding for the rail project, and three (3) out of 25 State Senators voted "no." Representative Kobayashi believes the rail funding measure for an extension of five (5) years will pass.
2. Diamond Head Property Issue: Chair Anderson inquired about Representative Kobayashi's response from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) regarding the community concern of a neighbor who is growing plants on Diamond Head Park. Representative Kobayashi answered that DLNR does not want to get involved because of upcoming litigation.
3. Extending and Changing Rail: Representative Kobayashi answered for Dudgeon that extending the rail to the University of Hawaii (UH) is possible, would require some construction, and discussion would be needed with Ala Moana Shopping Center. Au inquired how much money would need to be returned if the rail route stopped at Ala Moana Park; Representative Kobayashi answered \$1 billion, and noted that stopping the project completely right now would cost \$3.2 million. Representative Kobayashi stated that stopping the rail anywhere besides the agreed location would be a violation of agreement and the entire project funds would have to be returned.
4. Vacation Rentals: Representative Kobayashi answered for Pyles that there is a bill in the State Legislature related to vacation rentals and local owner contact, but is not an enforcement bill. A community member voiced concern that a study showed 26,000 illegal rental units in Hawaii, and the median cost for housing is \$800,000. The community member encouraged enforcement of the illegal vacation rentals.

Councilmember Trevor Ozawa – Councilmember Trevor Ozawa provided a handout and reported the following:

- Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) on Olelo: Councilmember Ozawa introduced a resolution urging HART to televise their Board meetings; the resolution passed.
- Car Sharing Bill: Councilmember Ozawa is working on a car sharing bill in hopes to reduce traffic congestions.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Illegal Auto Shop: Turbin requested that Councilmember Ozawa follow up on the illegal auto shop concern.
2. Vacation Rentals: Chair Anderson requested updates on legislation regarding vacation rentals and bed and breakfasts. Councilmember Ozawa recommended submitting comments about this issue so that he can advocate for the community. Councilmember Ozawa answered for a community member that Bill 22, which would increase DPP enforcement on illegal short term vacation rentals, passed first reading.

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:

- Merger Meeting: The first public meeting of the horizontal merger between Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) and NextERA occurred today, Thursday, April 16, 2015.
- Budget: The \$26 billion operating budget passed, which includes an increase in both fiscal years (FY) 2016 and 2017. Senator Slom voted in opposition of the budget because he believes the State cannot afford it. The State also passed the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) budget, the Judiciary Budget, Grants in Aid and special appropriations bills.
- Rail: More substantial cracks were found in the guideways. The rail project increased from a \$3 billion project to a \$6 billion project.
- Turtle Bay Easement: The Turtle Bay easement from 2014 failed because it was deemed unconstitutional.
- Hawaii Health Connector: The Hawaii Health Connector is nearly bankrupt.
- Ope'ape'a State Land Mammal: SB1183, relating to the Ope'ape'a, the Hawaiian Hoary Bat, passed out of the State Legislature and now only needs the Governor's signature to become the official State Land Mammal.
- Nomination Hearings: The hearings for Bill Balfour's and Suzanne Case's nominations will continue tomorrow, Friday, April 17, 2015.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Mauna Kea Telescope: Turbin requested information about the Mauna Kea telescope. Senator Slom answered that Governor Ige postponed the Mauna Kea telescope until Monday, April 20, 2015. Senator Slom noted that the project has been planned for seven (7) years; there are currently 13 telescopes and this 14th telescope contains investors from OHA and other Hawaiian agencies.

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Solar Panels at Kapiolani Community College (KCC): Carol Hoshiko announced that KCC plans to install solar panels inside the parking lot. Schiller inquired if there is a law preventing a community member from stopping their neighbor from installing solar panels on their roof, such as a condominium owner prohibiting solar panels on the condominiums.
- Car2Go: Aaron Landry introduced himself as the manager for Car2Go, a car sharing company in Honolulu. Car2Go is in the beginning stages and is working with the City to create a bill related to car sharing. Chair Anderson agreed to place Landry on the agenda in the future to present on Car2Go.
- 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 provided large versions of letters to Representative Bertrand Kobayashi from DLNR.

BOARD BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

Whole Foods Request for a Liquor License: Claire Sullivan and Tim Talkington announced the following: Whole Foods has applied for a Restaurant General Category 2 liquor license. Whole Foods plans to open a bar in the space formerly occupied by Cinnabon and the interior seating area of Whole Foods in Kahala Mall, which will have an interior square footage of 600 and will be similar to the Kailua store. The restaurant will serve beer, wine, and will have a full bar menu. The restaurant will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. There is discussion with Kahala Mall to allow alcohol in an outdoor seating area, and there will be clear signage that shows the boundaries of the area where alcohol can be consumed.

OTHER REPORTS

Approval of the March 19, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – Turbin moved and Schiller seconded to approve the **March 19, 2015 regular meeting minutes. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Au, Chang, Dudgeon, Himeda, Pyles, Schiller, and Turbin).**

Treasurer's Report – Dudgeon read the Treasurer's report and noted a remaining balance of \$282.22. The report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: The next Waiialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m., at the Wesley United Methodist Church.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Submitted By: Lori Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed By: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed and Finalized By: Scotty Anderson, Chair