



WAIALAE-KAHALA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 3

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015 WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Scotty Anderson called the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with five (5) 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 (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Peter Dudgeon, Sylvia Himeda, and John Pyles.

Board Members Absent: Martin Schiller and Richard Turbin.

Vacancies: There was one (1) vacancy in Subdistrict 1.

Guests: Captain Daniel DeFries (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane, Sergeant Allen Ishida, Corporal Jesse Okumura (Honolulu Police Department); Director Michele Nekota, City Department of Parks and Recreation (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Michelle Nagamine (Councilmember Trevor Ozawa's Office); Representative Mark Hashem; Representative Bertrand Kobayashi; Les Fukuda (OahuMPO); Carol Hoshiko (Kapiolani Community College); Callie Hara, Nicole Simon, and Sylvia Young (HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union); Ku'uipo Kumukahi (The Arc in Hawaii); Kevin Gill (Golden Tilapia); Laurie Chan (Avalon Development); Jason Healey (T-Mobile); Eric Schatz (Crown Castle); Bob Murakami; Rhoda Zane; Jennifer Minami; Howard Minami; Martin Hsia; Bronwen Solyom; Bill Gleason; Sheri Gleason; Garrett Solyom; Lee Ann Nicolay; James Nicolay; Lucinda Pyles; Arnold Brady; Chula Harrison; Robert Harrison; and Uyen Vong (Neighborhood Commission Office).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: Board members introduced themselves.

Chair Anderson took the agenda out of order to agenda item 4. Monthly Reports.

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

- Fire Statistics: There were 2 structure fires, 88 medical emergencies, and 6 search and rescues.
- Fire Safety Tip: Call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency. Do not drive to the nearest fire station. It is possible that the fire company may not be at the fire station due to other emergencies or other duties such as fire inspections, training, and educational activities. When calling 9-1-1, give the operator the initial need (police, fire, or ambulance) and after being transferred to the appropriate agency, provide an accurate description of the need and address or location. The operator will dispatch the closest available fire company to the emergency.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane circulated newsletters, and reported the following:

- Crime Statistics: There were 1 motor vehicle theft, 9 burglaries, 31 thefts, and 5 unauthorized entries of motor vehicles (UEMV). There were 6,234 total calls for service.
- Hurricane Preparedness: Attached to the back of the newsletter is information on hurricane preparedness.

Question followed: Crime Statistics: A resident asked what the approximate 6,000 total calls for service were related to. Lieutenant Sukekane replied that there was a wide range of issues that were reported.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Guests introduced themselves.

The agenda was returned to order.

Filling of Vacancy – There were no nominations to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 1. July 2015 is the first month of the new 2015-2017 neighborhood board term.

Chang arrived at 7:07 p.m.; **6 board members were present.**

MONTHLY REPORTS

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Neighborhood Assistant Uyen Vong reported that BWS' representative Lorna Heller was unable to attend tonight's meeting, and provided a BWS report to Chair Anderson. Chair Anderson reported that there will be an increase in water rates, BWS will share the annual water quality reports, and there is an update on the Red Hill fuel storage tank leak.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) – Les Fukuda reported the following: Legislation involving OMPO is waiting for Governor Ige's signature. More information about OMPO can be found on OMPO's website. Fukuda will be installed as a new Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 member in the next board term.

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

Mayor's Representative – Director Michele Nekota, City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), reported the following:

- Wildest Show in Town: The Wildest Show in Town summer concert series will be held every Wednesday from Wednesday, June 3, 2015 through Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at the Honolulu Zoo. More information can be obtained by calling 926-3191.
- Twilight Summer Concert Series: The 2015 Twilight summer concert series will be held every Thursday of June and July 2015 at Foster Botanical Garden from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Traffic Light at Alakea and Hotel Streets: Les Fukuda noted that the traffic light at Alakea and Hotel Streets has been repaired and is now in working condition.
- Kapiolani Regional Park: DPR staff mows the grass once a week, which includes the Diamond Head side of Kapiolani Regional Park. Constituents can call the Kapiolani Regional Park office at 768-4626 to report or discuss any issues.
- Koko Head Recreation Center: DPR sends out notifications on planned closures or emergency closures via the news media and DPR's website at www.honolulu.gov/parks. Additional information can be obtained by calling 373-8013.
- Poka Place: As reported previously, the coconut palms on Poka Place are unauthorized plantings. This issue is between the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), the adjacent property owner, and the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Nekota will meet with DPP next Friday, June 26, 2015, and will apprise the Board of any updates at the next Board meeting.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Diamond Head Beach: Dudgeon commented that it is illegal to camp at Diamond Head Beach, and reported that there are people camping at Diamond Head Beach. Dudgeon asked who to call to address this issue. Director Nekota replied to call 911 for enforcement, or 768-4626 for garbage pickup. Director Nekota will follow up. Dudgeon replied that HPD deferred the issue to DPR.
2. Paving of Streets: Chair Anderson asked for an update on one of Mayor Caldwell's goals for recently paved streets to receive a second treatment to extend its life. Director Nekota will follow up.
3. Diamond Head Beach: A resident agreed with Dudgeon's statements about illegal campers. Director Nekota reiterated that she will follow up.
4. Chickens: A resident reported feral chickens roaming near Kahala Avenue and Kealaolu Avenue. Director Nekota will follow up.
5. Dogs at Beaches: Resident Martin Hsia commented that there are dogs that are unleashed at parks where there are no signs prohibiting unleashed dogs. Director Nekota will follow up.

Councilmember Trevor Ozawa – Michelle Nagamine circulated Councilmember Ozawa's newsletter, and reported the following:

- Budget Approval: The City Council operating budget is approved. The homelessness issue is a top priority. Councilmember Ozawa supported the override of Mayor Caldwell's veto of the sit-lie bill expansion.
- Kaimuki Parking Lot Improvements Project: \$1.5 million was secured for the Kaimuki parking lot improvements project.
- 10th Avenue Bridge Improvements Project: The 10th Avenue bridge improvements project is ongoing and will continue until Thursday, August 13, 2015.
- Plastic Bag Ban: The ban on plastic bags on Oahu will start on Wednesday, July 1, 2015.

Representative Bertrand Kobayashi – Representative Kobayashi circulated his newsletter, and reported the following:

- Disaster Preparedness Training: There is a free disaster preparedness training on Saturday, June 27, 2015. Hurricane season has officially begun, and will continue until November 2015.
- Leahi Hospital: Included in the newsletter is a list of 17 capital improvement projects (CIPs) for Leahi Hospital including a master plan for Leahi Hospital.

Question followed: Hawaii Health Connector: J. Pyles asked who was held responsible for the \$200 million appropriation to the failed Hawaii Health Connector. Representative Kobayashi replied that all levels of government from the Governor to the State Legislature should be held responsible.

Representative Mark Hashem – Representative Hashem circulated his report, and presented the following:

- Hawaii Health Connector: Regarding the previous question, more than 95% of Hawaii's residents are covered by the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act. However, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is a federal mandate, and the State complied by adopting a hybrid healthcare system. Since it is known now that the ACA does not override the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act, Governor Ige is trying to resolve the issue.
- Natural Disaster Preparedness: Included in the report is a list of emergency shelters in house district 18.
- Kalani High School Girls' Locker Room: Full funding of \$3.5 million for Kalani High School girls' locker room has been obtained.

Senator Sam Slom – Chair Anderson reported that Senator Slom is unable to attend tonight's meeting.

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Loud Noise: Residents Chula and Robert Harrison reported loud noise from beach visitors parking near their home at Aukai Avenue and Hunakai Street late at night. C. Harrison also reported a surfboard stolen from her vehicle, and asked for "no parking" signs from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. R. Harrison reported that high school students frequently park in the area, and there was a previous incident where a group of teenagers had taken drugs.
- Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Diamond Head: Kapiolani Community College (KCC) representative Carol Hoshiko presented the following: KCC currently has a two-year (2-year) culinary program, but its goal is to expand the program. A new facility will be built at the Diamond Head State Monument. The planning and permitting process is complete, and now KCC is waiting to execute the construction contract with Jacobson Construction. Prior to construction, an archeological monitoring plan needs to be presented before the State Historical Preservation Division of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Hoshiko will attend a future Board meeting to provide more information about the project.
- Illegal Use of Diamond Head Park Land: Resident Martin Hsia provided an enlarged photo and an update regarding an issue with a neighbor who encroached on his private property. Hsia noted that the Waiialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 agreed to draft a resolution; Chair Anderson replied that Turbin has not drafted the resolution.
- Chair Anderson: Former Waiialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 chair Arnold Brady commended Chair Anderson for his eight (8) years of service at the Neighborhood Board.

BOARD BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

Renewal of Existing Wireless Communication Facility in Aina Koa by Crown Castle: Eric Schatz from Crown Castle circulated his report, and presented the following:

- Introduction: Crown Castle provides wireless carriers the infrastructure they need to keep people connected and businesses running.
- Facility Equipment: The facility equipment is located at the Halekoa Helu Ekahi Pumping Station. The site, established in 1997, has two (2) antennas that are located on a 25-foot wooden utility pole.
- Request: Crown Castle requests that the Waiialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 approve or have a non-objection to the extension of the license agreement.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Height of Towers: Chair Anderson asked and Schatz replied that the height of the towers is different for each neighborhood. Schatz added that Waiialae-Kahala is in a R5 zone, which limits the height to 25 feet with possible extension of 10 feet for overhead utility lines.
2. Location: Schatz and Chair Anderson provided Au with a description of the location of the site.

3. Health Concerns: Himeda asked and Schatz responded that health issues should be directed to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and that most of the health concerns have shifted from the tower to mobile phones.
4. Board Approval: Chair Anderson noted no objections from the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3.

Avalon Development Regarding T-Mobile Communications Tower at 3989 Diamond Head Road: Avalon Development project manager Laurie Chan introduced Jason Healey from T-Mobile and Ku'uipo Kumukahi from The Arc in Hawaii. Chan reported the following: Introduction: T-Mobile is seeking to improve its telecom services in the Diamond Head area by installing a 65-foot telecommunications tower. The tower will also provide an additional revenue source for The Arc in Hawaii. The tower will have eight (8) antennas that will be camouflaged to look like a palm tree.

Ku'uipo Kumukahi, outreach manager from The Arc in Hawaii, reported the following:

- Support for T-Mobile Communications Tower: The Arc in Hawaii is in support of the T-Mobile communications tower because a majority of its staff uses T-Mobile, and The Arc in Hawaii's clients rely on the staff to use their cell phones during emergencies.
- The Arc in Hawaii: The Arc in Hawaii was founded in 1954 by parents of children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. The tower will help fund many of its programs including music, art, and aquaponics.

Kevin Gill, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Golden Tilapia, reported the following: Aquaponics: Golden Tilapia train The Arc in Hawaii's clients to feed fish and grow crops for local businesses, for example, the Honolulu Zoo.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Revenue Source: A resident asked and Chan replied that the amount of revenue given to The Arc in Hawaii is negotiated between the organization and T-Mobile.
2. Height Limit: Chair Anderson reported on behalf of a resident that there were concerns about the height limit. Chan responded that a height limit waiver will be requested to increase the height limit. Healey replied that the surrounding trees will conceal the tower.
3. Nearby Residents: Chair Anderson asked if Avalon Development talked with nearby residents. Chan replied that letters were sent out to the adjacent property owners.
4. Financial Benefits: Chang asked and Chan replied that financial benefits to The Arc in Hawaii is confidential.
5. Nearby Residents (Continue): Resident Hsia recommended Avalon Development to talk to residents who are not directly adjacent to the property.
6. Health Concerns: A resident raised health concerns regarding transmission towers. Healey replied that the World Health Organization (WHO) among other reputable organizations found no link to cancer.
7. Diamond Head Special District: A resident reported that when properties in the Diamond Head Special District were purchased, residents were subject to strict building restrictions. The resident noted that the same restrictions should apply to commercial businesses. The resident objected the proposed project.
8. Approval Process: Chair Anderson asked and Chan replied that there are many steps that must be approved by DPP.
9. East Diamond Head Association: Chair Anderson noted that he received a letter from Clark Hatch of the East Diamond Head Association (EDHA). The letter stated that EDHA is in strong opposition of the proposed project. Chair Anderson noted that the concern is regarding the view-planes of Diamond Head, not about The Arc in Hawaii. Healey replied that the tower, seen from the distance, will look like a palm tree.
10. Board Action: Himeda asked and Chan replied that part of the application process requires Avalon Development to present at the Board meeting, but Board action is unnecessary.
11. T-Mobile: J. Pyles asked and Healey replied that T-Mobile requires more cell sites than other carriers to provide the same amount of coverage.
12. Verizon: Resident Lucinda Pyles reported that Clark Hatch had mentioned that Verizon also proposed a tower in the Diamond Head Special District, and was subsequently rejected by DLNR. Chair Anderson read Hatch's letter.
13. DPP Meeting: Himeda asked Avalon Development to let the Board know of any future DPP meetings. Chan agreed. Hoshiko commented that residents should go to Diamond Head Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings to discuss this issue. Chair Anderson commented that these were the concerns, and Chan replied that the concerns were noted.

HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union (FCU): Callie Hara, Nicole Simon, and Sylvia Young from HawaiiUSA FCU introduced themselves. Hara reported the following:

- Relocation: The Kaimuki branch of HawaiiUSA FCU will be relocated to the former site of the Blockbuster near Kahala Mall. The scheduled opening date is Monday, July 13, 2015.
- Introduction: HawaiiUSA FCU is a not-for-profit organization owned by its members. Its mission is to be the primary provider of financial services for its members. The official grand opening date is Saturday, July 18, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Hours of Operation: Himeda asked and Hara replied that the hours of operation are Monday to Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
2. Learning Center: Community member Arnold Brady asked and Hara responded that the learning center can be used as a meeting space, and is opened to the public.
3. Maintenance: J. Pyles reported that he has been tending the overgrowth of weeds near the relocated property for the past 15 years, and asked HawaiiUSA FCU to hire someone to maintain the property from now on. Hara and Young replied that HawaiiUSA FCU will have dedicated staff to maintain the property. Young added that there will be security on the property. A resident asked if the barricades will remain in place and Young replied that the property will be landscaped.
4. Left Turns: Himeda asked and Hara confirmed that left turns will be allowed from Hunakai Street.

Discussion Regarding Bill 22, Resolution 15-72, and Resolution 15-86, Relating to Vacation Rentals: Resident Lucinda Pyles reported the following: Bill 22 was suggested by DPP to enhance enforcement of vacation rentals. There may be up to 67,000 illegal vacation rental units. Councilmember Ikaika Anderson introduced two (2) resolutions to remove the moratorium on bed and breakfast operations and to issue licenses to legal vacation rentals. L. Pyles asked the Board to take their time to read the bill and resolutions in order to have a robust discussion at the following month's meeting. The Board previously opposed vacation rentals. Another resident asked and L. Pyles explained how vacation rentals decrease housing inventory for local residents. Chair Anderson noted that the Board had previously taken action relating to vacation rentals at least three (3) times. Chair Anderson reiterated that all board members should read Bill 22 and the resolutions. J. Pyles noted that the resolution states that the owner should keep a record, however no penalties for violations are mentioned.

Possible expansion of the parking lot at Waialae Country Club: Community member James Nicolay presented the following:

- Introduction: Within the last month, Waialae Country Club has filed acquisition for three (3) building permits totaling \$1.9 million. Waialae Country Club has hired an independent third party contractor which means that they do not need to disclose to the public what the plans are. There has also been no response to official requests for information by Councilmember Ozawa's Office.
- Jean Charlot Residence: The Jean Charlot Residence is a nationally recognized historic home. Jean Charlot was a prominent artist, playwright, and scholar who lived and died in the residence. Jean Charlot's art is headquartered at the University of Hawaii (UH).

Chang left at 8:41 p.m.; **5 board members were present.**

- Safety Issues: There are many concerns about the expansion project such as safety issues and undisclosed plans without proper public review.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Waialae Country Club: J. Pyles asked and Chair Anderson replied that he will contact DPP Deputy Director Art Challacombe for an update on the expansion project.
2. Alternative Plan: Dudgeon asked if there is an alternative plan, and Nicolay replied that he does not know of any existing physical plan.
3. Jean Charlot Brochures: A resident commented that brochures about Jean Charlot are available at the meeting.

OTHER REPORTS

Chair's Report/Correspondence – There were no Chair's report or correspondence.

Approval of the May 21, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – **The May 21, 2015 Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED, as amended, by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 5-0-0 (AYE: Anderson, Au, Dudgeon, Himeda, Pyles).** Amendment: Page 2, under Illegal Use of Diamond Head Park Land:

Should read "Martin Hsia provided photos and reported that his neighbors on Poka Place still have an artificial irrigation system..."

Treasurer's Report – Dudgeon read the Treasurer's report and noted a remaining balance of \$255.48. The report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Submitted By: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed By: Jordan Ozaki, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed and Finalized By: Scotty Anderson, Chair