



MAKAKILO/ KAPOLEI/ HONOKAI HALE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 34

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2010
KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Maeda Timson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.; with **a quorum of seven (7) members present**. Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Roll Call / Appoint Timekeeper / Statement of Order and Decorum.

Members Present – Troy Cullen, Keoki Dudley, Mike Golojuch, Jack Legal, Evelyn Souza, Maeda Timson, Linda Young, George Yamamoto, and Charles Zahn.

Members Absent – Kioni Dudley and Jack Legal.

Vacancies – There is no current vacancy.

Guests – Councilmember Todd Apo, Lt. Tschushida (Honolulu Police Department), Captain Sheldon Hao (Hawaii Fire Department), George Kuo (Board Water Supply), Tasha Kobashigawa (Councilmember Todd Apo's office), Michael Golojuch Jr., Mel Kahele; Polly, George & Jeanette Grace; Ron & Jame Schaedel; Michelle & Carolyn Golojuch, Michael Doyle, Puni Chee (Councilmember Nestor Garcia's office), Ralph Faufata, Lorraine Martinez, Jackie Zahn, Thad Speg, Celeste & Roger Lacuesta, Graig McGinnis (Hunt Development Group), Patrick Sequirant (Castle and Cooke), Kevin Simon, Lee Tokuhara, and Mary Chanel-Benjamin (Neighborhood Commission Office).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. Tschudida circulated the reported information:

1. **District 8 Crime Statistics for August 2010** – There were 2 sexual assaults, 4 robberies, 9 burglaries, 18 UEMV, 6 auto thefts, 55 thefts, 21 property damage, 80 motor vehicle collisions. Total calls for service was 1,887, and total arrests were 612.
2. **HPD Public Message** – Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) is sponsored by HPD and involves both police and citizen participation. The primary goals of the program are to support communities in reducing crime. If interested in participating and starting a program in your community, please reach either Officer Sam Scanlan at 723-8407 or Officer Antone Pacheco at 723-8408.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- **Illegal Dumping** – There was concern over the proposed fines involving homeowners and bulky items; who is responsible for illegal dumping not belonging to the homeowners. HPD will have to witness the illegal dumping in order to issue citations; this could make enforcement very difficult.
- **Stolen Identity** – It was highly discouraged to post on Facebook or internet postings due to the growing number of stolen identity. Victims can initiate a report with HPD.
- **Prevent Crime** – It is recommended for homeowners to light up dark corners of their properties to prevent theft.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Sheldon Hao circulated the reported information:

1. **Company Statistics for August 2010** – There were 22 fires; 3 structures, 10 wildland, 8 rubbish, and 1 vehicle. There were 74 medical emergencies, 23 miscellaneous calls and 8 search and rescue. There was 1 major incident out of the district.
2. **Community Relations Safety Tip:** The National Fire Protection Association selected 'Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With' as the theme for the prevention week on October 3 through the 9, 2010.



This year's campaign reminds everyone about the importance of smoke alarms and encourages families to take the necessary steps to update and maintain their smoke alarms. HFD will be delivering fire safety guides and posters to elementary schools island-wide.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Free Blood Pressure Test – HFD still offer blood pressure testing at their quarters.

Acting Mayor Kirk Caldwell – Manny Lanuevo reported the following information:

1. American Disability Act (ADA) Compliance – The Makakilo Neighborhood Park play apparatus constructed by the City over ten years ago are in compliance with ADA requirements regarding ground level accessibility for the disabled. The City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will look into play apparatus that may provide a wider range of accessibility for children with disabilities.
2. Bus Route No. C – The Bus route No. C operates between 3:52 a.m. and 10:51 p.m. during weekdays. The first trip of the day leaving Makaha is at 3:52 a.m. and the last trip leaving Makaha is 8:22 p.m. to Ala Moana Center (AMC); 10:18 p.m. is the last bus leaving Makaha for the Kapolei Transit Center. The first trip of the day from AMC is at 5:09 a.m. and the last trip of the day from AMC is at 8:35 p.m. Routes 40/40A operates 24 hours daily, so when the No. C is not running, Nos. 40/40A is an available alternative. There are no plans due to funding to extend the operating hours of No. C routes.
3. Reach the Mayor's office at 768-4141.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Non-Potable Water – It was reported that non-potable water could not be transported uphill possibly assisting in watering nearly dying plants on Makakilo Drive. Follow-up is pending. A resolution to the issue is really critical at this point; 40 year old trees are dying due to lack of water.
- Skate Park Bathrooms – The bathrooms were promised to be open some time ago; they remain closed. Follow-up is pending.
- Trees – Reported were trees uprooting the sidewalk at the cross intersection of Farrington Highway at the Kapolei Knolls. There seems to be no tree root barriers.
- Street Lights – Reported were light outages at Kamokila Boulevard and North/South Road.
- Fireworks – Recommend to the new Mayor administration to veto the proposed fireworks ban.
- Water/Sewer Bill – Many senior citizens are struggling with paying the high water/sewer bills with their limited budget; perhaps the City can identify them and offer some assistance.

Board of Water Supply – George Kuo reported the following information:

1. Main Breaks – There was one main break.
2. Ultra Low Toilet Rebate – BWS and the City will end its residential program by the end of fiscal year (FY) 2010. Owners wishing to participate in the program must submit applications postmarked by Friday, December 31. The \$100 rebate per household requires changing old high volume toilets to ultra low flush toilets. The program has saved over 4.6 billion gallons of water, with water usage in Ko'olaupoko dropping from 21 mgd to 19 mgd. More than 65% of the residential market has been reached.
3. Water Conservation – Water resources in Hawaii are limited, here are some simple ways to save water: water lawns just 2-3 times per week and avoid watering between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., check for leaks in plumbing and toilets, install water-efficient plumbing and fixtures, take shorter showers, put a nozzle on garden hoses, and don't let the faucet run and run.
4. You can reach BWS at 748-5041 or log onto the web at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Councilmember Todd Apo reported the following information:

1. Fireworks Bill 34 – The bill will take affect January 2, 2011, and prohibits consumer fireworks such as sparklers, fountains, snakes, cones, torches, ground spinners, whistles and smoke devices. The bill also prohibits most firecrackers, except by permit for specific days or uses, by adults only. The permit fee is \$25 and allows the use of up to 5,000 permitted firecrackers from 9:00 p.m. New Year's Eve to 1:00 a.m. on New Year's Day; from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Chinese New Year's Day; or from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the Fourth of July.

2. Property Taxes – The increase to industrial zoning properties affects all of Oahu and not just the Kalihi area.
3. Mayor Elect Carlisle – City Council (CC) is looking forward to working alongside the new Mayor's administration.
4. Aloha and Mahalo – Councilmember Todd Apo has the opportunity to work for the Walt Disney Company (WDC) at Ko Olina beginning November 2010. He wishes to thank many for the support and kindness while at CC; he will still continue his community work on the WDC capacity.
5. Reach Councilmember Apo by email at tapo@honolulu.gov. or at 768-5001.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Fireworks – A fireworks permit was still needed to continue the holiday fireworks at Kapolei Hale. Enforcement of the new fireworks law may be easier due to the lack of sales; however, stricter enforcement was needed to curb illegal fireworks storage and possession.

Councilmember Nestor Garcia's Report: Puni Chee reported the following information:

1. General Election 2010 – Early voting for the election will be available from October 19 to 30, 2010 at Kapolei, Honolulu Hales, as well as Windward Mall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A valid identification is needed.
2. Bills – The fireworks bill was deferred to the September 22, 2010 Council meeting. Real Property Taxation bill passed second reading. Bill 49 CD 1 will clarify dedications for residential use for real property tax purposes in commercial and industrial zoned areas; the bill passed second reading and public hearing held.
3. Reach Councilmember Nestor Garcia by email at ngarcia@honolulu.gov or by phone at 768-5009.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Zoning Notices – The City is working on a more comprehensive process relating to zoning and the issuance of notices.
- Campaign Signage – Councilmember Anderson has introduced a bill to limit campaign signs.
- Drive Safely Campaign – Reach HPD's Officer Pacheco for further information during the campaign during the holidays.
- Rail Project – The final approval was needed from the governor to continue the design phase. The Board asks for the City to present its current proposal covering bicycle pathway and roadway width. A final presentation may happen before the year 2016; however, the final environmental impact statement needed the final signature before the project can move forward.
- Real Property Taxes – The City has to find a solution regarding historical homes preservation and paying too little tax without proper use as well as eviction of non-profits in the Kalihi area as reported.
- New Ewa Fire Station – Local unions will be going through the legal procurement process to complete the project.
- NCO Board Funding – The funding was cut internally possibly affecting the continuation of video taping of meetings. The Board system cannot operate on the current budget and requests the new Mayor to reinstate the funding.

There were no other reports available.

BOARD VACANCIES:

Board Election of Vice-Chair – **Golojuch nominated Yamamoto while Cullen nominated Souza.** There was a suggestion for the Board to compromise and to re-elect the previous Vice Chair. **The Board elected Yamamoto as Vice Chair claiming five votes: 5-2-0;** Golojuch, Timson, Yamamoto, Young, and Zahn. **Souza claimed two votes: 2-5-0;** Cullen and Souza.

COMMUNITY/BOARD CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Electricity Decouple – Hawaiian Electric should find solutions to reduce inter-dependency so that electric rates can become more affordable.

- Stolen Electrical Wire – Urging residents to report any suspicious activities especially unauthorized parked vehicles on the freeway. Residents take control of their neighborhoods and environment to reduce ongoing crime.
- Senior Fair – Flu vaccination will be offered at the fair; medical coverage identification is needed.
- Raceway Event – Inviting the public to meet and enjoy racers at the Kalaeloa Raceway Park this weekend. Gates open at 8:00 a.m.; \$25 for racer entries and \$10 for spectators. Log onto www.kalaeloaracewaypark.com. There was concern that the raceway was not presented to the Board and possible permit violations. The raceway now falls under a new plan with the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.
- Gay Pride Month – The 16th National Gay Pride is celebrated with a public march/parade on Monday, October 11, 2010 beginning at 2:00 p.m. beginning at the State Capital.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

1. July 28, 2010 Meeting – **The minutes were adopted as circulated without objections.**
Note: Page 2 under BWS report, under Comments, delete ‘Dissemination’ and insert ‘Desalination’.
2. August 25, 2010 Meeting – **The minutes were adopted as circulated without objections.**

BOARD BUSINESS and PRESENTATIONS:

Hunt Development Group, Kalaeloa Community Update – Graig McGinnis reported the following information:

1. Development – The lights have been turned back on due to new management; Ford Island Ventures has partnered with Hawaii Community Development Authority (HDCA). Some of the new tenants included American Machinery, Podium Raceway, FBI Headquarters, and Trapgard. Tenants are looking forward to moving out crime from the area.
2. Lease – A 20 acre parcel will be dedicated to the development of a photovoltaic solar field currently in negotiation with Hawaiian Electric Company.
3. Land Sale – Land parcels will also be evaluated by the government for sale near Roosevelt and Enterprise Streets.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Horse Stables – The stables was not affected while the land transfer to the City is pending.
- Old Commissary Store Site – The market was currently being renovated due to new tenants.
- Graffiti – The area is littered with graffiti; overall cleaning and upgrade was necessary. Mural paintings were also considered for the area; the community and youth groups are asked to offer assistance.
- Barriers – The State Department of Transportation has offered free barriers if needed.
- Timeline – Leases need confirmation before any land sale is completed.
- Main Gate – There was currently no one tending the gate.
- Flag Pole – A flag pole was also needed; please call T. Malama at 585-7900 for this inquiry.
- Asbestos – Currently, there was an environmental report publicly disclosed. Of course, all tenant move in are approved beforehand.

Castle and Cook Hawaii, Villages of Kapolei – Patrick Sequirant reported the following information:

1. Project Background – The site is zoned R-3.5 and contains a total land area of 2.8 acres. The original agreement with the State calls for the site to be improved with 64 unit low income self help rental project.
2. Proposed – The current proposal now includes a 35 unit single family condominium development on the land; granted by the City Council. The 201H application seeks zoning exemptions to allow for multiple single family dwellings on a lot, and to allow minor structures such as mailbox and light fixtures to encroach into the required front yard fronting Waakea Place. Waakea Place is mostly developed with curbs, gutters, sidewalks and light fixtures. The property has been largely graded and building pads and drainage patterns have been established; however some pads may be slightly modified and new top soil will be provided.
3. 201H Process – Act 15 provided the zoning framework for much of the villages; however, since its demise, the vacant portions which remained undeveloped needed to find an entitlement process recognized by the City. The project will have a condo setting with shared common areas.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Mailboxes – The boxes will be placed on the easement being proposed making the mail process more efficient with limited stops for postal employees.
- Driveways – The State owned land is currently being proposed to be turned over to the City. There was concern over inspection of roadways not yet under the City jurisdiction. Land proposed owned by the association will become common area.
- Sewer – The Board of Water Supply will be the responsible party for placement of the sewer infrastructures.
- Traffic – A traffic study was currently being reviewed due to possibly over 4,000 units proposed.
- Price Range – Average unit cost are projected to be around \$400,000 with a 140 percent medium income considered.
- Playground – There may be a possible trade-off in order to consider a playground.
- Union Work/Grounds – Local unions will be considered for the work. Ground breaking slated for April through August 2011 for the housing area. Some ground work may be a challenge due to acquiring City approvals and permits. Perhaps a discount should be applied to the project due to the many possible complicated issues.
- Resident Concern – There was a concern regarding pricing and roadways still not dedicated to the City.

REPORTS:

Chair Maeda Timson reported:

1. Neighborhood Commission Office – A letter was received addressing the possibility of the new City administration and its new appointees.
2. Landfill – The PVT landfill is still opposed by George Paris.
3. Pa'akai Street – A notice was sent by the City Department of Planning and Permitting to a resident for housing violation.
4. Forum – At the October Board meeting, a House and Senate candidate's forum could have possible discussion; however, the Board decided to not have a forum as it will be too late.

Treasurer Linda Young reported:

July 2010 Report – The Total Appropriated was reinstated to \$4,140; the balance was now \$4,056.17. Expenditures to the Operating account were \$36.99 for printing/postage; leaving a balance of \$1,216.17. The Publicity account appropriation was now \$2,840 with no current expenditures. The Board will continue to video tape.

Transportation Committee Chair Mike Golojuch reported:

1. Bylaws – Bylaws guiding the OMPO/CAC committee will be reviewed and approval pending this year.
2. Statewide – A pedestrian Master Plan was also pending.
3. Tsunami Map – The change to the maps this year will affect roadways.
4. TheBus – The No. 92 bus route now services Kapolei area; however, more routes will be affected once the rail project is in place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Olelo Broadcasts – The Board meeting is aired on 'Olelo cable television Channel 49, Monday evenings at 9:00 p.m.
- Next Board Meeting – The Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board's next meeting scheduled is for Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at Kapolei High School Cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Chanel-Benjamin Reviewed by Chair Maeda Timson